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Dear Friends:

As 2010 is coming to a close and the Holiday Season is fast approaching, your District 4 Team is committed to accomplishing more great things in the coming years. As we look forward to celebrating the Holiday Season with our families and friends, please remember those in need who may not be able to enjoy the season as much as others. Also, please remember to maintain your own health as Flu season is here and still a major issue in our community.

Continuing with the Holiday Season, on **December 22, 2010** I will be hosting a District 4 Holiday Celebration at Newton White Mansion from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. I hope you will come out and fellowship with your neighbors and friends and enjoy hors d'œuvres and music. Please RSVP at <http://d4holidaycelebration.eventbrite.com>. I look forward to seeing you at this fun community event.

As I enter into my second term as YOUR representative to the Prince George's County Council, I am extremely enthused to continue another 4 years of service to our community. Programs like "Read 4 Success" and "Promoting Healthy Counties" serve as my dedication to supporting a healthy, happy, and informed District 4 community.

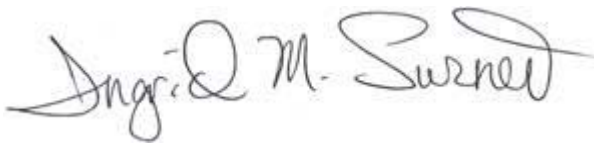
I value your input as a public servant of District 4. In my leadership I will continue to work with my Council colleagues, local officials from the City of Bowie and City of Greenbelt, State and Federal officials and our new County Executive to focus on those priorities that are important to you and me - education, public safety and job creation. I am always interested in hearing your opinions on these issues. Because of this, I am hosting three new District 4 Advisory Committees: *Health*, *Economic Development*, and *Communities* which will begin in January, 2011.

I would also like to invite you to join me on **December 6, 2010** for the new County Executive and County Council Swearing-In that will take place at the County Administration Building at 10:45 am. The County Administration Building is located at 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. The exchange of gavel and first County Council session will take place on December 7, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Council Hearing room. Please join me for this event too.

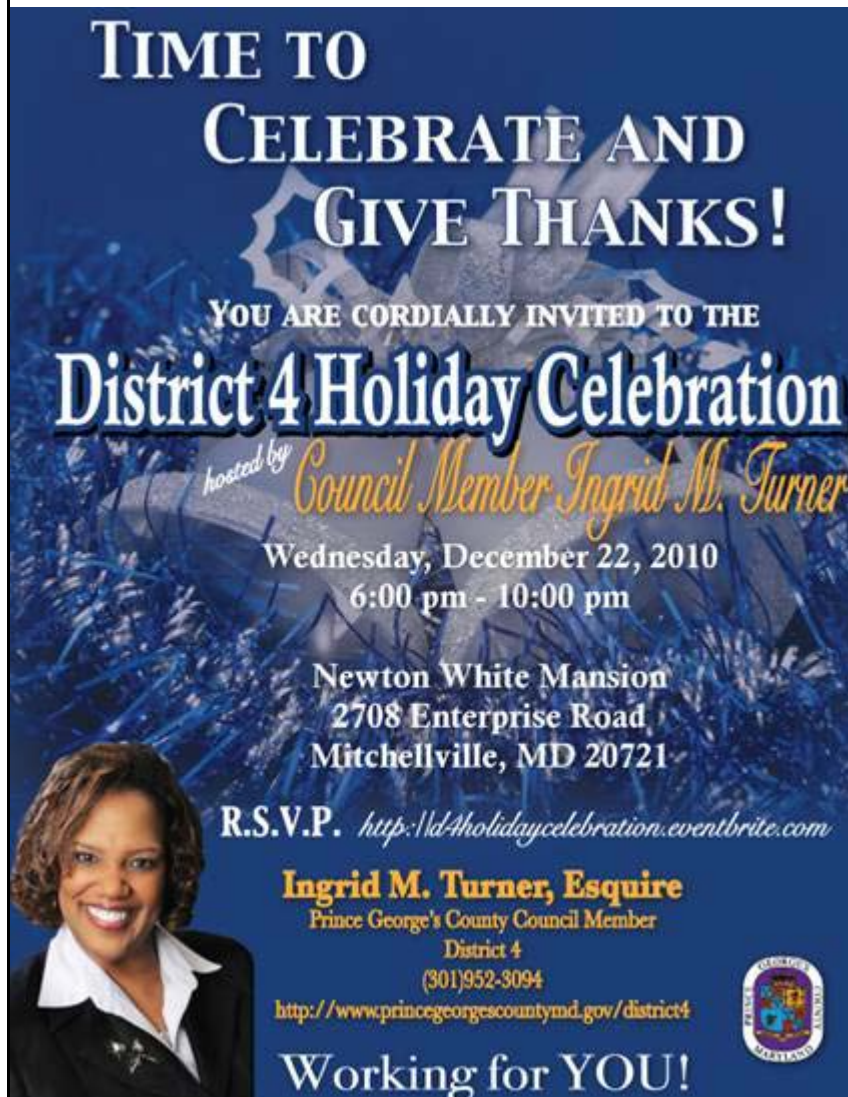
Working for YOU continues to be an honor and a privilege. As always, please enjoy this month's

