

City Council Makes Presentations As Part of Busy, Lengthy Meeting

by Kathleen Gallagher

As reported in the December 10 issue of the News Review, the November 23 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council opened with substantial time spent on two petitions that were submitted regarding climate change and U.S. reception of Syrian refugees. The petitions were to be discussed further at the December 14 council meeting. Preceding the petitions were three presentations by the council. Once these matters were dealt with, council moved on to the scheduled business for the meeting.

On the regular agenda for discussion were a resolution to contract for redesign of the Buddy Attick Park parking lot; proposed vegetation management work by Pepco; a possible new contract with Zipcar; awards of purchase for vehicles and equipment; and the city's proposed legislative agenda for its state and county delegations for 2016.

The presentations recognized two standing November events: America Recycles Month and Municipal Government Month.

Recycling

America Recycles Day is recognized nationally on November 15 but Greenbelt extends the



Winners of the Win with Your Bin contest honored at the city council meeting include, front row, l. to r., Arjuna and Saroja Bai Rajaguru, Earl Bailey, Luisa Robles, Rosanne and Sean Douglas with Persephone. Back row, l. to r., Councilmembers Edward Putens, Leta Mach and Silke Pope; Mayor Emmett Jordan; Councilmembers Judith Davis, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts. Absent: Winners Thomas Stephanos and Sophia Ra.

celebration to America Recycles Month. The city's recycling coordinator, Luisa Robles, accepted the proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan on behalf of the

city and reviewed some of the activities undertaken over the month.

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Developer and City to Challenge Some FBI Draft EIS Findings

by Diane Oberg

At its December 14 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council received a briefing on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters Consolidation project. Council directed staff to draft a response to the statement focusing on the Greenbelt site. Council plans to review the draft letter at a special meeting on Monday, January 4 so that it can submit its comments by the January 6 deadline. Copies of the draft EIS are available online at gsa.gov or by searching for EIS FBI HQ. Council had previously discussed the EIS in a worksession on December 9.

The EIS considered three possible sites for the facility: at the Greenbelt Metro Station, the site of the former Landover Mall and the General Services Administration (GSA) Franconia Warehouse Complex in Springfield, Virginia. Each site was evaluated against the alternative, however, no action should not be confused with no build. In Greenbelt's case, action refers to development of the entire site as a mixed use community including 800 residential units, 1.4 million square feet of retail space, 1.86 million square feet of office space and two ho-

tels totaling 550 rooms.

The EIS was prepared by GSA as lead agency with the FBI, National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), and National Park Service as cooperating agencies. The EIS is based upon a conceptual design that fits the FBI's needs, not any specific design. The Headquarters building is projected as a 17-story building with 3,600 to 7,300 parking spaces in one or more garages plus 135 to 323 surface visitor spaces adjacent to the visitor center, outside the secure perimeter.

The briefings at both the worksession and council meeting were conducted by Garth Beall, an attorney with McNamee HoSEA, representing Renard Development. In most areas of analysis, the EIS only looks at the FBI facility. However, the traffic and transportation analysis looks at other development planned in the area including the mixed use development anticipated on the remainder of the site.

Renard expects to bid on the project and, if that bid is successful, to also build the mixed use development on the Greenbelt Station site. He told council that if he could have developed the entire site as a mixed use devel-

opment, he would have, but that the infrastructure costs are so high that it was not feasible.

Beall noted that the Greenbelt Alternative is the most expensive site of the three under consideration, although he also considered it the most suitable site. However it is most consistent with the goal of having a transit oriented development, is the only one that will not require a shuttle to Metro and, unlike Springfield, does not require moving existing tenants.

Impacts

The EIS identifies four "major adverse impacts" resulting from the Greenbelt Alternative: 1) Visual Resources, 2) Public Transit – bus, 3) Traffic and 4) Natural Gas.

The visual impact of the site will mainly affect North College Park and the Capital Beltway. Beall said that his company has had extensive analysis done and concluded that while the project will change the skyline and will be visible to some homes in North College Park, the project should be mostly shielded by the trees, though more visible in winter. Shadows, if they reach residences at all, should be an

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American Education Week November 16 to 20

In celebration of American education, these columns carry stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Springhill Lake Elementary as we profile two of its dedicated special education staff. Next week we'll focus on the Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school, and are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series and liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

Springhill Lake Teacher Treasures Her Students

by Kimberly Escobar

When Lindsay Romaine took the job as kindergarten teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary school, she had no idea how much of an impact she would have on staff and students.

Romaine grew up in Long Island, N.Y. and received her bachelor's degree in early childhood and education, with a concentration in math from SUNY Oreonta. She is pursuing a master's degree in reading literacy from Loyola University.

Her love of reading came from her mother's influence in her life.

"I have always had a love for learning," said Romaine. "My mom would always take me to the library and we would spend hours there. We had this journal that we shared and it was basically just us writing each other notes all the time. That is how I learned how to write."

Ivy Hilay, who is a special education co-teacher with Romaine, said that having Romaine in the classroom is like working with your best friend.

"It's my second year working with Ms. Romaine, and we have a great working relationship," said Hilay. "Whenever I come to

work it feels like I'm not at work and just hanging out with a great friend."

Romaine says that she enjoys teaching little kids because her style of teaching is very ener-

getic and playful. "I want to make sure that my kids have fun when they come to class, but also learn at the same time," said Romaine. "Kindergarten is such a great place to start a teaching career because you get to see your students

grow in areas that other teachers won't get to see."

