

## Replacing Rubber Mulch Emerges As Top City Playground Priority

by Kathleen Gallagher

So many factors come into play with decisions on replacing surfaces and equipment on playgrounds in the 21st century that it is difficult to establish simple rules for what should be done, especially when funding is limited. On January 13 the Greenbelt City Council held a worksession to discuss what type of surfacing to use during the next renovation of the playground at 1 Court Southway. The discussion expanded to include priorities for other playgrounds covered under the city's maintenance agreement with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and other participating homeowners associations (HOAs).

Although decisions are not made at council worksessions, strong feelings were expressed among most councilmembers that available funding should be targeted at removing the shredded rubber mulch (also called chunk rubber) currently still in use as the surfacing material for nine city playgrounds. Of those, only the playground at 1 Court Southway is owned by the city. Of the remaining eight, six are located in Greenbelt East (one at

Greenwood Village, five at Windsor Green) and two are owned by GHI.

With a touch of understatement, Mayor Emmett Jordan started the meeting by saying the general topic of playground resurfacing has taken up a good deal of staff time and has been touched upon at a number of city council meetings and worksessions. Study and recommendations have also been undertaken by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB).

### Safety Concerns

The immediate issue is safety concerns with the shredded rubber mulch. Jordan reported that although \$76,000 has been budgeted for this year to remove the shredded rubber and resurface the playground at 1 Court Southway, councilmembers have been divided in their opinions on how to proceed. Jordan asked Assistant City Manager David Moran, who has handled most of the staff work on this project, to give an overview of the options.

Moran said that, besides the shredded rubber mulch, the two options for surfacing are engi-

neered wood fiber (EWF) and the "poured in place" (PIP) solid surface.

For the playground at 1 Court Southway, staff recommended EWF, primarily because equipment on that playground is not yet due for replacement. Replacing equipment is a much bigger undertaking with PIP than with wood fiber.

Jordan asked if there is enough money budgeted to replace the equipment at this playground now and to do the PIP surface. Moran said there is not, since replacing the necessary equipment would cost another \$30,000.

The two types of surfacing (EWF and PIP) differ in many ways, and Jordan and Moran ran through the litany of pros and cons. PIP is more durable, possibly lasting up to 20 years and requiring little maintenance. Although it is thought likely to be the best long-term investment, it is substantially more expensive up front and can reach alarmingly high temperatures when exposed to sunlight on hot days.

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## Snow Delays Approvals

by Kathleen Gallagher



PHOTO BY JUDY MCCORD

Ridge Road house looks graceful in snow.

They say the third time's the charm. That was true last week anyway, when a storm with the unlikely name of Jonas chased the city council meeting from Monday to Tuesday and eventually to Thursday, January 28, when at last council met.

Following expressions of thanks and praise by almost everyone to Public Works employees and by various individuals to the city manager, the residents of Greenbelt, the county and even—of all things — Pepco attention turned to the agenda. The first major item was also arguably the most awaited: council approval of the authorization to purchase the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) house at 10-A Crescent Road. Other items on the agenda included adoption of an ordinance to purchase and install canine turf at the city animal shelter and, on a limited basis, at the dog park.

The following topics were also dealt with at this meeting and will be covered in separate articles: recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Education for the funding of 21 proposals submitted by Greenbelt schools for a total of \$9,669; discussion of legislation to be considered in the current session of the Maryland General Assembly; and a decision regarding surfacing for the city playground at 1

Court Southway.

### 10-A Crescent

At the last regular council meeting, an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the membership for 10-A Crescent Road from the estate of the Dwyer family for purposes of expanding the space available to the Greenbelt Museum had been introduced. The museum has occupied 10-B Crescent, the other half of the GHI duplex, since its purchase in 1987. At a public hearing on the proposed purchase held at the same meeting, unanimous support was expressed by those speaking. As reported in last week's issue of this paper, the GHI Board of Directors met on January 21 and also unanimously voted to allow the purchase subject to agreement on the commercial Mutual Ownership Contracts for both houses.

With little ado, the city council voted unanimously to authorize the purchase. Following an expression of appreciation from Steven Gilbert, president of the board of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Mayor Emmett Jordan recognized Thomas Dwyer, executor of his parents' estate, who was in the audience.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said Dwyer had been "an incredible partner to

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## Forebay Dredging at Greenbelt Lake to Start Permit Process

by Diane Oberg

At its meeting next Monday, February 8, the Greenbelt City Council is expected to authorize signing the documents needed to obtain permits to dredge the lake forebays to improve water quality. Council will get a chance later to specifically authorize the work after referring the plans to relevant city advisory boards.

Council was briefed on the project at a February 1 worksession. Work could begin as early

as April; however, the actual start time will be likely to change based upon when the required permits are obtained as well as conditions imposed by Greenbelt, county and state officials to minimize the impact on wildlife, among other factors.

### What's a Forebay?

The forebays are the small ponds just outside the lake. One is located between the Braden Field access road and the lake;

the other is located near University Square and Charlestowne North apartments. By catching runoff on its way to the lake and slowing it down, these forebays are designed to allow sediment to settle, so cleaner water reaches the lake.

According to Terri Hruby, assistant director of planning, the forebays should be dredged every 10 years. However, the forebay near Braden Fields was last dredged in 1999. The forebay near Lakecrest Drive has never been dredged. As a result, the forebays have collected so much sediment that they are ineffective, according to Soltesz Engineering, as well as two previous studies by city contractors.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

The beaver pond will be one of the forebays dredged at Greenbelt Lake.

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, February 6

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling  
6:30 p.m., Contra Dance Lesson followed by Dance at 7 p.m., Community Center

#### Sunday, February 7

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

#### Monday, February 8

5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Aquatic and Fitness Center

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

#### Wednesday, February 10

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Manager's Update, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## Board Should Be Independent

This letter is a response to Kathleen Gallagher's statement (December 10 Greenbelt News Review) that our resignation letters from the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (board) repeat the same concerns we previously expressed (in our paid advertisements). Not so. In our advertisements we expressed concern that the public was not adequately informed or encouraged to participate in the selection of a vendor to conduct the health assessment of the Forest Preserve. We resigned from the board, however, due to concerns about the way the board operates.

The board was established to provide independent advice to the council regarding the Forest Preserve. Our primary concern, and reason for resigning from the board, is that we felt interference by city management made it impossible to provide the council with independent advice. We believe that rather than being an independent advisor to the council, the board advances the beliefs of a single person – the liaison between the board and the council. Nine of the 10 members of the board are voting members from the community; the tenth is the liaison, a non-voting member from the city staff whose only role should be to assist with the communication between the board and the council (and city management). In our experience the liaison instead controls the outcome of the board's advice to the council. While we were on the Board, the liaison was the predominant person taking the meeting minutes and writing reports. We contend that the liaison, rather than seek information or facilitate discussion in an open-ended manner, led the discussion toward the liaison's desired outcome. Then, during council meetings and worksessions, our observation was that the liaison would act as the main spokesperson for the board and do so in a manner that did not fairly reflect the views and concerns of all board members.