E-News as you should find some updates about things happening in our community and some interesting events for you and your family to participate in. If you have information that you would like to be included in future newsletters that will be beneficial to other residents, please email the information to arpannell@co.pg.md.us.

Working for YOU!



Ingrid M. Turner



**TIME TO
CELEBRATE AND
GIVE THANKS!**



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
District 4 Holiday Celebration
hosted by Council Member Ingrid M. Turner

Wednesday, December 22, 2010
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Newton White Mansion
2708 Enterprise Road
Mitchellville, MD 20721

R.S.V.P. <http://d4holidaycelebration.eventbrite.com>

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Working for YOU!

News You can Use!!!

New shuttle service and modern upgrades transform Franklin Park

Fieldstone Properties is already moving aggressively to transform the living environment for thousands of Prince George's County residents who call Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station home, including providing shuttle buses to key destinations and renovating the 1960s-era apartments.

Council Member Ingrid Turner recently toured the 2,877-unit community on Springhill Lane in Greenbelt, formerly known as Empirian Village, and was impressed with the changes already under way and the plans for future improvements.

Since taking charge of Franklin Park in October as a part owner, New Jersey-based Fieldstone Properties has begun operating a resident-only shuttle to the Greenbelt Metro Station and surrounding area. The new management company has also established shuttle service to and from University of Maryland.

Dozens of outdated apartments are already being updated with granite kitchens, new baths and hardwood floors, and a renovation schedule of 30 units a month has been implemented. Plans also call for a new fitness center and other common area amenities, along with improvements to the swimming pools and open spaces.

Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station is Prince George's County largest apartment community. Fieldstone Properties is committed to making Franklin Park a secure community for its residents. New exterior surveillance cameras and call boxes will be installed. Police officers will be offered incentives to live on site and Fieldstone will continue to work with the city and



On November 1, 2010, Council Member Ingrid M. Turner presented a \$2,500 check to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Fund along with World Wide Community/New Life Community Church who brought non-perishable food items to support the food pantry. Council Member Turner is pictured here with Debbie Langdon, Director of the Bowie Interfaith Pantry, staff, and Robert Howze, Executive Director of World Wide Community



The 2010 Holiday Food and Fitness Expo was held on November 6, 2010 where Council Member Ingrid M. Turner was happy to attend as were some of the seniors throughout the district. The Expo was held at the Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Complex where residents had an opportunity to visit vendors, hear live music and performances as well as participate in free health screenings. Pictured with Council Member Turner is Prince George's County Council Elect Karen R. Toles, Council Member Elect Leslie E. Johnson, Prince George's County Health Department Director, Dr. Donald Shell, Mr. Howard W. Stone, Delegate Melony G. Griffith and Delegate Jolene Ivey.

county police to reduce crime.

Situated near major transportation routes including Greenbelt Metro and the Capital Beltway; employment hubs including NASA and the Capital Office Park; and shopping centers like Beltway Plaza Mall, the transformation of Franklin Park is an important step for one of Prince George's County's most centrally located communities. For questions or additional information please contact Mr. Charlie Mayher of Franklin Park at 301-424-4141.



