

Dems to Host Van Hollen And Edwards at Fire House

by Konrad Herling

The place to be Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. is the Greenbelt Firehouse for a political forum featuring two progressive candidates, U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen and U.S. Representative Donna Edwards. They are both running for the U.S. Senate seat held by the feisty Barbara Mikulski for over three decades. Both will speak about the key issues facing Greenbelters and all Marylanders at a forum sponsored by the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club in concert with other area Democratic clubs. Stuart Jordan, Greenbelt resident and member of the Roosevelt Club, will serve as the moderator.

While the event is free, reservations are required as seating is

limited. Email Nicole Williams, president of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club at nwilliams23@gmail.com or call either Williams at 202-321-4207 or Austin Henry at 301-552-0042 no later than March 16. Attendees should arrive at the Firehouse no later than 6:45 p.m. to claim seats.

There will be food provided by the Fire Department Auxiliary before and after the event for a donation.

Van Hollen, ranking member of the House budget committee, led successful fights to make Maryland the first state to require built-in safety trigger locks on handguns, ban oil drilling

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Greenbelt Elementary School Celebrates Black History

by Gabriela Martínez

Members of Greenbelt Elementary School's community celebrated the school's first Black History Extravaganza on February 25, which featured performances and presentations by the school's after-school programs, and included prizes and book giveaways.

"We've done multiple events, but this is the first time we've had a lengthened program where we incorporated a speaker into the program, as well as the different clubs at the school," said Tracy Findlater, the event coordinator and first grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School. The event had a sizeable turnout of 250 people, including students, parents, teachers and staff members of the school.

The program was introduced by Assistant Principal Stephanie Barber and followed by the school choir's rendition of James Weldon Johnson's Lift Every

Voice and Sing. Led by Lee Gibbs, vocal music teacher at the school, the choir also performed Follow the Drinking Gourd, a famous African American spiritual. After that, Henry Robles, the school's physical education teacher, led a step dance routine.

Rachael Yorkers, also a vocal music teacher at the school, led a world drumming ensemble. Each student played a percussion instrument, recreating the answer and reply musical style of traditional West African music.

The teachers and organizers of the program also incorporated a literacy component that reflects Prince George's Public School System's countywide literacy initiative. A group of students led by Michelle Harrison, one of the school's kindergarten teachers, read poetry by Langston Hughes.

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A Review

Greenbelt Winter Youth Musical, Orlando Furioso, Delights Audience

by Rebecca Winner

A talented cast of young actors and singers delighted a sold-out crowd on March 5 at the opening of the 2016 Winter Youth Musical. The School for Super-Heroes Presents Orlando Furioso, written and directed by Christopher Cherry, is set in a high school for super-powered teenagers. The heroes have powers that are less-than-super, rendering them less-than-useful in their world's looming (and largely unexplained) war.

To improve school morale, the heroes decide to stage the world's most ambitious musical — Orlando Furioso — based on the eponymous 15th century epic poem by Ludovico Ariosto. (Those not familiar with the original work will find a handy synopsis of its major themes in the event program). The heroes quickly learn that mounting a show of this magnitude requires every ounce of cooperation they can muster as well as a willingness to embrace different values and viewpoints, as Etiquette Boy



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Bradamant (Megan Winner) is attacked by the Hippogriff (Elizabeth Gardner). Costumes were designed by Nicole deWald.

(Jack Brittan-Powell) sings in A Place at the Table.

In the world of Furioso, Muslim Saracens under King Agramant (Isobel Springer) have besieged Paris, which is held by King Charlemagne (Tim Pulik)

and his Christian paladins. The war is not going well for the Parisians. Charlemagne believes that the city will be lost because its two greatest knights, Orlando (Jake Transgrud) and his cousin See **MUSICAL**, page 8

Bikes, Metro Trains and Shelters Occupy Recent Council Meeting

by Diane Oberg

At its February 22 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council heard an update on Metro issues, agreed to participate in a bike infrastructure partnership with area municipalities and received a petition about the city's animal shelter. In addition, council appropriated the funds needed to purchase the additional unit for the museum and took positions on several proposed state and county laws.

Metro

Malcolm Augustine, one of Prince George's County's two representatives on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA or Metro) board of directors, gave council an update on Metro issues.