For the Greenbelt Forest Preserve to be protected there must be an independent view that is NOT intertwined with city management's view. Councilmembers should encourage the independent advisory role of the board and challenge an atmosphere that might quash it. As board members, we repeatedly addressed the council with our concerns, but the council did not engage us in any discussion about these concerns. We decided that for us

to truly advocate for the Forest Preserve we had to resign from the board.

Donna Almquist  
Yoni Siegel  
Robert Snyder

*Editor's Note: Every city advisory board or committee has a liaison. The primary purpose of a staff liaison to an advisory board is to provide staff support and information to the board. It is not to be board secretary. Because board members are volunteers, the liaison also assists with members' communications.*

## Community Service Holds Great Value

In last week's News Review, Bob and Betty Sonneveldt wrote about years of community service and an unfortunate theft of a snow shovel.

Bob coached and taught teamwork. Betty taught GED classes. Both inspired and encouraged life skills that contributed greatly to the individuals, their families and our community.

The value of a snow shovel: trivial.

The value of the life skills they encouraged: enormous!

We salute their service and wish them peace.

David and Sandra Lange

## Keep Library Open

Road crews, hospital staff and numerous others showed up at work recently when a lot of snow fell. But Greenbelt Library workers did not.

Perhaps some of the road crew persons, slightly re-trained, could become library staff – surely they would not mind shoveling a bit of snow so that the library could be open and persons could conveniently enter the library.

This facility could be most valuable if only it were open when most persons are stuck at home when schools and workplaces are closed. The cars are snowed in, removing a host of opportunities for things to do, and that just increases the need for a functional library. Persons within 1/2 to 1 mile could realistically walk to the library.

The library seems to be closed at the very times when more adults and children are nearby and needing to constructively use their time.

No wonder the library was threatened with closure several years ago.

Bill Norwood



## On Screen

### The Big Short - A Frenetic Journey

This film is a combination black comedy and polemic against big time economic crime. Set in the immediate days before the great financial collapse of 2008, it is a frenetic journey through that catastrophe as seen through the eyes of variety of people: investors, bankers and slick-talking high-level con men. The action takes place in a bewildering and rapidly changing set of venues, from executive penthouses to suddenly unsellable Florida housing developments. Much of it is very funny indeed, yet in the end the results of the great bust were financial disaster and huge losses for millions of ordinary Americans. It is an entertaining but cautionary tale that is likely to leave viewers with decidedly mixed emotions.

R. Running time: 130 minutes.

Peter Curtis

## City Notes

Recreation staff attended a pre-proposal meeting held by Public Works with a mechanical engineer and contractors interested in submitting a proposal to do the HVAC improvement project work at the Community Center. Proposals are due by February 12.

## Blood Donation Locations

At this time of year, inclement winter weather and seasonal illnesses can prevent regular donors from giving, making it particularly important that healthy, eligible donors make an appointment to donate blood. Help the Red Cross maintain an adequate blood supply for patients locally and around the country by stepping up to give.

Upcoming opportunities include February 12 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Drives are also being held on February 16 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the College Park Moose Lodge 453, 3700 Metzert Road and February 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Baltimore Avenue in College Park, as well as in District Heights at the Suitland Community Center, 5600 Regency Lane, on February 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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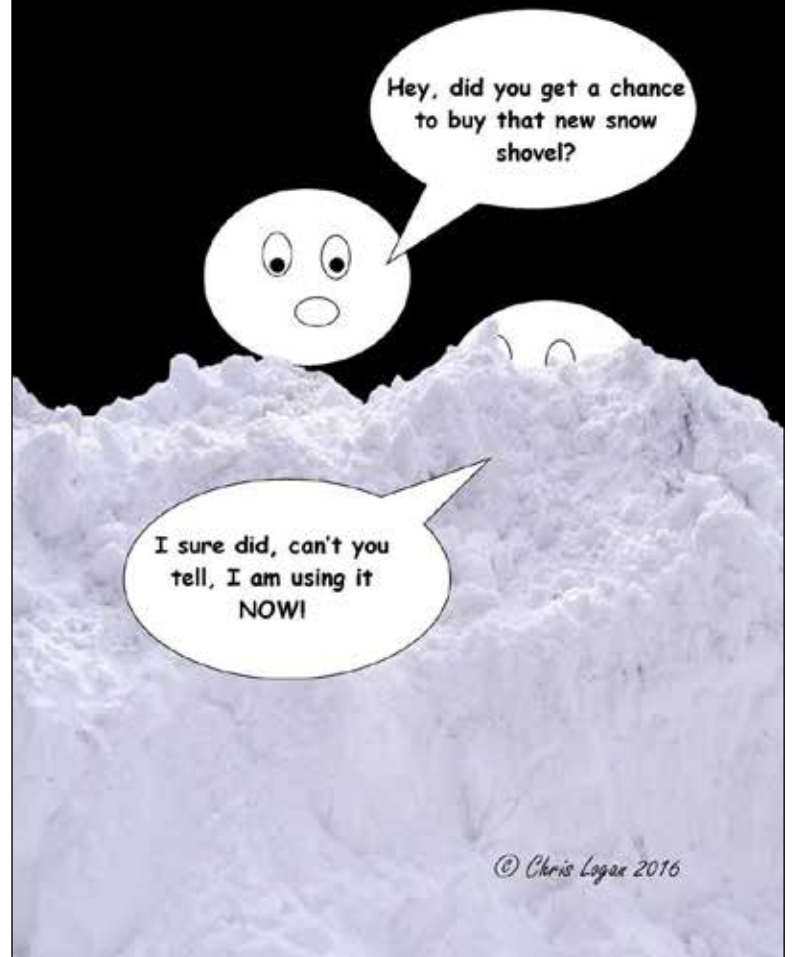
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Wed. 1:00 PM, 6:00 PM  
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Mon. 8:30 PM  
Tues. 8:30 PM  
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Thurs. 8:30 PM

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# Community Events

## Compost Bins Now Available

Greenbelt residents are invited to purchase a discounted compost bin on Friday, February 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Come to Greenbelt Public Works Department at 555 Crescent Road, pass the chain link fence and follow the signs. The special price of \$30 (for Greenbelt residents only) is possible thanks to a collaboration with Doug Alexander from backyardcomposting.org and the Newspaper In Education Institute. Payment may be made with cash or by check made payable to NIE Institute.

For information on the bins see [enviroworld.ca/environmental-products/freegarden-earth](http://enviroworld.ca/environmental-products/freegarden-earth).

## Contra Dance!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is co-sponsoring its first 2016 Contra Dance with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, on Saturday, February 6 at the Community Center gym. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and welcomes beginners as well as experienced dancers. Beginner lessons will start at 6:30 p.m. Perry Shafran will be calling the music of Triple Helix.

