



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

The newly built stone wall slows the water as it moves through the forebay and into Greenbelt Lake.

Greenbelt Lake Forebays Completed with Fanfare

by Amy S. Hansen

The engineers' message to the stream water is clear: We've cleared out the forebays. So slow down. Drop your dirt. Then, and only then, enjoy your time in the lake.

After about four months of dredging the bays and replanting, Greenbelt and county officials, as well as Prince George's County's Clean Water Partnership celebrated the job's completion on Saturday, December 3.

About 50 people listened to the presentations by city officials in the public works building and then walked around the lake, learning about different phases of the project at five different stops.

The forebays are the two ponds adjacent to Greenbelt Lake, one on the west side of the lake (near Lakecrest Drive) and one

on the east (near Braden Field). When they work well, the lake stays clean and healthy. When they don't, the aquatic life in the lake gets sick, as do plants and animals living downstream.

Originally constructed in 1988, the bays' purpose is to let water settle before moving into the lake. The feeder streams are natural and are also fed by storm water runoff. As stream water enters the lake system it carries dirt and pollutants. The bays serve as a sediment trap. And they were designed with the understanding that they would periodically be dredged, explained the city's environmental coordinator, Erin Josephitis. The forebay on the east side of the lake was last dredged

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Police Community Forum Opportunity for Discussion

by Lynn White

The Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board hosted a Police Community Relations Forum at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Tuesday, November 29. This was the first in a series of forums for community members to share thoughts about the relationship between the community and the Greenbelt Police Department. The discussion drew many civic leaders, members of council and leadership from the police department, with the hope of strengthening the bonds between the police and community and alleviating any tensions.

Kris Marsh, a University of Maryland Associate Professor of Sociology who specializes in research related to the black middle class, race and education attainment, and interracial health disparities facilitated the broad conversation. Approximately 60 residents attended the event and expressed a variety of concerns. Some attendees discussed personal interactions with police or

stories they heard about interactions with police that may have been racially charged or involved questionable police tactics. There were also concerns raised about tensions at the national level with police in different areas around the country. One attendee spoke to the needs of the Hispanic community more generally, particularly issues with stereotyping regarding immigration status.

Interim Chief of the Police Department, Thomas Kemp, a 31-year veteran, outlined three goals for the department: improving communications between the police and community, increasing police presence in the community by having more officers on foot patrol and face-to-face contact with residents, and continue the department's successful law enforcement efforts which have led to a decrease in crime in Greenbelt.

Several outreach programs See **POLICE**, page 4

Problems Continue Unresolved At Mandan Basketball Court

by Kathleen Gallagher

On November 2 the Greenbelt City Council met with representatives of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) regarding two separate reports from the group. One, a recommendation that the voting age be lowered to 16 for city elections, was reported in the November 17 issue of this paper.

The other, a recommendation that the rims be restored on the basketball court at Mandan Field, involves a problem that has repeatedly come to the city's attention dating back to before the members of the committee were born. The result was a multigenerational discussion covering the history of the location and thoughts ranging from ideas for improving the situation to consideration of whether the location could ever be workable for a basketball court and should instead be repurposed for other activities.

Representing the committee at the meeting were Ema Smith, chair, and Hunter Whaples. Smith explained that former committee members had been told years ago that the rims would eventually

be restored and that the current committee continues to recommend doing so. She added that Greenbelt East has no central recreation facility and the basketball court could serve as a vehicle for physical activity and social interaction for younger residents. Mandan Field is owned by the

county school system and used and maintained by the City of Greenbelt. Located on Mandan Road at the eastern edge of the city limits near Ora Glen Drive, the fields and court border the Greenbelt East community of

See **BASKETBALL**, page 8

FBI Headquarters: Progress

by Amy S. Hansen

The new FBI headquarters is one step closer to being decided. On the morning of December 7, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed a resolution authorizing a new, fully-consolidated headquarters.

While not specifically naming a location, the requirements in the resolution are favorable to a Maryland site, said Representative Steny Hoyer. "I'm pleased the resolution requires that the General Services Administration, which is charged with awarding the project, consider the National Capital Planning Commission's parking recommendations and proximity to Metro," he said. "In addition, the resolution requires GSA to consider the significant cost of relocation and site preparation of the Springfield site, which ought to be a serious concern for taxpayers."

The next step is getting funding from Congress followed by a final decision on site location. That decision is expected from the GSA in 2017.

City Seeks to Keep BWI Bus; Get Transit to Greenbelt Station

by Anna Socrates

Two major issues dominated the City of Greenbelt's most recent biannual transit work session: the future of the B30 Express Bus to Baltimore-Washington/Thurgood Marshall International Airport (BWI) and the best

way to provide the residents of the Greenbelt Station Development with access to transit.

Approximately 15-20 Greenbelt residents spoke up about both issues at the November 30 worksession with Mayor Emmett Jordan, Greenbelt city council members and city staff; and representatives from Washington Area Metro Transit Authority and Prince George's County The Bus. Lessie Henderson, a member of Prince George's Advocates for Community-Based Transit (ACT), also attended the worksession at the Community Center.

Greenbelt residents expressed dismay that the B30, with its \$7 fare to BWI airport, made the general manager's list of Metrobus routes slated for elimination to reduce WMATA's \$275 million budget shortfall for upcoming fiscal year. WMATA found the B30 to be heavily subsidized and underutilized. Greenbelt resident Mary Ernsberger urged WMATA to more strongly market the B30 before cutting it. Another audience member described the B30 as "a well-kept secret, but perhaps it's been too well kept."

Although MARC trains from Union Station and New Carrollton will still connect Greenbelt and the Washington metropolitan area with BWI airport, MARC

trains run less frequently than the B30 and often experience speed restrictions and service outages in extreme heat or cold. A BWI trip would become longer, more expensive, and less convenient for Greenbelt residents; several have said that they would probably switch to Reagan National or Dulles airports.

Jordan sees the question of bus service to BWI as an issue that is far greater than access to a regional airport with reasonably priced fares. He said that Greenbelt's economic vitality depends on its ability to serve as a regional transit hub. City Councilmember Leta Mach agreed with Jordan's assessment in her description of the ease of organizing conferences in Greenbelt because attendees from the Baltimore area or flying in from other parts of the country can easily come to Greenbelt because of the B30.

Julie Hershorn, the WMATA representative from the bus planning division, encouraged Greenbelt residents and others who depend on the B30 to submit written comments or speak at public hearings that will be held in January and February 2017.

