

## Pepco's Triple Whammy Jeopardizes Movie House

by James Giese

It all started in June, 2015 when Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT), the newly selected operator of the city-owned movie house at Roosevelt Center, asked the Pepco electric utility to begin billing it for electricity consumption at the theater. The initial bill was for \$442.39 but future bills declined and by October monthly bills were under \$200. In March, 2016, Pepco failed to send a bill. When the theater inquired about the bill, it was told that its account was under review. When billing restarted, the theater suffered a triple blow to its financial operation. Pepco changed the rate multiplier from 40 to 80. It changed the rate code for the building from MGT II to GS. It back billed the rate increases to June, 2015. The result was that the theater owed over \$18,000 in back charges and had its monthly bills increased by more than five times.

At its January 18 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council met with Pepco representatives

Jerry Pasternak, vice-president, and Tami Watkins, and FOGT representatives Gwen Vaccaro, president, and Carol MacAdam, office coordinator, to learn more about the issue.

Council was provided with copies of a Public Service Commission, Office of External Relations, finding dated December 2, 2016 signed by Karen E. Robinson, administrative officer in support of Pepco. FOGT had earlier made an appeal to the Commission. Robinson declared that, "Pepco is within its rights to re-billed [sic.] you at the current rate based on its tariff." A utility can bill retroactively for a period of up to 12 months without the Commissioner's authorization for undercharges that resulted by Pepco using an incorrect rate instead of the appropriate rate as determined by its tariff, the findings stated.

FOGT was given 10 days to appeal Robinson's decision, but did not do so.

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## Greenbelters Hold a Sister March in Roosevelt Center

In Roosevelt Center on January 21, a "sister march" gave Greenbelters a local venue to march in solidarity with Women's Marches around the world. Marchers circled the plaza from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., approximately 20 altogether, solitarily and in groups, including toddlers and dogs, locals and even out-of-towners who were unable to get to D.C.

March organizers provided drumming and singing to accompany the marchers. MakerSpace offered shelter when the weather looked challenging.

Organizer Alicia Deligianis explained several goals for the event. "One was to give people a platform to march in Green-

belt. Another was to welcome discussion on what to do moving forward and the third was to welcome people to share how they are feeling and reflect."

Several marchers had been thwarted by crowds at the Metro but later managed to get downtown and so got to attend two marches. Participants talked about the history of Greenbelt, about women's rights and shared their experiences of demonstrating in the past.

"There were many beautiful moments," Deligianis reflected. "Mothers encouraged their children to be involved, telling them they would want some day to say they were a part of this."

## Council Hears Lakeside North Petition, Other Citizen Requests

by Diane Oberg

The key item of interest at the January 23 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council was the presentation of a petition related to a proposed apartment building adjacent to Lakeside North Apartments. Once this item was completed, most of the attendees at the meeting left, leaving council and a few residents to deal with grants to local schools, school boundaries and state legislation.

The meeting began with the swearing in of the new city manager, Nicole Ard. Mayor Emmett Jordan administered the oath and Ard thanked council, the community and city staff for their help and support.

### Lakeside North

Brian Almquist of Boxwood Village presented a petition with over 500 signatures asking council to oppose the development

Mayor Emmett Jordan denied the rumor that council plans to vote on the Highrise Luxury Apartment concept. He said those rumors are not true.

of a 25-story apartment building adjacent to Lakeside North and to oppose any zoning changes that would allow for its development. Almquist noted that in the April 4, 2016, council worksession on the proposal, Da-

vid Hillman, president of Southern Management Corporation, conceded that the company would not proceed with the proposal if there was serious opposition from council. Almquist and the petitioners are asking council to express such opposition. He noted that it appears that the company has been surveying the property.

Almquist noted that he had presented a similar petition more than seven months ago that was not responded to by council. He informed council that his group, Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice, will continue to organize against the proposal until council writes to the developers and expresses its opposition to the project. Bill Orleans said that if council plans to oppose the development, there is no reason not to make that position known now.

Jordan addressed the rumors that have been circulating that



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

New City Manager Nicole Ard greets Greenbelters at a reception before the January 23 city council meeting.

council plans to vote to approve the project at its February 13 meeting. Such rumors are not true, he said, further noting that it has been almost a year since Southern Management presented its proposal and, so far as he knows, they have had no further contact with either city or county officials.

The petition will be placed on the agenda of the February 13 meeting.

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## ACE Grants Fund Programs At Greenbelt Schools

by Jon Gardner

At the City Council meeting on Monday, January 23, the council approved 20 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grants to six local schools, for a total of \$8,638.55. The ACE grants are available to teachers and parent-teacher organizations from Greenbelt schools and are given in response to proposals for projects or items that enhance or enrich school-based activities. The grants program is funded by the City of Greenbelt, and selection of the proposals for funding was made by council based on input from ACE.

Greenbelt Elementary School was awarded six grants this year. A grant will bring a hip-hop poetry artist into the school for a multi-media presentation. The school library will get two Chromebook computers to set up an online catalog. There will be a set of books for literature circles for grades 3 to 5 and a set of reading games for the second grade. Grants will purchase licenses for an online math program, and a set of math games to be used in the first grade.

Five grants were approved for Springhill Lake Elementary School. Two of the grants will

enhance the physical activity at the school, expanding a bike-riding program, and purchasing a set of trampolines that will be used by the special education teachers with students who have particular physical needs. A grant will purchase science experiments, and another will enable a student Best-Sellers Day in which each student in the school will create a book of his or her work. The school has some students who do not have cold weather clothing, and a grant will be used to purchase cardigans in the school uniform colors for students in need.

Magnolia Elementary School received three grants. The school will expand its outdoor garden classroom program with a student-designed sensory garden space for quiet reflection. A grant will bring a dance performance group, Urban Artistry, for a program inspired by the urban experience. The school will get bilingual books and math and reading games that students can use with their parents at home to help build the school-parent education partnership.

The Dora Kennedy French Immersion School will also receive

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PHOTO BY REBECCA OSSI

Greenbelters Rebecca Ossi, Andrea McClelland, Megan Plyler, Andrea Marcavitch, Corita Waters and Andrea Waters pose in front of the crowds in D.C. at the Women's March on Washington. See more photos on page 12.

### What Goes On

- Saturday, January 28**  
9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard
- Monday, January 30**  
6 p.m., Greenbelt CERT Meeting, Greenbelt Police Station
- 8 p.m., Council Worksession, North Core DSP, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv
- Tuesday, January 31**  
3:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center
- Wednesday, February 1**  
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center
- Thursday, February 2**  
2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Free Produce Distribution, Springhill Lake Elementary School (See city ad for details.)
- 7:30 p.m. Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) Meeting, Municipal Building
- Sunday, February 5**  
1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## Thank You

This morning, I walked the newly opened path from my home on Laurel Hill Road to the playground on Research Road.

Thanks to the dedicated men and women on the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Woodlands Committee.