Augustine noted that the system's key performance indicators — time performance, customer satisfaction and reliability — are down. He was pleased with the recent appointment of a new general manager with extensive transportation management background. While the federal government is pushing for the establishment of a Metro Safety Commission, Augustine doubted that this could be accomplished in 2016 since Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia would have to pass identical legislation to accomplish this. He doubted that

Maryland would be able to pass the needed legislation this year with just a 90-day legislative session. Metro currently has over 90 open corrective action plans resulting from the Federal Transit Administration Safety Management Inspection. The action plans and their status are available at fta.dot.gov/tso_16628.html.

Recognizing the increasing concerns about safety in the system, Augustine reported that Metro has established a Security Operations Control Center in Landover. Wherever folks are on the rail or bus systems, he said, they are being watched. In addition, Metro has beefed up its deployments of plain clothes and uniformed officers and has conducted full scale emergency drills.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked whether the board was working with the D.C. school system to address the issue of groups of unruly teens harassing or attacking passengers. Since the District uses Metro in lieu of school buses to transport students, Augustine said that there has been some outreach to the schools, including "sharing the reality" that the students are on camera. In addition, officers have been placed near certain schools to combat this issue. Augustine

noted that there have been arrests after some of the very serious incidents that have occurred.

While Davis reported having noticed the uptick in officers, Councilmember Rodney Roberts had not. He wanted more emphasis on uniformed officers, not just on technology.

Bike Infrastructure

Council unanimously approved Greenbelt's participation in the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group. The working group is being established to develop, promote and maintain a safe, well-marked bicycle and pedestrian network. City Planner Jessica Bellah described the proposed memorandum of understanding as pretty basic and does not create any binding requirements or impose any financial commitment. Council appointed Mayor Emmett Jordan as the city's representative on the working group.

Zoning

Council approved without discussion the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Board (Report 2016-1) that it support Greenbelt Auto and Truck's request to build a larger storage shed to replace a damaged shed at the same location with the condition that the company install See **COUNCIL**, page 6

What Goes On

Saturday, March 12

9 a.m. to Noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Community Service, Co-existing with Beavers, Buddy Attick Park

2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Orlando Furioso, Youth Musical, Community Center (See city ad for details.)

Monday, March 14

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

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

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Council Goals, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Roller Coaster Ride

A warning to folks. In two more weekends, Bad Jews playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center, will be gone. During my viewing on opening night, I didn't know if laughing was appropriate, but couldn't stop. Other times I was surprised, deeply moved, bordering on being horrified. This play is so well written and acted and directed, you are in for a roller coaster ride.

If you've ever been part of a family, you can appreciate this rendition of relatives not behaving with "domestic tranquility." You don't need to be Jewish to appreciate the play.

A shout out to these young adults for a most enjoyable and thought provoking performance. To readers of the Greenbelt News Review, you do not want to miss this play.

