

Council Supports Fracking Ban, New Police Officers Sworn In

by Thomas X. White

Four new City of Greenbelt police officers were introduced at the February 23 council meeting. Purchase of a new Public Works Department pickup truck and consideration of proposed State legislation were also before council. One proposed bill supported by the council would impose a moratorium on fracking in Maryland. Another bill council supported would enable elected officials to shield certain financial interests. Council also supported a 10¢ mandatory disposable bag fee for bags provided by stores.

A proposed city legislative item intended to clarify the city code requirements for parking regulations, particularly as they pertain to parking restrictions based on vehicle size, weight and class, was removed from the council agenda due to the inability of Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze to attend the meeting. The item will be placed on a future

council agenda. (The approval of a new contract for operation of the Greenbelt theater was covered in the News Review issue of February 26.)

Police Officers

The first item of business was the introduction and swearing in of four new police officers. Captain Thomas Kemp and Captain Marie Triesky were on hand to introduce the new officers. Matthew Schurg has graduated from the Howard County Police Academy with a degree in Criminal Justice. Gaston Granger has completed the Maryland Police Training Academy and attended Washington Adventist University. Nick Yatsko also attended the Howard County Police Academy and has served in the U.S. military. Troy Arnold attended the Howard County Police Academy and served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mayor Emmett Jordan administered the oaths of office to the

new officers and then introduced their friends and family members in attendance.

Award of Purchase

Karl Skaggs, parks supervisor, was on hand to support the staff recommendation for approval of a Ford F-250 pickup truck from Hertrich Fleet Services of Denton at a proposed cost of \$28,099. The truck being replaced is 12 years old with over 81,000 miles and in need of major maintenance.

Skaggs provided council with an animated description of the condition of the retiring vehicle and described the value of the proposed new purchase. Councilmember Judith Davis moved approval of the purchase and it was seconded by Councilmember Silke Pope. Councilmember Rodney Roberts described the relative merits of gas-fired utility vehicles versus diesel vehicles; his choice

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Rental Apartments Will Augment Metro South Core Housing Mix

by Kathleen Gallagher

For Greenbelters who may think there are just too many street and place names in this town that include the word “green,” relief is at hand.

On Wednesday, February 25 the city council met with David Polonsky, senior development manager with Atapco Properties, Inc. of Baltimore, to receive an update on the status of the rental apartments soon to be built on the South Core of the Greenbelt Metro Station. The apartments and accompanying parking garage, called Verde at Greenbelt Station, will be situated toward the southwest corner of the South Core, nearest to North College Park and the train tracks. The development is a joint project of Atapco and its partner, the Dolben Company, which will manage the apartments.

All members of the city council were present, as were City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Planner Jessica Bellah.

The rental apartments will expand the mix of housing available at the South Core, joining condo apartments and townhouses already completed and currently under construction by NVR, Inc. and Ryan Homes, Inc. to the east of the site, on the west side of Indian Creek. Pending permits from Prince George’s County and the City of Greenbelt, construction of the parking garage and apartment buildings will begin

next month. Occupancies will begin in 2016 and will be phased from April through October. As of this week, NVR, Inc. had sold 32 of the large townhouses, 18 of which are already occupied. (Similar information for Ryan Homes sales was not available at press time.)

The timing for the update on the project reflected approval in late December of minor changes proposed to the detailed site plan that was originally approved by the County Planning Board in 2006, before the 2008 downturn in the financial market stalled the project and led to its sale. Polonsky explained that they had intentionally made as few changes as possible to the plans originally approved by the county and the city in order to expedite an easy transition and project start. In fact, the changes were deemed by the county to be so minor that the approval was set at the staff level with no need for further review by the Planning Board.

In this instance, “verde” is not just another way to say green. It is a primary focus of the developers, who are required to meet the standards for silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and may attempt to up the ante and go for gold certification. Polonsky said Atapco had developed the first LEED platinum apart-

ment community in Maryland. Located in Elkridge on the eastern edge of Columbia and called Verde at Howard Square, the complex is an example of what is proposed for Greenbelt Station. Councilmembers encouraged the idea of going for gold certification and offered to send support letters if that would be helpful.

Included among the sustainable items in the units are a gas-fired Aquatherm heating system that combines the tankless hot water heater with the heating coil in the fan coil unit. Cooling is via electric heat pump. The project will be 4 percent solar with panels on the garage roof and makes high use of recycled materials.

Possibly the most significant of the minor changes from the original plan is that the apartment unit mix has been revised. There will still be 302 apartments but none of them will be three-bedroom. The number of two-bedroom apartments has decreased from 129 to 116, with the number of one-bedrooms increasing from 157 to 186. The size will vary from 750 up to 1,500 square feet, with the upper end representing a two-bedroom apartment with a loft and den.

Asked about the elimination of the three-bedroom units, Polonsky explained that in part

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Women’s History Month

In observance of Women’s History Month, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known here.

The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

Luisa Robles Is Passionate About Sustainability Here

by Jim Link

Luisa Robles is so quick and intelligent that chatting with her is not only a delight, it is also an education. Greenbelt’s sustainability coordinator is so articulate about climate change, excessive use of fossil fuels, composting, greenhouse gas emissions, cultural differences between the USA and Mexico, Darwin’s theory of evolution and Carl Sagan’s unfolding of the wonders of the cosmos that one is irresistibly impressed.



Luisa Robles

Her full Ph.D. title is a mouthful: Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Sciences and Sustainability Development and Ecological Economics, earned from the University of Maryland at College Park. Her thesis consisted of research in the sustainable development of some small villages on Mexico’s Pacific coast. “I explored different methodologies to encourage better environmental stewardship there. I try to do the same here in Greenbelt.”

Hired by City Manager Michael McLaughlin in 2008 as the recycling coordinator, Robles’ title was upgraded to sustainability coordinator, indicating the larger scope of her responsibilities.

“Where were you born, Luisa?”

In San Luis Potosí, a small town 500 km north of Mexico City, 500 km south of Monterrey, right in the middle of a high desert plateau in Chihuahua.”

“Why did you choose to live in the USA?”

“I wanted to do graduate work in a different country and in a language other than my moth-

er tongue. The MEES program at Maryland University – that’s Marine Estuarine Environmental Sciences – was very good.”

“Why Greenbelt? How did you discover Greenbelt?”

