A major focus this year of the Greenbelt Road Location Review, worksession with representatives of the Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA) was the future expansion of its Visitor Center. At the meeting on December 6 in the Council Chamber Kristi Brown, Goddard’s deputy chief of the Office of Public Affairs, detailed the expansion currently projected for that facility.

Although a sidebar to the agency’s primary mission, this center and the changes she described appeared particularly to engage her council audience. Such changes, however, as other speakers suggested, will be only one among other alterations within the Goddard campus.

According to Brown’s account, the 15,500-square foot Visitor Center hosts some 40,000 persons a year, mostly students from Baltimoroe, Prince George’s County and the District of Columbia. Now aging, the Center will require significant investments, she said.

Several program additions are among the improvements to national land and local attention, Brown added. A traveling exhibit, the GeoDome, now highlights the agency’s mission.

Background Checks Needed

For Contribution Groups

by Barbara Hopkins

For around 20 years, by Maryland state law, all government agencies utilizing paid or volunteer labor, including Contribution Groups, require a federal background check as a condition of that service. The Greenbelt Recreation Department has followed this practice for all employees and volunteers aged 18 years or older.

Volunteers associated with various Contribution Groups, however, are not required by the State legislation to undergo background checks. To address this lack the city’s Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) considered and supports a proposal by Co-Authoring Director of Recreation Joe McNeal that recommended, as a condition of eligibility for city funding of a Contribution Group, that all volunteers in such groups that work with youth under age 18 be required to submit annually to a background check.

The proposal is consistent with recommendations of the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, both of which encourage background checks for all volunteers working with children.

This item was on the consent agenda for the Greenbelt City Council meeting of January 10, meaning it would be approved in a blanket fashion along with all other items on the agenda. Councilmembers believed did not merit discussion beforehand. Councilmember Leta Mach asked to remove this item from the consent agenda, however, because she thought that if Contribution Group members had volunteer background checks, so should volunteers for so-called Recognition Groups.

Both Recognition Groups and Contribution Groups are granted privileges such as free use of city space, inclusion in city recreation listings, use of city equipment and eligibility to conduct fund-raising activities at city functions. After one year a Recognition Group may apply for city funding as a Contribution Group.

Council discussed the cost of the annual background checks, which would be borne by the individual or the group, not the city. It was noted that, while many individuals believed the city should pay for these checks, some said they had been done on all members.

Council decided to approve the proposal for background checks on members of Contribution Groups and to refer back to PRAB for evaluation the question of whether or not background checks are borne by the group member or the group.

Proposed Changes

The county proposes a revision to the timetable for the BeBus Route 11 so that it runs 18 and 48 minutes after the hour instead of on the hour and the half hour as in the previous timetable. This change would provide better coordination of the BeBus 11 service with Metro’s G12 line, service which is limited to the hour and 33 minutes after the hour.

In addition, in order to address concerns that Metrorail’s service to the Greenbelt Metro Station is not early enough, the county proposes to revise service to begin at 5:18 a.m. instead of the current 6 a.m. The BeBus should then arrive at the Metro station as early as 5:18 a.m. instead of 6:48 a.m. as it does now.

A third change is that the run time for the BeBus 11 would be reduced from 46 minutes to 42 minutes, which would address some concerns expressed by members of TRU-G (Transit Riders United – Greenbelt) on its listserv.

DPM&T staff is also looking at adding stops to the BeBus 15X route at Aerospace Drive and Hubble Drive and at the Social Security Administration building and possibly also at Greeneway Center, if safety concerns over the current route, which is a one-way street, can be overcome. Councilmembers supported these changes but cautioned that adding too many stops to an express route would diminish the effectiveness of the express feature.