Natasha Jenkins, principal of Springhill Lake, said it was a "no brainer," to hire Romaine. "When I interviewed her, I knew she would be a great fit for the school because you could tell that she absolutely loved teaching," said Jenkins. "She has been here for three years, and is now the grade-level chair and leadership chair for kindergarten."

Romaine says that her past experiences involving teaching have helped her decide her career path. "When I was an undergrad, I would be student teaching at

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Lindsay Romaine

PHOTO BY KIMBERLY ESCOBAR



Young Snowflakes enter stage left at the performance of the Greenbelt Nutcracker. Shown are Lana Shapiro, Brooklyn Scott and Eleanor Colarco. See story and more photos on page 12.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Obituaries

Kenneth Reigner

Kenneth Hal Reigner died August 8, 2015, at his home in Greenbelt at the age of 66. Mr. Reigner was born in Detroit and grew up in Battle Creek and Farmington, Mich. The Eugene McCarthy campaign in 1968 drew him into politics, which became his life-long passion.

He moved to the Washington, D.C., area in the early 1970s. Mr. Reigner was a staff member in the presidential campaigns of George McGovern, Jimmy Carter and Ted Kennedy. He was press secretary for Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) in the 1970s, and later for several members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In the 1980s, he founded Compumedia Business Services, an editing and résumé business, for many years based in College Park. In the 1990s he became active in Washington Independent Writers (WIW), then the country's largest regional organization of freelance writers and editors. He was WIW president from 2001 to 2003.

In 1999 he brought his widowed mother to live with him in Greenbelt, buying the former home of Joseph and Dorothy Sucher on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Reigner loved many things about Greenbelt, especially the Beijing Restaurant, the Old Greenbelt Theatre and Maria's Beauty Shop, where Maria Wyman became a beloved friend first of his mother

and then of Mr. Reigner himself.

He followed Greenbelt city politics closely, and campaigned for Howard Dean and Barack Obama. He followed the Greenbelters and GreenBELT Pride email groups.

Mr. Reigner is survived by his partner, John F. McDiarmid of Falls Church, Va., and his sisters Judith A. Crowe of York, Pa., Susan M. Justice of Seal Beach, Calif., and Beth Reigner of Garden City, Kan. His remains were cremated and his ashes will be interred alongside his parents' graves in Michigan. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Society of Journalists and Authors, Writers Emergency Assistance Fund (asja.org/for-writers/weaf/weaf-donations.php).

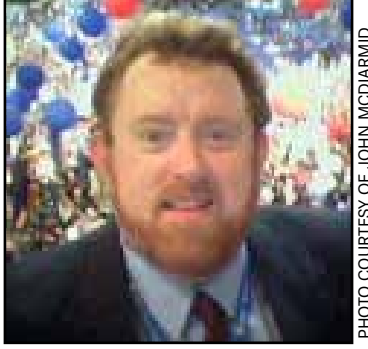


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Kenneth Reigner at the 2000 Democratic National Convention

Audubon Bird Walk In Bowie Saturday

Saturday, December 19 at 7:30 a.m. is the next Prince George's County Audubon Society bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor Bridge Road in Bowie. Beginners and experts are welcome, with participants likely to see resident and migrating woodland and field birds, waterfowl and raptors at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Meet at the parking lot. No reservations are needed. Contact Bill Sefton kiwisuits@msn.com for more information.



Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, December 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building. To register, call 301-324-4968.



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



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301-474-4322
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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.

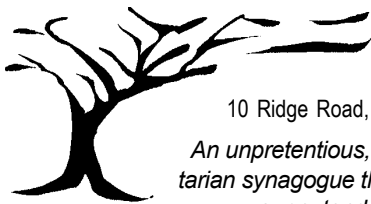
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 6:30 PM

Greenbelt Baptist Church

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local schools around the area, as well as taking every opportunity that I could to gain more teaching experience," said Romaine.

Hilay says that having Romaine as a co-teacher has helped her gain more teaching styles. "What's really nice is that we both feel that we are learning new things from each other," said Hilay. "Since she specializes in reading, I would ask her for some advice on the new reading strategies that she knows, so that I could use some of those skills with my students as well. She would also come to me and ask me how she can help the special education kids even more."

Hilay also said that having Romaine in the classroom helps the students understand that they have two teachers and not just one. "Although I am the special education teacher, Ms. Romaine treats all the students as if they were her own," said Hilay. "The students know that if they have a problem understanding something, they can come to either one of us and ask us for help."

Romaine also loves the fact that she can learn something new every day from her Spanish-speaking students. "I have students who know certain words only in Spanish, so when they try to communicate with me, they try to help me understand what they are trying to say," said Romaine. "I think it's a perfect way to connect with my students because they will then know that everyone makes mistakes, but with practice they can get better, like I have in my Spanish skills."

Although Romaine loves teaching, she hopes to become a reading specialist one day. "I love teaching kids and love being around them," said Romaine. "Becoming a reading specialist would not change my relationship with my students, I would just be helping them, especially with their reading skills instead of doing the regular teaching duties that I'm doing right now."

Kimberly Escobar is a student at the University of Maryland, writing for the News Review.



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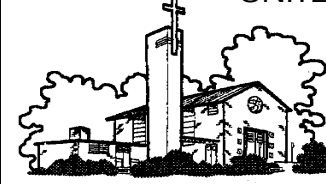


Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

December 20 10 a.m.
"The Longest Night"

Rev. Keely; with Will Snyder, Worship Associate; and Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration
Holiday Cultures throughout the world have recognized the winter solstice as a special moment in the year. What can it mean for us?