“Ahhh,” Robles’ face lit up. “When I was a graduate student, I visited

our wonderful art deco theater – which I hope reopens soon – and fell in love with Roosevelt Center. It’s like a plaza or Mexican town center, a hub of activity where people meet, gossip, have festivals. In College Park I would ask myself, ‘Where’s the downtown? Where’s the center?’ Well, in Greenbelt there is a downtown.

“The Green Man Festival has a face painting lady, homemade jewelry, various kiosks,” Robles continued. “I miss the balloon seller and his tropical fruit cart and ice cream,” she added nostalgically. “But maybe that will come soon.”

She moved into a GHI house on Ridge Road, where she lives with her husband and two cats.

During the week Robles works primarily in her colorful, sunlit office in the Public Works Building at the end of Crescent Road, next to the Buddy Attick Park entrance. But on weekends “my schedule is flexible,” she says, “and I work all over the place. I give recycling workshops at the Greenbelt Community Center and at the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments – sometimes in private homes.”

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What Goes On

Friday, March 13

1 p.m., Ice Cream Social for Senior Citizens, Community Center

Saturday, March 14

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot behind Municipal Building

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Memorial Trees & Memorial Benches Workday, Community Center (see City Information ad on page 5)

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession with School Board Representatives, Community Center

Letters

Are Library-Mode Copies Hackable?

Saturday, March 7, I sought to copy my tax forms at the Greenbelt Library, only to find that there was no private way to do this.

I found a sign on the free-standing copier directing me to a computerized scanning copy system and was advised by staff that this original copier was out of order and that the contract would be allowed to run out.

I learned that I could easily send whatever I was copying to my email account. This told me that a copy of my tax forms would be online and that basically it then would then be public information.

We all know that hackers have broken into systems far more secure than the Prince George's County system could ever be.

It does not take much imagination to figure how one's copying of combinations of pages from various books, combined with other pirated personal information could lead data miners to a variety of incriminating conclusions, which could sell quite well in the personal data marketplace.

While most of us have given up on retaining our privacy, I still believe that it is shortsighted to fail to resist at every opportunity – how else can we begin to fix this problem?

I did not get any copies of my tax forms made at the Greenbelt library, but I want the free-standing copier capability restored.

Bill Norwood

Montpelier To Offer Archeology Exhibit

The Hidden Treasure: Restoration and Archeology exhibit at Montpelier Mansion will start on March 9 and go to April 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed Wednesdays). There is an opening reception on Saturday, March 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

See some of the 4,000 artifacts found by archeologists during Montpelier's year-long restoration in 2013. These artifacts will help reveal dramatic changes in how the residents of Montpelier lived. There will be kids' activities to learn about the science of archeology and the importance of preservation.

There is a nominal fee, which includes a self-guided tour of the house.

For more information call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit history.pgparcs.com.

Montpelier Mansion is located at 9652 Muirkirk Road in Laurel.

ERHS Debate Team Wins National Contest

In its third season, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) debate team surprised attendees as they defeated over 122 teams to win the championship title at the National Liberty Bell Classic Debate Tournament hosted by the University of Pennsylvania.

Debating the topic Economic Globalization Benefits Worldwide Poverty Reduction, varsity debaters Vinai Rachakonda and Donovan Harvey, both juniors, won four out of six preliminary tournaments, which qualified them for eliminations where they won all six debates.

"Winning the pre-tournament debates was beyond exciting," said Rachakonda. "We were exhausted but incredibly happy to make the finals and then, ultimately, win."

During the three-day tournament, Rachakonda and Harvey spent approximately 35 hours presenting arguments for both sides of their topic. Student judges selected the winning arguments from extensive research, evidence preparation and the development of case studies.

The recent win earned them one of the two bids needed to qualify for the prestigious Tournament of Champions in April at the University of Kentucky. There are strong expectations they will be invited to compete. Rachakonda and Harvey, who both

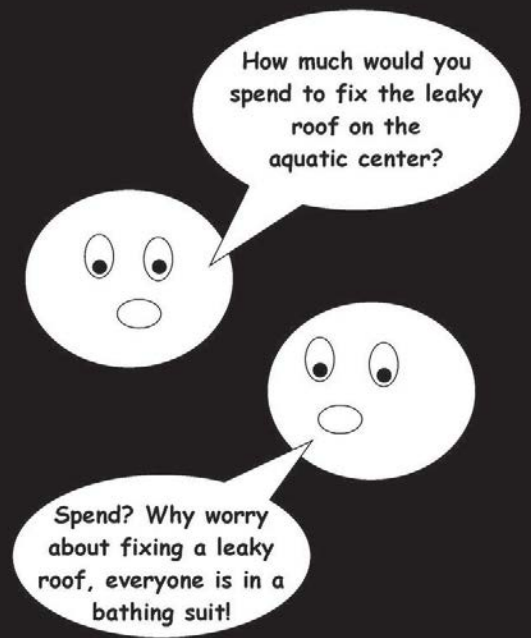
began debating as seventh-graders at Kenmoor Middle School, are also now ranked in the top 50 public forum debate teams in the country, with the debate team ranked 8th in the state.

The success of these debaters and the entire ERHS debate team did not come without challenges.

"At the national level, students of color are under-represented in debate and oftentimes the competitions are dominated by schools that have much bigger teams, longer and stronger debate traditions and adequate funding," explained Darrell Harvey, parent volunteer coach. "Our debate team has persevered and we could not be more proud of how hard they work and compete and, more importantly, the professional and committed manner in which they represent the school and county."

The debate team currently consists of approximately 20 students, and they each have competed in at least one debate tournament this season. The teams compete in novice, junior varsity and varsity categories and are coached by Harvey and school sponsor and coach Jennifer Matson. The team has also qualified to participate in two national championship debate tournaments, the National Catholic Forensic League Championship and the National Speech and Debate Association's National Championship.

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This week's Swifty . . .

"He ate all the dried venison. He is so in-con-si-der-ate," she complained j_ _ _ ily.

Last week's Swifty: "So you flattened him with it because he complained about wrinkles in his shirt," the detective noted **IRONICALLY**.

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Community Events

GHI Woodlanders Welcome Spring

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Woodlands Committee will host the annual Spring Thaw Event on Saturday, March 14, 2 to 4 p.m. in the GHI offices on Hamilton Place. Join committee members, Friends of the Woodlands Committee and neighbors for pie (3-14-15 is Pi Day), coffee and conversation about our great resource – the GHI woodlands.

