

Funds for Old GMS, Playground Resurfacing Divide City Council

by Diane Oberg

On Wednesday, April 29 the Greenbelt City Council met in a worksession to review the overall plan for capital projects for the next fiscal year. The most heated discussion revolved around developers' funds set aside for improvements to the old Greenbelt Middle School and unfunded improvements to a playground in the city's core. Council generally holds a second meeting after the start of the new fiscal year to discuss more specific projects and priorities.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin is proposing to again allocate \$405,000 contribution from the General Fund for capital projects. In his written comments, he notes that this funding, added to the existing balances in the capital project accounts, is not sufficient for all the city's priority projects, also identified in the budget document. The written comments suggest that this shortfall may indicate a need to increase the annual set-aside.

There are several capital projects funds, each with its own budget section. (Note: all amounts in this budget are estimates with actual amounts in most cases unknown until contracts are awarded.)

Capital Projects Fund

This fund accounts for the money appropriated in each year's budget for capital projects. McLaughlin is proposing the following projects be undertaken during Fiscal Year 2016, some of which may be supplemented by the grant funds received.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Master plan (\$20,000) – including bike lane markings/signage on Ivy Lane, crosswalk striping and curb ramps at Frankfort Road and Morrison Drive and crosswalks at various intersections on Ora Glen Drive.

Bus Shelters (\$5,000) – construct one bus shelter, location to be determined.

Street Resurfacing (\$330,000) – Hanover Parkway from Eleanor

Roosevelt High School crosswalk to Greenbelt Road (\$230,000) and Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue to Lastner Lane (\$100,000).

Lake Dam Repairs (\$124,000). The city has signed an agreement with the State of Maryland to make major repairs to the dam at Greenbelt Lake over the next five years. The initial project is to replace the drain pipe at the lake.

Land Acquisition – \$450,000 in Program Open Space funds are proposed although specific parcels have not yet been identified.

Attick Park Master Plan – \$24,100 in city and Chesapeake Bay Trust funds would be used to design stormwater management and water quality treatment measures at the parking lot. The city will receive \$187,700 in total funds from the Trust for this project. McLaughlin expects work to begin in late summer or early fall.

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Animals Have Their Day At Budget Worksession

by Kathleen Gallagher

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the April 20 Greenbelt City Council budget worksession for the Planning and Community Development Department by noting that segments of the departmental budget include planning, community development, animal control and parking control. Observing nearly a dozen volunteers from Well-Wishers of the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) in the audience in matching pink t-shirts, he suggested that the better part of valor would be to start the worksession with that part of the budget, which then took up a substantial part of the meeting.

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze said she would start the revision with the most significant topic she wished to raise with council

under animal control, which was included in a \$25,000 item under unfunded capital improvements to the animal control facility. Such items are listed as needed capital projects but not targeted for funding in the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

As indicated in the city budget document, the rear and side yards at the shelter were never properly graded nor given surface treatment to withstand weather and the level of use they would receive. The yard area has now become what Craze described as a wet, muddy, smelly mess.

What is proposed is to install K-9 turf, which simulates a grass yard, looks and acts like grass, drains like a natural

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Boys & Girls Club Seeks \$15,000 from City Council

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council took time out from its review of the Recreation Department budget to hear the request of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club for city funding support in Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$15,000. Orin Howard, club president, and Anita Byers, boardmember, were present to review the club's activities and problems facing it. The club was unable to be represented at an earlier council worksession with other organizations receiving city support.

The club, which is affiliated with the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club, estimates it will have 290 youth members for this year and 350 in the next year, according to contribution

application information it provided to the city. It offers programs in spring and fall soccer, track and field, county basketball, intramural basketball, cheerleading and football. The club also expects to offer flag football.

Howard noted a national drop-off in youth sports because of injury concerns. New football equipment will offer better protection to players. He said that, statistically, more concussions result from playing soccer than football.

There are also problems with participating with the county organization. It lifted restrictions on youths playing outside a district and this has resulted

See **B&G CLUB**, page 8

Minimum Wage Increases Affect Recreation Programming Costs

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council review of the Recreation Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 at its May 3 worksession was basically a review of printed material relating to department activities during the past year and plans for the next. These resulted in Recreation staff receiving many commendations from council and a few complaints. Although dollar amounts were hardly mentioned, there was no indication that council would cut or add to the budget of \$4,248,300 (excluding parks), an increase of five percent or \$213,000 over the current year's estimated expenses.

Councilmember Edward Putens summed up his feeling towards the Recreation Department, which seemed to also reflect the views of others when he said, "It's quiet in your department. I like that."

Minimum Wage

The biggest financial challenge facing the department for the near future is the dramatic rise in the minimum wage required by Maryland law to take place over the next four years, with a mandated increase of 15 percent each year. More than any other department, the Recreation Department relies on part-time help, many positions held by young people while attending school full-time.