Closer to home is the issue of See **TRANSIT**, page 9

What Goes On

Saturday, December 10
10 a.m. to Noon, Santa's Visit, Youth Center, Pre-K and up
1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Elves Workshop, Youth Center, Ages 7 to 12, there is a fee
Monday, December 12
5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Library
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming on greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv
Wednesday, December 14
7:30 p.m., Zero Waste Circle, Community Center
8 p.m., Council Worksession with Greenway Center, Community Center
Thursday, December 15
7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Committee Meeting, Municipal Building

Letters to the Editor

Move the Taxis Back

This letter is to comment on the absolutely ridiculous and highly dangerous situation faced by commuters being dropped off by private vehicles at the Greenbelt Metro.

Currently, the official requirement is that private vehicles dropping off Metro riders are supposed to park in the slanted spaces in the middle of the roundabout to discharge their passengers. This means that the passengers have to walk across an extremely dangerous lane of vehicular traffic to get to the Metro station.

Most drivers, realizing that this would put their passengers in harm's way – not to mention the fact that it makes no sense whatsoever – choose to discharge their passengers in front of the line of waiting taxis. There is room for perhaps one or two vehicles in this space before the road makes a tight turn and intersects a crosswalk. During peak times, this turn gets jammed up with vehicles and becomes even more dangerous.

There is a simple solution to this problem that would be very easy to implement: Move The Taxis Back. This would put very little hardship on very few people, and increase the safety and ease the traffic flow for hundreds if not thousands of people

each day. There is plenty of room along that particular curb for many times more taxis than I have ever seen there. Moving them back seven car lengths would create no significant hardship for anyone needing a taxi, especially since they could be hailed to come forward if necessary. On the other hand, such a modification would greatly increase the safety and convenience of thousands of commuters who are dropped off by private vehicle each day.

The city needs to petition the Metro administration to move the taxis back at least 100 feet, and allow private vehicles to safely and quickly discharge passengers along the curb in front of them.

William Cornett

More Thanks

In addition to the people thanked last week, the Pantry wishes to thank Father Walter Tappe and the St. Hugh Church community, Rabbi Jonathan Cohen and the Mishkan Torah congregation and Councilmember Judith Davis.

A special thanks to Maire Ellis our centenarian. For all the abundance of sweet treats from Pamela Gregory and to you for your great generosity – a bouquet of wishes!

*Solange Hess, Chair
Greenbelt Food Pantry*

New Year's Party at GAC

by Konrad Herling

The New Year's Evening with Friends returns to the stage at the Greenbelt Arts Center on December 31. The program, which will begin at 8:30 p.m., celebrates the arts and creative ideas that bring the community together, from the offerings of a magician, a variety of music, a few short films from the Utopia Film Festival to possibly a comedian. This will be a zero waste event. Among the talented performers, Emmett Jordan will play the guitar, Konrad Herling will play a piece or two on piano and Patricia Walters, a member of the city environmental sustainability committee, will play a piece or two on violin. Herling is working diligently to secure

the services of two excellent musicians, bass player Glenn Harris and guitarist extraordinaire Jan Knutson, recent graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and now a student at the New York School of Music. Additionally, the program will devote a portion of its evening to remember long-time arts creator and fierce proponent, Barbara Simon.

As has been the custom, the audience will be invited to move to the Roosevelt Center plaza to sing Auld Lang Syne at 11:55 p.m. to welcome the new year.

There are still openings on the program so potential performers are encouraged to contact Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.



On Screen

Oh, My! Miscegenation! Loving

Loving, opening at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, December 9, is preceded by enormous critical acclaim. Subtle, quiet and richly-textured, Loving tells the story of the interracial marriage of white construction worker Richard Loving and black teenager Mildred Jeter in 1958 Virginia.

Pregnant, Mildred elopes with Richard to Washington, D.C. to marry, but their license is "no good here" in Virginia, according to the sheriff who arrests them in a midnight raid. They agree to a plea bargain and leave Virginia until an ACLU lawyer eventually takes their case to the Supreme Court.

Joel Edgerton is very fine as Richard; Ruth Negga is a revelation as Mildred. Oscar talk swirls around these two performances. Jeff Nichols's directing and writing is neither flashy nor manipulative.

Rating: PG 13

Running Time: 2 hours, 3 minutes

- Jim Link



Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 22 issue.

Correction

The Gobble Wobble winners were listed incorrectly in last week's paper. 1st place was Polly O'Rourke, 2nd place Angela Gentile and 3rd place Elizabeth Fairey.

Drop Us a Line!

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Sun. 12:30 (OC), 3:00 PM
Mon. 5:30, 8:00 PM
Tues. 1:00 PM
Wed. 3:00, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30, 8:00 PM

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Mon. 10:30 AM – FREE

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The Old Curmudgeon



"Well, how is Mr. 'I'll Get A Flu Shot Later' doing?"

This cartoon originally ran on 1/13/2000.

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 12 are as follows:

Monday, December 12: Pepper beef steak, crispy cubed potatoes, cabbage, dinner roll, sliced apples, grape juice.

Tuesday, December 13: All sites closed (Red and Gold Gala)

Wednesday, December 14: Breaded pollock, Delmonico potatoes, spinach, wheat hamburger bun, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, December 15: Baked potato, diced chicken, shredded cheese and sour cream, mixed green salad with Thousand Island dressing, fresh fruit.

Friday, December 16: Turkey broccoli rice casserole, lima beans, sliced carrots, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits, apple juice.



Last History Walking Tour December 11

This Sunday, December 11 at 1 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will offer its last Greenbelt History Walking Tour of 2016. The tour includes a short film about Greenbelt's history, followed by a guided history tour around Greenbelt pedestrian pathways.

The Greenbelt Museum's historic house (10-B Crescent Road) remains closed as the Museum continues to recover from water damage suffered in October. Greenbelt Museum Director and Curator Megan Searing Young is actively working with the City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Homes Inc., and their respective insurance companies to make the necessary repairs and updates. "The hope is to have the historic house fully furnished, updated and re-opened by as early as the beginning of February," said Assistant Director Ennis Barbary Smith.

During this time of repair and renovation, holding weekly walking tours has been a way for the Museum to continue to have a constant presence in the community. The Museum only missed one weekend in October before starting the schedule of weekly walking tours.

"I have been really impressed with the Greenbelt Museum's volunteers for coming together and making sure we could offer these tours," said Smith. "Some of the volunteers took on additional training hours in order to get comfortable with leading the walking tours and we all really appreciated that extra effort on their parts."

In order to participate in the last walking tour of the year, visitors should plan to arrive at the Museum's historic house promptly at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. Each participant is asked to pay a small fee at the time of the tour. The tours are approximately one hour to an hour and a half. The Museum recommends that participants wear layers and comfortable walking shoes.

GHI Notes

Thursday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., Special Membership Meeting, American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

Friday, December 9, office closed at noon, Employees' Holiday Party.