Contra dance 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. Once you get the moves for the dance, the pattern just repeats itself. At the beginning of each evening dance, there is a 30-minute lesson to go over all the basic steps that will be called. Come on out and enjoy this fun and social dance! Call 240-542-2054 for more information. There is a fee.



## Climate Change Talk Rescheduled

The talk on Climate Change and the Future of Food originally scheduled for January 28, will now take place on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

Lewis H. Ziska, Ph.D., a plant physiologist with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville and a contributor to the 2014 International Panel on Climate Change report, will present an overview of the impact on food security of changes in atmospheric carbon dioxide. He will also discuss adaptation strategies as a possible means of maintaining agricultural production in the future.

The synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road. Hosted by Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee, the talk is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, email [socialaction@mishkan-torah.org](mailto:socialaction@mishkan-torah.org).

## Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 112. Everyone is welcome to discussions of the latest in consumer electronics, computers, tablets and basic trouble shooting of Windows computers.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on Saturday evening, February 6, at the Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees may see the Orion Nebula, the Little Dumbbell Nebula and the Andromeda Galaxy with the observatory telescope and are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. Uranus will be up and the Moon will not, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 6:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event, which is open to the public. 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.



## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of February 8 are as follows:

Monday, February 8: Cranberry juice, meatloaf with gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, wheat roll, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, February 9: Grape juice, chicken sausage gumbo, brown rice, mixed greens, cornbread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, February 10: Apple juice, cheese omelet with cheese sauce, O'Brien hash browns, stewed tomatoes, biscuit, fresh fruit.

Thursday, February 11: Pineapple juice, cranberry Dijon chicken, au gratin potatoes, Brussels sprouts, wheat roll, heavenly fruit salad.

Friday, February 12: Orange juice, baked pollock with pesto sauce, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, applesauce.



## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Old man winter arrived with a blizzard and a bang. The Golden Age Club had to cancel its last session. When the schools are closed, there is no meeting. It's not safe for kids or seniors to be walking or driving.

On Wednesday, February 10 the program will be Your Scents and More. There will be a birthday lunch on Wednesday, February 17.

The anniversary lunch will be on April 20 at the Holiday Inn, College Park. Dues must be paid by that date.

Many thanks to the City of Greenbelt for the great job plowing the streets and clearing walks. It was so special to have neighbors help with shoveling, cleaning cars and joining to help friends and strangers.

Greenbelt is great even when covered with snow.

## Events at MakerSpace

New things are afoot at the Greenbelt MakerSpace.

Friday, February 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. is First Friday Game Night. Stop by to enjoy games of strategy like Dominion and Settlers of Catan with friends and neighbors.

Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to noon, there is a brand-new robotics class for all ages. Participants will be doing the missions from First Lego League, but adults are welcome as well as kids; there will be advice and guidance along the way.

On Tuesday, February 9, First Lego League has post-season training from 6 to 7 p.m. From 7:30 to 9 p.m. a new Arduinos class will introduce participants (ages 12 and up) to the fundamentals of Arduino programming. The Greenbelt Biota, Greenbelt's natural history society, will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10 has Jr. Legos from 4 to 5 p.m. Children ages 6 to 8 can participate in fun and exciting building challenges. There is no fee, but donations are accepted. Knit Night, for knitters, crocheters and other fibers enthusiasts, is from 7 to 9 p.m.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

Saturday, February 6, 11 a.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Monday, February 8, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room;

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

Friday, February 12, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

## Exploring Valentine's Day History

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Sha'keira Rooks, a senior therapeutic recreation student at Winston-Salem State University, on Friday, February 5. She will be discussing the history behind Valentine's Day and how it has evolved today.

Rooks is a therapeutic recreation intern at the Community Center. She enjoys working with the aging population. She has volunteered for numerous agencies and loves helping others. She will obtain her bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation in May.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 201. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

*Karen Haseley, CTRS, Certified Ageless Grace Trainer*

## City Offers Rain Garden Workshops

The Department of Public Works is offering a series of free workshops for those who have considered planting a rain garden but would like some help.

The first workshop occurred in January. The second, on February 27, will feature a tour of local rain gardens so attendees can view displays and talk with local landscapers. The third, a Rain Garden Clinic on March 19, will allow attendees to get real-time help with rain garden design and a Rain Check Rebate application.

All workshops are held at the Public Works Office, 555 Crescent Road; door prizes and refreshments will be offered. Register at: [signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain](http://signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain).

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## The Plots Thicken

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club's annual plot assignment meeting will take place Monday, March 7. The meeting will be held in the Community Center in Room 114 starting at 7:30 p.m. If you had a plot in previous years and wish to retain your plot and are not able to attend, please contact your garden coordinator. Contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691 if you have any questions.



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### Week of February 5

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

The Finest Hour, PG-13  
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 The Boy, PG-13  
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 Kung Fu Panda 3, in 3D, PG\*\*  
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 Ride Along 2, PG-13  
 11, 1:45, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30  
 Pride, Prejudice and Zombies, PG-13  
 11:40, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:40  
 The 5th Wave, PG-13  
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 Fifty Shades of Black, R  
 11:40, 2, 4:20, 7:20, 9:35

#### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

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**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
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February 5 - February 13  
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# Obituaries

## Esther Yalowitz



PHOTO BY COURTESY OF YALOWITZ FAMILY

**Esther Yalowitz**

Esther Yalowitz, 90, long-time resident of Greenbelt from 1979 to 2010, died in Seattle on January 22, 2016, after a long and valiant battle with Alzheimer's disease. A private family service was held at the Seattle Jewish Chapel.

Esther was born Esther Falkoff in Chicago on May 12, 1925. She attended high school in Chicago and had the honor of being valedictorian of her high school class. Esther majored in philosophy at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and went on to earn her master's degree in psychology from the University of Chicago.

Esther married Jerome Yalowitz in 1950. They raised three children in Peoria, Ill. Esther had a lifelong successful career as a school psychologist in Peoria and in Prince Georges County. She also taught German at the high school level and worked as a psychologist at Bradley University in Peoria.

Mrs. Yalowitz loved the arts, especially theater and dance. She was a Life Master bridge player and a competitive swimmer, winning many medals in swimming competitions. She swam almost daily at the Aquatic and Fitness Center pool. She was an avid reader and loved to travel. Mrs. Yalowitz will be remembered as a fighter for human rights, an advocate for those less fortunate and a true lover of humanity. She was a lifelong learner, took many classes at the University of Maryland and was an avid sports fan, especially of the Maryland Terrapins.

Her spirit and love of life will be treasured by her children, Rhoda Schwartz; Ken (Jan) Yalowitz; and Jean (Dan) Bennett and her six grandsons, Kevan (Grace) and James Yalowitz; Justin and Kevin Schwartz; and Karl and Kurt Bennett.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Condolences may be left in Mrs. Yalowitz' online guestbook at yourtribute.com.