This heavily wooded area took hours of work to clear. The path is now open for safe walking.

Greenbelt is great.

Mary Ann Baker

## End Captivity Of Marine Mammals

This Saturday, as part of its Family Series, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will show the 1963 film, 'Flipper,' about the friendship between a dolphin and a boy who rescued him. Five dolphins, kept in captivity in Florida, were used to make the film. It is interesting that the film is part of the Family Series, since the keeping and use of dolphins for entertainment is predicated on the deprivation the long-term social relationships that are so important to them. It is also interesting that the screening will be taking place at a time when public consciousness about the larger problem of animal abuse in filmmaking has been aroused by the scandal surrounding the forthcoming film, 'A Dog's Purpose' (see: nydailynews.com/opinion/dog-purpose-latest-instance-animal-abuse-film-article-1.2952314).

As evidenced by the recent announcement by Sea World that it will end its orca shows, there has been an evolution in thinking about the acceptability of keeping highly intelligent, highly social and very active marine mammals isolated from their natural social groups and contained in what are, for them, tiny spaces. With the recent films 'Blackfish' and 'The Cove,' that evolution in thinking is accelerating, and more folks are becoming aware of the cruelty that is inherent in keeping dolphins and orcas in captivity. This screening presents a great opportunity for us to educate ourselves about the problems presented by keeping marine mammals in captivity and using them for entertainment, whether in aquarium shows or movies.

Regarding 'Flipper' specifically, it is interesting to note how thinking had changed between 1963 and the time that the 1996 version of the film was made. The 1996 film's director, Alan Shapiro, said in a New York Times article that "[i]t is a paradox, making this movie with captive dolphins." He continued, "[i]n the future, I would love to not use a live animal. I personally would love there not to be any captive dolphins. That's the honest truth."

It's also worth noting that Ric O'Barry, who trained the dolphins used in the 'Flipper' TV series, which followed the 1963 film, recognized the cruelty involved in his profession, and in 1970 began a campaign to end the dolphin captivity industry. Ric O'Barry's Dolphin Project (dolphinproject.net) has been dedicated to the welfare and protection of dolphins worldwide since Earth Day, 1970.

The good news is that we understand that the theater will be screening a very brief trailer, 'Dolphins Don't Belong in Cap-

tivity,' and hosting a speaker on the issue. Dolphin Project educational materials will also be available at the theater. Whether you decide to see the film or not, please visit our information table at the theater or visit dolphinproject.net to educate yourself about the need to end marine mammal captivity, and take the pledge not to buy a ticket to a dolphin show. Also, please consider the animals when making decisions on how to spend your entertainment dollars. Thank you.

Barbara Glick and  
Josh Hamlin

## Getting Ripped Off While Lollygagging

At the January 9 city council meeting, the council unanimously voted to spend \$312,189 on Taser body cameras for city patrol officers. My first reaction to this news is "About time." Indeed, it was in August of 2014 after the police shooting of an unarmed black teenager named Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, that the conversation about race relations, policing and the need for cities to acquire body cameras to settle conflicting accounts about controversial police encounters began to really take root in America. Following the shooting of Brown several other similar incidents took place, and cities in Maryland and across the nation took swift action to increase transparency in police departments. But the Greenbelt City Council took its sweet time. This is just a sampling of the jurisdictions that acquired body cameras before Greenbelt: Prince George's County; the University of Maryland, College Park; Baltimore City; Baltimore County; Montgomery County; Seattle, Wash.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Richmond and Norfolk, Va.; San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif.; New York, N.Y.; and Boise, Idaho. This is particularly unfortunate because a plurality of Greenbelt residents are African American and this is clearly a time in which it is important for cities to move quickly to strengthen the relationships between their police departments and residents.

The second concern I have about the city council's dealing with the issue relates to the process it used, or did not use, to arrive at its decision to award Taser the contract for the body cameras. Instead of having multiple body camera manufacturers compete for the contract, council decided to award Taser a no-bid contract. In principle, this is akin to when then-vice president Dick Cheney's former company, Halliburton, profited from the War in Iraq after he gave no-bid contracts to the company, which engaged in overcharging and wasteful practices at the expense of ordinary Americans. In an April 2016 Wall Street Journal article titled "In Body-Camera Push, Taser Schools Cities on No-Bid Deals," Charles Tiefer, a law professor at the University of Baltimore, explains that such no-bid contracts are an example of "the contractor's dream to use contracting officials as ventriloquist dummies." In addition, prior to council awarding the contract to Taser, Taser gave two city officials an all-expenses paid trip to Arizona. This smacks of pay-to-play, and we cannot have

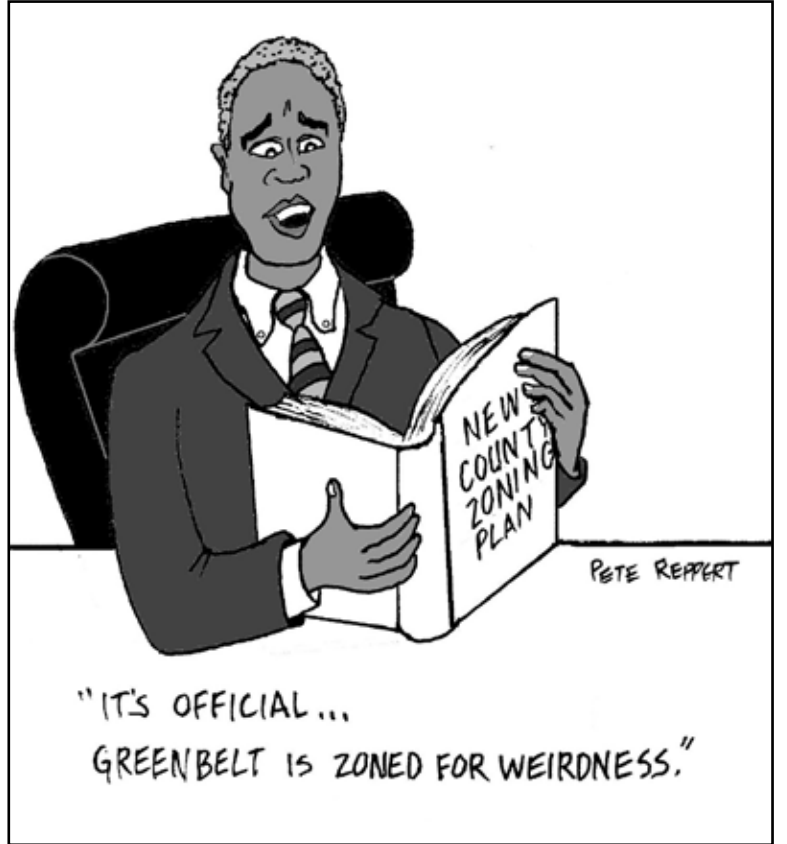
a council that practices a culture of corruption.