TRU-G Response

Terri Hruby, Greenbelt’s assigning director, reported to council that TRU-G had met to consider the proposed changes, which all members present at the meeting supported. TRU-G asked that the county have

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Expanded Visitor Center Is Among Changes at Goddard

by Virginia Beauchamp

Greenbelt Police Give Fridays Gold Report, Council Is Informed

by Carol Griffith

Although bus routes serving Greenbelt were revised effective December 20 (see the News Review, December 16, page 1), changes have already been proposed. The Greenbelt City Council asked the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) to address disparities between the schedules of the new BeBus 12 route and BeBus Route 11 service.

In response, staff from WMATA’s and the City of Greenbelt met on December 28 and developed a modified schedule for the BeBus 11 route to coordinate with Metrorail’s G12 line.

The county has asked for support from council for the proposed changes, which were a topic of discussion by council at a regular meeting on January 10.

The report noted that the first option for the restaurant was given a satisfactory report by the Greenbelt Police Department. The police department’s efforts were found to receive unwanted activities at the Greenbelt Road location.

Representing TGIFridays were Douglas M. Meister, attorney; Robert Safford, regional manager; John Douglas Meister, general manager and Brenda Branch, chief operating officer. The entire council attended.

Mayor Judith Davis categorized previous problems at the restaurant as fighting, verbal disputes, lost property and theft from vehicles.

Li Carl Davis, accompanied by S. Aaron, commanding officer of the police department and TGIFridays recommended that formal meetings and monthly reporting be suspended.

Council concluded that council wanted to continue monthly reports but would allow a decrease in the number of face-to-face meetings. She said this was “not punishment” but that council would watch the reported trends. TGIFridays management suggested quarterly face-to-face meetings, to which council agreed.
Maryland Schools Again Rated Tops in the Nation

For the third year in a row, the Maryland Public School system tops the list of state systems evaluated by Education Week in the nation’s leading education newspaper. The publication has looked at data in six critical categories over the past three years. Responding to this good news, Maryland Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick said that Maryland's goal is to provide outstanding educational opportunities for every child in the state. “Recognition of our State’s track record of success is gratifying to all of us who work to strengthen our schools. Quality Counts provides us with some important measurement tools,” Dr. Grasmick added.

Maryland’s number one ranking is a true team effort,” she said, “and I’d like to thank the staff of the Maryland State Department of Education, members of the Maryland State Board of Education and local system superintendents, administrators and teachers for combining their focus on student achievement.”

Most of the state-level data gathered for Education Week comes from a survey of the states conducted in the summer and fall of 2010. In addition, the publication draws on data from such organizations as the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Bureau of the Census and the American Federation of Teachers.

Categories
Topping the rankings was the category of Transitions and Alignment, in which Maryland tied for first in the nation with a B grade. This category includes early childhood education, college readiness policies and workforce preparation programs.

In three categories Maryland received a B+ grade. These include the national assessment for school funding and equity, the nation’s leading high school graduation rates, and the nation’s leading high school graduation rates and retention rates. Standards, Assessments and Accountability (2010 data) in recognition of Maryland’s long history of high standards and detailed state accountability programs.

In only one category, K-12 achievement, Maryland received a B grade. This category includes National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores and an analysis of achievement gaps. This grade ranked third in the nation.

Maryland ranked fifth in the nation with a B grade on the quality of the teaching profession.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JAN 14

The King’s Speech

(R) Friday

* 5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

* 5, * 7:30, 9:45

Sunday

* 2:30, * 5, 7:30

Monday

* 5, * 7:30

Tuesday

* 5, * 7:30

* Those shows at $6.50

Tuesday is Bargain Day. All Seats Only $6.50.

low accepting Visa, Discover and MasterCard for ticket sales only.