Transformation is under way at Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, Prince George's County's largest apartment community. New management will lead the redevelopment strategy as apartments are renovated with granite countertops, custom cabinetry and new



Council Member Turner was happy to attend the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, Third Annual Taste of Bowie & Fashion Show on November 10, 2010. Council Member Turner is pictured with Chief of Staff Tomeka Bumbry enjoying some of the festivities.



The Benjamin Tasker Middle School Girls Softball Team was happy to receive certificates of recognition for their outstanding season, hard work and dedication. Council Member Turner is pictured with the Benjamin Tasker Middle School Softball Team and Principal Ms. Karen Coley

appliances.

Seasonal Flu Shots

The Prince George's County Health Department will be making seasonal flu vaccines available to school-aged children this fall, beginning with public elementary schools. Free vaccines will also be available to students at selected Shoppers Food Warehouses in the County. This year's seasonal vaccine includes protection against the H1N1 virus.

Vaccine Information

This year the seasonal flu vaccine protects against several different strains of flu including the H1N1 virus. To learn more about the 2010 seasonal vaccine, visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov or the Prince George's Health Department website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/health or call 301-883-7879.

Who Should Get Vaccinated?

The CDC recommends that everyone get a flu shot this year. However some people should speak with their doctor before being vaccinated, including:

- People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.
- People who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past.
- People who developed *Guillian-Barré syndrome* (GBS) within 6 weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously.

For more information about other clinics being held in Prince George's County, call the Prince George's County Health Line at 1-888-561-4049 or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/health for influenza vaccination clinic updates.

To find other nearby Seasonal Flu clinics in addition to those listed below, go to the Google Flu Shot Finder at <http://www.google.com/flushot> or see a private doctor.



On November 19, 2010, Council Member Ingrid M. Turner was happy to attend and present awards at the Bowie State University American Education Week Awards Ceremony and Luncheon for the American Education Week Essay contest. Council Member Turner is pictured with Dr. Traki Taylor-Webb, Dean and Professor of the College of Education at Bowie State University, 2nd place winner, Elise Perkins, Early Childhood/Special Education Major, first place winner, Ms. Erin Rohler, Reading Education Major, who also received a new laptop from Council Member Turner and 3rd place winner Ester Williams.



Along with Dean Taylor-Webb and the first and second place award winners, Council Member Turner is pictured with Mr. Michael Hughes, Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc. and Dr. Marsha Mims-Word, Assistant to the Dean – Outreach & Doctoral Studies and Chairperson for the Essay Contest.



Dean Traki-Webb was happy to present Council Member Turner with an award in recognition of her support to the College of Education during American Education Week 2010.

MORE NEWS FOR YOU

DPW&T Community Partners Meeting

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) is holding its quarterly "Community Partners" meeting on **December 16, 2010** at 9:00 AM. These meetings are intended to work with community organizations to improve delivery of DPW&T services to county residents.

During the meeting, information pertinent to the success of this year's program will be distributed which includes staff contacts, service area maps, and reporting procedures. A "tip sheet" will also be distributed that includes helpful suggestions to help you and everyone you know in preparing for the winter weather. This is a very important meeting, as the primary focus is to share information with you and to ensure you that your input is considered in all aspect of the 2010-2011 Snow and Ice Control Operations Program.

Also at this Partners meeting, an updates from command staff of the Prince George's County Police Department regarding their continued efforts to combat illegal dumping will be given. Representatives from the Department of Environmental Resources, and the Prince George's County Public Schools will also be in attendance to answer any other questions you may have. If there other agencies you would like to have, please let the DPW&T know.

The meeting will be held at the Maintenance Operations Facility at 8400 D'Arcy Road, Forestville, MD. To register your attendance as well as to ensure that the appropriate number of materials is provided for each person attending the meeting, please, contact Susan Hubbard, DPW&T Public Information Officer, at SDHubbard1@co.pg.md.us or 301-883-5600. Ms, Hubbard will also be able to any other questions related to the meeting or any other matters related to DPW&T you may

have.