Now council has said that it had to award the contract to Taser without bidding because Taser's cameras supposedly had superior technical features, but, without letting companies submit bids, it is that much harder to definitively draw that conclusion. As an example, the comparison matrix council used to justify its decision excluded multiple body camera companies, so even that informal analysis was far from complete.

In essence, what council did would be somewhat like going to the grocery store to buy orange juice and buying a brand of orange juice without an ounce of regard for the height of its price and without even so much as glancing at the prices of the other brands of orange juice for comparative purposes. And, on top of that, council did not even negotiate on price. Even in other cities that ultimately gave Taser no-bid contracts, they only did so after negotiating prices down, in some cases saving their cities millions.

What's done is done, but, in the future, I hope and trust council will do more to make sure the city is getting the best bang for its buck when it gives out such large contracts. It's what the people of Greenbelt deserve.

Colin Byrd



## Correction

In last week's article Greenbelt History in Photos, the man holding the pickaxe was incorrectly identified. He was George E. Allen, the D.C. administrator of the Public Works Administration. Also the other man was Dr. Alexander.

## Inauguration Photos?

Last week we asked for photos of the inauguration and the march. We received many photos of the march, but none of the inauguration. If anyone went to the inauguration and took photos, please send them to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com



## LOVE NOTES

are coming!

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Sat. 4:00, 7:15 PM  
Sun. 1:00 (OC), 4:00, 7:15 PM  
Mon. 4:00 (with special NASA guest), 7:15 PM  
Tues. 4:00 (with special NASA guest), 7:15 PM  
Wed. 1:00, 4:00 (with special NASA guests), 7:15 PM  
Thurs. 4:00 (with special NASA guest), 7:15 PM

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(1963) (G) (87 mins)  
Sat. 1:00 PM (with Marine Mammalogist guest)

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# Community Events

## How Do We Know We Are Doing Enough?

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114.

The climate movement is going through tumultuous times. Extreme weather, flooding, wildfires are increasing. At the same time, the political climate is becoming ever more challenging.

Leaders such as Bill McKibben and Ezra Silk are calling for a "Climate Mobilization".

Buddhist philosopher, Joanna Macy, suggests three types of actions, that will lead us to a "Great Turning": protest the negative/shine the light . . . focus on the positive/build new forward-thinking "systems" . . . get in touch with the spiritual/paradigm shift/cosmic awakening. Is this a good framing for our work?

This month, we will use facilitated discussion to explore our individual and collective answers to: How Do We Know If We Are Doing Enough? How do we know if our actions/solutions are to scale with the problems? Using local examples – GCAN, Zero Waste, CCAN, Transition Towns, 350.org, Green-for-All, Climate Victory Plan – we will discuss how each of us decides the best use of our individual and collective energies. Our discussion will continue in March, with a guest speaker on Transition Towns.

As always, we will use the last portion of the evening for announcements and updates on local and national issues we are following.

For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, at [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org) or 301-345-2234 or see [facebook.com/pg/chearsorg/events/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/chearsorg/events/).

## Exploring Aromatherapy And Essential Oils

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Joy Galicinao on Friday, January 27 at 1 p.m. She will be presenting how essential oils can enhance an individual's well-being, including the possibilities of improving cognitive function. More and more scientific research is showing positive results in studies of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. In this presentation, Galicinao will discuss why essential oils can improve cognitive function, what oils can be used safely to achieve desired results and just how aromatherapy works. She will also discuss the proper use of essential oils and various methods of application to achieve the best results.

Galicinao is a certified aromatherapist and has been using and blending essential oils for over 25 years. Over the years she has come to respect the power of essential oils both individually and through the synergy created in a blend. Each oil and each blend has therapeutic, energetic and emotional properties.

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

## At the Library

### Ready 2 Read

Ready 2 Read Storytimes: ages 3 to 5, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., Tuesdays, 7 p.m. (except February 21); ages 2 to 3, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., Thursdays, 4:15 p.m.; newborn to age 2, Thursdays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Minecraft, ages 5 to 12, Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m. Come play Minecraft with others to flex your imagination, create your own world and make new friends.

### Lecture Series

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. February 7: Debt Is Slavery: The Rothschild Plan, presented by Sam El-Amin. February 14: Festivals of Freedom: A History of African-American Holidays, presented by C.R. Gibbs. February 21: Rev. William H. Jernagin: A Minister, Mentor and More, presented by Dr. Ida Jones. February 27: Crossing the Rubicon: The Battle for Black Public Education in the District of Columbia.

Black History Live with Culture Queen! ages 12 and under, Wednesday, February 8, 11:15 a.m.

Join this award-winning teaching artist as she engages children in motivating music, marvelous movement and super storytelling activities inspired by the Kings and Queens of Black History.

### Readers Theater

Readers Theater, recommended ages 8 to 12. Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m. Children participate in fun reading activities that vary from performing skits, monologues, tongue twisters and poetry.

## GHI Notes

Friday, January 27, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Sunday, January 29, 2 to 4 p.m., GHI Town Hall Meeting, Greenbelt Fire Department

Tuesday, January 31, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, February 1, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, Board Room

Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

## Night Sky in Winter At Greenbelt Park

Observe and learn about the winter constellations on Sunday, January 29 at 5 p.m. at the Sweetgum Picnic Area in Greenbelt Park. Gather beneath a sky studded with bright stars gleaming in the winter evening. Bring binoculars and warm clothing for this amateur astronomy talk about our night sky. The talk will be canceled in case of rain or snow or if the sky is overcast.



More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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## Greenbelt Arts Center

### DON'T MISS

#### A VISIT FROM SCARFACE

Jan 27, 28, Feb 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8PM  
 Jan 29 and Feb 5 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission,  
 \$20 Students/Seniors/Military,  
 \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

#### COMING SOON

TRIBUTE AUDITIONS – Jan 30 - 31 – to be at the Greenbelt Arts Center  
**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** – Mar 3 - 25 –  
 Directed by Jeffrey Lesniak, Choreographed by Rikki Howie Laceywell  
**Tribute** – Apr 21 - May 13 – Directed by Gayle Negri  
**She Speaks** – June 2 - 18 – Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770** or  
 email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
**BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

## Star Party January 28

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, January 28 at the city observatory located at Northway Fields. Venus, setting nearly four hours after sunset, will be high above the horizon, as will Mars. The plan is also to observe the Orion Nebula, the Little Dumbbell Nebula and the Cigar Galaxy. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. The Moon will not be up, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 6:30 p.m. and continue for at least two hours. 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.

## Arts Advisory Board Meets February 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center Art Gallery, Room 112. The main agenda item for this meeting is a review of applications from Greenbelt community organizations seeking in-kind support from the city in fiscal year 2018 as official Recognition Groups. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at [ndewald@greenbeltdm.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdm.gov) or 240-542-2057.