According to budget document information, two-thirds of

the staffing for programs and facilities in that department is provided by part-time, non-classified staff, roughly equivalent to 40 full-time employees. The department has not provided information as to the total number of part-time jobs offered in a year, which can vary in number on a day-to-day basis, more significantly by season.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that implementing the required wage increases in the first year of the four-year period, will require approximately \$100,000. The future mandated increases will cost even more. Not only will those whose pay levels are mandated for increase by law be paid more, but a relationship needs to be maintained between the least skilled employees and those with greater skills so that pay adjustments will be necessary all up the line.

Assistant Recreation Director for Operations Joe McNeal commented that for twenty years the minimum pay rate had been constant and now it is being corrected dramatically over just four years. He also noted that the department expected to have a decreased proportion of activity costs covered by fees as staff does not believe that fees can be increased as dramatically as the rising labor cost.

McLaughlin noted that it

would not be possible to increase all city wages as dramatically as those at the minimum wage level and that adjustments will have to be made. He intends to present to council at a later date his recommendations on implementing the future minimum wage increases and adjustments to compensation of other employees.

Overview

Recreation Director Julie McHale and Assistant Director for Programs Greg Varda also were present to answer council questions. Responding to a question, McHale noted that the departmental values and goals listed in the budget document remained pretty much unchanged from year to year, but that the strategies and objectives change as objectives are accomplished.

The five listed goals, she said, deal with providing quality recreation and learning activities, actively engaging and building relationships throughout the community, managing the operation of city park and recreation facilities, developing team capacity and organizational culture and strengthening organizational systems.

There follows in the budget document 14 pages of listed accomplishments. Some particularly noted at the meeting were

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 16

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Public Works Open House, 555 Crescent Rd.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fostering Kittens Workshop, Police Station

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Monday, May 18

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession on Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipalvtv

Tuesday, May 19

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees Meeting, Public Works

Wednesday, May 20

1 to 3 p.m., Aging in Place Planning, Municipal Building (see ad page 5)

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

Thursday, May 21

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Schrom Hills Park, Community Meeting Room

News Review Seeks Web Designer

As the News Review continues to upgrade its electronic capabilities and presence, it requires outside assistance to upgrade its website. Working with a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation, the paper has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to local businesses for a relatively small scale but important initial push to upgrade the website.

Bids are encouraged from any organization, including individual consultants, that can illustrate a track record of successful web development and demonstrate understanding of the work to be done.

Potential bidders are encouraged to read the RFP - which can be retrieved from our website at greenbeltnewsreview.com. Bidders are encouraged to explore the existing website to see the starting point and can request clarification of the RFP by email.

The closing date for bids is May 22 at 4 p.m. EDT and work should begin in June. Instructions in the RFP explain how to bid.

The website has been online for several years and has done excellent service - providing weekly posting of the newspaper in PDF format and now including an archive back to 1937. But its scope is limited and the new site will offer better service for the paper's readers and, as it expands, will provide facilities for online submission for stories and online forms for advertising and secure payments.

Delegates to Review Legislative Session

The next meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will feature our three state delegates and their review of the recently adjourned legislative session. While what Governor Hogan calls the rain tax was defeated, what will our state representatives do to restore funding to clean the Chesapeake Bay? How will the cuts in education in the Governor's budget affect efforts to expand current school structures and to build new schools as our County's schools have become increasingly overcrowded?

The meeting will be held on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. This is the place for stimulating conversation, good food and good friendships. For more information, call 202-321-4207 or check the Club's web page at rooseveltclub.nationbuilder.com.

- Konrad Herling

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Damn virus!"

- November 11, 1999

Letters to the Editor

Kudos

Kudos to Billie Colombaro and our own Betty Ladas for "Choking out the Kudzu." Pain disclosed in humor, spirit conveyed through music and the emergence of courage in a strong woman are themes that we can all be buoyed by. Greenbelt is blessed by talent.

Patricia Novinski

year's line-up of vendors and community participants.

The Market can't run without volunteers. If you enjoy the Market please consider volunteering. We need help on the day of the Market with the information booth as well as support at other times. In particular, we need individuals whose vehicles have some extra cargo space and who can help with set up or tear down for about 45 minutes right before or after the market.

See everyone at the market, Terry Cucera For the Greenbelt Farmers Market Board

Farmers Market Opens

The board of the Greenbelt Farmers Market thanks everyone who made opening day such a success! The city, as always, was generous in its support, the police department in its responsiveness and the citizens in their willingness to come down and participate. We had a record-breaking turnout and are excited about this



Old Greenbelt Theatre 129 Centerway 301-329-2034 www.greenbelttheatre.org

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SHOWTIMES May 15 - 21

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and Ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$45/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

This week's Swifty . . . "It's too much trouble and costs too much to sell things on eBay," Craig whined lessly. Last week's Swifty: "You can use grated lemon peel to perk up any salad," Paula Deen recommended ZESTFULLY.