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room.

Tuesday, December 13, 1 p.m., Bylaws Task Force Meeting, Board Room;

7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, December 16, office closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Learn to Manage Dynamic Meetings

Learn about Dynamic Community Governance. Believe it or not, community organization meetings can clip right along, lift attendees' energy and accomplish a lot. Learn the basics Sunday, December 11 from 1 to 2 p.m. Experience new meeting methods such as selecting people for tasks and responsibilities in a way that leaves everyone satisfied.

For Greenbelters who've already had training in Dynamic Community Governance, join the group from 2 to 4 p.m. Ask questions about implementation in organizations, network with others and learn new skills. Share lessons learned with others.

To register for either free event, email Aileen at Aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

MakerSpace Events

MakerSpace is preparing for robotics competitions. Come cheer on the kids.

Thursday, December 8: FLL Team 2 is preparing for competition from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Minecraft Club meets from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, December 9: Little Makers will be creating from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10: FLL Team 3 meets from noon to 2 p.m. and Labradoodles meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 11: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13: FLL Team 1 builds from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14: Labradoodles from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Fiber Enthusiasts from 6 to 9 p.m.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has been enjoying some great activities and programs. The Tea on November 30 featured exchange of magazines and books. The teas are held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Many people enjoyed a concert presented by Kristen and Kaitlin. The girls gave us an amazing interlude on Friday with piano and flute and a sing-along. We thank them and Karen Haseley for this program.

On December 14 Luecinda and Eva will present Glam Up for Holidays. The Christmas potluck luncheon will be on December 21. Everyone needs to bring a dish to help celebrate December birthdays.

The Golden Age Club wishes everyone a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

Community Church Christmas Concert

A concert of traditional and popular Christmas music will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. The church's many talented musicians, vocalists and friends will present an entertaining mix of instrumental music and classic Christmas music followed by an opportunity for the audience to sing along with familiar Christmas carols.

Holiday cookies, individually or by the dozen, will be available for purchase at intermission. A free-will offering will be accepted and will support the local, national and international charities of the church.

The church is located at the intersection of Crescent and Hillside Roads.



Zero-Waste Circle Meets Wednesday

The Green Team's Zero-Waste Circle will meet Wednesday, December 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Public Works. On the agenda are updates on the Organics Task Force proposal to city council, composting efforts at the Pumpkin Festival and Farmers Market and other recent events. The group will also be choosing projects for 2017. For more information, contact Erin Josephitis at 240-542-2168 or erosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov.

GIVES Plans Quarterly Meeting, Celebration

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will have its quarterly meeting and holiday celebration on Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. As part of the celebration members and non-members are asked to participate in the annual collection of toys for local children sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Community Center. Bring a new toy to help make the holiday special for a local child.

The short meeting will also address activities of the past quarter and what is ahead in the new year.

People are invited to bring food or drink to share. For further information, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

Peace Vigil Saturday

Join neighbors and friends for a peace vigil with music and readings on Saturday, December 10 from 4 to 5 p.m. Affirm that everyone is valued regardless of race, gender, religion, lifestyle and physical or mental abilities. Meet at the Peace Pole on the hill behind the Library parking lot. The event is sponsored by Concerned Women of Greenbelt.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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Artist's Sketchnotes Show Police Focus on Listening

by Lisa Nelson

The Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board and the Greenbelt Police Department held a forum on November 29 to encourage listening and dialogue. This was the first of a series of conversations to foster a respectful, safe and fair community.

I got a chance to meet neighbors and we collectively worked

on being "One Greenbelt." Residents shared their experiences and suggestions for improving relations with the police department. Thomas Kemp, acting police chief said, "We are here to listen."

Take a look at my sketchnotes below, with the takeaways I heard during this session.

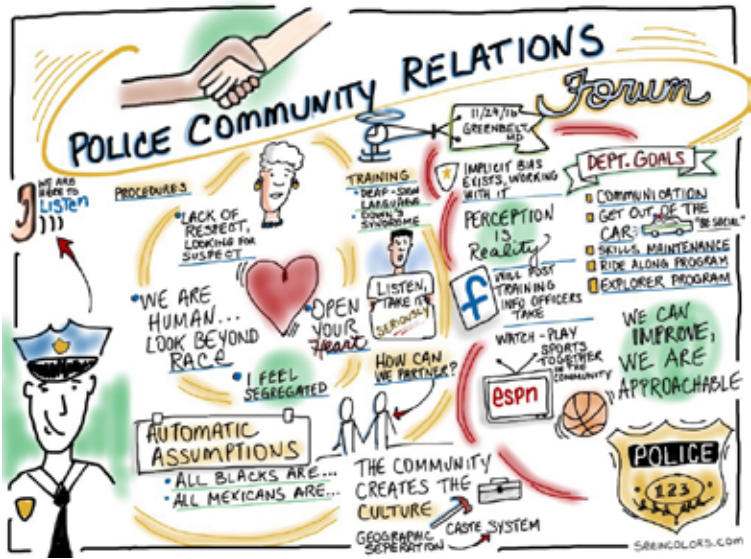


PHOTO BY LISA NELSON

Artist's sketch shows her takeaways from the recent forum on police and community relations.

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that promote non-violence in the community. Tare hosted by the Greenbelt Police Department hosts. They include a community policing program that is designed to bring police officers and residents closer together. The department also works directly in the schools through school resource officers to facilitate several programs, including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT), and a Youth

Police Academy. There is also a dedicated public/private partnership with Franklin Park, where the community forum took place, which allows for a Greenbelt police officer to be stationed at this location.

Residents are invited to provide additional comments regarding the relationship between the community and Greenbelt Police Department at greenbeltmd.gov/policecommunityforum.

At the Library

Ballet @ the Library. Tuesday, December 13, 4 p.m., for children up to 12 years old. The Connect the Dots Dance Company presents an interactive performance of excerpts from The Nutcracker with beautiful costumes and music.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Wednesday, December 14: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, December 15: ages birth to 2, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people. Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the information desk immediately before each session.

Reader's Theater. Wednesday, December 14, 4 p.m., ages 7 to 10. Fun reading activities include performing skits, monologues, tongue twisters, and poetry.

Bibliobop Dance Party. Saturday, December 17, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Preschoolers and toddlers can bust a move and shake their sillies out. Parents or caregivers should attend.