## Beech Tree Puppets Perform Jan. 28

Greenbelt puppet company, Beech Tree Puppets, performs "Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight" at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m. This show combines two Native American creation tales, from the Lenape and the Inuit tribes. Crow has been revered by many cultures throughout the ages. Follow Crow on his journey to the Sky Spirit, as he brings fire to earth and saves the other animals. For ages 4 through 104. Show duration 45 minutes. Admission free, donations are welcome.

## 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 January 30 are as follows:

Monday, January 30: Salsa chicken, cilantro lime rice, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, sliced peaches, apple juice.

Tuesday, January 31: Country fried steak with country gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice.

**Utopia Film Festival Presents**  
**Sunday, Jan. 29th, Wed., Feb. 1st & Fri., Feb. 3rd**  
**Beginning at 8 PM**

**"Experimental Video," curated by Chris Lynn (2012),**  
**"The Human Factor," and "The 36"**

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

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 Thursday, February 2, 2017  
 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**GHI Regular Open Session Meeting**  
*(Immediately following Executive Meeting)*

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on 1/22/2017
- Presentation of the Companion Animal Committee's Semi-annual Report
- Request by the Member of 4D Hillside to be Allowed Extra Time to Remove Non-approved Fencing in the Serviceside Yard.
- Request the Architectural Review Committee to Recommend Whether P.G. County "Rain-Check" Barrels Should be Approved for Installation in GHI
- Finance Committee's Recommendation re: Financing crawlspace improvements on Additions that are not on the Addition Maintenance Program
- Review Draft minutes for the 2016 Annual Meeting
- Response from GHI's Attorney re: Audit Committee Questions about GDC Apartment Acquisitions
- National Cooperative Bank Resolution for Authorized Signatures

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# SADD Teens Here Take Part In National Drug Facts Week

Teenagers from Eleanor Roosevelt's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter have joined forces with other teens and scientists across the U.S. as part of National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW). The week-long health observance, organized by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, both part of the National Institutes of Health, takes place through Sunday, January 29.

NDAFW celebrates the inquisitive minds of teens by giving them a space (virtual or physical) to ask questions about drugs and alcohol and to get scientific answers from experts. As part of the NDAFW celebration, Eleanor Roosevelt's SADD students are performing a skit on January 26 to depict the dangers of teen drug use. They will also be allowing students to test out "fatal vision" goggles as well as conducting a sobriety test to experience the dangers of drunk driving firsthand.

About a third of high school seniors across the country report using an illicit drug sometime in the past year, and more than 10 percent report non-medical use of a narcotic painkiller. While drugs can put a teenager's health and life in jeopardy, many teens are not aware of the risks. Even for those who do not abuse drugs, many have friends or family who do and they are often looking for ways to help them.

A 2015 study on teen drug

use revealed that 52.3 percent of Maryland high school students have drunk alcohol, and about half of these students had consumed alcohol within 30 days of being surveyed. A study in the same year showed that over 30 percent of Maryland high schoolers had used marijuana, and well over half of them had used it recently.

"We want teens to have the opportunity to learn what science has taught us about drug abuse, alcohol and addiction," said Joanne Read, Eleanor Roosevelt High School's SADD advisor. "There are so many myths about drugs and alcohol cluttering our popular culture. National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week is for teens to get honest answers about drugs so they can make good, informed decisions for themselves and share accurate information with friends. Our chapter is focusing on informing their peers about the dangers of alcohol and marijuana abuse as well as prescription drug and heroin abuse," said Read.

NDAFW will be supported by 10 different organizations in Maryland. They will be hosting events and discussions on teen substance abuse and how to address it.

SADD is a nationwide organization dedicated to raising awareness on the dangers associated with drug and alcohol use by teens. They conduct an array of events, such as the skit performed on January 26, to help keep citizens alert and aware.

## Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Rose Myrick, a second-grade teacher at Turning Point Academy, who died on January 3, 2017.

Condolences also to family and friends of Jacqueline "Miss Jackie" Holmes died on January 8, 2017. She was a member of the cafeteria staff at Turning Point Academy.

Congratulations to Sophie Bernheisel who was awarded Dean's List academic honors for the fall 2016 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Dean's List honors are awarded to full-time students who earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits.

Hats off to Greenbelters Marines and Vanderlei Martins who became U.S. citizens on January 24.

Who says that one can't find love in Greenbelt? Well, Jane DeVane and Greg Evans did! Jane moved to old Greenbelt two years after wandering into town by accident. Soon after, she moved here and met the love of her life and soul mate at the New Deal Café. After a long courtship, Greg proposed to Jane with a simple, but elegant ring on her 70th birthday. And, they will be married in May. All of her friends and neighbors wish them both a long and happy life in our cherished town. Congratulations to Jane and Greg on their engagement.

Please share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending complete details on your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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Greenbelters Marines and Vanderlei Martins receive their naturalization certificates.



"Beware lest ye harm any soul, or make any heart to sorrow; lest ye wound any man with your words... be he friend or foe." - Baha'i Writings

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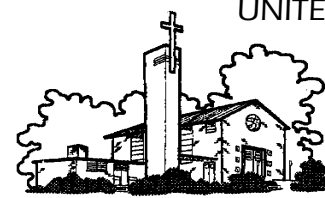


Jan 29 10 a.m.  
"The Order of Melchizedek"

The Reverend Evan Keely, Interim Minister; with Carla Miller, DMRE; and Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate  
Clergy leaders of one kind or another have been present in every human civilization for thousands of years. What does clergy leadership mean to us?

### Greenbelt Community Church

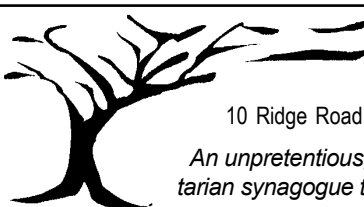
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## LOVE NOTES

are coming!



See ad on page 11

### Events at MakerSpace

- Thursday, January 26: Coding Club from 7 to 8 p.m.
- Friday, January 27: Fermentation Fans from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, January 28: FLL Team practice noon to 2 p.m.
- Sunday, January 29: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.;
- Inaugural Cooperative Member Meeting from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 31: Chess Club from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 1: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

### Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.



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**City Notes**

Animal Control staff reported a dog was returned to his home after found running at large; two rabbits, two cats and a dog were surrendered; one cat was adopted; the carcass of a raccoon was removed from a private property and a cruelty case was investigated.

Street maintenance crews put out barrels at the Metro station at the request of the Police Department to assist with inauguration traffic.

Horticulture and Parks crews removed dead, hazardous trees at Buddy Attick Park, removed downed logs and branches in wooded areas next to lake pathways and continued collecting Christmas trees from designated areas throughout the city.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 29.11 tons of refuse and 14.52 tons of recyclable material.

During a tree protection workday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, 42 volunteers and staff caged 50 trees for beaver protection and liberated 45 trees from English ivy.