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At the Library

Every Hero Has a Story is the 2015 Summer Reading Program theme for all children from infancy through high school. Did you know that children who read at least 20 minutes a day during the summer months perform better in school than those who do not? Summer is the perfect time to explore books and reading. Here's how:

Sign up for Summer@Your Library from May 15 through August 15 and get a game board. The first 3,500 students to register will receive a free t-shirt. Sign up at any Prince George's County library.

Complete activities to earn a prize and enter to win the grand prize drawing for electronics, event tickets and more.

Go to pgcmls.info to find out more. Come by and join the festivities!

Knit and Crochet

Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of knitting and crocheting. If possible, please bring your own materials due to limited supplies. No experience required.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m. Black Genealogy 101. This audio-visual lecture series is presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. The final session of the season will be presented on May 26.

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. Robert M. Edsel's Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History. Join the library's adult book discussion of this renowned novel. Copies of the book may be available at the library's information desk through May 18.

Storytimes

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Infants and Toddlers Program, Preschool Storytime, ages 3 to 5. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

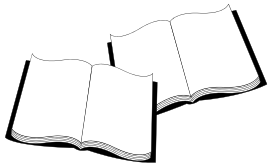
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., Baby Storytime, ages 1 to 2.

Thursdays, 2:15 p.m., Toddler Storytime, ages 2 to 3.

Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. Pick up free tickets at the information desk for these events.

Read to Rover

Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 to help them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially-trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the library at 301-345-5800 for more information.



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City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18-22

Monday, May 18 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION-Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House**, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV

Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road,

Thursday, May 21 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Schrom Hills Park, Community Meeting Room, Hanover Parkway.

The 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.

FOSTERING KITTENS WORKSHOP



Saturday, May 16 from 11am -1pm
Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road
RSVP <https://www.facebook.com/events/830236273725291/>

Learn how to care for the very young kittens that come into the shelter. Register to become one of the kitten nursery team! We would like to teach those interested in becoming kitten mommies and daddies to help the shelter save more lives during this kitten season. You must attend a training in order to become a foster for kittens.

REMINDER: SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN THE PLAZA AREA OF ROOSEVELT CENTER

City Council approved a smoking prohibition in the "plaza" area at Roosevelt Center. Council defined the no smoking area as the rectangle between the Mother and Child statue and the underpass. It should be noted that merchants have "control" over a 3 foot area from their storefront so whether or not to allow smoking in this area would be their call.

BE AWARE OF TICKS!

This past winter's weather was ideal for ticks, so they will be abundant in the outdoors. Please dress appropriately when outdoors, especially in the woods. Walk in the center of trails.

After you come indoors:

- Check your clothing for ticks. Placing clothes into a dryer on high heat for at least an hour kills ticks.
- Shower soon after being outdoors
- Check your body for ticks. This includes under arms, in and around the ears, inside belly button, back of the knees, in and around the hair, between the legs, and around the waist

SAVE THE DATE...

- **May 23: Outdoor Pool Opens**
- **May 29: Grand Re-Opening of the Greenbelt Theatre**
- **June 6 from 9am-12pm: Rescheduled Shredding Day in the Roosevelt Center Parking Lot**
- **June 6 from 10am-2pm: Pet Expo Block Party at the Greenbelt Dog Park, 7201 Hanover Drive**
- **June 6 & 7: Greenbelt Day Weekend...info coming soon.**

More info soon at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Public Works Open House 2015

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Saturday, May 16th
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Springhill Lake Recreation Center



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The Greenbelt Police Department police station is located at 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.
For more information: Mathews at 240-542-2116 or at gmathews@greenbeltmd.gov.

Creating Your Individual Aging In Place Plan

Wednesday, May 20, 1-3pm Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road.

Join Community Resource Advocate, Christal Batey as she takes you through an Aging in Place planning exercise. Examine your future needs and determine gaps in resources in order to create a forecast of tasks that you can accomplish and identify areas in which you may need assistance in order to age in place.

Learn about: Housing, Health and Wellness, Personal Finance, Transportation, Community and Social Interaction and Education and Entertainment.

Seating is limited. Call 301-345-6660 to register.

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Other Projects – miscellaneous concrete repairs (\$40,000), Greenbrook trails (\$16,000), construction of adult fitness area at Schrom Hills Park (\$106,700), a bus shelter (\$5,000), Lakewood Stream Valley bridges (\$12,000) and signage at the city’s gateway on Southway, part of an overall Gateway Signage Plan (\$20,000).