Read to Rover. Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children age 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

Win With Your Bin Winners

by Kathleen Gallagher

November 15 was America Recycles Day. Among other activities, the Public Works Department conducted its 16th annual Recycle Right - Win with Your Bin contest, with shiny new bins and other prizes for the winners on each city and contractual col-

lection route. Winners were selected based on proper presentation of the household recyclables during the week of inspection. At its November 28 meeting, the city council recognized the winners, shown below.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

This year's bin winners are shown front, l. to r.: David Morse, 46 Court Ridge; Cheryl Peckenpaugh, Springshire Way; Lois Gorman, 49 Court Ridge; and Erin Josephitis, city environmental coordinator. Rear: Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Leta Mach, Silke Pope, Judith Davis, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts. Unable to attend was Mary-Jean Secoolish, Brett Place.





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Through games, crafts, food and songs, you and your child(ren) will come to know what is the real meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus.

If you would like more information or would like to register, please call Pastor Mentz at 301-785-0800.

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Snippets from the Past

“No Meeting Week” Approved

The last week of the year, beginning with Christmas and ending with New Year’s Day will be At Home Week in Greenbelt, (no organizational business meetings being allowed).

Local groups adopted the proposal of the Citizens’ Association.

The following organizations had met the previous week:

- American Legion Post 136
- Better Buyers Club
- Mothers Club
- Homemakers Club
- Pan American Club
- The Radio Club
- The Hobby Club
- Educational Committee

From the Co-operator, December 8, 1938



We send wishes for a speedy recovery to Kathy Reynolds who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Please share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net, or call 202-957-3072.

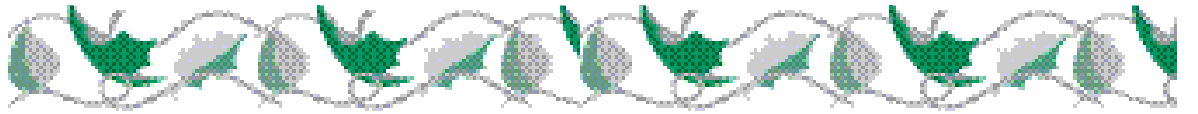
- Karen Yoho

See New Paintings At New Deal Cafe

A reception for Lona Carlson-Powell will be held on Sunday, December 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Her paintings about babyhood, childhood and youth are currently on display at the Café through December. For more information about the exhibit go to newdealcafe.com.

Mowatt Church Has Christmas Concert

The Mowatt Christmas Concert will be held Friday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. and will feature What Sweeter Music, A Cantata for Christmas by John Leavitt. Light refreshments will follow the performance at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road. For more information call 301-474-9210.



December Events At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, December 10: Campfire Talk. An Aeroplane Flew Over It describes the establishment of the U.S. Army Signal Corps Aviation School at the College Park Airport in 1911 and the activities that followed at the oldest airport in the country and other airfields nearby. The drone of engines would often be heard above Greenbelt. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Campfire Circle.

Sunday, December 11: Every Kid in a Park. Fourth graders can learn how to get a free pass to National Parks. Enjoy the Guess your National Parks game. Meet at the Campfire Circle at 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 17: Winter Discovery Walk. Come to the urban oasis of Greenbelt Park and enjoy a winter walk on the Blueberry Trail. Discover the beauty of the forest in winter. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Saturday, December 17: Park Ranger Talk and Display. A Train Ran Through It focuses on the trolley that bisected the southwest corner of what is now Greenbelt Park in the early 20th century. Working railroad models of the area will depict the rail transportation that served Greenbelt and its environs. See electric trains in a miniature diorama or train garden of the park, depicting about 1910. The display is at the Ranger Station from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 18: Winter Wonderland Walk. Skip the crowded malls and enjoy some fresh air and sunshine and discover the forest in winter. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, December 12, 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
- 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 Repeal Section 19-2 “Grants for Certain Renters by Reason of Age and Income” and Reenact Section 19-2 “Grants for Certain Renters” of Chapter 19 “Taxation” of the Greenbelt City Code
- 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Support the Prince George’s County Municipal Collaboration Fiscal Year 2017 Grant Applications for Maryland Energy Administration Empower LMI Communities Grant Program and the Department of Housing and Community Development Community Legacy Grant
- 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Dodge Grand Caravan Touring Edition from Criswell Automotive of Gaithersburg, Maryland at a Cost of \$29,332
-2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS
- Greenbelt Station Parkway Bridge
- Letter on WMATA B-30 Bus Route
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee.
For more info: cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER 25th ANNIVERSARY SCAVENGER HUNT
Get your list at the front desk at the GAFC or download it from the city website at www.greenbeltmd.gov
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Forms are due by December 31, 2016

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 12-16

Monday, December 12 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Opioid Public Service Announcement (PSA), November Council Meeting Update on Voting Age Question, YAC Liaison Reports, YAC Logo for T-shirts, Selection of Recognition Group Policy Committee Representative, Mandan Basketball Court – Revised Report, Pittsburgh, Pa. NLC Conference Update, Possible Youth Forum*

Monday, December 12 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, December 13 at **LEGISLATIVE DINNER**

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30pm, **ZERO WASTE CIRCLE at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.** *On the agenda: Updates on Organics Task Force proposal to Council, Foam ban violations, Compost efforts at the Pumpkin Festival and Farmer’s Market, November 12 COOP Annual meeting, November 21 Reel & Meal at New Deal Café, December 6 Northern Prince George’s Zero Waste Presentation at the Theater, and New Business-Choose projects for 2017.*

Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Greenway Center at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.**

Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.** *On the Agenda: Discussion on AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment – Goals and Recommendations*

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2016

SANTA’S VISIT
Ages Pre-K+, Greenbelt Youth Center
Saturday, December 10, 10am-12pm
Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule!
All children will receive a FREE picture with Santa!

ELVES’ WORKSHOP 139502-1
Ages 7-12, Greenbelt Youth Center
Saturday, December 10, 1:30pm-3:30pm
\$5 per person 301-397-2200
Pre-registration is required. Spend the afternoon with Santa’s Elves creating holiday crafts and cookies.

NORTH POLE CALLING
Ages pre-school through second grade
Tuesday, December 13 - Thursday, December 15
6:00pm-7:30pm, FREE
Santa and his helpers will make a special call to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flyer available online and throughout the City facilities for your child’s opportunity to chat. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/documentcenter/view/3076
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A Review

Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! Seussical the Musical at GAC

by Jim Link

An opening night packed house at Greenbelt Arts Center basked in the lavish, magical production of Seussical, featuring nearly 40 songs inspired by Theodor S. Geisel (Dr. Seuss), performed by nearly 40 joyous cast members.

When such talent is recruited by director Jon Gardner and producer Malca Giblin, you know you are in for a wondrous roller-coaster ride. The revelry began even before the play did. Stilt-walkers and smartphone-camera-toting actors (Thing 1: Findley Holland and Thing 2: Sophie Cooper) snapped pictures of patrons and mingled in the lobby.