**Greenhills, Ohio Named An Historic Landmark**

On January 11, the Greenhills, Ohio Historic District was added to the list of National Historic Landmarks by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. Greenhills was one of the three greenbelt towns or garden cities built in the 1930s by the Resettlement Administration, along with Greendale, Wisconsin and Greenbelt.

Greenhills was built on 6,000 acres of woods and rolling farmland just north of Mount Healthy, Ohio by 5,000 men of the Works Progress Administration. Construction of the town was a \$10,000 federal government investment. The "government model city" was to be home to 1,000 families, each with an annual income of from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Each of the greenbelt towns was near a major city and was built with a village center with shops, schools and offices surrounded by homes. Surrounding each town would be a "green belt of land" to grow crops and raise animals, according to the Greenhills historical site.

**OperaTerps Concert Held at UMD**

OperaTerps will give free performances on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, both at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall at The Clarice.

OperaTerps, a student founded and run opera company at UMD, will perform A Hand of Bridge by Samuel Barber, The Telephone by Gian Carlo Menotti and Doctor Miracle by Georges Bizet.

**UMD Students Give Violin Recital**

The Salness Studio recital will be held on Monday, January 30 at 8 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. Join students of Professor David Salness for a free evening of works for violin.

**GAC Art Exhibit**

Greenbelt artist Robert Snyder currently has 13 works (watercolors and mixed media) exhibited in the lobby of the Greenbelt Arts Center. These will be on display through February 11 in conjunction with the run of the play A Visit from Scarface.

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# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 30-FEB. 3**

Monday, January 30 at 6:00pm, **GREENBELT CERT** at the Police Station, 550 Crescent Road, Multi-Purpose Room. *On the Agenda: CERT training update from Berwyn Heights, Special Election for Volunteer/Membership position, Amendment to bylaws to update the definition of active membership status to include training and participation requirements; auxiliary membership; and to create a support category for CERT, and Training Topic: Winter Weather Hazards and First Aid for Hypothermia/Frostbite*

Monday, January 30 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: North Core DSP** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Tuesday, January 31 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Open Forum report, and Not For Seniors Only Topics*

Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: 2nd Meeting Detailed Site Plan (DSP) – Greenbelt Station North Core/Metro Parking Redevelopment, Proposed Development Infrastructure for this DSP: WMATA Parking Garage, Public Roads – Greenbelt Station Parkway, Greenbelt Metro Drive and Greenbelt Access Drive, Seven Parcels and Three Outparcels, Proposed Water, Sewer, Storm Drain, Storm Water Management, and Public Stream Valley Trail.*

Thursday, February 2 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Police/community relations forum – evaluation & next steps. This agenda is subject to change.*

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



**ELECTRONICS AND PAINT RECYCLING SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 9am-12noon Public Works Yard 555 Crescent Road**

**Recycle Your Old Computers and Other Electronics!** Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) NO Cups, egg cartons or food trays. **PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**

**PAINT RECYCLING:** DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. Cost—\$5 per container. Collected by Yuck Old Paint.

Info: Greenbelt Sustainability Office, 240-542-2153

**ARTFUL AFTERNOON**

Sunday, February 5

**Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road**

1-3pm: craft workshop – make a mixed media wreath with artist Karla Lawrence. Materials provided, but bring any embellishments you'd like to include.

3pm: Greenbelt's own Beech Tree Puppets performs "The Hollow Stump". Seven very different animals seek shelter from the winter cold and snow. Adapted from the popular folktale The Mitten, this story celebrates community as the animals learn to share one space.

1-4pm: studio open house and sale with the Community Center's Artists in Residence. Beautiful and affordable paintings, prints, fiber arts, ceramics, funky jewelry, notecards and more!

1-4pm: visit the art gallery and the Greenbelt Museum exhibit room.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

Several vacancies exist on the Employee Relations Board. If you are interested, please submit an application available on the City's website at

[www.greenbeltmd.gov/index.aspx?NID=144](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/index.aspx?NID=144), or contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) or 301-474-8000.

Human Resource or Legal Experience is preferred, but not required.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: 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 information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

**Request for Proposals**

**Audio-Visual-Presentation and Broadcast System in the Greenbelt Municipal Building and the Greenbelt Community Center**

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, requests sealed proposals from qualified audio-visual system integrators to furnish, install and configure new audio-visual equipment in the City's Council Chambers and Community Center to support the production, live broadcast and playback of Council and other meetings, as more fully described in the Request for Proposals (RFP) documents available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/studio](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/studio)

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

Deadline for proposals is Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions you may contact Beverly Palau at 240-542-2026.

**FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**

Thursday, February 2, 2017

2:30pm-3:30pm

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**GREENBELT SENIOR MOBILITY SURVEY**

The City of Greenbelt is conducting a study that will help senior and residents with disabilities live longer in their homes by removing barrier to mobility and improving transportation options. Please complete the survey and help us identify key areas where these populations are underserved. The survey is available at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenbeltSeniorSurvey> and in Spanish at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpanishSrTransp>

The survey will be available until February 10th. If you do not have access to the electronic version, you may pick up a paper version at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road; the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road on the second floor; or on the Greenbelt Connection Bus.

Paper surveys can be returned to: SURVEY at the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Contact Christal Batey at GAIL with questions about this survey, 240-542-2012 or email [cbatey@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cbatey@greenbeltmd.gov).

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*A Review*

# A Visit You Can't Refuse

by Jim Link



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**Timbo Longio (right) plays Ben Hecht, who is visited by gangsters Patsy (Daniel Potter) and Dutch (Patrick O'Connell).**

No spoilers here, just a slight tease. Early in the fast-paced comedy *A Visit From Scarface*, now at Greenbelt Arts Center, frazzled movie script writer Ben Hecht assures his desperate agent Myron Selznick he has only one more line to insert and then they can satisfy their demanding billionaire boss Howard Hughes. Shaboombala! – the script will be finished!

Selznick: What's the line?  
Hecht: "Say hello to my little friend."

Selznick: What's it mean?  
Hecht: I don't know. But it's magical.

Like Chekov's narrative principle that a pistol seen early in a story must be fired later, this line will return, consequentially, before the play's end.

No, Hecht's little friend is not Tony Montana's machine gun.

Director Keith Brown has assembled eight talented actors who mesh beautifully, treating the audience with a feast of sight gags, physical comedy, snappy one-liners, perfect timing and excellent acting. A touch of Chaplin, a touch of Mack Sennett.

Hecht's problems multiply when he is harassed by Miss Spunk, a Will Hays Code censor and temperance leader, and is seriously menaced by Dutch and Patsy, two of Al Capone's goons who are convinced that the ruthless fictional *Scarface* is slanderously based on model citizen Capone.

Timbo Longio is hilarious as Hecht – threatened, nervous, energetic, a sympathetic Little Man coping with circumstances way beyond his control. Steve Rosenthal is convincing as his blustery agent Selznick.