The budget book also contains a long list of unfunded capital projects ranging from larger maintenance projects such as roof and floor replacements and upgrading street lights to much larger projects such as dredging Greenbelt Lake and the next phase of renovation at the theater. However, McLaughlin requested approval to remove some items from the list, including expansion of the Municipal Building, the Northway Master Plan and raising the roof at the Youth Center, as he did not see the city being able to undertake those projects over the next few years. Councilmember Judith Davis objected to removing the Northway Master Plan and Councilmember Leta Mach wanted to keep the Youth Center roof project. Councilmember Rodney Roberts supported removal of the Youth Center and Municipal Building projects.

Southway Playground

Councilmembers asked about a project not on the list: resurfacing the playground at 1 Court Southway. It currently has shredded rubber fill. To replace this fill with poured-in-place rubber surfacing, as discussed at the January 12 council meeting, would cost the city up to \$83,700 with an additional expenditure of \$40,000 for new equipment since once the surface is installed, equipment cannot be moved or replaced without damaging it.

Replacing the shredded rubber with engineered wood fiber would cost up to \$19,500.

Davis, Mach and Roberts all wanted the shredded rubber replaced. Mach pushed for the

poured-in-place option, calling installation of wood fiber a waste of money.

McLaughlin expects that the city will receive additional money from the State Highway User Fund, which is not reflected in the budget as drafted.

Building Reserves

The Building Capital Reserve Fund sets aside funds for replacing major systems in city facilities. The major projects proposed to be funded under this account in FY16 are HVAC improvements at the Community Center (\$395,000) and a new roof for the Aquatics and Fitness Center (\$690,000). McLaughlin proposed using Program Open Space funds to cover 75 percent of these costs.

2001 Bond Fund

This fund is in an unusual state. It has been in the red since at least Fiscal Year 2013. McLaughlin proposes to transfer \$300,000 from the General Fund towards the deficit, leaving it nearly \$850,000 in the hole. The major projects completed using the proceeds of the 2001 bond issue were Greenbelt East traffic calming (\$499,000), Public Works facility (\$5 million, \$2 million over budget) and theater renovation (\$1.3 million estimated in the current fiscal year). Interestingly, nearly all the expenditures on the theater were made after the fund had been depleted. The Fiscal Year 2014 deficit was roughly \$400,000 and Fiscal Year 2015 expenditures on the theater project pushed that deficit up to more than \$1.1 million despite the application of \$547,500 in grants and other revenues to this account.

There was little discussion of this account. McLaughlin proposed that council meet in the fall to discuss what to do about this deficit.

Greenbelt West

The Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund accounts for public improvements to be funded by negotiated contributions from Greenbelt West Developers. The

account is projected to have a balance of \$1.3 million at the end of the current fiscal year. No additional revenues are anticipated to be budgeted in FY16, although an additional contribution by the developers will be required when the building permits are issued for the North Core.

Three projects are listed for this fund in FY16: Cherrywood Lane streetscape (\$10,000), public recreation facilities (\$50,000) and old middle school programs (\$200,000).

This last item led to some heated discussion among the councilmembers. It would be used to renovate classrooms “if a decision is made to use the classrooms.”

Councilmember Silke Pope urged reallocating these funds elsewhere. She doubted that space in the former middle school building would ever become available. Davis was unwilling to move these funds until they got an answer from the school board as to whether the space would be available and council met to discuss it. Mach was agreeable to leaving the funds in place until the city gets a firm answer from the school board, pointing out that a citizens’ group spent years working on a proposal for use of the space.

Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Konrad Herling also doubted that the program would ever come to fruition. McLaughlin reminded council that the funds could only be used in Greenbelt West under the terms of the agreement under which they were provided. In the end, the project remained in the budget, pending further discussion.

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**We Celebrate
Elaine Skolnik**

The following is part of a series of vignettes about Elaine Skolnik written by her friends and colleagues over the years. They celebrate the 60-plus years Elaine has been on the staff as president of the board of directors, reporter and news editor of the Greenbelt News Review. The News Review will honor Elaine at a luncheon at the Greenbelt Marriott on Saturday, May 30. See ad below for information on how to attend the luncheon.

Commitment to Community

Although Greenbelt has many wonderful resources, its greatest resource is the people who work hard to make Greenbelt great. For the 22 years we have lived here, we have admired the persistent, patient commitment to this community of our friend Elaine Skolnik Nicholson. [Elaine married Victor Nicholson several years after Al died.] She has devoted herself to making Greenbelt a nice place to live.

Elaine, in her quiet, friendly way, has become a role model for good citizenship. She works so hard for Greenbelt that it prompts all of us to ask ourselves how we can serve the community. And, as many of us can attest, when Elaine needs help, for the News Review or any other community project, her friends and admirers are there to back her up. How can we do less when she does so much?

No news of import to Greenbelt escapes Elaine’s notice. And, if she doesn’t know about it, she can find out. Any builder or developer with plans in Greenbelt will sooner or later have to answer Elaine’s careful, detailed questions.