Woodlands Committee members and friends are GHI members who work together to improve trails, battle invasives and beautify common areas in the GHI community. Topics to be discussed will include the great plant giveaway at the GHI Annual Meeting, upcoming trail work and new ideas for natural community preservation and beautification. All GHI members are invited to participate.

Mini-Makers At MakerSpace

MakerSpace volunteers are excited to host the second annual Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire on April 18. Registration for makers to exhibit their projects is now open to individuals, both kids and adults, schools, groups and businesses. For more information, visit faire.make125.org or stop by the MakerSpace.

For pure fun, join the MakerSpace crowd on Saturday, March 14, 1 to 4 p.m. for Pi Day, a community celebration of the world famous mathematical constant. Activities will include sneaky Pi Detectors, Pi Necklaces, Pi Discovery, PiKu!, Pi(e) eating and Pi Recitations. We will even have our circus friends host a unicycle rally – what better way to show off circles in motion?

For more information about programs and events at the MakerSpace, please check out the new website, make125.org. See ad on page 9.

– George Boyce

Stress and Hypnosis

On Friday, March 20, Explorations Unlimited welcomes Erick Lundin, a certified consulting hypnotist and hypnosis instructor from the College Park Hypnosis Center, LLC. Lundin will be discussing stress and specifically how the mind works, making changes, tricks for coping, the hypnosis advantage and more.

Lundin is a retired registered nurse with 33 years of experience. He worked in emergency rooms, intensive care units and recovery rooms and was also chief nurse of a prison hospital for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and an evening nurse supervisor for a local rehabilitation hospital. After retirement, he discovered that hypnosis could accomplish some remarkable things in a short time, without medications. He trained and became a certified hypnotist/hypnotherapist by the Omni Hypnosis Training Center. He is also a certified instructor by the National Guild of Hypnotists. He established the College Park Hypnosis Center, LLC, in October 2011 (see collegeparkhypnosiscenter.com).

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 114. Everyone is welcome. Call 301-397-2208 for details.

Toastmasters Meet

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

TABLE TALK

with Del. Alonzo Washington

Sat., March 21, 11am-1pm
New Deal Café

See Community Events Page for more information

Senior Ice Cream Social on March 13

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Senior Center is hosting its 18th annual Ice Cream Social for senior citizens on Friday, March 13. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Community Center gym where the Retro-Rockets will provide musical entertainment from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and beyond.

The Retro-Rockets, an oldies/variety/dance band, is all about making and bringing back memories, from poodle skirts, drive-in movies and sock hops to disco and classic rock. The Retro-Rockets provide live music for dancing, sing-alongs and just listening.

Participants will be able to socialize, relax and be entertained with these memorable tunes. After the performance, attendees can make ice cream sundaes. The ice cream will be available beginning at 2:15 p.m. in the dining room. All senior citizens are encouraged to attend the event.

For details, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting March 14

The quarterly meeting of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. The agenda will include reports on recent services performed by members, as well as a discussion of the election of officers to be held at the annual meeting in June.

The quarterly meeting will also welcome any Greenbelt resident wishing to join this organization, whose goal is neighbors helping neighbors on a totally volunteer basis. GIVES is part of what makes Greenbelt great.

Prayer Vigil


A 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic continues through March 29. The clinic is located at 5915 Greenbelt Road.

Questions may be addressed to Tom Trunk at 240-593-6932.

Star Party March 14

Weather permitting, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be observing Venus and Jupiter at high magnification at its star party on Saturday evening, March 14 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway field. Those in attendance may also catch glimpses of Uranus and Mars before they set, observe galaxies and nebulae and perhaps other deep sky objects.

Observing will begin at around 8 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope.




Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Larry Stafford
Deputy Director, Progressive Maryland
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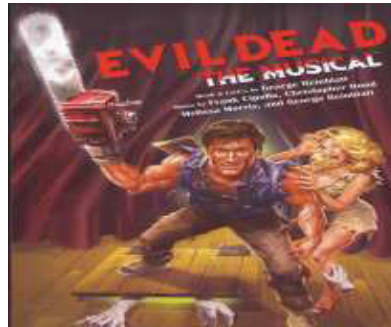
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WEEK OF MARCH 13

FRIDAY – SATURDAY
Run All Night, R (!)
11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
Cinderella, PG (!)
10:45, 11:45, 1:20, 2:20, 4, 5, 6:45, 7:30, 9:20
Chappie, R (!!)
10:45, 1:30, 4:10, 7, 9:40
Unfinished Business, R (!!)
11:20, 4:25, 9:20
Focus, R
11:10, 1:40, 4:50, 7:25, 10
The Lazarus Effect, PG-13
2, 7:10
Kingsman, R
10:35, 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50
SpongeBob: Out of the Water, PG
11:20, 2, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY
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11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20
Cinderella, PG (!)
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Chappie, R (!!)
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Unfinished Business, R (!!)
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Focus, R
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Kingsman, R
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THURSDAY
The Gunman, R (!) – preshow*
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Divergent: Insurgent, PG-13 (!) – preshow*
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Obituaries

Donna Sue Bailey

Donna Sue (Chambers) Bailey died on March 6, 2015, after a six-month battle with cancer.



Mrs. Bailey was born on January 19, 1955, in Quantico, Va. She lived in Greenbelt with her grandmother on Southway.

As a child she loved playgrounds, was Miss Center School Playground in 1965 and part of the opening of Candy Cane City. She graduated from Parkdale High School in 1973 and later worked as a legal secretary at Robert Ades and Associates beginning in 1980.

Mrs. Bailey met her husband in 1987 on a camping trip. They were married on August 22, 1988. She dreamed of one day owning a home in Greenbelt and getting to meet her first grandchild. With the help of her family, both of those dreams came true.

Her hobbies included collecting rocks from anywhere she could, even rocks brought back for her from places like Afghanistan, Iraq, the Berlin Wall and Hawaii.

Mrs. Bailey was always willing to help others any way she could. She loved the Greenbelt life, Labor Day family cookouts or anything involving family gatherings. She will be missed by everyone in her life.

She is survived by her husband Earl Bailey, children Thomas, Nick (Nikki) and Rachel and granddaughter Charlie Ann. She is also survived by her siblings Kenneth (Joyce) Chambers, Carol (Bob) Swab, Leland Chambers and many other family members.

She was predeceased by her parents George and Barbara Chambers.

A memorial service will be held at Riverdale Elks Lodge, 6700 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, on March 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family will collect money for her granddaughter's college fund.