Patrick O'Connell (Dutch) and Daniel Potter (Patsy) have great chemistry as Capone's enforcers. O'Connell is short, mean, all business and very nasty while Potter is tall, oafish but earnest, a tad clueless. A touch of Abbot and Costello, a touch of Laurel and Hardy.

Another great pair of foils to each other are Sarah Nechamen (Miss Spunk) and Melanie Pino-Elliott (Dovie Love – starlet to

Howard Hughes). Nechamen is repressed, rigid, intensely zealous, but secretly enamored of Patsy's whiff of gangsta danger. A touch of Garbo as Ninotchka is here, though Patsy is no Fredric March.

Pino-Elliott is a boozy floozy shrilly insisting that she is no dumb blonde, but is undeniably vampish. A touch of Mae West. Picture the great Mae delivering Dovie's line: "A girl can't be too careful; even a mermaid has to rest her tail once in a while."

Nick Kisner is very effective as Sinclair, a wealthy drunk who repeatedly wanders mistakenly into Hecht's hotel room, annoying him even further. Patrick Ready is just fine as the helpful house detective Hannahan.

The extraordinary Malca Giblin – co-producer, set painter, hair and makeup designer – has her professional fingerprints all over this wonderful production.

*Scarface* is a visit you can't refuse. See it through February 11, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays, January 29 and February 5 at 2 p.m.



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**Melanie Pino-Elliott plays Dovie Love.**

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# Magnolia Student Council Inaugurated November 17

by Joan Nachman



**Magnolia's student council poses with Mayor Emmett Jordan and District 2 Board of Education Member Lupi Quinteros-Grady.**

In the midst of the U.S. presidential election, students of Magnolia Elementary School's Student Council took their pledge of office on November 17, 2016. Members of the council were given words of guidance by Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and District 2 Board of Education member Lupi Quinteros-Grady. As parents and relatives watched, Jordan led student council members in their pledge of office. The council is responsible for organizing schoolwide events that serve families both locally and nationally. Most recently, they organized a food drive and wrote letters to the men and women of the armed forces. Guidance Counselor Joan Nachman sponsors the student council.



**Mayor Emmett Jordan congratulates Student Council President Kalani Buggs.**

(From left) Mayor Emmett Jordan, Kamiyah Barnhardt (SC secretary), Kalani Buggs (SC president), Leah Sessoms (SC vice president), Jaylon Harris (SC secretary), District 2 Board of Education Member Lupi Quinteros-Grady

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## PEPCO continued from page 1

### Response

Pasternak took note that the theater had waived its right to privacy relating to its Pepco account before responding to Mayor Emmett Jordan's request for an explanation of Pepco's dramatic billing change. He said that the rates are designed to cover the costs of Pepco operations and provide a rate of return on investments. The revenue required is allocated to each class of user, the classes designed to group similar types of uses together. He indicated that the heavying up of service changed the class and multiplier.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked Pasternak to explain the difference between the MGT II and GS rate classes. Pasternak said it was very technical and he did not fully understand it. The classes address consumption and the hours of the day and week when consumption occurs.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he thought it was Pepco that wanted the heavy up. Watkins said that installing a new transformer on Centerway was a heavy up to serve other customers.

Councilmember Konrad Herling took note that FOGT was a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation and wondered if, as such, they were billed differently from commercial users. Pasternak said no, billing is based on customer usage.

Several councilmembers expressed concern that the theater was not advised of the review process and the theater only learned about it by making inquiries as to why it was not being billed. Pasternak admitted Pepco could have done better.

### Waivers

He said Pepco was willing to waive the normal requirement for a deposit for the account and to further waive a normal 50 percent down payment required to pay off the back charges the theater had received. Also, the theater could pay the back charges in installments over the next three years at the rate of \$400 a month without interest charges. But he emphasized that the theater would have to pay its current bills promptly back to when the rate change was made, something that hasn't been done while the appeal was being made. The theater has only been paying \$250 a month, MacAdam told council.

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed puzzlement because she felt there had been no change in use by the theater, only the service heavy up, and that the remodeling had resulted in the theater being more energy efficient. She asked for comparative data. Pasternak responded by reading off some bill amounts, but they were all for periods of time in which Pepco reviewed and revised its rate charges. He reiterated that both the heavy up and the analysis of usage resulted in rate increases.

Pasternak agreed to sit down once more with theater representatives, but Roberts objected saying it wouldn't do any good. He felt there was no choice but to pay the bill.

Vaccaro and MacAdam agreed that the theater can't afford to pay an electric bill of \$1,000 a month average as seemed to be the case now. MacAdam expressed concern that the rates had been revised because the theater's energy consumption was so low.

Councilmember Edward Putens noted he had asked before if it would make a difference if the bill was in the city's name. Pasternak said he would have to look into that before he could give an answer.

Davis felt the city should start paying the electric bills beginning with January, while it tried to figure out what to do about the back charges.

### Put on Hold

Jordan said it would not be possible to work out a solution that night. He asked Pasternak if the billing issue could be put on hold for another 60 days. Pasternak thought the matter needed to be resolved more quickly and was willing to allow 30 days to reach an agreement and possibly more time to implement a process.

Putens asked for a spreadsheet of billing and payments, saying he wanted to look into the city assuming responsibility for the electric bill.

Davis said she had never been aware of a theater or arts program able to pay for itself. She noted that the theater has been offering free programs to the

community and special programming for the city. She asked the theater representatives to tell council what the theater can do to help pay the bill.

Herling thought there might be an opportunity to get funds from the County arts program.

Jordan said council needed to meet with the theater group.

Vaccaro asked Pasternak what the minimum was that Pepco would require the theater to do now. He replied that he would put the issue on hold until the end of February. He also noted the theater had made a payment recently and urged it to do the best it can in the meantime.

MacAdam noted a recent incident where a Pepco crewman came to the theater to turn off the power and it was only due to the intervention of a city employee present at the time that it did not happen. She was concerned it might happen again.

Pasternak promised to have someone at the next meeting to explain the rate schedules. He admitted that he didn't understand it. To which, almost in chorus councilmembers responded, "If you can't, how can we?"

## Red Cross Needs Blood Donations

The Red Cross issued an emergency call for blood and platelet donations during a severe winter blood shortage. Blood donations are needed now to prevent delays in care for patients.

Hectic holiday schedules for many regular blood donors contributed to about 37,000 fewer donations in November and December than what was needed. Currently, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in.

To help, schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

There will be blood drives in College Park on February 13 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council, 9450 Cherry Hill Road, and on February 14 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the Moose College Park Lodge 453, 3700 Metzert Road.

The next blood drive at Greenbelt Community Center will be hold on Friday, February 17, 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

## Campaign to Stop the Lakeside North Development Public Awareness Day

Saturday February 11, 2017, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Greenbelt Fire Station at 125 Crescent Road

We believe Council plans to vote on the proposed Lakeside North We believe Council may vote on the proposed Lakeside North Development at the Council meeting on Monday, February 13. Council has not responded to our petition asking them to oppose the development and any changes to the zoning of the land to allow its development.