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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



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Christmas Eve - Dec 24th

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

6:00 p.m. Festive Candlelight Service of Holy Communion
(Brass, Choir, Nursery Provided)

Christmas Day - Dec 25th

9:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

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Our Neighbors

Sympathy to Greenbelters Joseph P. Harris and his sister Jennifer Harris on the death of their father, Alan Edgar Harris, who died December 11, 2015, at the age of 86. Mr. Harris was able to attend the May wedding this year of his son Joseph to Hillary Gottomoeller right here in Roosevelt Center. The funeral services took place December 14 in the Baltimore area.

We were so sorry to hear of the death of longtime Greenbelted Edward Pray. Ed was 93 and died peacefully at his home in Lakewood on December 15, 2015. Condolences to his wife Shirley and all the Pray family.

To send us information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland



Catholic Community of Greenbelt SUNDAY MASS

10 A.M.,
Municipal Building

Christmas Eve Mass,
12/24, 6:30 P.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

American Education Week

Para-Professional M. King Helps Kids In, After School

by Kimberly Escobar

Maria King, also known as Ms. Maria by the kids at Springhill Lake Elementary School, could not imagine being anything else but a special education para-professional. King, a mother of three, found this job by accident as her daughter was beginning Head Start 10 years ago.

"I noticed that one of the teachers in my daughter's class didn't have help, so I wanted to help the teacher as much as I could," said King. "One of the directors of the Head Start program told me that I could take a class and pass a para-practice test." Soon after she passed the exam, she met with the special education coordinator and got a job as a special education para-professional.

The principal of Springhill Lake, Natasha Jenkins, said that King has helped this school grow into the school it is now because of her tremendous contribution to after-school activities for the kids. "I have been here for seven years and in those seven years, Ms. King has helped create a PTA and a basketball team for the students," said Jenkins. "She wanted the kids to have a sport that they could enjoy, while instilling the fact that grades are important to stay on the basketball team."

King is currently studying special education at Prince George's Community College and hopes to graduate in the near future. "I want to get my degree so that I can help these children read and write more because I know they are capable of doing so much more with some guidance," said King.

King's aspiration for being involved in the school system comes from her mother and her grandmother who were in the education field. "My mom is a principal, she has always been big on education," said King. "Education has always been important throughout my family being able to read and getting as much knowledge as we can."

Although she specializes in special education, she works with all the children. "I treat all the children the same, as if they were (mine)," said King. "It doesn't matter who they are, I am here to help them learn the basic skills of learning their alphabet, to spelling their name and knowing their phone number, so that they can succeed as they move on to the next level."

King shared some fond memories of past students.

"I did fourth grade two years ago and we got a little girl, special education, who came from another elementary school," said King. "She would get so frustrated with her reading, and she

would get to the point where she would say that she couldn't do it. I told her to stop telling herself that she can't do it and that we were going to take it one day at a time. In a matter of two years, she went from a kindergarten reading level to a second grade reading level."

King loves her job so much that she has no problem remembering kids' names.

"I've never been that great with names, so when I was able to remember all the kids' names before the adults' names, that's when I knew that I wanted to



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY ESCOBAR

Maria King

that special education students can't really succeed," said King. "It doesn't matter to me because all kids have a special talent, and that includes special education kids."

stay in this field," said King.

King says that special education kids will always have a special place in her heart, especially since they are sometimes looked down upon. "The thing that annoys me the most is when people say

When asked if she would like to become a teacher when she gets her degree, King says that she isn't completely sure.

"I do the same exact things that teachers do, but with less paperwork to deal with," said King. "All that paperwork would give me a headache, and to be honest, I like my position because I get to interact with students of all ages at the same time."

Kimberly Escobar is a student at the University of Maryland, writing for the News Review.

Bird Walk at Patuxent

On Sunday, December 20 the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge will offer a bird walk from 8 to 10 a.m. for those ages 8 and older. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

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City Information

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Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes.

Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau: the funds provide refreshments for the counseling sessions.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): fund initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Spay and Neuter Clinic Agency Fund: funds used to purchase supplies and equipment to perform cat and dog neuters at the shelter.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 21

Monday Route – Regular Schedule

Tuesday Route – Regular Schedule

Wednesday Route – Regular Schedule

Thursday Route – Regular Schedule

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 25.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1.

For more information on City Activities, Services and Events, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov Follow cityofgreenbelt on Facebook!

GREENBELT CARES FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

Tuesday, December 29,

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road,

Each student will receive a packet of materials to bring home. The course is targeted towards students who have completed grades 5-8. The course will teach students the safety and responsibility issues of babysitting.

Parents and students wanting additional information and enrollment should call Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, 301-345-6660, ext.2016.

CARES INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES offers Individual Adult Counseling. Individual counseling is conducted using a Cognitive Behavioral Approach. Counselors work with clients to determine the goals of therapy, and then help clients implement strategies that improve overall functioning. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has immediate openings for appointments.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

For information call 301-474-8000.

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Next up was the introduction of this year’s winners of the ever-popular Recycle Right, Win with Your Bin contest, which the Public Works Department sponsors every year. Winners for good practice in weekly recycling are chosen by Robles and city crews for the four, Monday through Thursday, city collection routes. Representatives of the contractor select the winner for the one private route in the city.

Winners for the Monday through Wednesday routes attended the meeting to receive their customized new bins and a number of gifts and prizes. Arjuna and Sarojabai Rajagura of Spring Manor Drive were the Monday winners. Rosanne and Sean Douglas of 49 Court Ridge Road were the Tuesday victors. Earl Bailey of 1 Court Southway took the honors for the Wednesday route. Not present at the meeting were Thursday’s winner, Thomas Stephanos of 26 Court Ridge and, for the contractual route, Sophia Ra of Emilys Way.