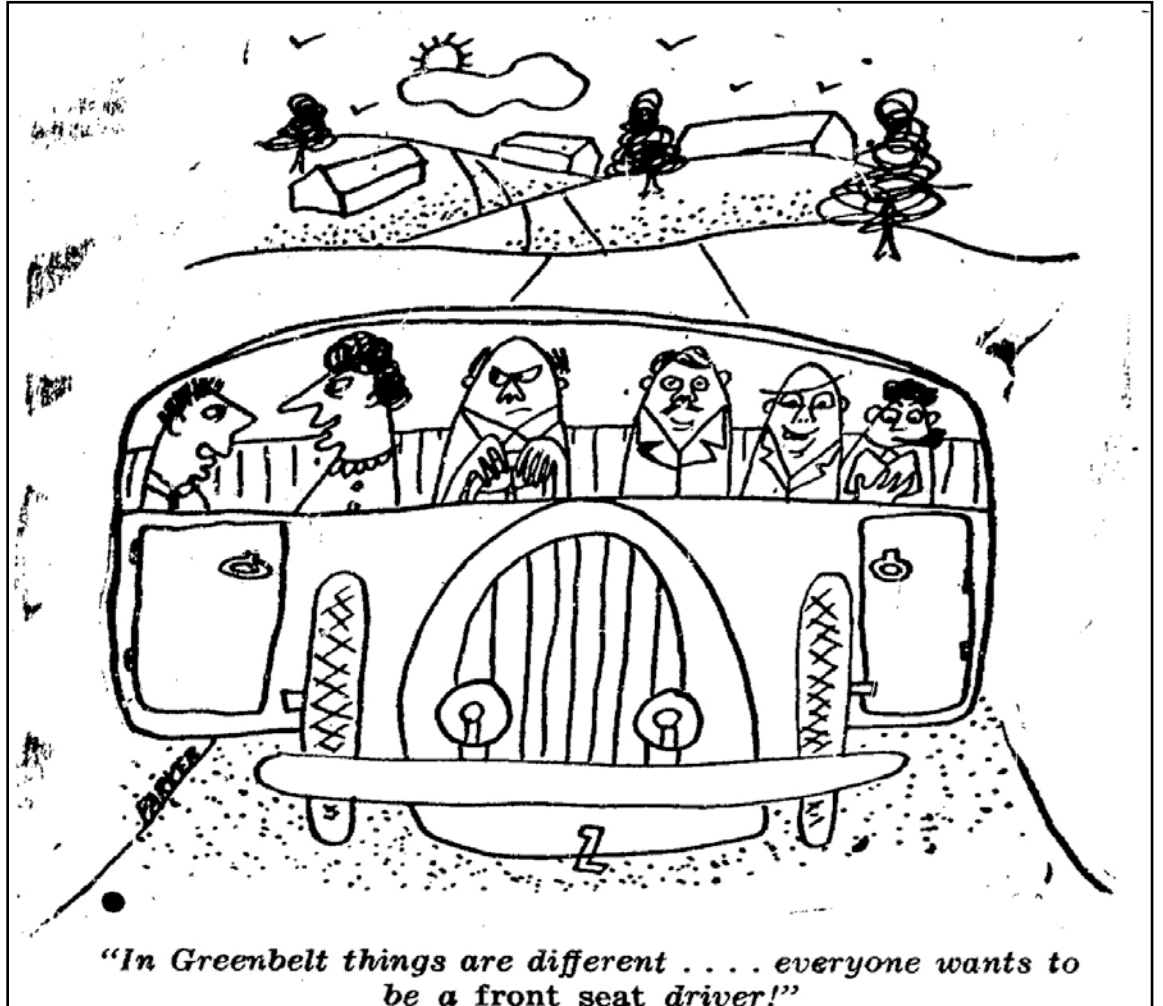
Elizabeth Gaines

Maryland Information Sought by Student

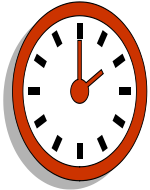
My classmates and I are contacting newspapers in a state we chose to learn more about. I wanted to learn more about Maryland because it is close to the coast.

I am writing to ask readers to write and tell me why they like Maryland, interesting facts about the state and what visitors can do there. They can write to my school's address below. If they could also include a copy of the newspaper where they saw my letter, I'd greatly appreciate it. Thank you for your time and consideration

Bailey Nickles
Queen of Peace Catholic School
4508 Vistula Road
Mishawaka, IN 46544

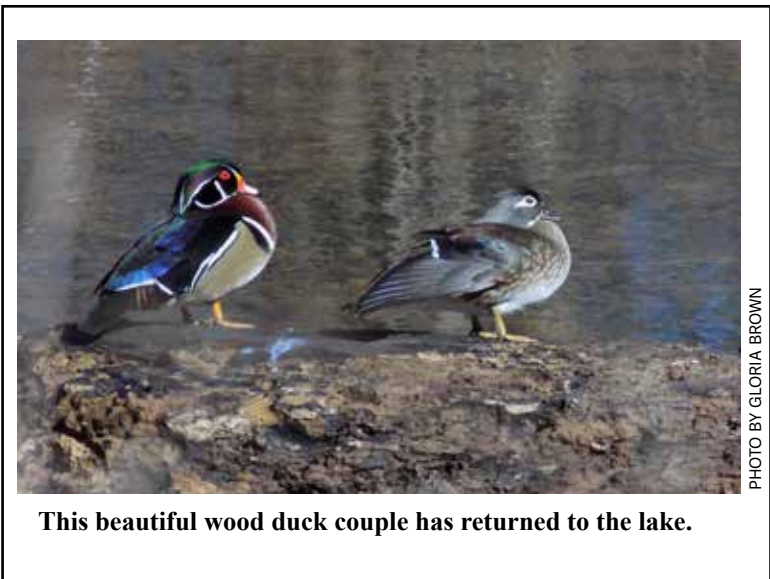


Cartoon by Izzy Parker first ran on August 16, 1956, as part of his carpool series.



Spring Forward!

Reset your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 13 at 2 a.m.



This beautiful wood duck couple has returned to the lake.