The proposed development consists of a 25-story 400 unit luxury high rise apartment complex on 5 acres of forested land adjacent to the Lakeside North Apartments. This land is part of the original green belt. Current zoning regulations require this land to remain undeveloped. The property is fully developed and would need to be rezoned to allow for this development.

**We will voice our opposition at the Council meeting on  
February 13**

**Come to our Public Awareness Day to Prepare**

- (1) Get your free hand fan "STOP Lakeside North Development" or make your own sign
- (2) Get your free button "STOP Lakeside North Development"
- (3) Sign our petition

**AND**

**Tell our councilmembers that you oppose the development**

Emmett Jordan (ejordan@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Edward Putens (eputens@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Judith Davis (jdavis@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Konrad Herling (kherling@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Leta Mach (lmach@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Rodney Roberts (rroberts@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Silke Pope (spope@greenbeltmd.gov)

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### Artful Afternoon Sunday February 5

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to an Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Reservations are not required. Artful Afternoons take place at the Community Center. Times vary for individual activities.

At 3 p.m., enjoy a free performance of The Hollow Stump by Greenbelt's own Beech Tree Puppets. Seven very different animals seek shelter from the winter cold and snow. Adapted from the popular folktale The Mitten, this story celebrates community as the animals learn to share one space. Performed with felted rod puppets, the show also includes live acoustic music by creators Ingrid and Ole Hass.

Come early to make a mixed media wreath with artist Karla Lawrence in a free craft workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring natural items, keepsakes and other embellishments that they would like to incorporate.

From 1 to 4 p.m. enjoy a variety of additional activities at your leisure. See the new art gallery exhibit featuring paintings by Mike McConnell. Each composition invites the viewer on a journey of discovery through a dense and vibrant landscape inspired by the artist's travels in California. His bright palette and flattened rendering style reflect both the influence of modern art and his long career as an accomplished illustrator.

Meet the Community Center's artists in residence at an open house and sale from 1 to 4 p.m. Find beautiful and affordable paintings, prints, ceramics, fiber arts, funky jewelry, assemblages and more.

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 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.

### Genealogical Society Will Meet February 1

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, February 1 at 7 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

This month, the speaker will be Heather Olsen, who will discuss Oral History and Family Tradition: Sorting the Wheat from the Chaff. As always, there will be time to network with others searching for their roots while learning new tips to assist your own research. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit [pgcgs.org](http://pgcgs.org), call the library at 301-262-2063, or visit Facebook at [facebook.com/pgcgenealogy](https://facebook.com/pgcgenealogy).

## 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.

### Robbery

January 17, 3:45 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A 22-year-old resident was arrested and charged with armed robbery, first degree assault, second degree assault and theft. A man walking with a friend was approached from behind by another man, who threatened him with a knife and took his cell phone. Another witness followed the robber as he left the area, at which time the robber threw the stolen cell phone away and attempted to flee, still followed by the witness. The robber was stopped by officers, positively identified and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Cutting

January 15, 12:50 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. A man was stabbed by another man at the front entrance to Willy K's Sports Café during a verbal altercation. The attacker fled on foot in the company of another man. The person stabbed was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment.

### Theft

January 15, 9:30 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Unattended power tools were taken from a work area inside Safeway.

### Burglary

January 12, 2:20 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. Entry into a residence was gained by forcing open the front door. The resident believes the incident is domestic-related and an investigation is ongoing.

### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A red 4-door 2011 Cadillac CTS

with Md. tags KKP333 was taken from the 6000 block Breezewood Drive and a blue 1999 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags 9AZ4262 was taken from the 6000 block Cherrywood Court.

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2002 Jeep Wrangler reported stolen October 16 from the 6000 block Cherrywood Terrace was recovered January 17 by Prince George's County police in the 14000 block Brandywine Road in Brandywine.

A backpack and three notebook-type computers were taken in the 6400 block Ivy Lane after the front passenger side window was broken out. A passenger side window was also broken out in the 7800 block Mandan Road.

Vandalism occurred on January 16 in the parking lot in front of Safeway after a woman became involved in a verbal altercation with another motorist as she attempted to park her car. At one point the other person, a man, exited his vehicle and threw a water bottle at her car. She then exited her vehicle and vandalized the man's windshield wiper. He then pulled a windshield wiper off of her car and struck her windshield with it, which caused damage.

A theft was attempted on January 18 in the 100 block Greenhill Road. A woman in her home heard her vehicle alarm go off. She looked out of a window and saw one person inside her car and another looking under the hood. They fled to a waiting vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken but the vehicle had damage to the roof.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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### Other Petitions

Orleans noted that there have been at least two executive sessions on property acquisition and requested that council report in some general way the nature of the discussion of the property to be acquired.

Lore Rosenthal asked if there is a way that citizens can get alerts of upcoming meetings on specific topics. City Clerk Cindy Murray said that they can receive notification of all council meetings through the Notify Me option on [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov). Currently there is no method for receiving alerts regarding meetings on specific topics.

Colin Byrd renewed his request for council to adopt a non-discrimination ordinance. Jordan told Byrd that the city's legal staff is looking at the best way to do this. Councilmember Konrad Herling noted that the earlier development of the community pledge took a long time as it went through development, then review by the city's relevant boards and committees, council and citizens.

### Sister City

Council agreed to send a letter to sister city Greenhills, Ohio,

congratulating it on its designation as a national historic landmark.

### Other Actions

Council agreed that Councilmember Leta Mach will attend the upcoming meeting on school boundaries to reinforce the city's position that the students in Greenbelt Station should attend schools within the city limits. Currently, only middle school students there attend schools in the city. Councilmembers will review the letter previously sent to the county school board and resend it. However, as this issue is not on the meeting agenda, Councilmember Judith Davis expected that any change likely would not occur this year.

Council voted to support state legislation to permit Prince George's County to ban disposable bags. Although the vote was unanimous, several councilmembers expressed concern about the inclusion of paper bags in the ban. Similar legislation has been considered for several years but last year did not even win the support of the county legislative delegation, according to Assistant City Manager David Moran.