Stephen P. Yednock prances, dances, sings and mugs his way through the play as the Cat in the Hat, a quasi-impresario who bonds with his little pal JoJo. Played by Courtney Harris, JoJo infuriates her teachers and parents (Marie Nearing and Jim Pasquale) by thinking too much. Oh, she thinks she can think.

When JoJo is lost and alone in the universe, plaintively crying "Help," Horton the Elephant (Bob Gudauskas) loyally looks everywhere for her. Horton says that "a person is a person no matter how small."

Horton endures the ignominy of being auctioned off by a kangaroo court and the punishment of being called "irrelephant" and accused of being the "elephantom of the opera."

Shawday Graves as Mayzie La Bird is quite demure as faux-mom in her nest but morphs beautifully into a vampish play-girl while vacationing in West Palm Beach. Poor Horton is Mayzie's duped eggsitter.

Jamie Miller is wonderful as Gertrude McFuzz, whose low self-esteem gets a big boost after she sheds her unsightly tail feather and realizes just how amazing she is. A trio of dancers – Julie Dixon, Amanda Dees and Rachel Pino-Elliott – flaunt their moves with sass and swagger.

Four daring unicyclists form a whirling cross, spinning with their arms locked together: Isabela Martins, Elizabeth Gardner, Silas Fishburne and Heather Babin. Jeff Lesniak is the appropriately detestable Grinch.

Music director Mac Fancher puts Toscanini to shame. Well, he's very, very good. Rikki Howie Lacewell's choreography once again has her signature imagination and energy. For their work on the gaudy, motley, colorful costumes, Susan Neff, Beth LeMond and Anne Gardner deserve kudos.

Elizabeth Gardner gloriously towered over everybody on her stilts, playing her clarinet in the rousing grand finale, "Oh The



Courtney Harris plays JoJo and Steve Yednock is the Cat in the Hat in Seussical.



Sophie Cooper (Thing Two) hands a clover to Bird Girl Amanda Dees.



The Wickersham Brothers, played by Joey Rolandelli, Kathleen Moors and John Carter, tease Horton the Elephant (Bob Gudauskas).

Thinks You Can Think!"

You can realize how lucky you are and how amazing you can be if you see Seussical on December 9, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. or on December 10, 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.. For more information visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

Photos by Jon Gardner

Greenbelt Police Take Part In No-Shave November

by Kathleen Gallagher

Together with other public safety departments, organizations and businesses across the country, the Greenbelt Police Department participated for the first time in national "No-Shave November" in support of fundraising for awareness, education and research on prostate cancer. Acting Police Chief Major Thomas Kemp expressed special appreciation to MPOs Gerald Potts III and Robert Defibaugh for taking the initiative to organize the program. Acting Captain Gordon Pracht also joined the officers in sporting their facial growth at the November 28 city council meeting.

Potts explained that the threshold for participation was that an officer had to raise a minimum of \$50 to be allowed to grow a beard. In this first year, 22 officers participated and raised \$3,790 for the cause by November 30. Departments from various jurisdictions also engage in friendly competition with each other.

According to Potts one in sev-

en men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, with 180,000 diagnoses in the United States this year alone. An important reason for increasing awareness, however, is that if diagnosed early the disease has a close to 100 percent survival rate.

Potts also highlighted the other fundraisers and community efforts in which the department participates, such as the Polar Bear Plunge in late January to support the Special Olympics and the Shop with a Cop program at Beltway Plaza, which this year will take place on December 10. During October of this year, police officers were also spotted wearing pink badges in support of fundraising for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Although the local competition is over for this year, donations can still be made in the name of Greenbelt Police Department team members at support.zerocancer.org/site/TR/GrowandGive/GG16?team_id=2317&pg=team&fr_id=1230.

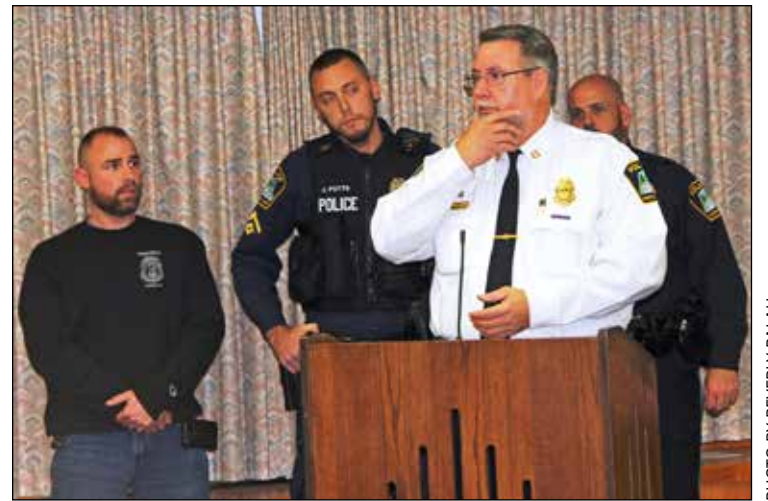


PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Checking to be sure it's still there - Acting Police Chief Major Thomas Kemp speaks to the city council about No-Shave November while closely observed by MPO Robert Defibaugh, MPO Gerald Potts III, and Acting Captain Gordon Pracht.



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A male cardinal poses for the birders at Buddy Attick Park.



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Windsor Green. Most recently the rims were removed following an incident involving a gun at the court in fall 2012. When shots were fired near the court a stray bullet hit a teenager, who was walking nearby, in the leg. No one else was injured, but during the same time younger children were using the adjacent soccer field.

According to Assistant Recreation Director Joseph McNeal, Mandan Field continues to be used by the city almost exclusively for organized, adult-supervised youth sports, primarily the Greenbelt Girls and Boys Club youth soccer and the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, which use the soccer/football field on a regular basis for eight or nine months of the year. For this type of activity, the area apparently functions satisfactorily.

Mayor pro tem Judith Davis, who presided over the meeting, said that prior to the gun incident, the city had received many complaints and had tried to resolve the problems with better police control. When the incident occurred in 2012, the rims were removed.

McNeal added that the rims had been removed once before, 10 or 12 years prior to the 2012 incident, and at that time the city had attempted to improve the situation by cutting down and controlling the underbrush at the field to make the court more easily visible from police vehicles. According to Davis, in recent years the city has also received requests from some residents to replace the rims, as well as from YAC. As a result, the city queried the Windsor Green board several times about what the residents wanted but to date had received no response.

Windsor Green Concerns

Also in attendance were four residents of Windsor Green who live on streets adjacent to the field and the basketball court. Syed Shamim said the reason for the lack of response was that, although there had been board discussion, no consensus or recommendation for action had been reached. Resident Anitra Byers added that she knew that at least some of the board members would be willing to have the rims back up, but only with the provision of additional monitoring and security on an ongoing basis, not just short term.