Municipal Government

November is also Municipal Government Month, which focuses on the many services and activities provided to residents by their cities and towns. Beverly Palau, Greenbelt’s public information and communications coordinator, was chosen to receive the proclamation from the mayor in recognition of her work in promoting many of the city’s events and programs.

Attick Parking Lot

A resolution to negotiate design services with Bradley Site Design, Inc., of Washington, D.C. for the redesign and incorporation of stormwater best management practices for the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park was introduced for first reading.

The city received a \$187,700 grant through the Chesapeake Bay Trust to incorporate low impact development practices into the redesign of the parking lot. The grant allows up to \$19,100 to be used for design services on this project. An additional \$15,000 was earmarked and included in the city’s fiscal year 2016 budget. The resolution will return to the agenda of the December 14 meeting for discussion and decision.

Pepco Tree Work

Subsequent to two rather contentious worksessions held with representatives of Pepco about their plans for vegetation management work to be done prior to this winter, the city council approved at its September 15 meeting plans to do tree work in the areas of five feeder lines in Greenbelt. Permission was withheld on two other feeder lines (15741 and 15742) pending further staff evaluation.

Taking into account the recommendations of the city’s Advisory Committee on Trees, as well as comments from neighborhood associations and homeowners, council approved with conditions the plans for the last two feeders. The vote was 6-1 with Councilmember Rodney Roberts strongly opposed to letting Pepco do any tree work. He maintained that more worksessions should be held because there were still too many questions unanswered. Jordan responded that everyone involved had reviewed the plans and that it was time for council to move forward. Other councilmembers agreed, praising the

detailed work undertaken by city staff, the Advisory Committee on Trees and other resident volunteers.

The two conditions placed on the approval were that no work be undertaken in the Belle Pointe Forest Preserve area at this time and that 91 trees on the list not be removed, though those trees may be trimmed. With regard to the first condition, the thinking is that by the time Pepco makes its next round of tree trimming and removal, the management and maintenance guidelines for the Forest Preserve will have received further evaluation, with decisions possibly being made on the handling of this type of work.

Pepco told the city this approval might be coming too late to allow them to work prior to this winter, but Acting Director of Public Works Jim Sterling said he believed the goal was still to complete work in Greenbelt by the end of December. The city’s approvals and refusals apply only to trees on city property. Pepco has been visibly doing tree trimming and removal on private property, including areas in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) on Ridge Road and Westway, parts of Lakeside Drive in University Square and other areas as well. Like the city, GHI engaged in extensive evaluation of the Pepco plan for its trees.

Zipcar Is Back

The City of Greenbelt worked with Zipcar in its early years, providing space for two cars beginning in 2002: one at Green Ridge House and the other in the parking lot behind Roosevelt Center near the Municipal Building. Eventually both cars were removed since they were not generating enough revenue for Zipcar. The company says it has received numerous requests from city residents to make a Zipcar available, with the result that it would like to give Greenbelt another go.

The first time around, the city provided a subsidy to encourage use. This time no subsidy would be required and there would be no other costs. The city’s only commitment is to provide one parking spot in the Municipal Building parking lot. Zipcar will provide the signs. Council voted to support the staff recommendation to provide a designated parking space.

Green Ridge House residents are interested in reviving the program there. Staff members are

reviewing that possibility but believe a city subsidy would probably be needed. Zipcars are also available at Beltway Plaza and at the University of Maryland.

Public Works Vehicles

City council approved purchase of a Ford utility vehicle at a cost of \$25,794 and a Ford F-150 4x4 pickup truck with extended cab at a cost of \$25,509 for use by the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$51,000 was included in the FY-16 city budget to replace a 2005 Chevy Blazer, as well as a 2000 Ford Ranger in use by the city parks crew. Both purchases will be made from Apple Ford using a State of Maryland bid.

GAFC Equipment

Council also approved purchase of strength training equipment for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) to replace outdated equipment acquired in 1993. The carpeting in the strength training room is also more than 20 years old and will be replaced.

City staff undertook considerable research and conducted site visits to look at equipment and flooring at various peer facilities. The result was a strong recommendation for purchase of CY-BEX equipment for \$44,595 from a Fairfax County bid and Everlast Sports Surfacing at \$6,927 to replace the flooring. The project will run about \$3,500 over the amount budgeted but the difference can be covered through the Replacement Fund.

Legislative Agenda

In December of each year, prior to the opening of the General Assembly session, the city council holds a legislative dinner with the city’s state and county delegations to review its priorities for legislation.

The three top priorities recommended by staff were support for locating the new FBI headquarters at Greenbelt Station, funding for the Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvement projects that were proposed years ago but never funded and the city’s perennial tax reimbursement issue with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Because of its extensive recreational offerings and facilities, the city receives a rebate on taxes collected from its residents on behalf of Park and Planning. Whether the amount refunded is as much as it should be is an ongoing thorn in the city’s side.

Young Artists Are National Winners

Two Greenbelt children were among the nine winners from Prince George’s County in the Get to Know Your Wild Neighbor national art competition, which encourages children to use nature as inspiration for artwork.

More than 4,500 children in the county submitted their artwork. Much of the art was completed during the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning

Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation’s summer camps and playground programs.

The two Greenbelt winners are Michael Lopez, 12, and Zoe Linhart, 13.

The artwork will be on display at the Prince George’s Sports and Learning Complex’s Learning Center Gallery, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, through January 1, 2016.