### Greenbelt Youth Baseball Registration 2017 Spring Season

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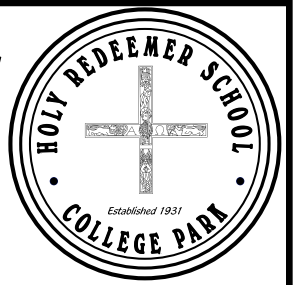
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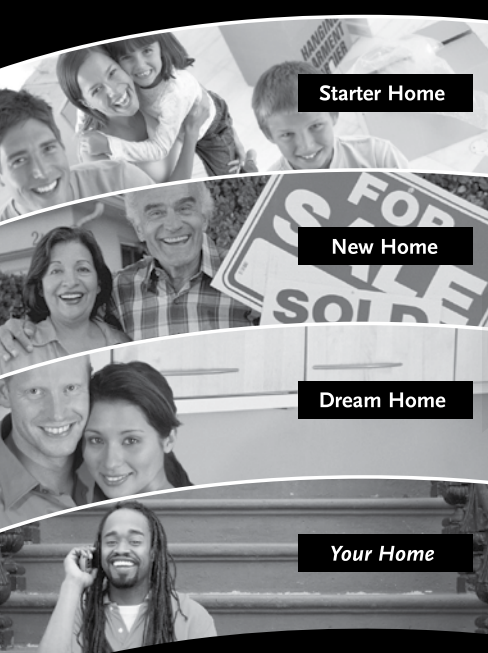


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three grants. The PTA will get equipment that will enable it to live-stream meetings on the web. There will be STEM toys for use during indoor recess when the weather does not allow the students to go outside, and the school will publish a student literary magazine entitled L'Etoile Filant, or Shooting Star.

Turning Point Academy, participating in the grants program for only the second time, will receive two grants. The school will get gardening supplies for environmental education. The second grant will be used to purchase board games that students can play during PTO meetings, Discovery Nights and other events.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will get one grant to diversify the literature studied in 10th grade by purchasing copies of *How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents* by Julia Alvarez.

This is the eighth year that Greenbelt has distributed ACE grants to the local schools; in all there have been 145 proposals funded for up to \$500 each. The City Council commended ACE for its hard work in evaluating the proposals, and expressed appreciation for the emphasis on diversity that some of the grants had this year.

*Jon Gardner is a member of ACE.*

### Free Kids Arts Drop-in Offered

An arts drop-in at the College Park Community Center will be held on Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. This Saturday the theme is Dragons for Asian New Year.

Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead fun arts workshops for children ages 3 to 8 with their parents. The free monthly arts drop-in meets on Saturdays. To learn more about the after-school arts drop-in near Hollywood Elementary at Youth and Family Services, call 301-474-1210.

### Family Fun: Winter Worlds

On Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. learn how polar bears, penguins and other animals adapt to their cold climates. This program, held at the Patuxent Research Refuge, includes hands-on activities, games and crafts for ages 3 and up.

The program is free with no registration required. For more information call 301-497-5887 or visit [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

## Snippets from the Past

### Cooperator Returns Equipment to PHA

Equipment which the Cooperator borrowed from surplus federal stocks here 13 years ago was reclaimed by Public Housing Administration this week.

Included in the PHA items were three of the four typewriters in the Cooperator office; two of its three desks; seven of its eight chairs; the

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# Protest Marchers Come Here From Michigan and Ohio

by Julie Depenbrock



The group takes a picture at Greenbelt Community Church before departing for the Women's March on Washington.

Greenbelt Community Church hosted 12 marchers from Michigan and four from Ohio for the Women's March on Washington, Saturday, January 21.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff and her congregation offered lodging, breakfast, Metro passes and shuttle service to guests who traveled great distances to join the protest.

Grindstaff herself has been anxious ever since Donald Trump's victory in the November presidential election. Grindstaff has been through many elections in which her candidate lost, but never has she felt so scared. The march, she said, is about standing up to that fear. "I think it goes beyond a political party at some point."

"There was so much hate rhetoric that was out there. And when you heard about wanting to dismantle the hard-won civil right of marriage equality and the whole idea of building a wall. Whether it's just talk or not, it's hurtful words," said Grindstaff.

Rev. Jennifer Johnston Baker of Claysville Methodist Church drove three friends six-and-a-half hours from Ohio to participate in the march. Being among like-minded people meant a lot. "I'm a blue girl in a red state," Johnston Baker said.

In the early morning hours, the group took the Metro to Washington, D.C., hoping to get close to the rally stage between Independence Avenue and 3rd Street. "It was unbelievably packed," Johnston Baker said. "It took us from 8 to 11:30 a.m. to get out of the L'Enfant Plaza Metro station." The Greenbelt group quickly scattered in the crowd.

But the waiting was tolerable because of the company singing and chanting in unison. "It's hard to be upset when women are singing 'This Land is Your Land' in four-part harmony," said Johnston Baker.

Johnston Baker and the other members of the Ohio group are all well-educated, Caucasian women over the age of 55. The march, she said, "wasn't about me as an individual. It was about people who do not have the same privileges."

Mary Rodriguez, a retired auto worker from Tecumseh, Mich., caravanned to Greenbelt in a group with her daughter, Celeste.

The drive was an experience, Rodriguez said. Travelers with Women's March posters in their car windows beeped and waved to each other most of the way there. At rest stops, they would convene and get to know each other.

"To me, it was Take Your Daughter to the White House Day," Rodriguez said.

During the presidential campaign, Rodriguez was overwhelmed by the racism, misogyny and xenophobia displayed by President Trump.

As someone with a child with autism, she was appalled to see a presidential candidate – in the midst of a rally – mock a reporter with disabilities. "It was a game-changer for me," Rodriguez said.

She connected with Greenbelt through a church network. Grindstaff was quick to accommodate.

"We cannot express more thanks to Glennyce and her church. Without them, we would not have been able to do this," Rodriguez said.

On the day of the march, Rodriguez and the other Michigan marchers got out at the Archives Metro station.

"Every street was full," she said. "They totally underestimated the attendance."

Indeed, 200,000 marchers were expected Saturday. According to The Associated Press, a city official in Washington said that participation there likely surpassed half a million.

Though the march was supposed to end up in front of the White House, it had to be re-routed due to the size of the crowd.

"They put up tanks to block the road," Rodriguez said.

Members of her group, unable to reach 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, instead left their posters in front of the Trump International Hotel.

It was the feeling of solidarity that Rodriguez said would be the biggest take-away.

"The crowd was about nothing but peace and love. There was not one arrest."

Now, post-march, the women are organizing. Rodriguez, who comes from a rural, Republican community, has taken on a branch of Pantsuit Nation, a grassroots feminist organization. She advises community members on how to take action – either by writing their representatives in Congress or by affecting change in their own neighborhood.

Johnston Baker, who arrived back in Ohio five hours before church on Sunday, has an application for city council sitting on her desk. She's planning to run against the Republican incumbent.

"It's only the beginning," she said.

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Dan Hamlin attends the march with Anja and Fin Holland.



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A contingent of "nasty women" and two men gather on Fayette Place before heading to the January 21 Women's March on Washington. Back row, from left: Eric Raun, Kate Sudarsky and Dylan Kristy (who drove from Montana to join in). Front row, from left: Nylea Bivins, Sue Krofchik, Dominique Bivins, Julia Tarataro, Dorian Jalowiecki, Missy Priest, Vasha Nair, Mikki Schoendorf, Brenda Benware, Tommie Schoendorf, Ashley Reynolds and Martha Kristy.



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Greenbelter Denna Lambert waves her flag at the march.



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Sofina Davis rides on her father Jerry's shoulders at the march.

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