Although Elaine has been awarded an official title as one of Greenbelt’s “Outstanding Citizens,” we believe she also, in the finest sense, deserves to be called, “Elaine Skolnik Nicholson—A Great Lady of Greenbelt.”

*Written by Gil and Micki Weidenfeld.
Gil is a former mayor of Greenbelt*

City Notes

Animal Control staff report one injured dog was found at Greenbelt Lake, one cat was removed from a van engine, one cat was found running at large at the Greenbelt Baptist Church, and one dog was adopted.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew worked on Breezewood Drive to remove a concrete island of curb and replaced it with black-top, cleaned beaver debris out of pipes at Buddy Attick Park and hauled more concrete from Northway Field to the recycling center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff reports 295 people attended the April electronics recycling event.

Facilities Maintenance crew repaired the marquee at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff reports the temperature of the indoor pool water seems to have been resolved with it currently hovering around 83-84 degrees.

All third-grade students from Greenbelt Elementary School visited the Community Center for an arts field trip, enjoying drama, dance workshops and visual arts programs to help them prepare for their presentation on Egypt at the school’s multicultural night.

Free Entry to Museums For Military Personnel

The Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Blue Star Museum program, is offering free entry to six of its museums to military personnel from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Participating museums are College Park Aviation Museum, Darnall’s Chance House Museum, Marietta House Museum, Montpelier Mansion, Riversdale House Museum and Surratt House Museum.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to the nation’s active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve.

Greenbelt News Review

Is Hosting a Luncheon Honoring

Elaine Skolnik
Saturday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Marriott

6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD



All reservations must be received no later than May 20.

No refunds after that date.

Cost \$36 per person

Amount Enclosed _____ for _____ persons.

Note: To reserve a table for 10 persons, please provide the names of attendees or the business/company name on a separate sheet of paper.

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Book Club to Discuss Women's Nonfiction

A discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held by the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. The book to be discussed May 19 is *Are You My Mother?*, a graphic novel memoir by Alison Bechdel, a 2014 recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius award."

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth Rds., near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.

CPAE Photography Club Meets May 19

Photography buffs who want to participate in *The Underexposed*, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE), may attend meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 19. For more information, visit [facebook.com/groups/photo20740](https://www.facebook.com/groups/photo20740).

Whooping Crane Tours and Talks

On Sundays, May 17, 24 and 31 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., guided tours will be held at the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center for those ages 14 and above. The tours are free, but advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

On Saturdays, May 16, 23 and 30 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, crane experts will discuss their experiences and challenges while assisting with recovery efforts for one of North America's most endangered birds. Presentations begin at 1:30 p.m.; no registration is required for this program. More details about the speakers can be found at friendsofpatuxent.org/images/Calendar-MWCM_2015.pdf.

For more information about the Patuxent Research Refuge, visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Maryland Route 197.

Greenbriar Residents Elect New Board

The following individuals have been elected to the board of directors at Greenbriar.

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Two Breast Cancer Support Groups

On Tuesday, May 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold breast cancer support groups for men and women. The group for male caregivers, facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors, will be on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road. The second group, for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer, will meet on the 4th floor.

Call to receive a free breast care educational brochure. Registration for either group is required by calling 301-324-4968.

Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, May 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building.

For more information or to register call 301-324-4968.

Best of Maryland Preservation Awards

Since 1985, Preservation Maryland has presented awards to individuals and organizations for contributions to preserving Maryland's rich, authentic and diverse heritage. On May 21 from 6 to 9 p.m., the organization will honor 13 awardees for excellent projects in historic preservation, architecture, community engagement and education from across the state. A Community Choice Award will be presented to Friends of Greenbelt Theatre. The event will take place at Dye House at Mount Washington Mill, 1340 Smith Ave., Baltimore.

For details, visit bestofmaryland.org. Hashtags: #preservemd and #bestofmaryland.

Women's Heart Support Group

On Tuesday, May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will provide educational information to women while encouraging them to make well-educated and heart-healthy decisions. To register, call 301-324-4968.



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Police Blotter

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

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

DWI/DUI

April 26, 8:30 p.m., Ora Glen Drive near Hanover Parkway. A 66-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and other traffic-related charges during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

April 30, 12:24 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 27-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after she attempted to engage in a fight with another patron at T.G.I. Friday's. She was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

April 30, 9:18 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Lane. A cab driver reported that after he picked up his fare at the Greenbelt Metro Station and drove him to the 6000 block of Cherrywood Lane, the man tried to pay him with what he believed to be a counterfeit bill. The man said that he would go to his residence to get money but never returned. He is described as a 25 to 30-year-old black man, 5'2", 150 to 160 pounds, with short brown hair and a goatee, wearing black jeans and a black shirt under a white jacket.

May 2, 10 a.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Two cell phones, credit cards and a car key were taken after three lockers were forced open at LA Fitness.