PHOTO BY GLORIA BROWN

On Screen

The Revenant

This is a spectacular Western adventure filled with incredibly beautiful scenery and staggeringly violent action. It is the fictionalized story of Hugh Glass, a frontiersman and trapper who is part of an expedition intended to scout out an area along the Missouri River as a future trapping site. In the process of exploring, Glass encounters angry Native Americans, evil fellow expedition members and, most memorably, a gigantic grizzly bear that very nearly kills him. The latter scene is one of the most intensely horrifying episodes ever filmed, and those who see it (if they don't cover their eyes in terror) will never forget it. The scenery, the photography and the story are bigger than life. This is a great movie, but not for the faint of heart.

Rating - R

Running time - 2 hours 16 minutes

Where to Invade Next

This is the latest film by Michael Moore, and anyone who has seen his previous films will not be surprised by his technique and point of view. It is kind of a travelogue through the countries of Europe that highlights the many positive social and economic programs implemented by the various countries. As the film unspools, Moore is clear about his disgust with the failure of the United States of America to grapple successfully with the same problems: overcrowded prisons filled with poor and largely African-American inmates, the erosion of the middle class and growth of the one percent, and an economy heavily dependent on military spending. Moore can be overbearing, and he may be "cherry picking" the good things he sees in Europe (the movie was filmed prior to the immigration crisis), but he is close enough to the mark to make the thoughtful American viewer uncomfortable.

Rating - R

Running time - 1 hour 59 minutes

- Peter Curtis



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(R) (CC) (136 m)
Fri. & Sat. 2:00 PM
Sun. 12:00 PM (OC)
Mon.-Thurs. 2:00 PM

WHERE TO INVADENEXT
(R) (CC) (119 m)
Fri. & Sat. 7:45 PM
Sun. 8:45 PM
Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 PM

45 YEARS (R) (95 m)
Fri. & Sat. 5:30 PM
Sun. 6:30 PM
Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 PM

Cult Series:
MAD MAX 2: THE ROAD WARRIOR (R) (1982)
Fri. 11:00 PM

Family Series:
BACK TO THE FUTURE (PG) (1985)
Sat. 11:00 AM

Noir Series:
RIFIFI (NR) (1955)
Sun. 3:30 PM
Post-Film Discussion with Scholar Rebecca Prime!



The Greenbelt Grasshopper

Check out the Kids' Section on page 11.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GIVES Quarterly Meeting March 26

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) quarterly meeting has been moved to Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. This later date is due to all Community Center rooms being used for the teen musical production on March 12. Please take note of the change and enjoy both events – the musical and then the GIVES meeting two weeks later.

Residents of Greenbelt, looking for a way to give or receive service from fellow residents, can learn at the quarterly meeting about this 20-year-old organization, which continues to work in the spirit in which Greenbelt was founded: one of sharing service and helping to make Greenbelt great.

New members are always welcome and can come to meetings or stop in the office in the Community Center Senior Lounge. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

Open House March 21 At Greenbelt ES

On Monday, March 21, Greenbelt Elementary School will hold an open house for new and prospective parents for the 2016-2017 school year. The open house, which will start promptly at 9:30 a.m., will highlight the school's academic and enrichment programs.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 16 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.

Beaver Coexisting Service Day Saturday

On Saturday, March 12 the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project will hold its rescheduled Presidents Day of Service in Buddy Attick Park from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be part of a community service learning event to protect trees from beavers and invasive species.

Participants are encouraged to wear clothing appropriate to the weather and closed-toe shoes. Bring a reusable water bottle and a mug for free coffee and hot cocoa. For more information, contact ejosephitis@greenbeltnmd.gov or call 240-542-2168.

Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation Meeting

Join a growing community of Greenbelters who are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of dollars. Earn hours by providing services to others and spend the hours to receive services in return. Use your time and talents to help your neighbors, get your own needs met and build a stronger community.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold an orientation meeting on Monday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center located at 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

More information can be obtained by calling: 240-473-3497.

Writers Group To Meet March 18

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The group will be discussing its next anthology, and current members are asked to bring draft ideas for their anthology contribution. Open readings will also be held, and all interested writers are invited to participate. For more information, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

GHI Notes

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

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

Friday, March 11, Office closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Sunday, March 13, 2 to 4 p.m., GHI Town Hall Meeting, Greenbelt Fire House

Monday, March 14, 7 p.m., Seminar for Home Equity Line of Credit with Citibank, Board Room

Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, March 16, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Greenbelt Elementary Holds Spring Fair

The Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) Annual Spring Fair and Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring the whole family for a fun and free day of carnival games, bucket truck rides, craft activities and the first ever Greenbelt's Got Talent show. Concessions and Scholastic books will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit classroom projects and programs.