Small Business Lending Fair

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards would like to invite you to attend a 'Small Business Lending Fair' on **December 7, 2010** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Newton White Mansion. Attendees will be able to meet with bank lenders and take a seminar on how to manage credit. Newton White Mansion is located at 2708 Enterprise Road Mitchellville, MD 20721. For more information please call: Desmond Serrette, at 301-516-7601 or email at Desmond.Serrette@mail.house.gov. To RSVP please click here: <http://www.pgcedc.com/sbi/lendersconferenceReg.php>.

Happy Holidays from Donna Edwards

In celebration of this joyous season, you are cordially invited to Congresswoman Donna Edwards' Holiday party on **Saturday, December 11, 2010** from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Come enjoy Free hors d'oeuvres, dancing and good times with friends and neighbors. The event will be held at Oxon Hill Manor, 6901 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland. Congresswoman Edwards wants to remind you to donate this holiday season. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted for the Capitol Area Food Bank. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by a needy family this year!

Free College and Cultural Awareness Trip

On **Saturday, December 4, 2010** the Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc., will host a **FREE** College and Cultural Awareness Field Trip for Prince George's County students for the first 100 youth who register by December 1, 2010. The tour buses will leave the Take Charge offices, located at 7610 Pennsylvania Avenue, Forestville, MD at 9:00 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.

The youth will tour Bowie State, Coppin State, and Morgan State Universities, the National Blacks In Wax Museum in Baltimore as well as have lunch at Golden Corral before returning to the Take Charge offices at 6:30 p.m.

This annual Tour is often the initial exposure to a college campus for many youth and serves as an inspiration for many youth who have never considered college. Additionally, the highlight of the Tour is the presentation at the Blacks In Wax Museum, where youth relive the experience of slavery, Emancipation, Jim Crow and the Civil Rights Movement. For more information, to register, or serve as a chaperone, please call Ms. Markita Gates at 301-420-7395 or please visit www.takechargeprogram.org.

“Move Over” Law

Maryland State Police are reminding motorists to be aware of new traffic laws that took effect October 2010 that require drivers to 'move over,' if possible, and are aimed at increasing safety for police, fire and emergency medical services personnel working on Maryland roadsides, as well as those riding bicycles or scooters.

A new law requires drivers approaching from the rear an emergency vehicle using visual signals while stopped on a highway to, if possible, 'make a lane change into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle.' This movement should only be done if another lane in the same direction is available and the move can be made safely and without impeding

other traffic. If moving to another lane away from the stopped emergency vehicle is not possible, the law requires drivers to 'slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions. The intent of the 'move over' law is to provide an extra barrier of safety for police officers, fire fighters, and emergency rescue personnel working along Maryland roads. It is hoped drivers will become more aware of police and emergency workers stopped along the road and move away from them or slow down as they pass by the traffic stop or incident scene.

Violation of the 'move over' law is a primary offense with a fine of \$110 and one point. If the violation contributes to a traffic crash, the fine is \$150 and three points. If the violation contributes to a traffic crash resulting in death or serious injury, the fine is \$750 and three points. The complete press release from the Maryland State Police may be viewed at http://cityofbowie.org/Government/Police/move_over_law.pdf.

City of Bowie Community Forum on Hiring of New Police Chief

The City of Bowie community is invited to offer comments regarding the hiring of a new police chief at a forum on **December 8th, 2010**. The forum will take place in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD 20715, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will provide an opportunity for the public to provide input before the City begins its hiring process for the new chief.

The Mercer Group, Inc. of Atlanta has been retained by the City to assist in the nationwide search for a new chief. Mr. James Mercer will be present at the meeting to explain the hiring process and to hear the public's comments. For more information please contact the City of Bowie at 301-262-6200.

Bowie State University Winter Commencement

The President, Faculty, Staff, and Graduating Class of Bowie State University request your presence at the 2010 Winter Commencement and Breakfast Reception **Friday, December 17, 2010** at 10:00 am. Winter Commencement will take place at the Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex, 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, MD 20715.

A Reception will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex, Room 122

For more information or to RSVP please call Vernell Lawson at 301-860-3555 or vlawson@bowiestate.edu by December 10, 2010.