Patuxent Refuge Offers Aldo Leopold Play

The Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel presents a free play, Aldo Leopold – A Standard of Change, on Saturday, March 14 at 3 p.m. The one-act play was written by and stars Jim Pfitzer and is directed by Trish Wileman. Set in one evening in and around the famous Wisconsin Shack that inspired much of his writing, A Standard of Change explores the influences and challenges that led Aldo Leopold to pen his popular book, A Sand County Almanac.

For more information on the play visit astandardofchange.com.

Remembering My Mother And Growing Up Deaf

by Sara N. Johnston

My mother, Gretchen Cardwell, died last Christmas morning in Tipton, Ind., the state where I was born and raised. She would have been 100 on March 11.

Mother never thought of my younger brother Roger and me as her deaf children. It was not until she became suspicious about Roger's unresponsiveness to her effort to talk to him that she was prompted to take both of us to see her family doctor. After the exam, the doctor discovered that we were deaf. Mother did not know how to raise us. There were almost no resources available to her. In fact, both of us were always precious to her due to her unconditional love of us as God's gift.

The doctor suggested that she visit the deaf school in Indianapolis, about 50 miles away. In the early 1940s it was difficult for her and father to make the sacrifice to send me away to school. Roger joined me two years later. They were not able to have both of us home after school each day. At first I did not understand why my parents sent me away and why I lived in a dormitory when I was five.

Later, when Roger and I were older, we understood why it was

worthy of our parents to send us there in order to meet our educational needs.

I deeply thank mother who was very supportive of our school in many ways. She even fought hard for deaf rights.

In 1966 my family and I moved to Greenbelt. I have lived in the same unit of GHI for nearly 49 years. It has made me understand the importance of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in establishing New Deal programs here in 1937. I was born in 1936. I still remember very well when I was young, I often saw a big picture of Roosevelt on the living room wall where my paternal grandparents lived. They admired his presidency.

My mother enjoyed the historical town here every time she visited me and my family through many years.

Today we have the Deaf Brunch at the New Deal Café every Sunday from 10:30 to noon. We, the deaf and hearing group, have welcomed visitors. They always enjoy our usage of signs for our learning benefit.

It is wonderful to think of my mother's legacy that later brought me here to Greenbelt to live for many years.

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.
Grief Support Group – March 19, 6:30 p.m.

"Take from this world only to the measure of your needs, and forego that which exceedeth them. Observe equity in all your judgments, and transgress not the bounds of justice, nor be of them that stray from its path." - Baha'i Writings

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.greenbeltbahais.org

prod-i-gal \ˈprā-di-gə\ *adj.* - characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure.

Greenbelt Baptist Church will be exploring the idea of a prodigal God by reading Timothy Keller's book *The Prodigal God* and how the gospel is not only for the sinner but also for those who trust in their damnable good works. Please write to sjunthank@gmail.com for more information.

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Progressive Speaker At Democratic Club

The next meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will focus on how progressive Marylanders are dealing with a new, conservative administration in Annapolis. The featured speaker will be Larry Stafford, whose progressive roots run deep.

Stafford began his career in public service at the age of 17 with the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). He joined ACORN to oppose a proposal that would have closed low-income apartment complexes in marginalized communities within Prince George's County. After helping to defeat the proposal, Stafford went on to work on numerous electoral and issue campaigns throughout the country. He served as Heather Mizeur's deputy political director in her bid to secure the Democratic gubernatorial candidacy in last year's party primary. Stafford currently serves as the deputy director for Progressive Maryland. He leads the organization's legislative efforts, develops strategic partnerships and organizes campaigns to enhance the quality of life for working class Marylanders.

The meeting will take place at the Greenbriar Community Building at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20. For details, call Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207.

— Konrad Herling



Condolences to the family and friends of Donna Sue Bailey who died on Friday, March 6, 2015, after a six-month battle with cancer.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

County Spelling Bee Comes to The Clarice

The 2015 Prince George's County Annual Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Writers Group to Meet Friday, March 20

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All writers are invited to attend and discuss 2015 plans. Officers for the current year are being sought. Open readings will also be held as time allows.

For additional information, contact Mary Moien at mmoi-en@aol.com.

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At the Library

Monday, March 16 through Monday, April 6. Based on the popular basketball tournament, those aged 12 to 19 can register, for the library's March Madness to receive their starting brackets and vote for their favorite literary characters. Participants who correctly pick the most match-ups on their brackets will be entered in a drawing for a prize.

Knitting and Crocheting

Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. Join in an evening of knitting and crocheting. If possible, participants should bring materials due to limited supplies. No experience required.

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m. Come join the library's adult book discussion of the novel Natchez Burning by New York Times bestselling novelist Greg Iles.

Anyone who has read this book and wants to discuss it is welcome to participate. Copies of the book may be available at the library's information desk through March 16.

Storytimes

Wednesday, March 18: Pre-school Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, March 19: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Laptime Storytime, 2:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

Read to Rover

Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m. Read to Rover, for ages 6 to 11, helps children build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the library at 301-345-5800 for more information.

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Saturday, March 14
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2 to 4 PM
GHI Offices

Enjoy conversation, free pie, and drinks

For GHI members interested in learning more about activities in the GHI woods.

Ready for winter to end?
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The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking candidates to run for positions on the Board of Directors and Audit Committee.

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City Information

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 16-20**

Monday, March 16 at 8pm, **Executive Session-Personnel**, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a personnel matter.

Cindy Murray CMC, *City Clerk*

Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30pm, **Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 18 at 8:00pm, **Work Session: School Board Representative**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Green Ridge House Service Coordinator is seeking qualified community volunteers to teach:

(a) **Beginners / Advanced Computer class:** Time commitment at least twice a month. Skills requested: basic computer skills, Word, Publisher, Navigating email and internet, and additional items as requested.

(b) **Beginners Art Class:** Time commitment at least once a month. Skills requested: Basics of art, drawing, painting, etc. Participating residents will provide their own materials if needed.

For more information please contact Green Ridge House Service Coordinator, Sharon Johnson, at 301-412-2480 or via email at sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

Volunteer & Service Opportunities!

Saturday, March 14 from 10am to 1pm, **MEMORIAL TREES & MEMORIAL BENCHES GIS WORKDAY**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Service work will include managing the garden's compost pile, preparing the garden bed for spring, seed starting, and identifying Greenbelt's Memorial Trees and Memorial Benches using GIS.

RSVP to Erin Josephitis, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, for updates and information on more volunteer opportunities at Erin@CHEARS.org or (240) 542-2168.