**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

## Kathleen McKinney Pantano

Kathleen McKinney Pantano, of Front Royal, Va., formerly of Greenbelt, died December 31, 2015, at the age of 56 from brain cancer.

Mrs. Pantano had a distinguished and accomplished career in the food and restaurant industry, working at the prestigious restaurant Palladin by Jean Louis in the Watergate Hotel and serving as food and beverage manager for the St. Regis Hotel, among other positions she held in Washington, D.C.

After moving to Front Royal in 2005, Mrs. Pantano was a vice president for Blue Ridge Opportunities, a non-profit organization serving individuals with disabilities. There she was beloved by clients and staff alike. She served on the board of the United Way and volunteered for a number of organizations in Front Royal.

Known for her keen wit and sharp intellect, Mrs. Pantano had a boundless and contagious zest for life that inspired and positively influenced her friends, colleagues and community. An avid reader and gifted storyteller, she was a natural entertainer and consummate host. A wicked Scrabble player, she provided fierce competition and left most of her opponents in the dust.

Although she was a tough, no-nonsense character, she was truly soft as a lamb in spirit and in heart. Mrs. Pantano will be remembered widely and fondly by those who were privileged to know and love her.

Mrs. Pantano is survived by her husband Marco Pantano, daughter Gigi Pantano, as well as her parents Haven and Noreen McKinney of Greenbelt and her five siblings, John M. McKinney, Virginia Brown, Jackie McKinney, Lori Wyant and Kim McKinney.

- Haven McKinney

## Mowatt Lent Kickoff

Let's begin Lent together. Mowatt UMC will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper on February 9 from 5 until 7 p.m. The Ash Wednesday service will be at College Park UMC, 9601 Rhode Island Avenue at 7 pm.

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## In Memoriam

# Terry "Coach" Mangum

by Rick Ransom

Terry Mangum, a member of a family whose roots here anchor a good portion of the Greenbelt tree of life, died peacefully in his apartment on January 26, 2016. He suffered the debilitating effects of being confined to a wheelchair for more than 40 years from an auto accident. He met his wife Marta, who was his therapist, following that accident.

The past few years saw multiple trips to the hospital and stays in rehabilitation facilities, according to his mother, Joyce Mangum. His brother Bruce remarked that each bout took a little more out of Terry until there wasn't much to sustain him. One of his most fervent wishes was to die at home. He was 67.

Terry attended Greenbelt Center School, Greenbelt Junior High and graduated from High Point High School in 1966. After graduation, he went to work with computers at NASA. He then served in the Army, working with computers there as well. After his discharge, he drove tractor-trailers and dump trucks for Sunny's Building Supply in Berwyn.

Bruce declared that Terry enjoyed music and had a deep love of competitive sports. It was not surprising, then, that Terry worked at the Greenbelt



PHOTO BY COURTESY OF THE MANGUM FAMILY

**Terry Mangum**

Recreation Department. It was there that he attained his nickname of Coach. Bruce related that Terry coached him and Doug as teenagers. He had coached Little League when he was stationed at McDill Air Force Base in Florida. He subsequently coached men's touch football and softball from his wheelchair after he was prevented from playing by the paralysis of his lower body. He made such a mark on his players and coworkers and others he counseled that a plaque was installed at the Youth Center in the Hall of Fame honoring his service to the Recreation Department.

Terry also worked with the City of Greenbelt to implement provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act after it was passed by Congress. From his experience with disability, he could provide advice on how to accommodate wheelchairs. Terry later took a job with the Maryland State Highway Administration. He drove his car with the help of a holder on the car roof that stored his wheelchair. He retired at 60.

Bruce noted that Terry refused

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Our deepest sympathy goes to the friends and family of John O'Brien, who died earlier this week.

Condolences to the family and friends of Terry Mangum who died at home on January 26, 2016. We were saddened to learn of the death of Esther Yalowitz who died in Seattle on January 22, 2016. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Kathleen McKinney Pantano who died on December 31, 2015.

Elizabeth M. Jay of Ridge Road, a longtime volunteer with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System and longtime resident of Greenbelt, was recently moved from the intensive care unit at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., to the Cherry Hill Nursing Center in Laurel. A long recovery is anticipated before she is well enough to come home. She will not be able to bring books to the homebound until further notice.

Welcome to Greenbelt, McKenna Elizabeth Lynch. McKenna was born on January 29, 2016, to happy parents Kim Rush Lynch and Joe Lynch. McKenna's grandfather is Jim Lynch, and her aunt Mary Ann Baker and uncle Bob Baker also live in Greenbelt.

Share your accomplishments, milestones or news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

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**At the Library**

Monday, February 8: Chinese/English Preschool Storytime, 4:30 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people. This bilingual storytime includes children's stories, songs, rhymes and other activities in Chinese and English.

Tuesday, February 9: Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages birth to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. This is an opportunity for children under three with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in story time, music and motor activities. (This will continue monthly through Tuesday, June 14.)

Wednesday, February 10: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people. Thursday, February 11: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

**Teen Writers Club**

Monday, February 8, 6:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Meet other teens who share an interest in writing. Learn how to improve writing, try new approaches and meet authors and other experts in the publishing field.

**Crazy 8s Season 1 (Encore)**

Tuesday, February 9: 4 p.m., for grades K to 2, limit 25 students; 5 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 25 students. Crazy 8s is a new after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music and make a mess – all while bonding with new friends over math. Sessions will run weekly on Tuesday afternoons through March 8. Advance registration for the entire eight-session season is required. Contact the information desk for details and to register at 301-345-5800.

**Pins and Needles**

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. Bring the stitching projects you'd love to finish. All stitchers are welcome.

On Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m. African American Dressmakers and Designers, 1860-Present, presented by Rosemary Reed Miller, will be the next session of the Winter 2016 season of the African History and Culture Series organized by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented in commemoration of Black History Month on Tuesday evenings through March 1.

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**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING**  
Municipal Building, February 8, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

**ORGANIZATION**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations
  - Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
  - Petitions and Requests
 (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- \* Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports

**LEGISLATION**

- An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund in the Amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the Acquisition of Unit 10-A Crescent Road to Become Part of the Greenbelt Museum - 1st Reading

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- PG/MC 111-2016
- Alcoholic Beverage License Application – Mission BBQ
- Red Light Camera Contract
- Greenbelt Station Phase III
- Conditional Approval of Permit Applications for Greenbelt Lake Forebay Dredging Projects
- State Legislation
- Council Reports
- \* Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-1 (Recognition Group Application)
- \* Appointment to Greenbelt Green Team

**MEETINGS**

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

**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-12**

Monday, February 8 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

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

Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Greenbelt Auto and Truck Application – Revision to a certified non-conforming gas station to add a 12x20 SF shed and Update Planning Projects – Greenbelt Station, GSA-FBI, Renard-METRO, Economic Development, Anticipated Projects in FY 2017*

Wednesday, February 10 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: City Manager's Update** Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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



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**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 from 9am- 12 noon**  
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City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

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**AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON**

Sunday, February 7 from 1-4pm  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

1-3 pm: Art Workshop. Make a wintry scene w/artist Janna Riley.  
3pm: Free performance of The Jester's Box by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre.  
Also: Art gallery exhibit featuring costumes, props and puppets from Greenbelt Recreation Department performing arts programs. Artists in Residence open house and sale, Artist Mary Gawlik will be having a special sale of her first quality, older pieces in room 302, Greenbelt Museum exhibit, and Museum tours at 10-B from 1-5pm for a nominal fee. Info: 301-397-2208.