Toys For Tots in Bowie

The City of Bowie Police Department is asking you to join them in helping make this Christmas special for local children. Make a difference in the life of a child by donating new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program. Donations will be accepted at the following locations until **December 20, 2010**:

- Bowie City Hall

- Bowie Police Station
- Bowie Gymnasium
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Senior Center

For more information, please contact Corporal Henderson at 301-575-2480.

29th Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest

The City of Bowie Presents its 29th Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. All residents of Bowie are encouraged to participate in this fun and festive event. Participants will select one of three categories, *Traditional*, *Religious*, or *Colonial* to compete in and will be judge on *Creativity*, *Appearance*, and *Effort*. To enter into the contest and to view contest rules please click the link: http://www.cityofbowie.org/Reports_and_Publications/Spotlight/2010/NovDec10Newsltr.pdf .

Forms must be received by 5:00 pm **Monday, December 13, 2010** and address to:

Bowie City Hall, Room 203,
2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, MD 20715
ATTN: House Decorating Contest

For more information please call Bowie City Hall at 301-809-3011.

Free Community Flu Shots Clinic

The Prince George's Health Department and the Bowie Health Center are partnering with the City of Bowie to bring a free seasonal flu vaccination clinic to Bowie on **Monday, December 6, 2010**. The clinic will be held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive Bowie, MD 20716. Both seasonal flu mist (ages 2 - 49) and seasonal flu shots (ages 3 and up) will be available.

To make an appointment to receive your free flu vaccination at the December 6 clinic, call the City of Bowie at 301-809-3055 or email tcraddock@cityofbowie.org.

Bowie Volunteer Fire Department Needs Volunteers

The Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., (BVFD) is looking for new members to join its elite firefighting and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) teams. Recent budget cutbacks by the Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department have made the work of local volunteers even more critical to our community's public safety. A wide variety of emergency and non-emergency support activities are available for qualified volunteers.

Minimum requirements for firefighters/EMTs include being at least 16 years old, completion of a background investigation and physical evaluation and completion of basic training courses. For a full list of requirements and an on-line interest application, visit the website at www.bowievfd.org.

Curbside Leaf Collection in Bowie is Underway

The City of Bowie's curbside leaf collection service began on **November 1, 2010**. Each residential neighborhood will have two collection dates. Residents should rake leaves into piles at the edge of their grass for pickup by the City crews.

Collection will take place from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. according to the published schedule. Crews will work rain or shine. However, in the event of snow or ice storms, leaf collection will be temporarily suspended, as the trucks and crews will be redeployed to salt or plow City streets. Some sections of the City are listed on two consecutive days. Due to expected volume, these sections may take more than one day to complete.

The leaves must be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled date. The second day is built into the schedule to allow extra time if it is needed. Crews will visit areas not completed on the first scheduled day. Once leaf collection begins, please call 301-262-6200 and select the prompt for the Leaf Collection Hotline for up-to-date information.

For more information, call 301-809-2344 or click the link to view the collection schedule:
http://www.cityofbowie.org/news/leaf_collection_sched2010.pdf

Bowie Youth & Family Services Group Offerings

An "Active Parenting" group and a "Girls Count!" group for teen girls are being offered by Bowie Youth & Family Services. They also would like to offer self-defense training for teenage girls. For more information on the groups or to express interest in the self-defense training, please call 301-809-3033.

Environmental Stewardship in the Home

The Environmental Advisory Committee encourages residents to become certified Environmental Stewards. The Bowie Environmental Stewardship Certification Program is a part of the Green Bowie initiative which is a program to reduce the City's carbon footprint and to protect and improve the environmental health of our neighborhoods and watersheds. Check out the Environmental Stewardship Self-Certification Workbook for Households on the City website by clicking this link: http://www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie/envir_stewardship_workbook.pdf. It provides an opportunity for families to identify ways to reduce energy use and minimize their overall impacts on the environment.

Greenbelt Holiday Tree Lighting

The City of Greenbelt Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on **Friday, December 3, 2010** at 7:00 pm at the Community Center front lawn. All ages welcome at this FREE event.