Greenbelt Animal Shelter
550-A Crescent Road 301-474-6124
Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm

ICE

Ice is a striking 10-month-old Shepherd/Rottweiler puppy, with a dark gray, brown and black coat. Ice loves to fetch balls (especially those without snow on them!). Ice will grow to be a large dog, but has good manners and would do well with kids. Ice would love for you to come and throw a ball to him!

RACHAEL

Rachael is an adult domesticated King Pigeon. She was found on a cold afternoon, huddled & listless in the corner garden of a Greenbelt office building. Rachael bounced back after a few days of warmth and food and is ready for adoption. King Pigeons are often bred for show, so it is unclear where she flew from, since she has no leg band. Rachael would enjoy being in a larger, enclosed cage, or with other pigeons in a large coop. She's a pretty neat bird!

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See pets at www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter

DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers

Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Parking lot between the City Offices and
Community Center.

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

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Her office is saturated with natural light in which plenty of green plants thrive; another green plant thrives on her wall – a maguay painted not by Frida Kahlo but by her own aunt, Norma Robles. Near it is a plaque, a Sustainable Maryland Certificate awarded to Greenbelt in 2014. On the floor to the left of her desk is a special composter box, releasing a particularly pungent odor when Robles opened it. My olfactories were assaulted by an exquisite mixture of composting teabags, banana peels, coffee grounds, cornbread and red wigglers (worms).

“A real delicacy,” I intoned.

“Yes!,” Robles smiled.

Sustainability Program

Robles enthused over several recent achievements of Greenbelt’s sustainability program. In 2013 the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) designated Greenbelt a Smart Energy Community because Greenbelt’s greenhouse gas emissions calculations identified where the energy hogs are – buildings, not people – Robles was quick to clarify.

A grant from the MEA allowed Greenbelt to retrofit the Aquatic Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Youth Center gym with LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes).

A second grant will be used for energy efficient improvements at the police station and the Public Works Department over the next six months.

Robles also hyped two fiendishly clever free gadgets offered by the Public Works Department: the Black & Decker Thermal Leak Detector and the Kill-A-Watt Meter, which shows how much electricity electric devices are using, even when they are off. Gaming stations suck up a lot of energy, even when off, she mentioned. Using a power strip can prevent this vampire electricity usage.

“Is there any resistance to your efforts to improve our good stewardship of the environment?”

Robles smiled. “There are three basic responses to our efforts to go green. Twenty percent of our citizens are devoted, determined, completely on board. No matter how hard it is, they are strong advocates, do research

on their own, real go-getters. I am one of them,” she said.

“Sixty percent will do the right thing if they know what good policy is. The challenge is to reach these people – and to nudge them.”

“Twenty percent are recalcitrant. They are purposely defiant, make a show of flouting the environment. I was surprised, but there always seems to be this difficult fraction.”

Several Influences

Her reverence for the environment and her passion to protect it sprang from several influences. “I was always interested in nature and became passionate about it when I realized what humans are doing to the environment.”

“Mexico is traditionally rather patriarchal, but my dad never was,” she said. “He made certain his daughters were not going to be dependent on any man. I always knew I was going to go to college. No question about it. That’s very unusual.”

One of Robles’ youthful heroes was the 16th century Mexican poet Sor Juana de la Cruz, who entered a convent in order to get an education. Others included Carl Sagan, Jacques Cousteau, Charles Darwin and Margaret Mead. “Mead’s studies of Samoan culture showed me that social arrangements and moral codes need not be fixed and immutable, but can be flexible and evolving. That’s a very liberating insight,” she said.

“Are you optimistic about the future?”

“I want to be but I’m very concerned with the slowness of people’s response to climate change, to the overuse of fossil fuel. We should mitigate the damage we are doing more quickly. I hope the next generation doesn’t overly suffer from our shortsightedness and overindulgence.”

Let’s let our high priestess of sustainability end on a less somber note by quoting her mantra, borrowed from the Berkeley Ecology Project: “If it can’t be reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled or composted, then it should be restricted, redesigned or removed from production.”

Greenbelt’s Circus Leader May Seeks World Record Pie Fight

by Anne Gardner

Greenbelters are accustomed to seeing local children riding about town on unicycles and juggling balls and clubs, thanks to Greg May and his hugely popular circus camps, which are hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department each spring and summer. May and his circus kids have also become a prominent feature of the Labor Day Festival, putting on a show in front of the main stage, marching in the parade and generally being a colorful presence at the festival.

Now, the whole community is invited to join May and his circus performers in breaking the world record for the Largest Shaving Cream Pie Fight in History. On the morning of Sunday, March 22 May hopes that more than 817 people will show up at his Center Ring Circus School in Columbia to set a new world record. This has been a lifelong dream of the former Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus clown.

According to May, there are strict rules set by Guinness, including the size of the pie (seven inches in diameter) and the number of pies each person must throw (two). There will be a judge for each 50 participants, making sure everyone is following the rules. To keep



Below, Greenbelt teen Ema Smith prepares to throw a pie.

Greenbelt Bridget Cornett gives Greg May a pie at the Labor Day Festival last September

the crowd entertained, there will be music, stilt walkers, jugglers, trapeze shows and balloon sculptors.

The Orioles Bird will be in attendance, and rumor has it that May will do a 12-foot fall into a kiddie pool of shaving cream. In preparation for the event, May has already bought out the type of shaving cream he uses from Amazon.com and apparently they will not have more in stock until July.

Open to Public

The pie fight is open to the public and will be held in the back parking lot at 6770 Oak Hall Lane in Columbia. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and fight time is set for 11 a.m. Partici-

pants are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to be sure they will be admitted before the fight starts. The event is also a fundraiser for Bridges to Housing Stability, a non-profit dedicated to the prevention of homelessness in Howard County. The fundraiser is optional; people can throw pies for the world record without participating in the fundraiser.

For more information about the event and what to bring, go to crowdrise.com/piefight and click on The Story. “This is a family fun event,” May says, “a chance for anyone of any age to get into the record books . . . and into astronomical amounts of shaving cream.”

PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER

Artists! Call for Entries: Group art show

May/June 2015
to accompany the annual
Green Man Festival

This year’s theme is
“Water”
in all its forms

For more information see:

<http://www.newdealcafe.com/events/art.php>

The art shows at the New Deal Cafe are sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA), with support from the City of Greenbelt.

The show will be on display for the months of May and June in the New Deal Cafe. The reception will be Sunday, June 7, from 3-5:00 pm.