GES thanks Greenbelt Public Works Department, Greenbelt Recreation Department, Greenbelt Museum, Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre, and all others for their support.

This Week's Events At MakerSpace

Come check out the Greenbelt MakerSpace this week.

Friday, March 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Little Makers will be crafting and creating with old magazines. Preschool-aged children and their parents or guardians are welcome to join the fun.

Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon join us for Robotics which is open to all ages. Participants will be doing the missions from For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Lego League. There will be advice and guidance along the way.

Sunday, March 13: Animation Workshop runs from 2 to 4 p.m. This will be the fourth class taught by local artist Ola Betiku. Drop in and see what stories are being created.

Tuesday, March 15: FIRST Lego League post-season training continues from 6 to 7:30 p.m. From 7:45 to 9:30 p.m., Introduction to Micro-electronics continues with participants ages 12 and up learning the fundamentals of Arduino programming.

Wednesday, March 16: Junior Legos returns from 4 to 5 p.m. Class size is limited for 5- to 8-year-olds working on Lego building challenges. Knit Night for knitters, crocheters and other fiber enthusiasts is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 17: Coder Dojo Kids meets from 7 to 8 p.m. The more advanced programmers are working in Scratch but start anytime to learn the fundamentals of programming. Coder Dojo Adults meets from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

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Week of March 11

FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Triple 9, R

4:30, 9:50

The Gods of Egypt, PG13

11, 1:45, 7

Deadpool, R

11:20, 1:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

Zootopia, in 3D, PG**

4,9:10

Zootopia, in 2D, PG

11, 11:40, 1:30, 2:15,

4:40, 6:40, 7:15

London Has Fallen, R

11:20, 1:40, 4:15, 7, 9:30

The Perfect Match, R

11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7, 9:15, 10

10 Cloverfield Lane, PG13

11, 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 9:45

The Brothers Grimsby, R

11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:25, 9:35

SUNDAY – TUESDAY

Triple 9, R

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The Gods of Egypt, PG13

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Deadpool, R

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The Perfect Match, R

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10 Cloverfield Lane, PG13

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The Brothers Grimsby, R

11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7:25

WEDNESDAY

Miracle from Heaven, R

11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00

Deadpool, R

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Zootopia, in 3D, PG **

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Zootopia, in 2D, PG

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The Brothers Grimsby, R

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THURSDAY

Divergent: Allegiant, PG13

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Miracle from Heaven, R

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Deadpool, R

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Zootopia, in 3D, PG**

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More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, March 13th & Wednesday, March 16th
Beginning at 8 PM

“Searching for Green (2015),” “Luck of the Draw,” “Flickering Angels (2013)” and “Lucky Express”

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Greenbelt's Got Talent

K-5 Student Competition

Saturday, March 19 @ G.E.S.

Registration: 10 a.m. Show: 11 a.m.

Open to All Current Students!

Contact amyknesel@hotmail.com for details



Greenbelt Arts Center

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BAD JEWS



Written By Joshua Harmon
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Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,

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Obituaries

John Beard

John R. Beard, 89, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, died on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Mr. Beard was born May 11, 1926, in Isola, Miss., to the late Matt L. Beard, Sr. and Mary E. (Murphy) Beard.

Mr. Beard graduated as the salutatorian from Isola Consolidated High School in the class of 1944. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 and the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1946 to 1949 and 1950 to 1953. Mr. Beard was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. While living in Florida for a short period of time, he was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He retired as a senior systems analyst from Bendix Corporation at Goddard Space Flight Center in 1998. Upon his retirement he volunteered with the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association as a court-appointed special advocate for abused and neglected children.

Mr. Beard lived his life independently, due in part to the friendship and care of his daughter Glennis Reslock, daughter-in-law Jeanne Beard, and family friends Maureen (Zurla) Sanders, Matt Sanders, Bronwyn (Owens) Zurla and Caitlin (Owens) Phillips. He was an avid reader,



John R. Beard

loved to tell stories and debate, and had a wry sense of humor.

Mr. Beard was preceded in death by his wife Lori M. Beard and only son Philip B. Beard; three sisters, Allene Snyder, Zelda Smith and Betty Adams; and two brothers, William "Buddy" Beard and Matt "Bud" Beard, Jr.