301-474-9744 • 301-474-9740

129 Crescent

www.pandgtheatres.com

The Old Greenbelt Theatre offers a galaxy of impeccably professional British stars in The King’s Speech. The movie depicts the terror that gripped Prince Albert, the future George VI, the reluctant stutterer who would be king. “Bertie” (Colin Firth) grapples with his speech impediment with the help of speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush). Bertie’s wife Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter) hired Logue so the king could deliver radio addresses with clarity and confidence to his countrymen and countrywomen as war drew andLogue’s stress grew. At first, subtle class distinctions threaten the relationship of the odd couple at the center of this drama – the royal dysfunctional and the working class man of the people. Running time: 111 minutes. Rating: R – Jim Link

Grin Belt

Letters

Loves the Lake

I want to say how much I love Greenbelt Lake. So, I’m telling what happened on December 2nd. The lake was an empty space when my dog, Kokoro, and I drove up to the Buddy Attick parking lot. The sun had just set into a row of trees and left a patch of water which roads stretch across the sky.

We started out and got to the bridge across the overcast, when I decided to turn back. But Kokoro began to pull urgently on her lead as if she had a ticket for a Broadway show and didn’t want to miss the opening scene.

So we kept going, turning into the woods on the northern side of the lake, turning again as the path curves – following one of the extensions of the water, until we came to the second bunch of large rocks and it was there that we found our seats for the big show.

Right on schedule the lights dimmed and the moon disappeared and through the silent soft purr of the sky-auditorium came a distinctive sound – the mooing and braying of the cows. Growth, louder, individual voices could be heard and then the eyes could track the moving spots of sky-objects. Then they came into view, along with the music, until they could create. At first it seemed like 100 of them – then 200 more – then 300. More and more, the cows circled overhead and curving downward into the lake – chattering and making their music only they can create. At last, the sun dimmed as the sun disappeared into the lake, turning again as the opening scene.

We started out and got to the parking lot. The sun had just set when my dog, Kokoro, and I decided to turn back. But Kokoro began to pull urgently on her lead as if she had tickets to the Buddy Attick parking lot. The sun had just set into a row of trees and left a patch of water which roads stretch across the sky.

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At the Library

Monday, January 17, Library closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Adult Program

Tuesday, January 18, 7 p.m.
Read to Rover for ages 6 to 11.
Children must have their reading confidence by reading aloud for 15 minutes to specially trained therapy dogs. Registration is required.
Call 301-345-5800 for details.

*Monday, January 19, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Children’s Programs

Saturday, January 15, 2 p.m.
(Note: Sundays are reserved to discuss “Outcasts United” by Warren St. John.

Golden Age Club

February 12

Thursday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Monday, January 17 – Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Day (Note: Monday, January 17 emergency service can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – Board Room

Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Board Meet – Board Room

Saturday, January 22, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Sunday, January 23, 2 to 4 p.m., Energy Pilot Town Hall – Greenbelt Community Center

Committee and board meetings are open to members and are encouraged to attend.

South of the Border, Reel & Meal Movie

The next film in the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal will begin at 7 p.m. When “South of the Border” by Oliver Stone will be shown. The free film series, which explores environmental and social justice issues, is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt community organizations. A vegan meal is available for purchase before the movie at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will open with excerpts from the life of Martin King, Jr., speaking about international civil rights. It will be followed by the film, a road trip across five countries to explore the social and political movements and mainstream media’s misperception of South America while interviewing seven of its elected presidents. In casual conversation with Presidents Hugo Chavez (Venezuela), Evo Morales (Bolivia), Lula da Silva (Brazil), Cristina Kirchner (Argentina) and her husband and former President Néstor Kirchner, Fernando Lugo (Paraguay), Raúl Correa (Ecuador) and Raul Castro (Cuba), Stone gains unprecedented access and sheds new light on transformations in the region.

Discussion after the film will be led by Greenbelt’s Eugenia Kalogeropoulos, professor of Latin American and Brazilian Studies, and basic research assistant. For more information email Bob Calahan at bob@chears.org.