May 4, 3:30 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Unattended bags of produce were taken from the hallway of an apartment building.

Burglary

April 29, 11 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive. A television, video game player and a laptop computer were taken from a residence.

April 30, 7 a.m., 11 Court

Police Seek Help With Missing Person

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating a critical missing person. Kiera Dajanae Patrice Richardson is a black female, 5'9", 180 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Richardson, 15, suffers from seizures; she left her home in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive on April 29. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

Ridge Road. A vacant residence was entered by breaking out a window.

May 2, 12:10 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A witness reported that she observed two older youths exit the bedroom window of a vacant apartment and flee on foot. One of them is described as black, 14 to 18 years old, 5'6", 145 pounds, wearing a blue flannel shirt and light-colored blue jeans. The other is described as Latino with hair in a short bush, wearing a tan shirt with a black stripe down the middle and blue jeans.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A red 2007 Dodge Caravan with New Hampshire tags 2721293 was taken from 17 Court Ridge Road and a red 1997 Nissan Pathfinder pickup with Maryland tags A272846 was taken from the 6200 block Breezewood Court.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 7800 block Walker Drive (iPad), 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (two MD tags 7BN5686) and 100 block Periwinkle Court (money). Vandalism was reported in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; two tires were punctured.

Reel and Meal: Racism and Healing

On Monday, May 18, Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café will focus on racism in the U.S., the recent events in Baltimore and how we can work toward racial healing in the 21st century. The free show starts at 7 p.m., and an optional vegan buffet (for a cost) begins at 6:30 p.m.

Rather than screen a feature-length documentary, short clips of multiple voices will be shown through YouTube, Vimeo and Vine. Robert Zachary, from Asheville, N. Car., will lead the discussion.

Born in Anniston, Ala., in 1949, Zachary has been a foot soldier in the civil rights movement for more than five decades. It was the fire-bombing of the Greyhound-Trailways Bus in his hometown on Mother's Day 1961 that ignited a life-long determination to go forth for the causes of justice and freedom. He met Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1965, when King came to Anniston to speak at the 17th Street Baptist Church. Zachary had family members who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge 50 years ago as part of Bloody Sunday. Recently, he returned to Alabama to commemorate the anniversary. He'll show a short film on his travels back to the deep south for the somber occasion.

Zachary is an activist, veteran, chaplain, educational consultant and vegetarian who combines life, music, poetry, history and storytelling in his presentations.

For more information, contact Cam MacQueen, worldisvegan@aol.com.

Reel and Meal is a monthly vegan dinner and documentary series in collaboration with three Greenbelt groups concerned with social justice, environmental and animal rights issues – Green Veg-an Networking, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition.

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Request For Proposals

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GUTTER CLEANING

DCG Cleaning, & Gilbert Construction will be performing spring gutter cleaning and inspections. Inclement weather may affect the schedule but the workers plan on being in this approximate area the week beginning May 18th:

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You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA



GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Thursday, May 21, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Certification of Election
- Board Reorganization & Election of Officers
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Appointment of Member Complaints Panels
- Code of Ethics Acknowledgement
- Board Meeting Procedures
- Further Questions to be Answered Regarding the Homes Improvement Program:
 - o Scope of H.I.P. Improvements for Additions
 - o Disposition of Member Loans at Unit Resale
 - o Should Prepayment of Loans Made to Members be Allowed?
 - o Should Members be Allowed to Opt-out of Required Items?
 - o How Much GHI Funds Could be Utilized as Loans for Crawlspace Improvements and Optional Items?
- Schedule Stakeholder Meeting with City of Greenbelt
- Summer & Fall Meeting Schedule
- Contract for 2015 Parking Lot Repairs, 1st Reading
- Contract for 2015 Underground Utility Repairs, 1st Reading
- Contract for Repairs to 20D Ridge Road, 1st Reading
- Contract for Consultant Arborist, 2nd Reading
- Contract for Supply of Electricity for GHI Accounts, 2nd Reading

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AAUW Celebrates Students, Mentors

Join the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of College Park branch and Girls Excelling in Mathematics and Science (GEMS) of Prince George's County for their first celebration of students and mentors in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The celebration will take place on Saturday, May 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, (two blocks from the College Park Metro).

The event will give those interested in STEM the opportunity to discover their part in Solving the Equation. Attendees will meet the middle school students of GEMS for Prince George's County, their mentors from the University of Maryland and the students' families and friends.

AAUW - College Park branch wishes to increase the participation and success of women and girls in STEM. Join the celebration to honor these students and those who have supported them on their path to success.