**New Weight Equipment to be Installed at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center**

Due to the snowstorm, the installation of new flooring and weight equipment was been re-scheduled. The weight room will be closed starting Monday, February 8 with an estimated re-opening on Friday, February 12.



**Contra Dance**  
**Saturday, February 6**  
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Lesson: 6:30pm Dance: 7:00pm-9:45pm  
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For FY 17 the City of Greenbelt's Contribution, Recognition and Civic Group applications are now available online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Please contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200/gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov for more information



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A Review

# “Cracking the Codes” Sparks Conversation

by Jim Link

Nearly 100 hardy souls packed the back room of the New Deal Café on a freezing Monday night, Martin Luther King Day, January 18 for the Reel and Meal’s presentation of Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity.

After feasting on Chef Karim’s and Maria’s Lebanese cuisine, the eclectic crowd, including perhaps one quarter African-Americans in an otherwise white crowd, some academics, musicians, clergy, and even a few aging, paunchy pony-tailed hippies watched the movie and participated in a crackling Q and A session afterwards.

Cracking the Codes challenges us to talk about the causes and consequences of systemic inequality. Designed for dialogue, the film “works to disentangle internal beliefs, attitudes and pre-judgments through spoken stories and monologues from 24 racial justice leaders representing the racial and ethnic fabric of the U.S.,” according to Susan Barnett’s eloquent program notes.

Erica Huggins described her gradual awakening to the strong Spanish colonial bias of the “watered down, bleached history” taught to her in Puerto Rico. “I was so pissed off,” she said bluntly, calmly.

Even white pro-Obama voters can have a subconscious bias against blacks, another commentator claimed. “We have a sense of always being right, a sense of internalized white superiority. We attribute our success to rugged individualism, when institutional safety nets help us enormously. Bootstrapping your way to success is a myth.”

Another commentator spoke of the “opportunity structure” which helps whites. “I don’t have to think about my entitlements. I have my entitlements because I am white, educated, born in the U.S.A. We should use our white privilege to make a wrong system right.”

The movie also made the point that our society is systemically rigged. That, for example, segregated housing creates segregated schools which, in turn, translates into an inferior education.

Greenbelter Thomas Mays, Program Director of Disability Support Services at Prince George’s Community College, skillfully conducted a rich dis-

ussion prompted by the movie. He jump-started a wealth of anecdotes by explaining that at the age of 12 he was puzzled by his (black) father’s warning not to sit at his white employer’s dining table if asked to come in from doing yard work to lunch with the family. Accept a snack, but don’t break bread at “their” family meal.

Paul Mitchell, a young black Bowie State University graduate and musician said that “black men aren’t supposed to be smart; my peers urged me not to go to college, just create rap.” Mitchell believes in cultivating W.E.B. du Bois’s The Talented Tenth of elite back achievers. “There are very few positive stereotypes for black men. Even Minister Louis Farrakhan said that it’s an unfortunate fact that ‘You hate your black self.’”

A black engineer commented that “it will probably take us decades to change that mind set.”

Another audience member explained that blacks can’t relate to the mega-stardom of many black achievers like LeBron James, Halle Berry or Beyoncé. He went on to say that racism puts blacks into boxes of falsely defined identities like athlete, rapper, druggie. “Seeing not much else, youth buy into it and adopt phony selves,” he said.

Dr. Eva Griffin, a retired Prince George’s County high school English teacher, was a teenage military brat whose parents were stationed in Montana. As the only black in many of her classes, she attracted plenty of curiosity. “Don’t assume that all white people are suspicious or racist. I was okay with being a spokesperson for blacks, a good negro,” she chuckled.

A white graduate of historically black Bowie State University said she cherished her four years there. “It was a transformative experience. I was well-treated and learned so much I couldn’t have learned anywhere else.”

Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline, elaborating on the fact that race is a socially fabricated construct, said that “We who think we’re white must talk about this (the system of racial inequity) much more. Even though we’re not white, we must have honest conversations especially among whites, but also with people of color. We owe it



PHOTO BY JIM LINK

Greenbelter Thomas Mays leads the discussion.

to ourselves to have clear, honest conversations.”

The sponsors deserve kudos for showing such an insightful film which stimulated such warm, thoughtful responses: Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition, Green Vegan Networking, the Baha’i Community of Greenbelt and the Beaverdam

Creek Watershed Watch Group.

Almost 50 years after his death, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s words, quoted early in the evening, still ring true: “Our loyalties must become ecumenical; we must develop a world perspective. We are caught in an inescapable web of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.”

## Philharmonic Concert Comes to Greenbelt

This is the 50th season of the Prince George’s Philharmonic in Bowie, and now they are coming to Greenbelt. The Philharmonic is teaming up with the concert choir of the Suitland High School of the Performing Arts. They will perform together on Saturday, February 13 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A repeat performance is scheduled for Sunday, February 14 at 3 p.m. at Suitland High School.

The Philharmonic is known for its active educational work with music students in county schools; these concerts will feature its annual “side-by-side,” whereby selected instrumental students will perform as part of the orchestra. Approximately 20 county students will play with the orchestra in Chabrier’s popular España, the opening piece in the concert.

A significant number of the side-by-side performers are Eleanor Roosevelt students and quite a few members of the Philharmonic are Greenbelt residents as well.

In addition to the Chabrier, the February program will include the Gloria by Francis Poulenc, Mozart’s Regina Coeli and Mendelssohn’s Symphony No. 4. There is an admission fee for adults, but tickets are free for those 18 or younger.



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### What is Planned?

Neil Weinstein, executive director, Low-Impact Development Center, explained why the work is needed. Sediment carries a lot of phosphorus from fertilizers and other sources. This phosphorus, which now gets into the lake rather than settling in the forebays, makes the lake "green, smelly and slimy." After dredging, sediment will once again settle out before runoff reaches the lake, thus improving water quality.

Ken Dunn, managing member of Soltesz, said the plan is to remove 2,400 cubic yards of sediment. They will retain the trees on the edge of the forebays to the extent possible, though some will be removed to make room for the equipment. Vegetation on the banks will be removed and replaced when the work is done.