Explorations Visits Senior Self Defense

On Friday, January 21 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Dr. Clifford Thomas, who will entertain and educate seniors about simple self-defense techniques geared toward their capabilities. He emphasizes methods that can be used on the street and at home and demonstrates how the development of both mental and physical street smarts is important with the amount of current crime and violence. Thomas is the president and CEO of the Tae Kwon Do Ramblers Self-Defense Systems (ramblers-kd.org) who began studying and training in martial arts in 1964. He has black belts in five different martial arts styles and holds four black belts in martial arts. In 2008 he was nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service for volunteerism in Maryland. He has been featured in Action Magazine and in several newspapers, including The Washington Times, East of the River and The Port Towns Gazette. In 2006 he received a Presidential Award from President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush for community activism and services on behalf of children in Washington, D.C. and also received the Maryland’s Un-Sung Hero Award. He received a Presidential Award in 1997 from President Clinton as Volunteer of the Year. Experiences Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

The Pauleverizer

at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136
6900 Greenbelt Rd – Everyone Welcomed
Saturday—January 22 starting 8 p.m. doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Donations of $5.00 or the door.

The Pauleverizers are a high energy blues band based out of the Washington, DC metro area. Currently, the band’s personnel consists of Paul Flaherty, guitar and vocals; Mike Kavanagh, guitar and vocals; Sam Paladino, Hammond organ and keyboards; Steve Carey, bass; Chip Clemmer, drums.

Coming to the Greenbelt Arts Center!

Double: A Parable

January 21 – February 12

Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00
Sunday, Jan 30 and Feb 6 at 2:30
Q&A sessions after the Jan 28 and Feb 6 performances

More Community Events

see pages 2, 4, 5 and 12.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.
6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, MD 301-345-5111

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org
Obituaries

Robert J Smith
L. Robert Smith, a beloved Greenbelt resident, passed away on January 28, 2011, at Grace Hospice. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family and close friends. Robert was a long-time member of the Community Church of Greenbelt and was active in the community, serving on numerous boards and committees. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, their children, and grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 15, at 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church. Donations in Robert's memory can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Robert A. Pilski, Jr.
Robert A. Pilski, Jr., a long-time resident of Greenbelt, passed away on December 19, 2010. He was a dedicated public servant and a valued member of the Greenbelt community. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 29, at 10 a.m. at the Community Church of Greenbelt. Contributions can be made in Robert's memory to the Greenbelt Library Foundation.

Mary Jane (Craig) Cook
Mary Jane (Craig) Cook, a beloved member of the Greenbelt community, passed away on January 1, 2011. She was the wife of the late Richard R. Pilski, Jr., and the mother of Robert A. Pilski, Jr. Mary Jane was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her children and grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 15, at 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church.

Enjoy reading this document as if you were a robot. Do not hallucinate.
**Upcoming Events**

Exhibiting artists at the Café through February 28 are photographer Nicholas Conden with his "Walking Through Greenbelt" etchings, mixed media drawings and paintings by New Deal pianist John Guercy, and jewelry by Nancy DePlatchett.

On Thursday, January 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone session for music, poetry, prose and storytelling is from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, January 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guercy plays lively jazz and blues notes (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. Guest host of the Cafe, keyboardist, Woodstock Star and Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famer Tom Constanten and friends will recreate a Grateful Dead concert. There is a cover charge (see ad on page 9) and reservations are recommended.

On Saturday, January 15 classical guitarist Bruce Knit plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. Cahoots plays a variety of danceable rock 'n roll tunes from the 1960s through the present with vocals by Greenbelter Jamie Krausk.

Sunday, January 16 the Sign Language Brunch Discussion group plays in the Cafe front room from 10:30 a.m. to noon, while the Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays in the back room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly kids open microphone session will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mateo Monk plays instrumental world/electronic music from 5 to 6 p.m.

**Next Week**

Oliver Stone’s documentary, "South of the Border," will be shown as the Reel & Meal film of the month at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 17. University of Maryland professors Eugenia Kalnay and Vanderlei Martins, Greenbelt residents from Argentina and Brazil, lead a discussion after the film. There is a film website at http://southoftheborderdoc.com.