Ronald Dean, identifying himself as an original owner in Windsor Green, said the main problem is the location on Mandan, which is covered by woods and brush and backs up to woods. He emphasized that the residents have no problem with kids who live in Greenbelt; rather the issue has been young men who come in from elsewhere, parking cars on Mandan Road and taking over the court. There has also been evidence of drug use at the location.

Dean explained that the reason all of Windsor Green's own basketball courts have been taken down over the years is that they were not serving Windsor Green residents. The kids could not play because of the adults. In lieu of basketball at Mandan, he suggested putting in a net for volleyball or tennis. Another suggestion was putting in playground equipment that could be used by younger children whose families were attending soccer or football

games at the field.

According to Dean, residents do not think it is realistic to expect city police to provide the level of monitoring that would be necessary at this location. Shamim concurred with that opinion, saying residents have serious security concerns and question the capability of the police to provide the ongoing security that would be needed to make it a safe place for children to play.

Support

McNeal intervened to say that the Recreation Department favors replacing the rims and doing what is necessary to solve the other problems at the site. The problem in 2012, he said, was not the court. Rather, it was "the guy with the gun," who was near the court only coincidentally.

In addition to clearing the brush to increase visibility, McNeal suggested the city try to formally close the field at a certain time and post times to that effect, which could then more easily be enforced by the police.

Davis asked McNeal how many courts the city has and whether there were comparable problems elsewhere. He said there are about 15 city courts and there are not any ongoing problems with them.

Location, Location

Hunter Whaples commented that he had visited many of the basketball courts in the city and observed that the big difference between Mandan and the others is that the others are not in close proximity to residential and wooded areas. He suggested that the location itself might in fact be a significant problem.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said the police should be able to control it and that "it's not fair to close it to all kids because of a few crazies." He said the city can close it in the eve-

ning at whatever hour it wants.

After noting that the city Public Safety Advisory Committee is looking at expanded placement of security cameras, which might serve as a deterrent in this location, Davis asked Acting Police Chief Thomas Kemp to comment.

"Historically, it's been a hot spot," Kemp said. "The geography has its unique challenges." He agreed the location is quite different from those of other courts that are surrounded by city or commercial property and have good visibility. This location is on the edge of the city so it backs to condominiums and apartments that are not within the city limits and thus not part of the regular city police patrol.

Kemp said that back in the 1980s and 1990s, this area generated many discussions in the department. At the time, it was handled as an overtime detail, with police officers just sitting in the car and watching it. He thought McNeal's suggestion of having a posted sign with specific closing times might help, since it would be clear-cut for both police and residents that no one should be there for any reason outside of designated times. It would involve no subjective judgment of who was doing what but would for police be an "easy button."

Councilmember Edward Putens also provided historical background, saying the first basketball court for which the rims were removed in Windsor Green was on Frankfort Court and that he himself, as a board member, had removed them. After that, he said, they eventually were removed one by one.

Putens described people who were not residents "coming in from everywhere" and driving younger kids off. Beer and drugs were brought in and other social-

ly unacceptable behavior occurred in the area of the courts. Residents who stood up to the people coming in were intimidated and sometimes experienced retaliation.

"But," Putens said, "when the rims were removed, the problems all stopped."

To Keep or Not?

Putens said he believes nothing will control the Mandan Field court short of a fence and monitoring, but he wondered if a fence would just be cut through, as had the fence at the court at University Square. He said the issue with basketball courts is that adults want to use them, too, and where there is no structure as to how and when they can be used, adults can abuse them. McNeal said a fence would not necessarily solve anything and agreed with Putens that it would likely be cut.

Putens said he was not necessarily saying, "Don't do it," but that the city would have to be willing to make a major commitment of resources to make it work. He believed it likely that Mandan Road is simply an inappropriate location, where the cost of making it workable would be too high.

Davis asked if other councilmembers thought the court should be removed altogether at this location. Councilmember Leta Mach said the city should try again to find a solution. Councilmember Silke Pope, on the other hand, questioned if the location was salvageable.

"Why have a court in a place that is clearly so inappropriate and isn't visible from the street?" Pope asked. She said a fair process is needed to resolve it, with the first step being an adequate survey of Windsor Green

residents, followed by a thorough evaluation of whether it can work at that location.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin if there was another location that might work better. McLaughlin replied that Windsor Green has five or six playgrounds, so there is no shortage of that type of recreation. The problem, he said, is that there is no city property in the area. He noted that the court at University Square apartments has been made half-court, which has temporarily solved problems there, since that is less attractive to adults. Another possibility, he suggested, might be partnering with Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which is across the street from Windsor Green, for use of their courts instead of trying to save this one.

Davis reminded council that, although the city does a great deal for younger children by way of recreation, the criticism has been made for years that Greenbelt does not do enough for older children and teenagers.

In concluding, Davis reviewed the list of suggestions that had been made and encouraged the Police Department to hold a community meeting with the residents of Windsor Green since the areas of concern regarding crime and safety are broader than just the basketball court. There was general agreement to proceed with the survey, installation of a closing-time sign and renewed clearing of vegetation at the site while the survey is undertaken.



Concerned Women of Greenbelt

Recently a group of concerned women gathered to support each other and reaffirm our core beliefs. We recognize that the political landscape has changed and all of us as citizens need to take a more active role. As citizens of Greenbelt and of the United States we need to actively say:

1. It is NOT OKAY for anyone to be threatened for following their religious beliefs
2. It is NOT OKAY for racist behavior or language to become normalized
3. It is NOT OKAY to threaten to break up families and threaten millions with deportation
4. It is NOT OKAY to treat facts as if they are inconvenient and unimportant
5. It is NOT OKAY to use misogynistic language and behavior to normalize sexual harassment and assault
6. It is NOT OKAY to register people according to their religious beliefs for future targeting
7. It is NOT OKAY to take health insurance away from millions of vulnerable people
8. It is NOT OKAY to legitimize misogyny and homophobia and xenophobia
9. It is NOT OKAY to deny the preponderance of scientific evidence that humans have been the primary driver in the change in climate that we are currently witnessing
10. It is NOT OKAY to actively pursue an agenda that will endanger all humans and other living creatures across the entire planet.

As a result of this election season, many disturbing ideologies that have been hiding in the shadows have now come out into the light and incidents of hate crimes are rising. On Saturday, November 19th, the alt-right and members of the Klu Klux Klan held a victory party in Washington, D.C. The fact that they are no longer even trying to stay hidden is one of the reasons that we feel it is so important that all of us PAY ATTENTION and get active. As residents of Greenbelt and/or frequent participants in Greenbelt activities, we recognize all the good in our community and in our country and we don't want these "shadows" to feel comfortable and empowered.