The event is free and open to the public. Register at <http://goo.gl/forms/54yg200VM5>. For more information, contact Raluca Rosca at 315-790-1468 or rarosca@gmail.com

Sports & Health Expo at Laurel May 16

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation will host a free Sports and Health Expo, "Delivering Inclusive Solutions for Today's Body Health," on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to attend this year's Expo at the Fairland Athletic Center, 13950 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel. The day will feature family fun centered around health and wellness. There will be opportunities to take part in free classes and training sessions, interactive education sessions, sports demonstrations, health screening and exhibitors, food, music, entertainment and other activities. For more information, call 301-446-3400; TTY 301-446-3401.

Lecturer to Examine Jersey Pine Barrens

On Sunday May 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden will be the site of a lecture, Plants of the New Jersey Pine Barrens, by Uli Lorimer, curator of native flora at Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

The New Jersey Pine Barrens encompass over a million acres of protected lands and is home to diverse flora. Join Lorimer to explore the varied habitats and learn what makes this place distinctly unique.

The lecture is free, but pre-registration at usb.gov is required.

Learn About Animal Babies

On Saturday, May 16 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, kids ages 5 to 7 can learn about animal families. Animal families come in many different shapes and sizes. Learn about three very different babies and how they grow up.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Md. Route 197.

Nature Tots: Silly Goose

Introduce preschoolers ages 3 and 4 to the world of geese through games, stories and crafts in this interactive program on Friday, May 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Maryland Route 197.

Free Chamber Concert at Riversdale May 17

Riversdale Chamber Music Society will perform a free woodwind concert of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring on Sunday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544.

Belly Dance Concert

On Saturday, May 16 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. enjoy the exciting rhythms and amazing precision of local belly dance performers and teachers at the Old Parish House.

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At the Greenbelt Museum, from left, Docent Bonnie Shields helps visitors Angela (4) and Andrew Zhang (5) make May baskets as Education/Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill looks on.



In the Community Center, from left, Maria, Layla (4), Logan (2) and Lutalo Bavegehims make collaged pendants at a craft workshop.

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Audience members join the dancers for period dancing.

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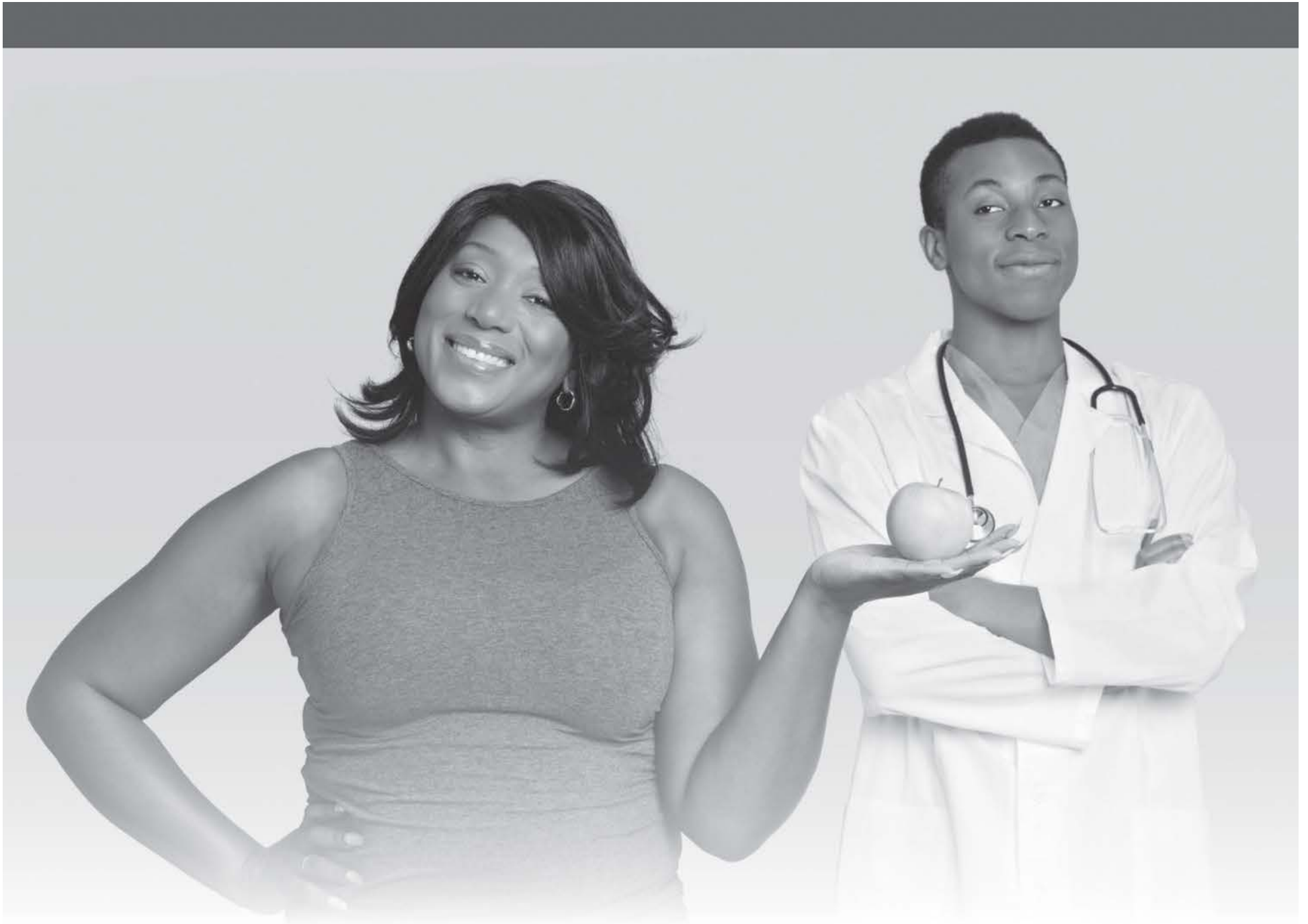
TIMBUKTU is a about a cattle herder and his family who reside in the dunes of Timbuktu and find their quiet lives — which are typically free of the Jihadists determined to control their faith — abruptly disturbed.