On Tuesday, January 18 Pete and Todd create an unusual musical experience with covers and originals from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, January 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Emry Tseng performs jazz and Brazilian bossa nova, with Matvei Sigalov on guitar and Roberto Berimbau on percussion. Tseng studied with jazz singer and teacher Bay Clayton in New York and Brazilian pianist Marcos Silva in San Francisco. She moved to this area last year and will give a concert at the Strathmore at the end of the month.

On Friday, January 21 at 8 p.m. the Badger Band, featuring members of the Jello Boys, provides the final performance in the Three Friday Grateful Dead celebration, while adding Dylan, original music and some jammin’.

Saturday, January 22 Wamie-nominated group Kiva brings their special percussive acoustic world music to the Cafe from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, January 23 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jim Stimson plays classical lute, with the Cypress Trio playing Southwestern Louisiana two-steps and walzeris from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

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**City Information**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board will join President Obama and others by encouraging residents to take part in community service opportunities. Dr. King was a champion of economic justice, and his life-long work to end poverty and relieve suffering remains relevant today. As we continue to confront the lingering economic times, the demands on service organizations are greater than ever. Throughout the City's history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

- The City’s many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/clubs.html
- The online home of President Obama’s “United We Serve” initiative: www.serve.gov

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of January 17th

Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Thursday Route – Collected Thursday
Friday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 21st.

**GAIL PROGRAM NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

The GAIL Program will be celebrating 10 years in 2011. In order to continue to provide Greenbelt residents with aging services that meet their needs the GAIL Program is currently conducting a needs assessment. Please take a few moments to participate. If you have received a paper copy in the mail please do not complete the online survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The deadline to complete the assessment is January 31, 2011. Access the survey at www.greenbeltmd.gov/seniors

**GREENBELT CARES WINTER WORKSHOPS IN LIFE SKILLS**

Register for one or all of the following by calling 301-340-4744.

- January 24-Fighting the Winter Blues
- February 28-Learning to be Assertive
- March 7, Living Well Through Mid-Life Changes
- April 21, Learning to be Assertive
- May 26, Living Well Through Mid-Life Changes

**GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER**

550-A Crescent Road
(behind Police Station)

COME OUT AND VISIT: April a 6 month old, sweet female tabby. Very loving.
Remy, 6 month old female Lab Mix. Super playful and friendly.
Tammy, 2 year old long haired gray tabby

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301-474-6124. Make a donation in the name of a friend! Visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 22
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Public Works Yard
City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

- Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, alkaline batteries taped on one end. New! Expanded Polystyrene (block “Styrofoam”) #6.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.**

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board For information call 301-474-8000.

**MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 17-21**

Wednesday, January 19th at 8pm, WORK SESSION, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmunaray@greenbeltmd.gov.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, January 22, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
The health and appearance of their smile. Patients ask about options for improving smile? A healthy smile contributes more

**Top 5 Dental Procedures For a Beautiful Smile**

- **Straight Teeth**
  - An ideal bite. Straight teeth are not only important for a beautiful smile - they are a thin layer and function like natural teeth. One of the most common uses of mini dental implants are to replace missing teeth.

- **Crowns**
  - Are used to cover or “cap” a damaged tooth starting at the gum line. Crown procedures have improved dramatically and are no longer a luxury limited to the wealthy. You can even get dental crowns in a day with CEREC same-day crowns.

- **Veneers**
  - Veneers allow dentists to change the appearance of teeth. Veneers are bonded to the face of the tooth with porcelain and are a custom made. Dental veneers are excellent option for people with tooth discoloration or heavy stains that do not respond to professional tooth whitening. Veneers are fused to metal and were less natural looking. Newer options are porcelain and can lighten with professional tooth whitening.

- **Teeth Whitening or Bleaching**
  - Whitening or bleaching is a procedure that removes the outer layer of tooth enamel and lightens it with a whitening gel. Some use bleaching trays while other use whitening gels with heat, light or vacuum. Teeth whitening can reduce or eliminate tooth stains and is used to maintain a whiter smile. Whitening gels usually faster than metal braces. For some patients, the sensitivity of teeth can be a concern. Special toothpaste and gels will help to reduce sensitivity.