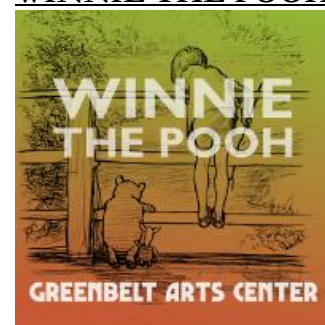


Michael Lopez's winning entry is number five. Zoe Linhart's work is number eight. Larger images are available on the Facebook page of the Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department.

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 Silke Pope, Council Member

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impact, he said, for only short periods on winter mornings.

The major adverse impact on visual resources, according to the EIS, is for traffic on the elevated beltway passing the project, which would then see the project instead of the parking lot. Council did not appear terribly troubled by this impact.

Natural Gas – following consultations with Washington Gas, Beall says that the study missed the primary gas main in the area, along Greenbelt Road, which has sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the project.

Public Transit (bus) – the bus routes in the area have the capacity needed to service the project. The adverse impact stems from buses getting stuck in traffic. The mitigations planned for traffic are expected to also effectively mitigate the bus impact except at Edmonston and Powder Mill Roads.

Traffic

The EIS proposes that several mitigation steps be taken to reduce the project’s impact on traffic. Even with these mitigations, the intersection of Edmonston and Powder Mill Roads. will continue to fail during the evening rush hour.

Councilmember Judith Davis, at the December 9 worksession, cautioned her colleagues about the need to stay vigilant against those who want Edmonston Road widened, saying that this new development could give them added clout.

The mitigations would substantially alter Edmonston Road. The recommended improvements to Edmonston Road include:

Northbound Edmonston at

Powder Mill – create a 400 foot left turn lane, lengthen the right turn lane by 50 feet resulting in a 325 foot right turn lane, one through lane and two left turn lanes. Extend the northbound left turn lane back to Sunnyside – resulting in widening the northbound direction by one lane and adding a second departing lane about 700 feet along westbound Powder Mill resulting in two westbound travel lanes for 700 feet.

Edmonston Road at Sunnyside Avenue – for the Edmonston Northbound approach, create a new through lane extending back 450 feet back to match the left turn distance, resulting in one left turn lane and two through lanes. For southbound approach create a new through lane extending back 600 feet resulting in two through lanes and one right turn lane. Add a second departing lane of 1,500 feet along southbound Edmonston resulting in two southbound travel lanes for 1,500 feet.

Greenbelt Road at 60th Avenue – create a new 120-foot lane resulting in one left turn lane and one shared through/right turn lane.

Beall acknowledged a significant impact on traffic as confirmed in the EIS. He said that the FBI’s traffic management plan allocates just 3,600 employee parking spaces and 3,735 overall with visitor parking.

Projected parking relative to the prior mixed use development on the site is projected to see a 57 percent reduction in morning trips and a 74 percent reduction in evening trips.

Councilmember Rodney Rob-

erts “seriously doubt[ed] that traffic would be reduced.” He also questioned whether it was realistic to expect only 30 percent of employees would drive to the site. When Beall said “they’ll have no choice,” Roberts countered “they’ll find a place to park.”

Environmental Impacts

There were no significant adverse natural impacts, largely because the development options all represent an improvement over an impervious parking surface with minimal stormwater management controls. Under federal requirements, according to Beall, all federal facilities must mitigate all stormwater effects to the level of the undisturbed land, in this case, a wooded parcel, to the extent practical. There will be short-term impacts related to construction.

Two acres of vegetation will be permanently cleared for drive aisles, stormwater management pond and the fence but the vegetation is mostly grasses, shrubs and saplings, Beall said. However some trees could be removed depending upon the final design. Any disruption to the floodplain would have to be fully mitigated.

The one area of concern voiced at the meeting relates to the wetlands portion of the site (75 acres per Roberts.) This land is to be left undeveloped, but it is expected that a fence will be placed around this property. The location and nature will not be known until the security requirements are released. The state has already granted a temporary 22-acre security easement to the federal government that would preserve this land in its current

state. If the Greenbelt Alternative is selected, the state Board of Public Works is expected to make this easement permanent.

Davis asked whether the fence will cross the creek, but that level of detail is not yet available.

Services

One key issue of concern to council is not addressed in the EIS and so council will raise it in other venues. That is the question as to whether the project will be built as a government-owned facility or as a leased facility. If government owned, the city and county would not receive any property tax revenue from the site to cover the increased cost of providing services such as police and fire protection to the property.

Errors

Some of the city’s comments will focus upon apparent errors in the EIS. The EIS considers the county to be the local jurisdiction and so mistakenly talks about the city’s police department as being a portion of the county police. It also overstates the distance from the police station to the site.

According to Beall, the EIS

overlooks an existing gas main that has adequate capacity, based upon his firm’s conversations with Washington Gas, for the new facility. Based upon Renard’s consultations with PEPCO, Beall feels that the EIS requirements for electricity are unrealistically high. (The EIS ignores the requirement that government buildings meet high standards for energy efficiency.)

However, the electrical requirements at this stage, are essentially a guess. The requirements for whatever data center the FBI plans onsite have not yet been provided.

Likewise, the security requirements are not yet known. These will not be released publicly, but are expected to be shared with potential bidders under secure conditions. It is possible that these requirements could create additional impacts.

Next Steps

After GSA receives and reviews the comments received, it will produce a second draft EIS. The final EIS will not be produced until the contract to build the project is awarded.