Please join us for a Peace Gathering with music and readings on Saturday December 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Peace Pole on the hill behind the Greenbelt Library.

signed,
Rachel Alexander, Monica Mische, Laura Beckert, Nancy Solomon, Kyla Hanington, Patricia Anne Noone, Laura Barany-O'Neil, Barbara Davis, Jean Turkiewicz, Julie Antolick Winters, Sheila Muffay-Tuthill, Wendy Moore, Laura Knutson, Ann Potter, Virginia McCauley, Lucy Dirksen, Lore Rosenthal, Patricia Mische

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 15, 2016

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. GHI Executive (closed) Session Meeting Reasons:

- Contract for Design of a Storm Water Drainage System
- Review M-3 Delinquency & Distressed Units' Report
- Report from Complaint Panel #3

2. GHI Regular Open Session Meeting

- Expenditure Authorization for the 2017 Operating Budget-2nd Reading
- Certification of Yardlines for 1A-D Research Rd & 56A-K Ridge Rd
- Proposed Revisions to Rules re: Placement of Interior Line Sets for Heat Pump Units.
- Performance Report re: A Gutter Protection System Pilot Program
- Review Policy re: Installation of Solar Hot Water Systems
- Investigate the Feasibility of Installing Solar PVES/Water Heating Systems at the Administration Building and Parkway Apartments.
- Financing Improvements to Crawlspace of Additions Not on the Addition Maintenance Program.
- Review Communications Committee's Year-end Report.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Robbery

November 25, 5:50 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A man who agreed to sell a notebook computer on the Internet arranged to meet the buyer in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Metro station to complete the transaction. He was sitting in his vehicle when three men entered it and one produced a handgun and announced a robbery. They fled on foot after taking money, cell phone and wallet.

November 27, 1:30 a.m., Breezewood Court near Edmonston Terrace. Two men approached another man who had parked his car and was walking to a nearby dumpster. One of the two men was armed with a handgun, announced a robbery and took the walker's wallet, cell phone and car keys. Both of them then fled on foot.

Sex Offense

November 27, 7 p.m., Cherrywood Lane near Greenbelt Metro Drive. A woman walking down Cherrywood Lane was approached by as many as five men who pushed her to the ground and fondled her.

Theft

November 26, 5:15 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A woman reported that she believed her wallet was taken from her purse at Joe's Crab Shack. Credit cards in the purse were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

November 27, 3:12 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. Merchandise was removed from a parcel package left at the front door of a residence.

Vandalism

November 24, 9:51 p.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace. The dining room window of a residence was broken out.

November 25, 10:25 a.m., 71 Court Ridge Road. A fence was vandalized.

Burglary

November 26, 9:58 p.m., 7400 block Frankfort Place. Officers responded to a report of a residential alarm sounding. The basement sliding glass door was

broken out, but it did not appear that entry was gained.

Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were stolen on November 25. A black 2-door 1999 Honda Civic Del Sol with Md. tags 8BM7965 was taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane, a blue 4-door 1998 Acura Integra with Md. tags 7BF1239 was taken from the 9200 block Springhill Lane and a green 4-door 2005 Nissan Sentra with Md. tags BDF9308 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Handicap placards were stolen from five vehicles after windows had been broken, three on November 24, one each in the 9100 block Springhill Lane, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Two were stolen on November 29, both in the 5900 block Breezewood Drive.

Other thefts occurred after windows were compromised in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road (jacket, purse and battery charger), 7300 block Sunrise Court (audio/visual system) and 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (financial documents). In the latter, a person possibly involved is described as a black man, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, 130 to 140 pounds, with dreadlocks, riding a green bicycle.

A purse was taken in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive, and a wallet, book bag and a pair of sneakers were taken from an unsecured vehicle in the 6700 block Springshire Way.

Two vehicles were rummaged through in the 9500 block Cherrywood Lane and 9100 block Springhill Lane but nothing appeared to have been taken.

An attempt was made in the 9100 block Edmonston Road to steal an in-dash stereo, damaging it in the process.

Vandalism was reported in the 6000 block Springhill Drive, where a hole was punched in a gas tank, and in the 7200 block Hanover Drive, where the rear windshield of a marked police vehicle was broken out.

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transit access for the city's newest neighborhood, Greenbelt Station. Patricia Walters, a Greenbelt Station homeowner and former Virginia resident, said that she purchased her townhouse after seeing the Ryan Homes maps showing a proposed walking path to the Greenbelt Metrorail station. She described her excitement at being able to live in a transit-oriented development like Clarendon or Ballston, but more affordable. The developers marketed Greenbelt Station as having Metro access and promised that the path would be completed by the end of 2015. Although engineering plans and funding for the walking path are finalized, a year later, the neighborhood still does not have its footpath to the station. WMATA representative Ginger Archibald said that the agency is waiting for a final decision on the FBI relocation because WMATA is concerned about liability issues for a walking path that will cross a construction site. Another attendee – who does not live in Greenbelt Station – said that the years that FBI construction would take was too long to wait for the promised pathway.

Assistant Director of Planning Terri Hruby has explored with WMATA the possibility that existing bus routes serving Greenbelt Road – most likely the C2 – could be modified to include a stop at Greenbelt Station, but WMATA requires that new bus stops be ADA-accessible, and that bus stop site has a limited right-of-way, steep grades and guard rails adjacent to the sidewalk. These deficiencies would be costly to remedy.

Greenbelt Station has already demonstrated that residents would almost certainly use transit to the Greenbelt Metrorail station. The developer currently provides a shuttle to the station, which logged 1,617 trips during morning (6:30 to 9 a.m.) and evening (4:30 to 7 p.m.) rush hours for the month in which the metrics were collected. In comparison, the county's The Bus Route 11 averaged 1,490 weekday trips per month during 2016 and Metro's R12 provided 1,584 trips per month during the peak spring months. Representatives from The Bus and WMATA said that ridership is down in 2016, however, because of Metrorail's Safe Track Surge program, but Councilmem-

ber Edward Putens noted that the Greenbelt Station shuttle trips represented new revenue and riders that the WMATA and County buses were losing. When the developers discontinue the shuttle, as they are likely to do after all homes are completed and sold, residents will have to find other ways to the Metrorail station.

Jordan and other city councilmembers, emphasized that accessible and well-planned transit is key to both economic viability and community building in Greenbelt. Walters agreed, saying that residents are starting to look to College Park and Hyattsville for shopping, dining, and entertainment rather than exploring options in Greenbelt. She looks forward to the city's proposed extension of the Indian Creek Trail walking and bicycle path, which will eventually connect Greenbelt Station and Lake Artemesia to Cherrywood Lane and the buses that serve that road, but safety concerns make this a less viable transit option at night.