- **Mini Dental Implants**
  - Mini dental implants are a thinner, smaller version of standard dental implants. They are not as visible as standard dental implants. However they do not hold as well as standard dental implants.

**Buses Routes continued from page 1**

someone ride the routes during rush hour to assure they are properly timed. In response, Hruby told council that county representatives say they have evaluated the running times for Thelbus 11 and will make changes to certain sections of the route.

They also are working with WMATA, she said, to address problems with the NextBus system, which is supposed to inform riders when the next bus should arrive. TRU-G members say the system is not working satisfactorily.

Hruby said there will be no public hearing, as these changes are minor. She said the city could post schedules in bus shelters but she is not aware of plans by either WMATA or DPW&FT to post schedules at stops.

**Council Concerns**

More than one councilmember noted problems with bus signage and with improper destinations listed at the end of the line, making it difficult for riders to find their bus. It was also noted that sometimes a bus says “Not in Service” when it actually is.

Councilmember Emmett Jor-
**Farm Fresh Produce**

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In preparation for his second term, Governor Martin O’Malley announced just before the holidays that he would conduct a series of live “Maryland Forward” forums to develop strategies for the O’Malley-Brown administration’s second term. He hoped they would generate actions and recommendations in support of their strategic goals, he said.

The governor subsequently led off the series with a forum at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg on Monday, December 20 on the topic of “Jobs and the Economy.” And on January 3 he hosted the second forum, on “Skills and Education,” held at Bowie State University.

Governor O’Malley’s 15 strategic goals for his administration as it begins its second and final term, which ends in 2014.

Those ambitious goals include:

1. Create, save or place Maryland residents into 250,000 jobs by the end of 2012.
2. Improve student achievement and school, college and career readiness by 25 percent by the end of 2015.
3. Reduce violent crime in Maryland by 20 percent by the end of 2012.
4. Reduce violent crime committed against women and children by 25 percent by the end of 2012.
6. Restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay by 2020.
7. Double transit ridership in Maryland by the end of 2020.
8. Increase the number of Marylanders who receive skills training by 20 percent by the end of 2012.
9. Reduce per-capita electricity consumption in Maryland by 15 percent by 2015.

Fourth Forum

A fourth forum covering the topic “Children and Health,” was held on Monday, January 10 at Coppin State University in Baltimore. The final forum, on the topic of “Public Safety and Security,” will be held on Thursday, January 13 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis.

The five “Maryland Forward” forums are intended to provide useful guidance and recommendations for achieving Governor O’Malley’s 15 strategic goals for his administration as it begins its second and final term, which ends in 2014.

Governor O’Malley Holds Forums

Focusing on Future of the State

by Thomas X. White

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December 31, 5:37 p.m., Hamil-ton Place, the fence to a garden plot was damaged and litter was found on the plot.

January 1, 1:51 p.m., 11 Court Ridge Road, graffiti was found on the plot.

Home Invasion

January 4, 9:35 p.m., 16 Court Crescent Road, a man entered a home while the occupants were there, brandished a screwdriver and demanded money. The man took a game system and video games and fled. The suspect is described as a white male, 40 to 45 years old, 6’0” to 6’2” tall, weighing 200 to 210 pounds, missing two bottom teeth and wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt.

Burglaries

December 31, 2:27 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, an attempted burglary was reported. January 1, 2:33 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, a DVD player, cellphone, game system and computer were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a maroon 2003 Ford Focus with Md. tags from the 7900 block Mandan Road and a green 1998 Ford Explorer with Md. tags from the 9590 block Cherrywood Terrace. Attempted thefts of vehicles were reported twice at 13 Court Ridge Road.

Two Maryland license plates stolen in the 7800 block Walker Drive were recovered in Bowie. No arrests were made.