- 2-dimensional art work in all media is welcome for submission. A display case is available for 3-dimensional art work, for pieces no larger than 10" x 10".
- All 2-dimensional art work must be hooked, wired, and ready to hang.
- This exhibit is limited to artists 18 years and over.
- Please submit a digital image of the work you would like to have considered for the show to newdealcafeart@yahoo.com (up to 4 entries per artist).
- Please include the title and size of each art work submitted.
- Deadline for submission for the show “Water” is Friday, April 24, 9:00 pm. Artists will be notified about acceptance of their work by Monday, April 27.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please send e-mail to newdealcafeart@yahoo.com or call (301) 474-5642 to speak with Meg Haney.

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Calling All Artists For Group Art Show

Artists are invited to submit entries for a group art show at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center, to accompany the annual Green Man Festival. This year's theme is Water, in all its forms. The show will be on display for the months of May and June. The reception will be Sunday, June 7 from 3 to 5 p.m.



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For questions or assistance, call 301-602-2769.

The art show program at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

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customer demand has changed, but the expectation is also that renters who need increased space would be more likely to look at the condos or townhouses available at Greenbelt Station. Since the apartments are not especially geared toward young children, the expectation is that the new design will also serve to reduce the increased load that would be placed on the local schools.

The apartment complex will have three four-story buildings, each of which will have an elevator at the garage end of the building. Three courtyards will be available to tenants for various uses. Amenities included in the various courtyards, to be shared by the three buildings, will be a garden, a swimming pool, bocce court, gas grills for picnics and barbecues, and a dedicated area for walking dogs. A fitness center and a business center will also be onsite. In response to a question, Polonsky explained that the size of the latter area would not allow for a dog park but was intended for more limited walking.

The garage, which will wrap around the rear of the building, will have parking at entry levels for the apartments. Given the transit-oriented nature of the construction at Greenbelt Station, only about 1.6 designate parking spaces per unit will be

built. As had been approved in the previous plan, the exterior of the garage will have a "dif-fuser" pattern of grooves in the concrete that will disperse sound from the train tracks rather than bouncing it off the garage toward North College Park.

The exterior of the buildings will be brick veneer and HardiPlank, the latter being a composite, long-lasting product that looks like wood siding. Although the façades of the building were originally specified to have nine different colors of brick, there was agreement at the staff level that six would be preferable and less "busy."

Verde at Greenbelt Station will be considered a "luxury" building, and a minimum income level will be required to rent. Additional amenities for the apartments include electric vehicle chargers, non-proprietary pre-wiring for television and internet, proprietary wood plank flooring in kitchen and dining areas, in-unit washer/dryer, gas fireplaces on the top two floors, granite countertops in kitchens and bathrooms and onsite management seven days per week.

The current expectations for rent start at \$1,600 per month for one-bedrooms and \$1,950 for two-bedrooms with utilities separately metered to residents.



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This time last week, on Thursday, March 5, about six inches of snow had already fallen and it was still snowing.



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Grocery Bargains		 Happy St. Patrick's Day	Grocery Bargains	
Chicken of the Sea Chunk White Tuna 5 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Chef Boy-Ar-Dee Assorted Microwave Pasta Meals 7-7.5 oz. \$1⁰⁰		Hanover Assorted Canned Beans 15-16 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Scotties Facial Tissues 60-120 pk. \$1⁰⁰
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PHOTO BY YVEL PACHINO

Mayor Emmett Jordan swears in four new police officers at the February 23 council meeting. They are, from left, Troy Arnold, Nick Yatsko, Matthew Schurg and Gaston Granger.

was diesel, he said. Approval of the motion was unanimous. Several councilmembers took the opportunity to thank the Public Works Department crews for their efforts during the recent snow storms.

State Legislation

Seven bills being considered by the Maryland legislature were on the agenda and an eighth item was also added. Assistant City Manager David Moran led council through the proposed bills and advised council on the city's prior positions on some of the bills and the current Maryland Municipal League (MML) positions. Davis also provided advice based upon her familiarity with the MML legislative process.

Five of the eight proposed bills deal with environmental concerns; one deals with financial disclosure requirements for local elected officials; another deals with the lag time that electric and other utility firms are taking to remove obsolete poles (a hot point for Greenbelt officials during the past two years). The other non-environmental proposal deals with enabling legislation allowing county or municipal authorities to grant a property tax credit for elderly homeowners who meet certain financial criteria.

HB 409 – Moratorium on Fracking in Maryland. This proposed legislation, added to the agenda, entails a moratorium on natural gas extraction via fracking in Maryland through April 30, 2023. The legislation would also constitute a group of scientific experts to evaluate the safety and hazards associated with fracking methods. Council was unanimous in support of the bill. Councilmember Konrad Herling reflected the longstanding sensitivity of Greenbelt and its citizens for protecting the environment. Roberts indicated that the State of New York had already opted for no fracking. Support of the moratorium was unanimously approved.

SB 283 – Financial Disclosure by Elected Local Officials – This was an MML priority with a purpose to shield certain holdings of local elected officials from public review, such as their financial interest in real property located

outside the county in which the municipality is located; interests in corporations, partnerships and limited liability corporations; and employment and indebtedness.

Council consideration of this bill was decidedly mixed. Jordan opted for taking no position. Councilmember Leta Mach found language that implied that the bill would apply only to those local officials "funded" by the State. Roberts opted for full support. Pope moved support and the motion was approved by five to two.

HB 551 – Community Clean-up & Greening Act. This bill is a resurrection of previous proposed legislation that would establish a statewide bag fee for disposable carry-out bags. The fee would be 10¢ per bag. Stores would retain 5 to 7¢ per bag. The county would keep the remainder of the fee with the funds being used for community clean-up programs. Moran noted that the city supported a similar bill last year and that the MML supports the proposed bill. Council agreed to support the bill as well, suggesting that the MML include an amendment that a portion of the tax credit be applied to the municipality in which the store is located.

SB 258 – Maryland Commission on Climate Change – This bill would establish a state commission to advise the governor and the Maryland General Assembly on approaches to mitigate, prepare for and adapt to the consequences of climate change. Staff recommendation was for council support and the council motion was unanimously approved.

HB 376 – Electric Companies – Vegetation Management. This proposed bill would remove language from current law that prevents counties and municipalities from adopting or enforcing laws or regulations that interfere with or increase the cost of compliance with state vegetation management standards. This proposal was approved unanimously.