City Notes

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program convened the first meeting of the Hoarding Task Force in partnership with Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

GAIL also provided Thanksgiving baskets to 30 families in Greenbelt thanks to the gifts of local business and city staff.

Public Works Director Jim Sterling and City Manager Michael McLaughlin met with the Co-op Supermarket regarding their fire suppression line.

Public Works staff installed the red nose for Rudolf on the reindeer on Hanover Parkway, decorated the Christmas tree and put up lights in Roosevelt Center.

Romeo and Juliet Free at UMD

Romeo and Juliet will be performed on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11 in the Cafritz Foundation Theatre of The Clarice. On Saturday performances will be offered at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. On Sunday a single performance will be given at 2 p.m. All performances are free.

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FALL GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Gilbert Construction & DCG Gutter Cleaning are the contractors performing GHI's fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

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Greenbelt American Legion Post 136

in conjunction with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation announces its annual Toys for Tots program. Collection boxes are located in the Post at 6900 Greenbelt Rd and the Food Coop in old Greenbelt. Please visit the facilities and donate your new and unwrapped toy for children to 16 years.

It is a great feeling to see the number of families that are aided by the program with different reactions ranging from tears to smiles as they are helped providing toys for a child that might otherwise not receive a gift. The Toys for Tots program allows children to have hope and experience the joy of Christmas, while motivating them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens, and community leaders. On behalf of the American Legion Post 136 Family, I thank the local communities, the Prince George's County Police toy collection and distribution, and the Marine Corps Reserve for maintaining the Toys for Tots program. Your devotion, kindness and generosity will help ensure many children have a Merry Christmas.

Mike Moore—Commander, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136

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in 1999. The west one has never been dredged.

"The dredging removed 2,385 cubic yards of earth from the two forebays," Josephitis said at the city's presentation. As perspective, a normal-sized dump truck can hold about 10 cubic yards of dirt. So close to 239 dump truck loads went to the landfill with dirt from these ponds.

"The dirt went to the sanitary landfill where garbage goes," explained contractor Andy Whaley of Stormwater Maintenance and Consulting. He said the landfill was necessary because of the contaminants in the soil.

Stormwater Maintenance is part of the coalition of engineers and consultants that was brought together through the Prince George's County Clean Water Partnership with Corvias Solutions.

In addition to dredging, Stormwater Maintenance planted native plants near the water's edge. "It doesn't look like much now," Whaley admitted, but promised the plants would leaf out in the spring.

Also, they built an obstacle course for the water coming in by digging into the forebay. It now has varying levels and a stone retaining wall to force the water to slow down as it moves through the forebay. As it slows, the water will drop sediment in the forebay, not in the lake. A permanent educational sign describes the process.

The project, which needed to comply with federal clean water regulations, was paid for with the county's Storm Water Utility Fee (also known as the "rain tax"). There was no cost to Greenbelt.

"This was something we wanted to do but couldn't afford," said Mayor Emmett Jordan. County Councilmember Todd Turner added that there are several other stormwater maintenance projects underway. "I'm proud to have the first completed project in my district."



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The Visitor Center will close at 1 p.m. on December 24 and reopen on December 27, and will close again at 1 p.m. on December 31 and reopen on January 3.

Botanic Garden Hosts Seasonal Concerts

The U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory will hold free seasonal concerts in the Garden Court on Tuesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Capital Accord Chorus will perform on December 13 and Tony Craddock, Jr. & Cold Front, an inspirational jazz group, will perform on December 15. Limited seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

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Santa Visits Lions Pancake Breakfast at the Legion

by Butch Hicks

Greenbelt American Legion Sam Hofberg Hall was filled with squeals of delight as about 50 children visited Santa on Saturday, December 3 to share Christmas wishes. The Greenbelt Lions Club annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa brought children and their families to the Post to enjoy pancakes, holiday music and visits to Santa's lap.

Lions Club President Harvey Hauptman and Secretary Lynda Varda coordinated the event that included program support by Eleanor Roosevelt High School students, College Park and Greenbelt Boy Scouts and Lions Club

volunteers. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 volunteers made a significant contribution with the appearance of Santa Claus, also known as Mike Moore, commander of Post 136. He was assisted by his capable elf, Rosalie Mayock, a member of the Post Auxiliary Unit.

The event raises funds for the Lions Club Warm Clothes for Needy Children campaign. Participants paid a small fee for the breakfast and were encouraged to bring coats and other warm clothes for distribution by the Lions.



Greenbelt Legion member Fred Mooney's clan featured children, grandchildren and great grandchildren getting their photo taken with Santa. - Photos by Butch Hicks



Santa's entourage included Santa (aka Mike Moore, commander, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136); Elf Assistant Rosalie Mayock; Lions Club Lion (aka Joey Hoke); Lions Club President Harvey Hauptman; Club Secretary Lynda Varda. The group's collaborative effort helped the Lions Club raise funds for the organization's Warm Clothes for Needy Children Campaign.

Tree Lighting Is Zero Waste

by Connor Roessler

Greenbelt's community tree lighting became a zero waste event for the second year in a row on the evening of December 2. Members of the Greenbelt Green Team Zero Waste Circle volunteered for the Department of Public Works to encourage recycling and composting. An announcement from Mayor Emmett Jordan confirmed that Greenbelt continues to strive for sustainability promoting the event as zero waste.

Working with the Recreation Department, zero waste volunteers educated festival goers that their clean paper cups could be recycled and promoted a collection of food waste for compost. Some residents brought their own reusable mugs for hot cocoa to reduce the number of paper cups needed. Cookies were served in Ziploc plastic bags; many residents were not aware that Ziploc bags are a plastic film which, much like plastic grocery bags, can be recycled at grocery store collection boxes. The Co-op Supermarket donated their plastic film collection box for the event to provide a place for patrons to recycle. In addition, the paired bins made it easy to recycle clean paper cups and dispose of landfill trash. Greenbelter Corita Waters collected a majority of the Ziploc bags for a program at Greenbelt Elementary School that upcycles materials to be made into new products.

Keeping waste from entering the landfill is important because landfills require huge amounts of space that is taken away from wildlife and cause environmental and public health problems with water and air pollution. Stay committed to zero waste by becoming involved in the Greenbelt Green Team Zero Waste Circle and by reviewing the Prince George's County Zero Waste plan at princegeorgescountymd.gov/2651/Zero-Waste-Draft-Plan.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

Santa arrives with his elves and with Little Miss Greenbelt, Guilia Blough, and Junior Miss Greenbelt, Cynthia Quinton.



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The Greenbelt Concert Band plays at the tree lighting.

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