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- Chicken Run at 11 AM on Saturday the 16th, with a giveaway of the children's book, *Click, Clack Moo* and LaborFest t-shirts
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President Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Abe shaking hands with Eleanor Roosevelt High School students.

Delegation of ERHS Students Invited to the White House

by Daniel Bustros

On April 2 a delegation of approximately 70 students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) was invited to the White House to witness the welcoming ceremony for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his wife Akie Abe. ERHS, one of the highest performing schools in Prince George's County, was

invited because of its strong Japanese language program. ERHS is home to three Japanese sister state exchanges with Kanagawa Prefecture, and select ERHS students placed 7th in the 2015 National Japan Bowl competition. At the White House, these students were able to meet both President Obama

and Prime Minister Abe, with most having the opportunity to shake hands and converse with the two.

The visit, near the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII, had the primary goal of strengthening an "alliance focused on the future," President Obama said. Prime Minister Abe further remarked that his top priority "has been to revitalize the alliance between Japan and the United States." Ever since the end of World War II in 1945, the U.S. and Japan have been steadily building a strong trade and foreign policy alliance, with the ultimate goal to emerge as leaders in Asia and in the world.

The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for ERHS students to meet both President Obama and Prime Minister Abe has been an experience that will certainly be remembered for those in the Japanese program. When asked about her experience, Elece Smith, the current President of ERHS's Japanese National Honor Society said that it was "really exciting to see them willing to work together." Likewise, Tetsuo Ogawa, the Japanese language teacher at ERHS, added that "being able to share the once-in-a-lifetime experience of meeting both President Obama and Prime Minister Abe at the White House with the students was one of my biggest highlights of my 24 years of teaching in the United States."

Daniel Bustros is a junior at ERHS and is vice president of the Japanese National Honor Society.



PHOTO BY CLINTON SHANDS

Clinton Shands' selfie of the ERHS Japanese Program students and chaperones in front of the White House.

Farming Is Focal Point Of New Deal Art Show

by Barbara Simon

Attention artists. The second group show this year at the New Deal Café, Farm to Table, is looking for artwork. The show will be in collaboration with the Greenbelt Farmers Market and will be on display during July and August. The reception will be on Sunday, July 26, and will include events such as wine tasting and fruit and veggie sculpting for kids with Greenbelt artist Tom Baker. Submissions in all media are welcome and may include: market scenes, harvesting, farms, orchards, farm animals, vegetables, fruit, bread-making, etc. All two-dimensional art work in all media must be hooked, wired and ready to hang. Three-dimensional art work is welcome: there is a display case available for three-dimensional art, which

must measure no more than 10x10x10 inches.

The exhibit is limited to artists 18 years and over. Please submit a digital image of the work you would like to have considered for this 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 is June 26.

Artists will be notified about acceptance of their work by June 29. If you have any questions or need assistance, email Meg Haney at myevsuk@aol.com or call her at 301-602-2769 or visit the café's website newdealcafe.com/events/arfp.php.

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.

Old Greenbelt Theatre Reopens as Non-Profit

Screenings began Friday, May 1 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT), a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, reopened the Old Greenbelt Theatre and began showing films on Friday, May 1, after ten months of historic renovations and enhancements.

Old Greenbelt Theatre reopened with a new digital projection system and reel-to-reel 35mm projectors - the only theater in Prince George's County with such a system - to show

historic and archival films. The theater will show first-run movies as before and will also offer diverse community programming.

FOGT hired Dr. Caitlin McGrath as executive director of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. McGrath is a film scholar and Greenbelt resident. Old Greenbelt Theatre, which first opened around 1938, is at the center of the National Historic Landmark district of Greenbelt, significant for its history as a planned community and a favorite project of President Franklin D. and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

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