HB 541 – Utility Companies – Removal of Equipment from Poles. This bill would address the double pole issue Greenbelt and other jurisdictions are experiencing. The bill would require removal of all equipment

attached to the old pole within 60 days and removal of the old pole within an additional 60 days. The Maryland Public Service Commission could impose civil penalties for violations of the law. This bill was unanimously supported.

HB 792 – Property Tax Credit – Elderly Homeowners. Under this bill, a county or municipality would be allowed to grant a property tax credit for homeowners who meet several criteria: At least 70 years old; (has) resided in the dwelling for at least 10 years; making regular mortgage payments; household gross income does not exceed \$45,000; and household net worth does not exceed \$250,000.

Council discussion mainly related to the actual impacts of the listed criteria. Mach questioned the mortgage payment criterion, based upon the likelihood that a 70-year-old resident homeowner would have already paid off the mortgage. She proposed support with a request that the mortgage payment requirement be removed. The support was approved 5 to 2.

HB 982 – Redeemable Container and Litter Reduction Program. The proposed legislation would establish a 5¢ beverage container deposit program. Redemption centers would be established where bottles and cans could be returned in exchange for the deposit. Moran noted that council has supported such legislation for the past two years. While Davis noted that there was concern among some municipalities that such a program could lead to a decrease in revenues accruing from local recycling programs, she urged support of the program and council agreed unanimously.

A consent agenda item approved at the time council approved the agenda dealt with the Four Cities video project in support of the choice of the Greenbelt Metro site for the Federal Bureau of Investigation consolidation. Council action authorized the city to enter into a contract with Greenbelter William Cornett to produce the video. Each of the cities will commit up to \$5,000 toward the promotional video.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.

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

Arrest

February 28, 1:59 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A 21-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment and handgun possession after officers responded to a report of shots fired. While the man was detained, a handgun and spent casings were recovered nearby and ammunition was located in his vehicle. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 2, 5:34 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested and charged with strong arm robbery and assault after he and another male walked by a person, took sunglasses from his face and attempted to flee. The man being robbed grabbed this male and put him in a headlock, at which time the 17-year-old youth ran back to the scene and punched the person. They fled on foot. The 17-year-old was located in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway, positively identified and arrested. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System. The other man is still at large.

DWI/DUI

February 28, 3:20 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 37-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related charges after an accident investigation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

February 27, 5 p.m., 6100

block Breezewood Drive. A woman reported that after she saw a vehicle for sale on eBay and mailed money to the out-of-state seller, she discovered the ad was not legitimate. She was unable to get her money back. An investigation is continuing.

Burglary

February 28, 11:47 p.m., 100 block Westway. A 33-year-old Greenbelt man attempted to force entry into two apartments in the same building. He was detained by police and after observing his behavior he was transported to Laurel Regional Hospital for an emergency psychiatric evaluation.

March 1, 12:32 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. A man inside his residence reported that a woman, later found to be 24 years old with no fixed address, forced open the front door, came inside and threw a bottle against the wall, shattering it. She was detained by police and, after observing her behavior, was transported to Washington Adventist Hospital for an emergency psychiatric evaluation.

Vehicle Crime

A 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe reported stolen January 31 from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road was recovered March 3 by Martinsburg, W.Va., police. No arrests were made.

Rims and tires were taken from a vehicle in the 7900 block Mandan Road on March 1. The tag on the vehicle, Md. temporary tag 294094T, was also taken.

Four work vehicles in the 6300 block Ivy Lane were vandalized by pouring a contaminant into their gas tanks.

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. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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Ash (Steven Baird) surrounded by the Deadites in *Evil Dead – The Musical* (from left: Shammara Clarkson, Laura Kavinski, Heather Harris, David Colton, Michael Brick, Stephen Yednock, Winard Britt).

A Review

Dancing, Singing Demons Invade Local Arts Center

by Carol Griffith

Randy college students on spring break decide to stay in a deserted old cabin in the woods – check. The cabin is haunted by evil spirits raised by an ancient spell – check. The spirits turn people into demons, resulting in deaths and dismemberment – more checks.

Yes, *Evil Dead – the Musical*, now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center, has all the elements of a typical horror flick but is so much more. The show is a hilarious spoof of a series of four movies first released in 1981. The idea for the series was to create a movie in which “the blood never stopped flowing.”

The musical is played live at GAC, with dancing. Audience members get the sense that it’s played tongue-in-cheek with the cast involving the audience in the inside jokes. It’s hard to say who’s having more fun in the show – the cast or the audience.

Even the disturbing scenes, and there are plenty of them, are played for laughs. And yes, there is lots and lots of blood. For the small price of an upgraded ticket, one can sit in the splatter zone in front of the stage and, judging by the opening night show, the cast will make sure everyone there gets their money’s worth of blood.

The plot is simple. The teens are planning a week of sex and drinking but, at the last minute, bring along one’s younger sister (Heather Harris, portraying an annoying sister and an even more annoying demon). The haunting soon begins and is finally ended with the help of a scientific expert and a mountain man (Stephen Yednock, in an over-the-top performance). Ash, the hero of the story, is played by Steven Baird, who steals the show. His sense of physical comedy is perfect.

So put down your income taxes and snow shovels and enjoy the horror and humor. The show isn’t appropriate for younger

teens because of raunchy language and sexual innuendo.

Evil Dead – the Musical will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of March 13 and 14, 20 and 21, and 27 and 28, at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled for 2 p.m. on March 15 and 22. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or through the website greenbeltartscenter.org.

The Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op Supermarket.

GHI Notes

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room.

Friday, March 13, OFFICE CLOSED. Emergency maintenance will be available.

Saturday, March 14, 2 to 4 p.m., Woodlands Spring Thaw for Members, Board Room.

Monday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, GHI Library.

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.
Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.,

Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Library.

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room.

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

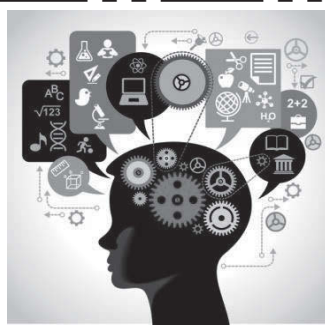
Saturday, March 20, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

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Talk with Delegate

Delegate Alonzo Washington will visit constituents at the New Deal Café on Saturday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is part of a series of monthly Table Talks that Washington is conducting throughout District 22.