Holiday lights will adorn the NEW tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. Musical performances by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir and other community groups will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department.

Relive Holiday Memories at the Greenbelt Museum

On Friday, December 3, 2010 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm After the city's tree lighting feel free stroll over to the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10B Crescent Road. Take a free tour of the house which sparkles at night with holiday lights and decorations and peruse the museum's gift

shop which will be freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. The Museum and shop will also be open Wednesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 15 for tours and shopping. Buy local! For more information, visit greenbeltmuseum.org, email museum@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-507-6582.

Greenbelt Middle School Task Force

If you are interested in ensuring the future viability of the historic Greenbelt Middle School and ensuring that community interests are provided for then become a part of this task force and bring your ideas. [Application is available here.](#) Either print it out and mail to Cindy Murray, City Clerk, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, or save it and email it as an attachment to cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov. You may also contact her at 301-474-8000.

Camp Snowflake

Are you looking for FUN, SAFE, and AFFORDABLE childcare for your child during their Winter Break? This camp is held at the Greenbelt Youth Center with a different fun activity each day. Enjoy a field trip to see Udvar Hazy and see an Imax movie, pool and pizza party, chef for a day, New Year's Eve Extravaganza and more! Camp Snowflake takes place from **Monday, December 27 - Friday, December 31** from 9:00am-3:30pm for more information and registration prices please call 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt Hot Lunch Program

The Senior Nutrition Program serves hot lunches at 12:00pm **Monday through Friday** in the commercial kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least two days in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Requested meal donation is \$3. To make reservations please call 301-397-2208 x4215.

2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Oratorical Competition

The SPEAK! MD Oratory League, Inc. presents the "2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Oratorical Competition" on **Monday, January 17, 2011**. The competition is open to 2nd - 12th grade students and will be held at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly, MD at 1:00 pm.

Prizes will be awarded for elementary, middle and high school winners as follows:

- **1st place:** \$300 (Three, \$100 I-Series Savings Bonds)
- **2nd place:** \$200 (Two, \$100 I-Series Savings Bonds)
- **3rd place:** \$100 (One I-Series Savings Bond)

For more information please visit <http://www.mdoratoryleague.org/109756.html> or e-mail drking@mdoratoryleague.org.

Cards Anyone???

Every **Thursday, Friday and every other Tuesday** Bridge groups play from 12:30pm to 3:30pm in the senior game room at the Greenbelt Community Center. If you are interested in joining the groups call Ruth Burton (Tuesday Bridge) at 301-345-0323, Robin Schlauch (Thursday Bridge) at 301-474-2605 or Marlyn Crump (Friday Bridge) at 301-577-4454. Following the Golden Age Club

on Wednesdays, Pinochle players gather to play. For more information call Shirleyanne Egenreider at 301-345-1974.

The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road , Greenbelt, MD 20770

Senior Leisure Opportunities In Prince George's County

There's never been a better time to be a Prince George's County senior. Those ages 60 & better are encouraged to explore the extraordinary parks and recreation opportunities available throughout the county. Visit a senior activity center and take part in special events, recreation classes, day trips, and educational programs. Participate in programs in aquatics, crafts, fitness & health, martial arts, nature, performing arts, sports, visual arts and more. Sign up for a FREE SMARTlink account (read more [here](#)) and if you're a bi-county resident, ask for your FREE community center/fitness room ID card, too. Work out and enjoy exercising in a community center fitness room. For more information call 301-699-2255.

Annual Winter Festival of Lights

The 24th Annual Winter Festival of Lights in Prince George's County will light up your holidays! This year's festival opened Friday, November 26, and runs from 5-9:30 pm nightly through Sunday, January 2, 2011. Put a twinkle in the eyes of everyone in the car when you ride through this spectacular event at Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro, with more than one million twinkling lights. Please bring canned goods for donation to local food banks. Admission fees are only \$5/car or van, \$15/mini-bus or limo, \$25/bus, and \$10 for a multi-visit, transferable pass for cars and vans that's good for 3 visits. For more information click [here](#) or call 301-699-2456.

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