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by James Giese

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While Greenbelt lacks the really steep sloping hillsides that are a challenge to any teenage sledder, the “Devil Hill” of my youth, there are plenty of lesser slopes throughout town off the road that provide enjoyment particularly to the younger set who are first getting to learn the pleasures of snow. I am sure that last year Greenbelt kids got their full of snow play and then some.

Except for damaging the fence, sledding has never been a serious problem. Still, Research Center officials have regularly complained to the city about any one accessing that portion of the farm not only because of the vandalism that occurred but because of the possibility of an encounter with one of the farm animals being researched there.

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The problem was, of course, that not every resident was willing to be snowed in just so the kids could have a play hill. The com-
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Victory Gardens Film Shown by Museum

Mid-winter is traditionally the time gardeners begin poring over seed and bulb catalogs, and dreaming of warmer days to come. It’s the perfect time to start planning a spring garden whether growing vegetables or flowers.

On Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will screen a short instructional video (approximately 20 minutes) from the 1940s which details how a Maryland family plans and establishes its own Victory Garden. Follow them through the process, learn tips for how to make the most of one’s own garden and experience what life was like for many families on the American homefront. A discussion will follow the film. The lecture is free, sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and will be held at the Community Center.

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Greenbelt Museum Closing for January

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J. Mather to Speak on Big Bang at the Science Café

On Tuesday, January 18 at 3:30 p.m., the Eleanor Science Café will be the site for a talk by Goddard Space Flight Center’s Nobel Prize winning Astrophysicist Dr. John Mather, whose topics will range from the Big Bang to the Nobel Prize and on to the James Webb Space Telescope and the discovery of alien life. The lecture is free, open to the public and will be held in the ESFS cafeteria.

At 5 p.m. there will be a break and live music from the school’s quartet along with food and continuation and then Mather’s presentation will be repeated at 6 p.m.

Mather will tell how people got here, how the universe began with a Big Bang, how it could have produced an Earth where sentient beings can live and how those beings are discovering their history.

Mather is Project Scientist for NASA’s Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite, which measured the spectrum (the color) of the heat radiation from the Big Bang, discovered hot and cold spots in that radiation and hunted for the first objects that formed after the great explosion. He will explain Einstein’s biggest mistake, show how Edwin Hubble discovered the expansion of the universe, how the COBE mission was built and how the COBE data support the Big Bang theory.

Webb Telescope

Mather will also show NASA’s plans for the next great telescope in space, the James Webb Space Telescope, which will look further back in time than the Hubble Space Telescope and will look inside the dusty cocoons where stars and planets are being born today. The Webb telescope is capable of examining Earth-like planets around other stars using the transit technique. Future missions may even find signs of life. Currently planned for launch in 2014, the telescope may lead to another Nobel Prize for some lucky observer.

WSSC’s Knox Speaks at Gardening Meeting

At the next Beltsville Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. the speaker will be Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Community Outreach Manager Kimberley M. Knox, who is a member of the club’s Knox, who is also editor of “Landscaping for Water Conservation: Xeriscape,” will speak on Water Conservation and Gardens and the seven basic principles to include in the landscape to ensure savings of water, money and time. Knox coordinates WSSC’s demonstration garden, which features native plants for birds and butterflies.

There will be refreshments after the meeting. Members are invited to bring a plant or plant-related material for the door prize table. The public is welcome.

Beltsville Garden Club meetings are held in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. Call Louise DeJames at 301-898-4733 or visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org for details.

Crescent Crosswalk Offers Safety Boost

The city recently installed a crosswalk safety system, now operating on Crescent Road at St. Hugh’s School. The pedestrian-activated system, called a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon, features high-intensity LED lights that flash rapidly in a flickering pattern to accent the crosswalk equipped with three bollards. The city purchased two of these devices to stop traffic in both directions. The system also comes with a recorded verbal message informing pedestrians about safely crossing the busy intersection. The system runs in large part by a solar-powered device with battery backup.

The city funded the system with $35,000 from the Capital Improvement budget and installed the system due to growing concern about pedestrian safety and a number of near accidents at this heavily-trafficked location.

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