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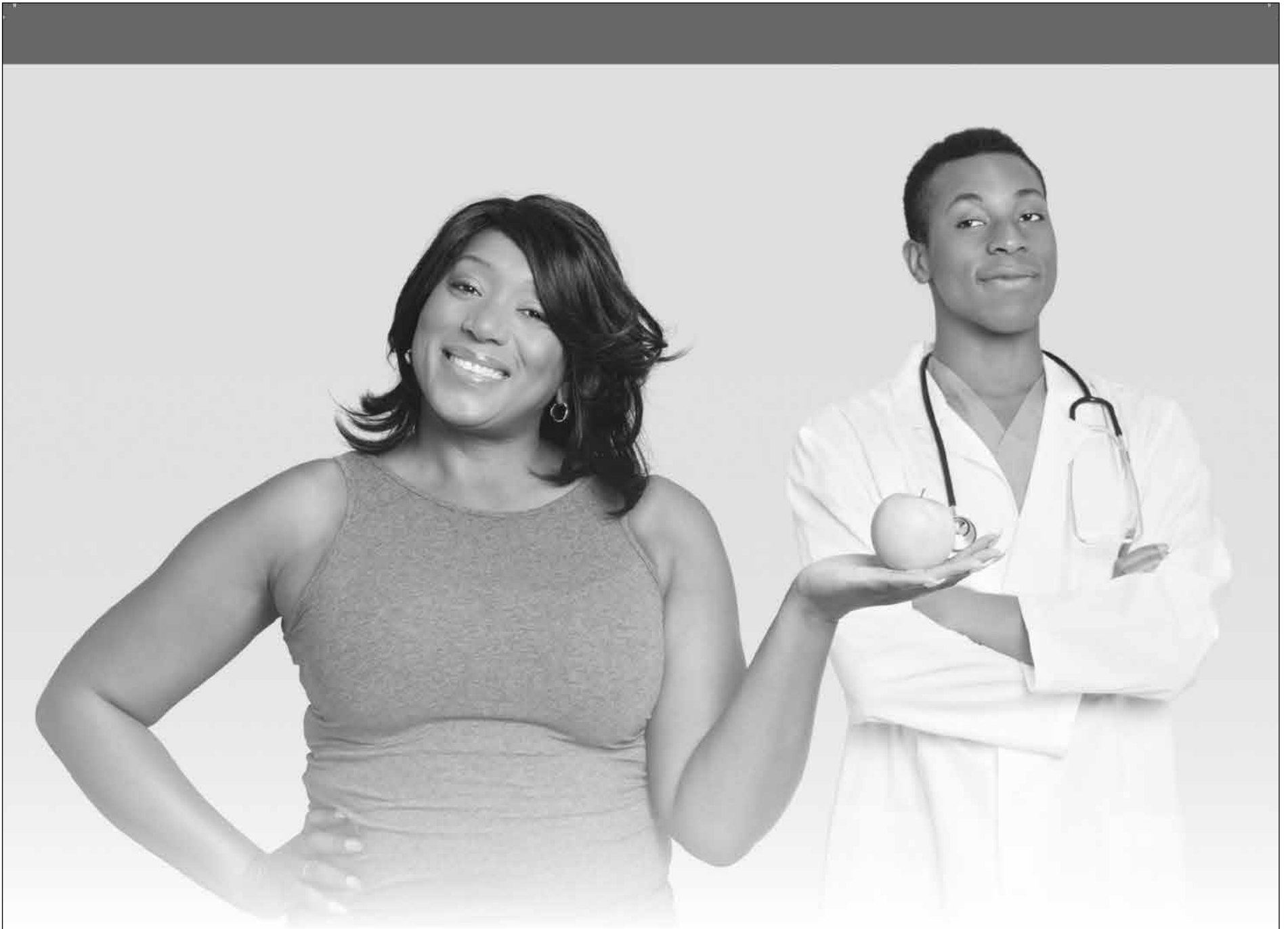
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 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

December 5, 7:15 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A man walking down the street saw a group of approximately ten people. One called out to him and as he walked toward them, several began to hit and kick him. The group fled on foot after one took his cell phone from his pocket. The man refused treatment for a minor injury.

December 7, 11:16 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A CVS pharmacist reported that a man jumped the counter, took prescription medicine and fled by jumping out of the drive up window. He is described as black with a tattoo on his neck, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, wearing a grey knit cap, black jacket and black pants.

Arrest

December 2, 8:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 27-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of phencyclidine, DWI and DUI during the investigation of a suspicious vehicle stopped in the roadway. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

December 3, 4:27 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. Two nonresident men, ages 40 and 29, were arrested and charged with burglary after being found inside a vacant residence. They were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

December 5, 5:06 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Three Greenbelt youths, two 14 years old and one 13, were arrested for fourth-degree burglary, theft and conspiracy during the investigation of a burglary. They were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

December 6, 1:50 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 57-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with second-degree assault and possession of a dangerous weapon with intent to injure after he allegedly threatened a person with a box cutter during a verbal altercation. The person was able to fight off the man, who was arrested on the scene. He was treated for a minor injury and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The person

who had been threatened was not injured.

December 7, 2:59 p.m., 7200 block South Ora Court. A 30-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with first-degree assault after she allegedly threatened a person with a butcher-type knife during a verbal altercation. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

December 9, 1:35 p.m., 100 block Westway. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for burglary after property was found linking him to the burglary of a vacant apartment. The youth, who had already been arrested for trespass at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was released to Juvenile Services pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

December 9, 1:37 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for trespass after he was located on the property of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, where he is not a student. He was released to Juvenile Services pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Theft

December 1, 3:10 p.m., 66 Ridge Road. A cell phone was taken from a book bag at Greenbelt Elementary School.

December 2, 4 p.m., 100 block Westway. Parcel packages were taken from the stoop of a residence.