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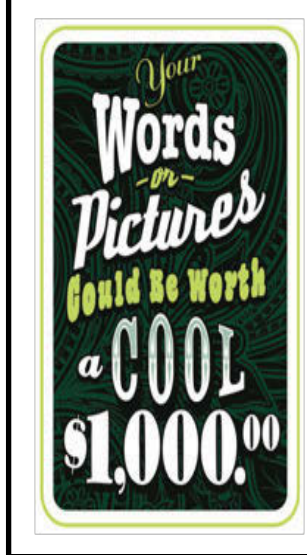
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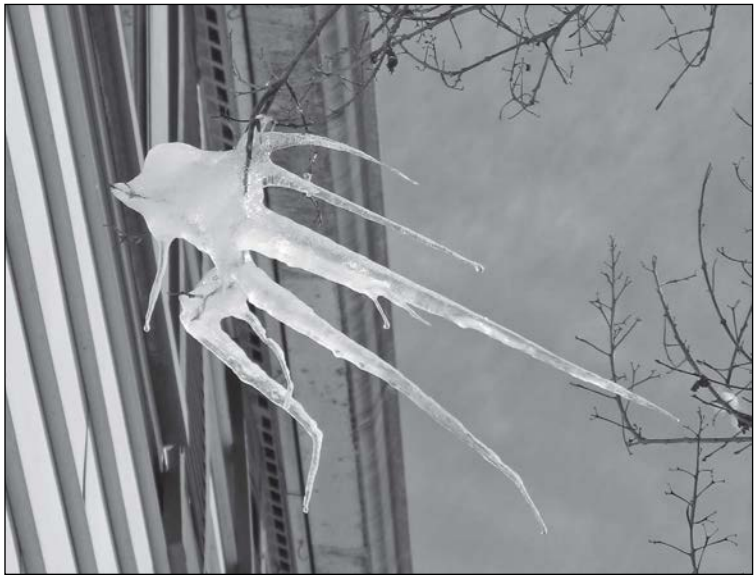


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Last Friday, this icicle creature was lifted up when melting snow unburdened the tree's branches.

Owens Science Center Planetarium Program

On Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. the Howard B. Owens Science Center will host a planetarium program for parents, students and community members.

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For more information, visit the Science Center's website at www1.pgcps.org/howardbowens/, call 301-918-8750 or email Patty Seaton at patricia.seaton@pgcps.org or Russell Waugh at russell.waugh@pgcps.org.

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During the last session, 28 Greenbelt residents improved by as much as 20 percent in memory, recall and executive functioning. To register for the program, call Christal Batey at 240-542-2012.

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Join the Montpelier Spring History Lecture series on the third Wednesday evening of March, April and May for talks on archeology, preservation and conservation at historic sites.

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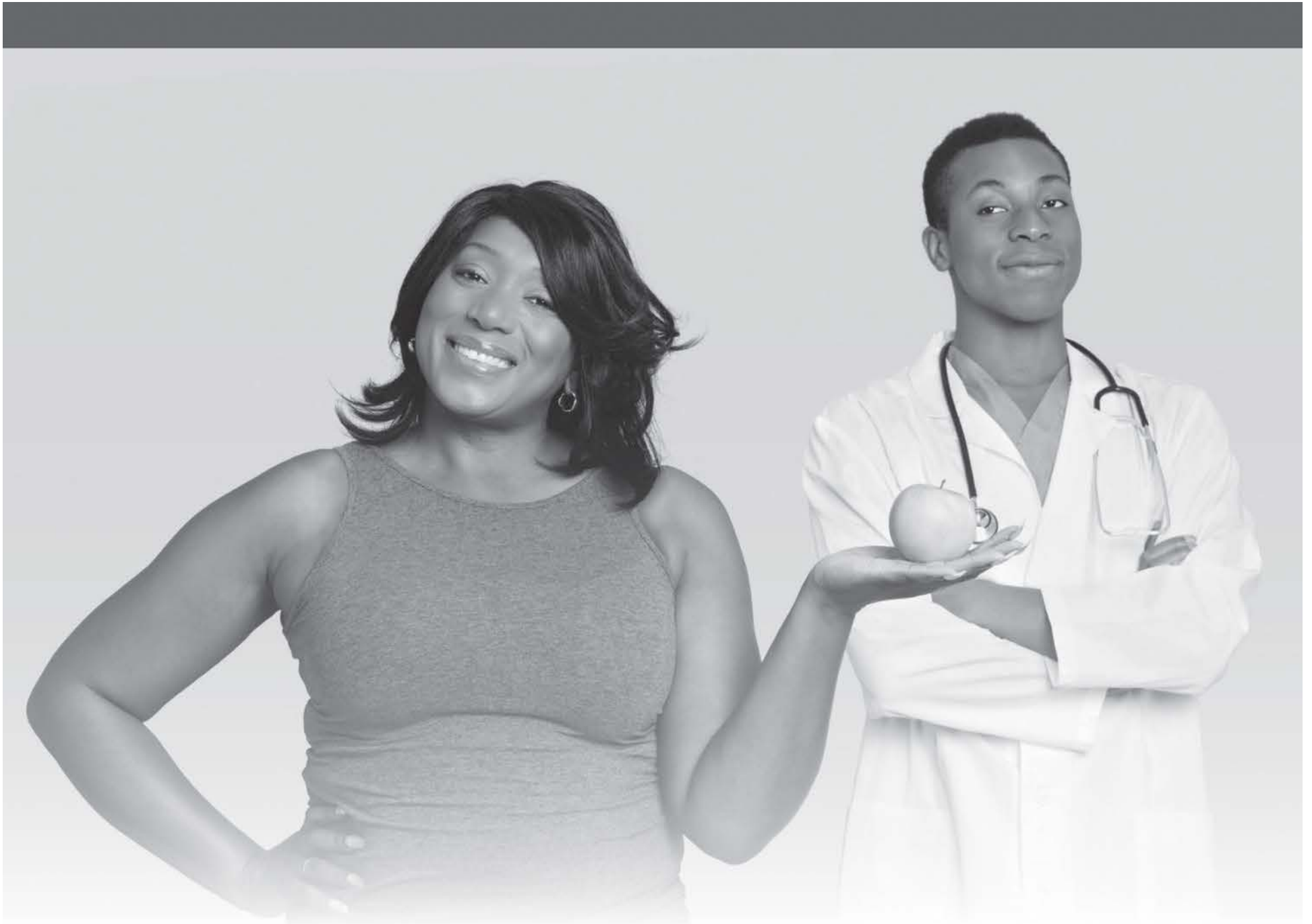
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