Workers will remove and transport as many amphibians (frogs, toads and salamanders) as they can find to other areas of the lake. When the work is completed, they will be moved back to the forebays.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

**Workers will transport the lake's inhabitants to other areas of the lake, then return them after the dredging is completed.**

Dunn said that it is essential that most of the mammals in the area leave the forebays during the work and some initial destruction of their habitat provides the impetus to achieve this naturally. He observed, however, that the animals are used to such temporary disruptions and will come back, noting he has removed beavers from storm water management areas only to have them return the following year.

Peter Littleton, operations manager at Corvias Solutions, projected that the work would take about three months following an extensive vetting process including county regulatory review, state regulatory review, Greenbelt regulatory review and review by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. The project will then be reviewed by the Maryland Department of the Environment, which will provide regulatory oversight and can impose conditions such as when work can be done to minimize the impact on wildlife.

Roberts questioned the need for and scope of the work. He did not want the beaver dam torn out and was concerned about the planned maintenance. He described his experience at another location where trees and aquatic plants were removed under the guise of maintaining the pond.

Dunn said that by monitoring sedimentation levels and performing more timely maintenance, there would be less impact than allowing the forebays to fill until the point of failure.

Dunn initially said that if council approved submitting the permit application and related

documents on February 8, he potentially could have a permit by March 1 and work could start in early April.

Councilmember Judith Davis objected to that timeframe, saying it would disrupt egg laying and births of wildlife in the area. She urged waiting until the young had a chance to become half-grown. She also suggested retaining the dam materials and returning them to the site at the completion of the work in hopes that the beavers would re-use them instead of cutting down additional trees.

Littleton said that the timing of the project could be altered to work around these concerns but recommended either spring or fall to facilitate reestablishment of the vegetation in the forebays.

Roberts asked why the sediment could not be pumped out, instead of dredged, as is done at the beach. Weinstein said that mud is too heavy to be pumped. Roberts was not convinced.

To reduce impact on lake neighbors, work will generally be done during normal business hours on weekdays.

### Background

The work will be led by Corvias under its Clean Water Partnership (CWP) with Prince George's County. A county press release states that the partnership is the first "municipality" to adopt the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Community-Based Public-Private Partnership Model to address storm sewer system compliance requirements. Corvias is charged with retrofitting 2,000 acres of impervious surfaces using green architecture over three years. The county can extend the agreement for an additional three years and 2,000 acres if it is satisfied with Corvias' progress. The company will be responsible for maintaining the projects for 30 years with Prince George's County responsible "in perpetuity," Littleton said. This is likely to be just the first step as federal clean water regulations require the county to treat 15,000 acres of polluted runoff by 2025.

The project will be funded through the county's Storm Water Utility Fee (also known as the "rain tax") and will cover a drainage area of nearly 500 acres, roughly 160 of which are impervious, according to Dunn. His company is one of the engineering firms the CWP is working with to identify and verify projects and to manage their design. Even pervious surfaces bring some sedimentation to the lake, he added.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that the city has been informed that the long-planned work to dredge the lake itself does not qualify for funding under the CWP. He said that he does not foresee the city being able to fund dredging the entire lake in the near future due to the high costs. Five years ago the estimated cost was

\$1 million.

The CWP representatives were open to Councilmember Edward Putens' suggestion to put some educational information on the construction fence explaining what is being done and the timeline for completion. Littleton suggested that they could also install permanent educational signs about how a forebay works. Council appeared to like this idea.

### Priorities

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned the need and science behind the project, saying that the addition of the beaver dam in one of the forebays has improved its ability to filter storm water. He would rather spend money addressing runoff from the "oceans of asphalt parking lots" in the city. Neil Weinstein, executive director of the Low Impact Design Center, said that the CWP has plans for thousands of small projects implementing Best Management Practices, mostly involving some form of filtering mechanism, either natural or manmade. However, they cannot work on private property unless it is owned by a faith-based or non-profit entity. Weinstein said the forebay project is a cost-effective way to retrofit a lot of acreage with one project.

### Outreach

Littleton said that the CWP can also work with faith-based and non-profit organizations. Although such organizations are exempt from taxes, they are not exempt from the storm water utility fee. If they authorize the county to install filtering devices on their property they can get an instant rebate of half of their storm water fee, he said. In addition, the county's Department of Environment has programs for homeowners. The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) is planning to distribute information regarding the programs for homeowners.

Tasha Brokenberry, community outreach manager for Corvias, said the company will work with homeowners associations and others to keep them informed of the work in advance and with churches to inform them of the opportunities to meet their responsibilities through the CWP. In addition, the partnership has goals for involving local small and minority businesses.

### Next Steps

Based on their comments, it appears likely that on Monday, February 8, council will authorize the city to approve the documents that must go forward for permitting and to refer the dredging project to Green ACES and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for review. To conserve time, council is likely to recommend a joint report to be completed within a specified time period.



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

**The beavers are expected to leave on their own and return when the work is complete.**

## Artful Afternoon

Artful Afternoon takes place on Sunday, February 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road. Most activities are free and reservations are not required. Times vary for individual activities.

Come early to make a wintry scene with artist Janna Riley in a free art workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. enjoy a free performance of *The Jester's Box* by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre. Follow the story of Ralph the jester as he takes up the challenge of entertaining King Nfafetmhl, the king who Never Found Anything Funny Enough To Make Him Laugh.

From 1 to 4 p.m. enjoy a variety of additional activities at your leisure. See the new art gallery exhibit featuring costumes, props and puppets from the Recreation Department performing arts programs. Visit the Community Center studios of our Artists-in-residence at an open house and sale. Be inspired by their work in many styles and media and find unique gifts. Participating tile artist Mary Gawlik will be having a special sale of her first quality, older pieces in room 302 from 1 to 4 p.m.

See the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit, *The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus*. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. For more local history, tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, across the street from the Community Center. Docent-led tours are available between 1 and 5 p.m. for a nominal fee; please plan to arrive no later than 4:30 p.m.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Upcoming Events At The New Deal

Thursday, February 4, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, February 5, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Mojo Priests offer up Blues music with a bit of Rock, a dash of R&B and a splash of Jazz from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 6, the TV John Variety Show from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by John Guernsey on jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Wild Anacostias, Hyattsville preeminent New Orleans and Zydeco party band, bring Mardi Gras to the Cafe from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 7, please join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. An Art Reception for Christine Wilkin and Russ Little from 3 to 5 p.m. Dixieland Express offers up New Orleans Dixieland style music from 6 to 8 p.m.

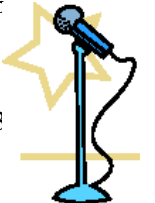
Tuesday, February 9, Gary Rue and Jeff Farias perform original songs featuring dobro, cello, violin and bass from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10, To Be Announced [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com)

Thursday, February 11, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, February 12, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fractal Cats, a five-piece psychedelic rock band, perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 13, Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Window Panes offer up Americana, folk, rock and psychedelia rock jam music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



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**Cheaper Surface**

The EWF surface is cheaper and, while it can also become hot, it does not reach the temperatures of PIP. On the other hand, it requires considerable additional maintenance, in the form of raking and turning it over, to keep it from settling and having less “bounce” and also to keep it from developing fungus. According to Moran, the critical factor in judging how long a surfacing product will last is its bounce or “absorbing impact” factor, since that is what protects children from the impact of serious falls.