December 3, 6 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Burglary

December 3, 12:30 p.m., 16 Court Ridge Road. A laptop computer was taken from a residence, possibly by way of an unlocked window.

December 6, 2 a.m., 100 block Westway. Two wallets and a tablet-type computer were taken from a residence after entry was gained by way of an unlocked sliding glass door.

December 6, 7 a.m., 8 Court Southway. An attempt was made to enter a residence by tampering with the sliding glass door. Entry was not gained.

December 7, 2:40 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A woman inside her home saw a man attempting to pull open the sliding glass door. She yelled and the man fled on foot.

December 7, 7:45 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Wallets were taken after six lockers were broken into at LA Fitness.

December 7, 8 p.m., 7200 block Mandan Road. A laptop computer, jewelry and coins were taken from a residence after entry was made by breaking out a rear basement window.

Vandalism

December 7, 10:19 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A lifting weight was thrown through the sliding glass door of a residence, shattering it.

December 9, 4:35 p.m., 20 block Lakeside Drive. A witness reported seeing a young person throw an object at the front window of a residence, shattering it. The person then ran from the scene with two other youths.

Vehicle Crime

A black 2008 Honda CB Series motorcycle with Md. tag D84679 was stolen December 3 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road, and a blue 2007 Range Rover SUV with Md. tags 2BG5657 was stolen from the same location on December 5.

A 1999 Toyota Corolla was recovered by Howard County police on Route 32 prior to it having been reported stolen from the 400 block Ridge Road. It had been involved in a single-vehicle accident.

Five thefts from work vans were reported. Carpet installation equipment was taken from three of them in the 9200 block Edmonston Road. Tools were taken after tampering with van door locks in the 9200 block Edmonston Road and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

Driver side airbags were taken from two vehicles in the 9100 block Edmonston Road and one in the 6200 block Springhill Court. Driver side windows were broken to gain access to two of the vehicles, and the third had been left unlocked.

Four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle in the 6500 block Lake Park Drive and another in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive.

A brake-bending machine was taken from the bed of a pickup truck in the 9200 block Edmonston Road.

Vandalism was reported in the 6000 block Springhill Drive, where the right rear window of a vehicle was broken out.



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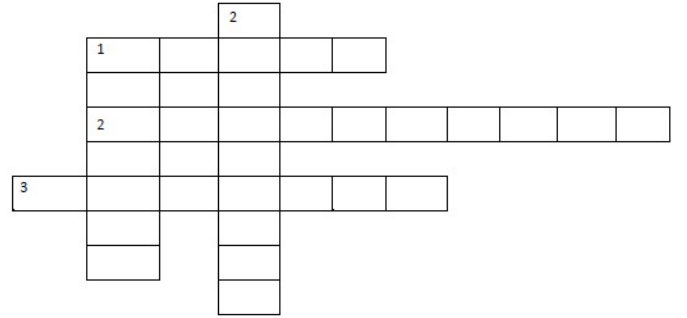
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Riddle in the Middle: What goes up when rain comes down? (answer is below)

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Riddle in the middle answer: an umbrella

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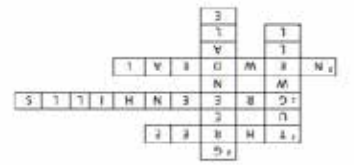


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A Zero-Waste Holiday is the Target for Greenbelt

by Susan Barnett and Hally Ahearn

'Tis the season to have fun and be with friends and family. It is also the season when Americans create about 25 percent more waste. That is how much more trash Americans create between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Greenbelt's Zero Waste Circle wants to help reduce that amount in our community. Ready to do your part in reducing that number? Follow these tips for less to no waste:

Having a party?

Invitations: Email them instead of using paper invitations. Let people know why you are sending an email instead of paper – let them know you want to help create less paper waste this season while still having fun. Don't forget to mention that your party is going to be zero-waste and should anyone grace you with food or a gift you can kindly request that it is something that does not leave any trash behind.

Lights: If the holiday lights go up, make sure they are LED. An LED light uses one tenth of the energy of a traditional incandescent mini light bulb, saves a bundle on your electric bill (a string of 100 LED lights costs over seven times less to light per month), lasts over three times longer and is more durable. Recycle your old lights at My Organic Market (MOM's) from now until January 31. For more information go to momsorganicmarket.com.

Choose to Reuse: Use decora-

tions that can be used from year-to-year or venture out into the yard to collect some of nature's own ornaments (without hurting the plants, of course).

Just Say No: Some things are simply not zero-waste friendly. Mylar balloons and other mylar products are not recyclable or compostable. To those shiny, metallic gift bags, just say no.

Reusable Plates: No one is excited about doing dishes after a party. Yet using real china or dishes is the most sustainable way to present your delectables. If you don't have enough, shop around the local thrift stores for an eclectic array or borrow from a friend or neighbor. Or ask everyone to bring their own dishes and incorporate them. Encourage your friends to help out; their gift to you could be helping to wash the dishes. Be the first to try out the Zero Waste Circle's new collection of plates to borrow — a growing project. We now have nine salad plates, nine soup bowls and six dinner plates — all white. Call Luisa Robles or Erin Josephitis at Public Works, 301-474-8004.

Compostable Foodware: If you truly need to use matching dishes or don't want to deal with them altogether, compostable foodware is now available at many grocery stores. MOM's carries compostables for a smaller gathering. Both sustyparty.com and Amazon.com have a good selection of compostable foodware for larger events. You can take small

amounts of compostable foodware to MOM's for composting after use.

Table Dressing: Instead of paper napkins and tablecovering, opt for ones made of cloth, even for an informal gathering. Local thrift stores are also a good source for replenishing your own stock. You can store your new stash of dishes and linens for next year, or just donate them back and consider their purchase an inexpensive rental of party supplies.

Sort It Out: Sort compostable dishes and food scraps, recyclable bottles, cans, paper and items that will go to the landfill. Make sure you have well-labeled separate bins, located side-by-side. Be sure to assign a knowledgeable helper to do the sorting. Believe it or not, sorting can get really confusing, especially at a party.

Reduce Food Waste: If you have more food left than you can handle or than guests will accept as carryout, consider taking it to a local homeless shelter or soup kitchen See homelesshelterdirectory.org/foodbanks/MDfoodbanks.html. Be sure to contact them ahead of time to see what they will accept. Even better, plan so you won't have leftovers.

Now let's get this party started!

Wrapping, Gifting, Giving

In a zero-waste world, thoughtful gifts are earth-friendly, reusable and made from sustain-

able materials. Maybe the best gifts for ourselves and our loved ones are the same ones that are good for that big mother, Earth.

Nix the Wrapping Paper: Instead of buying holiday wrapping paper, consider the ancient Japanese tradition of furoshiki: wrap your gifts in cloth. You can buy and hem scraps from the fabric store to make different sizes of reusable wrapping cloth or extend the tradition to the modern era. Use dishtowels (like the red-striped ones at Ikea), stuff gifts in socks and mittens (like red socks sold everywhere), bag gifts in reusable grocery bags (like the new blue and yellow bags at Co-op) or fill and tie pillowcases.

Brown Wrapping Is Green: Another great wrapping option is to turn brown paper bags over to kids to decorate. Yes, we stole that idea from the wrapping paper workshop at the Community Center during the holiday market this year. Paper and food-safe dyes and paints are compostable.

So have yourself a zero-waste holiday season and send love to that special someone, our Earth.



Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 24 issue.

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3 Bedroom GHI Townhome - Backyard with over 100 sq ft decks onto large, main level dining and dining area - extra window. Dishwasher, too!

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Priced To Sell - 2 BR townhome within walking distance to center. Soundproofing. Granite. Lock in walls. Fenced backyard & shed. \$104,900

SOLD

Brick Townhome - Large Floorplan 3 B4. GHI with extra storage on main level. Large fenced backyard. Walking distance to Roosevelt Center. Roomy!

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Brick Townhome - 3 Bedroom GHI unit with new hardwood flooring on main level. Dining room converted into office space with lots of shelving.

UNDER CONTRACT

Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

New Story Emerges in Greenbelt Nutcracker

by Amy Hansen

More than 250 people crowded into the Community Center's gym on December 13 to attend Greenbelt's version of the Nutcracker. Called The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker, the dance production was the culmination of the city's dance classes, some of which started work on the project in August.

"We have students from ages 5 to 15," said Angella Foster, director of the studio. Inspired by the Nutcracker, Foster wrote the production to include Greenbelt,

past and present. The show opens in Greenbelt in the late 1930s with the kids attending a holiday party. As Clara walks home, the Rats of Roosevelt appear and her nutcracker comes to life. A sudden snowstorm transports the cast into Greenbelt's future.

In the future, Clara meets the Sugar Plum Fairy, Chef Lou's Chocolatiers, New Deal Coffee Clutchers, Beijing Fortune Cookies, the Pollinators and the Greenbelt Theater Popcorn Maniacs.

Photos by Beverly Palau



Girls performed the Nutcracker on December 13. Dancing the part of the Nutcracker, Annelise Ontiveros; Clara, Giulia Blough; and The Sugar Plum Fairy, Viola Marie Pitts.



Pollinators, front row--Brooklyn Scott, Eleanor Colarco, Lana Shapiro, Sophia Kozy Second Row--Claire McBride, Layla Smith, Mariella McElhenny, Mila Shapiro, Aleasa Heath and Shiloh Kozy.



Ruby Maul and Mary Olson danced as Beijing Fortune Cookies in the retelling of the nutcracker.

Ready2Read Backpacks Support Early Literacy

Ready 2 Read backpacks recently circulated by the Prince George's County Memorial Library System have proven to be one of the library's newest, hottest items. "All 50 backpacks, five at each of our 10 Ready 2 Read centers, were checked out within an hour after being made available to our customers. The program was such a huge success that 100 more backpacks are being created for circulation throughout the library system in the New Year," said Chief Operating Officer for Public Services Michelle Hamiel.

Each backpack includes five theme-related books and an activity sheet. Some of the Ready 2 Read backpack themes are Busy Bugs, Colors, ABCs and 123s, Feelings, Libros en Español y Inglés/Books in Spanish and English, Things That Go and Let's Get Moving. There will be a total of 15 themes when the additional backpacks are circulated. The use of themes helps children connect the books to their everyday lives and provides them with rich vocabulary. The more vocabulary and background knowledge that children have when they enter school is related to their school success.

Since parents are their child's first teacher, the library's goal is for families to read the books in the Ready 2 Read backpacks and participate in fun activities together. Talking, singing, reading, writing/drawing and playing with children enhances early literacy skills and helps promote kindergarten readiness.

The backpacks circulate for a period of three weeks and may be renewed. By increasing the quantity of Ready 2 Read backpacks and expanding distribution to all branches, more customers will get to take advantage of these early literacy tools in the New Year.



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Greenbelt artist Dan Kennedy poses with his unfinished painting of Roosevelt Center at this year's Artomatic art show in Hyattsville. A number of Greenbelt artists participated in the show which closed on December 12.



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