Councilmember Silke Pope spoke in strong support of using PIP because of its safety in protecting children from injuries. She was also concerned with the level of maintenance required to keep the wood fiber in good shape.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin replied that it is true that the city needs to do – and intends to do – a better job with the maintenance than it has in the past. Pope suggested that an alternate plan would be to use EWF now and wait to install the PIP when the time comes to replace the equipment.

Councilmember Judith Davis encouraged taking a survey of residents who use this playground to see if they have strong preferences. She also asked whether there had been earlier council direction to not install any EWF until additional staff had been hired in Public Works to assure keeping up with necessary maintenance.

**Remove Mulch**

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said the top priority should be to remove the rubber mulch on playgrounds that still have it in Greenbelt East. He did not think it was justifiable to spend additional money on PIP surfacing until the rubber mulch had been removed.

Councilmember Leta Mach said she would continue to support PRAB’s two recommendations: to use different surfaces on different playgrounds so that residents will have a choice and to use PIP on playgrounds in shady areas and EWF in sunny areas to get the best use of the two substances. Since the Southway playground is shady, PIP would be the preferred surface. Mach added that it would be a waste of money to put EWF there rather than looking at the longer-term investment.

Councilmember Edward Putens agreed with Roberts that removing the rubber mulch should be the top priority. Councilmember Konrad Herling reminded everyone that the issue of installing

PIP at a time when equipment needed to be replaced should also be kept in mind as part of this tricky equation.

The mayor agreed that it was a complex issue that required comparing apples and oranges. Risk management, he said, argues for PIP as the safest surface in terms of injuries to children, but since the rubber mulch is thought to be most toxic, EWF may be a preferred shorter-term choice.

Moran added that it was complex and that a confounding factor is that playground safety is a moving target. The city is in charge of 36 playgrounds on a revolving maintenance schedule. As soon as the city decides to do one thing about equipment and materials, safety standards may change, requiring it to consider moving to another alternative.

Yet another complication arose when Pope asked if staff had gotten any response to a survey council had previously requested of the relevant HOAs for their concerns, if any. Moran said there had been little response. He described the format of the survey as limited to whether their residents had raised concerns about shredded rubber and at what point cost-sharing would be available to start maintenance work.

Putens immediately responded that he did not think the HOAs should have to contribute to the replacement of the rubber mulch since it had been the city’s decision to install it. Herling and Roberts agreed that the city should be accountable and remove it. No one questioned that it had been a reasonable decision given all that was known at the time.

Derek Thompson, chair of the Windsor Green HOA, commented that no one in Windsor Green had ever complained about rubber mulch. He pointed out that it would be difficult to survey people’s opinions on the issue without first educating them about it. Roberts agreed, adding that “asking preference without education is meaningless.”

**Windsor Green**

Thompson went on to inform council that Windsor Green is going to build its own playground near its community center and is asking respondents to its request for proposals to address the subject of playground surfaces.

Also in the audience was Dr. Laura Kressler, a veterinarian and chair of the city’s Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). She reported that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has recently reissued its opinion on the use of chunk rubber and now expresses significant concern

regarding possible toxicity. She added that there is not only the issue of its emitting fumes but also that, unlike a solid surface, it migrates in the environment: for example, rubbing off on clothing and shoes, being put into children’s pockets and being tossed into the air.

Kressler said she personally would support the plan to stretch whatever funds are available to get rid of as much of the rubber mulch as possible and use either EWF or PIP in its place. She added that she thought the members of the PSAC would likely agree.

Modifying a suggestion made earlier by Pope, Davis proposed that the city place priority on removing the shredded rubber and when the time comes to replace the equipment at a playground, to decide whether to install PIP or to continue with EWF.

Although there did not appear to be consensus on whether use of the more expensive PIP should be delayed indefinitely while funds were concentrated on removing the rubber mulch from the remaining playgrounds, there appeared to be majority agreement to replace the shredded rubber with EWF at 1 Court Southway, the first of the playgrounds in question.

A motion to that effect was adopted on the consent agenda of the regular council meeting rescheduled due to snow from January 25 to January 28. The city will likely undertake this work in the early spring, weather permitting. The motion also directed city staff to follow up with Windsor Green, Greenwood Village and GHI regarding replacement of the shredded rubber surfacing located in those playgrounds.

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**Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)

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

**Theft**

January 21, 2:15 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from Wendy’s Restaurant.

**Trespass**

January 21, 4:24 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 22-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found inside Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

**Vehicle Crime**

A maroon 4-door Pontiac Torrent with Md. tags 6BL0309 was taken from the 7200 block Hanover Drive on January 21.

A temporary tag, Md. 629410T, was taken from a vehicle in 9100 block Edmonston Road on January 22.

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A tire and rim were taken in the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive on January 27.

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to let his accident define or confine him. Despite having a top-floor apartment here in town with no elevator, he managed to get out and push himself on crutches at first and later in a wheelchair. Bruce said they called the apartment the Penthouse. Sometimes on returning from an outing, Bruce would just carry Terry upstairs on his back because it was easier than dealing with the wheelchair.

Terry later had a house built in Annapolis, tailored to handicap access. More recently he lived in a high-rise unit (with elevators). He learned to swim competitively and swam laps for charity. Bruce quoted a friend who remarked “Terry always knew how to have fun!”

My wife Barbara and I talked to Terry in December. He had wheeled his new electric wheelchair down to Lakeside Drive on a nice spring-like day. He noted in that gruff voice of his that he was just glad he could still

get out as he always liked. He had more specific ailments than most of us his age for sure, but he tried to keep free and above all that. He will be missed as a friend and a coach extraordinaire.

Besides his mother and brother Bruce, still living in the family residence here, Terry is survived by his wife Marta, his daughter Bianca and his stepdaughter Barbara Hengst of Pennsylvania and Barbara’s two children, Jack and Lilly. He also has two other brothers, Randy (Tick) and Doug, both of Greenbelt, and a sister, Diane (husband Rick) of Worcester, Mass. Mangum’s father, Leonard, died in 1994.

An informal memorial social reception will be hosted by Terry’s family at the Greenbelt Youth Center’s Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, February 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

**Making the Grade At Beltway Plaza**

Making the Grade A+, an academic enrichment program for students in grades K-12, will hold its first Teen Summit at Beltway Plaza Mall on February 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free and aimed at youth, particularly young women, ages 13 to 18 years.

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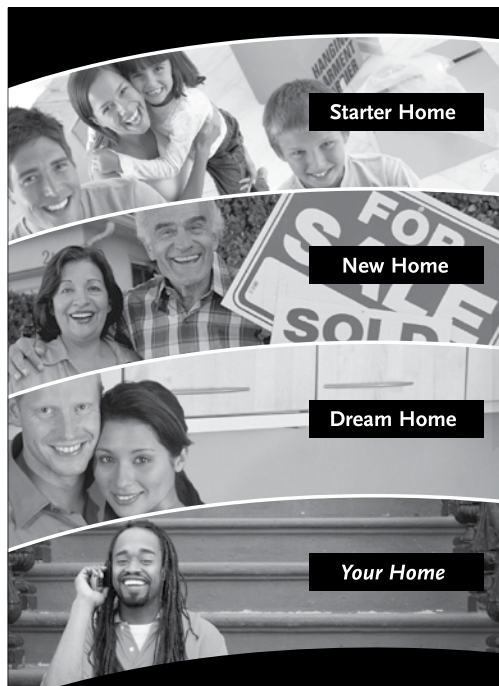


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The debate will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Anne Arundel Community College at the Pascal

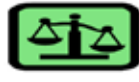
Center. Debate panelists include MarylandReporter.com editor Len Lazarick, UMBC Political Science Professor Dr. Laura Hussey and US-China Commission Chair Dick D'Amato. The panelists will ask the questions and the event will be moderated by former Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer.

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**2 BR Frame Unit - Corner Lot** - Completely remodeled by GHI. Fresh paint, new carpet and refinished floors. Modern kitchen with new appliances. Nice!

**Priced To Sell** - 2 Bedroom GHI townhome with remodeled kitchen - New appliances & more. Opened floorplan on main lev. Hardwood Flrs. \$109,900

**Block Townhome** - 2 bedroom townhome with hardwood floors. Modern kitchen. Located in Roosevelt Center. Priced to sell at \$147,000. **SOLD**

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**Brick Townhome - Corner Lot** - Fireplace, finished hardwood flooring, vinyl, etc. Energy sav. appliances, fresh paint & more. Nice! **SOLD**

**Corner Lot** - 2 BR GHI frame townhome with large fenced yard. Remodeled throughout with modern kitchen and bath. Refinished hardwood floors.

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A Review

# Ghoulishly Groovy

by Jim Link



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Emily Small and David Colton star as Toffee and Jonny in Zombie Prom.

Zombie Prom is a campy romp, a rollicking frolic without a mean bone in its (dead) body. No cannibalism, no necrophilia, just good clean teenage angst, hilariously spoofed.

Set in Enrico Fermi High School in the 1950s at the height of cold war paranoia and fear of a Russian nuclear first strike, this musical comedy depicts the impossibly tragic love between bad boy new student Jonny Warner and senior ingenue Toffee. Crypto-fascist principal Miss Delilah Strict blights their romance; inconsolably shattered, Jonny commits suicide by hurling himself into the Gary Francis Powers Nuclear Plant waste dump. Toffee mourns deeply, wears black dramatically, and is dateless for the prom.

But Jonny returns from the dead. He's a changed person indeed. He is not just a zombie; he reforms his bad boy ways, and wants to graduate and take Toffee to the prom.

Eddie Flagrante, a seedy, sensation-mongering TV journalist gleefully pits Jonny against the inflexible Miss Strict, who wants Jonny to stay dead. I won't reveal the details of Flagrante's and Strict's shared past.

The students protest on behalf of Jonny. Zombie Rights! Let My People Glow!

Will true love be quashed a second time? Find out at the Greenbelt Arts Center Fridays, February 5 and 12 at 8 p.m., Saturdays, February 6 and 13 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 7 at 2 p.m.

Omnicompetent Jeffrey Lesniak – director, producer, music director – set, lighting and sound designer – presents an unclut-

tered Spartan set with school lockers painted on the back wall, giving choreographer Rikki Howie Lacewell plenty of room to unleash her variety of dance moves – jitterbug, tango, slow drag.

The whole cast's energy and joy is palpable.

Emily Small is a superb Toffee – her body language is spot on – whining, slouching, pouting or singing, she is wonderful.

David Colton as Jonny is a worthy love interest for Toffee – surly early, ghoulish as a zombie, earnest late.

Weirdly, Jonny's insistence on reuniting with Toffee – zombification be damned – reminded me of Jay Gatsby's impractical, blithe yearning to reunite with Daisy Buchanan.

Toffee (to Jonny): "We can't go back to the way things were."  
Jonny: "Why not?"

Pamela Northrup as Principal Strict is Joe Stalin lite, who eventually lightens up with Eddie Flagrante, the excellent R. Brett Rohrer. Their tango to "Expose" is terrific.

The finale Zombie Prom, with the girls in their glamorous prom gowns, is boffo, worth the price of admission alone.

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work with" and thanked him for his family's thoughtfulness. Dwyer returned the compliment, saying that working with the city had been "a very smooth transaction." Noting that his family had resided at 10-A for 61 years and that he, his brother and two sisters had grown up there, he said it was "very special for us that it go to the city." He added that having the museum next door was "never an imposition" and that his family knew many of the museum volunteers and had a good relationship with them.

After thanking Dwyer, council requested city staff to develop an appropriate plaque recognizing the Dwyer family for the service side of the house.

### Next Steps

With the ordinance adopted, council went on to discuss the particulars of how the purchase would be managed. The goal is to come to settlement by February 28. Jordan pointed out there is adequate fund balance to permit purchase on a cash basis the \$200,000, sale price and asked whether staff was proposing to do that or to seek a mortgage. McLaughlin said he had not yet looked into it.

During this preliminary discussion, council was evenly divided on whether to pay cash or to finance the sale. Jordan, Davis and Edward Putens were of the opinion that since the economy is still not strong and the city has a long list of capital projects to fund, financing with the ability to pay off a loan early would be the better part of valor. In their initial positions, Leta Mach, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts preferred not to incur more debt unnecessarily. Konrad Herling was on the fence and recommended waiting to discuss it

further until the city manager had more information on options. A staff response is planned for the February 8 regular meeting.

### Canine Turf

The second piece of legislation adopted at the meeting was a resolution to authorize the purchase and installation of canine turf in the yard surrounding the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. It has become impossible to maintain a grassy yard in this location because it is shady, with poor drainage and heavy use by the dogs. As a result the yard is frequently wet and muddy, with mud then being tracked indoors. Not only does this situation require increased maintenance and cleaning products but it is also a potential health issue for both the dogs and their caretakers.

Yard maintenance issues have

also been a problem. Since staff is less certain about whether the turf would be the best solution to the problems in the larger area of the dog park, the resolution also includes purchase of enough turf for a test area in the park.

Planning Director Celia Craze clarified that the turf contains no tire rubber or other products that have been controversial with regard either to artificial turf or to city playgrounds. It has a 20-year warranty and is completely pervious in addition to being non-toxic and non-carcinogenic.

Council voted 6-1 to adopt the resolution to purchase and install the turf at a cost of \$18,440 for the shelter and \$2,500 for the park from East Coast Surfacing of Rock Hall, Md. Roberts opposed the motion.

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