Survivors include three daughters, Cathie Schumake (Bob) of Rockville, Glennis Reslock (Herb) of Naragansett, R.I., and Lisa Beard of Clinton; daughter-in-law Jeanne Beard of Gambrills; two sisters, Mary "Cissie" Klute of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Barbara Hoke of California; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Cemetery on Ivy Lane.

- Glennis Reslock

Local Church Honored For Contributions

by David Alexander



PHOTO BY GLENNYCE GRINDSTAFF

United Church of Christ honored Greenbelt Community Church. From left, UCC's Committee member Reverend Faye Butterick, GCC Missions Chair Donna Garland, UCC's Reverend Jim Moos and GCC Moderator David Alexander. GCC's Reverend Glennyce Grindstaff and Michael Grindstaff also attended the event.

Greenbelt Community Church was honored on Sunday, February 28, as one of the top supporters of the United Church of Christ's One Great Hour of Sharing. Alongside churches from across the Washington D.C. area, Delaware and New Jersey, Greenbelt Community Church was recognized as one of the top 10 givers in the denomination's Central Atlantic Conference as well as one of the top 100 congregations in the nation.

One Great Hour of Sharing (ucc.org/oghs) is an offering with-

in the United Church of Christ dedicated to supporting emergency relief, disaster response, sustainable development and social services in some of the poorest areas in both the U.S. and around the world.

City Notes

About 50 community members gathered at Public Works for a free rain garden workshop. This workshop was the second of a three-part series designed to mobilize the community to take advantage of the county's Rain Check Rebate program. There will be one more workshop on March 19.

Facilities Maintenance crew installed a dedication plaque and a video monitor at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 27.28 tons of refuse and 12.47 tons of recyclable material, picked up litter on the Spellman Overpass on the Greenbriar side as well as along the asphalt path, and picked up pallets from a food distribution at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking new members. The club meets the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 14.

For more information email jdea@hotmail.com.

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Join us for Friendship Dinner Sunday at 11:30.

Obituaries
The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Spring Forward!
Reset your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 13 at 2 a.m.

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, March 14, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations- ACE Educators Awards
- Petitions and Requests
- (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-2 (Clean Water Partnership Proposal to Dredge Two Forebays)
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Report #2016-1 (Open Forum)

LEGISLATION (none)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Letter to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Comments on Zone and Use Regulations and Interpretations Module of the Zoning Rewrite
- National League of Cities Small Cities Steering Committee Meeting
- State Legislation
- Code Enforcement - Geothermal and Propane Conversions
- Council Reports
- * Request for Use of City Facilities
- * Letter to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Preliminary Comments on the Proposed Development Plan for Greenbelt Station
- * Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2016-1 (Preservation & Maintenance of the Turner Family Cemetery)

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14-18

Monday, March 14 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/ACE EDUCATORS AWARDS** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV.*

Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 16 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Council Goals** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

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Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project



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Monday, March 28-Friday April 1

SPRING CAMP (Ages: 5-12) Spring break is right around the corner! We'll keep your kid's break action-packed with a combination of events both at the Youth Center and on field trips. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade and are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink each day. **Info: 301-397-2200**

Times: 8:45am -3:30pm Fees: R: \$184, NR: \$221

Activity #236501-1 Before and After Care Available.

Location: Youth Center and Field Trips



SPRING BREAK FAST BREAK BASKETBALL CLINIC (Ages: 10-14)

Spend your spring break improving your basketball skills through this clinic. Registration fee will include a Springhill Lake Recreation Center membership card that will allow each participant to remain in the facility beyond the hours of the basketball clinic under the supervision of Recreation Center staff. Campers are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink each day, except Friday when lunch will be provided.

Times: 9:00am-12:00pm Fees: R: \$40, NR: \$50

Activity #: 236422-1 Before care and after care are not available for this program. Location: Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Contact Brian Butler or Frank Jones at 301-397-2212



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March 23, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM @
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6101 Cherrywood Lane

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Participating vendors, Doctor's Community Hospital, Downtown Locker Room, Advanced Vascular Resources (AVR), DTLR, Community Clinic Inc., Fortis Dental Clinic, Doctors Community Hospital Foundation, GAIL, Capital Breast Care Ctr, Heart to Hand Inc, Capital Caring, Maryland Department of Human Resources, Personal Finance Management Program, CCI-WIC, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Sims Chiropractic Center, Minority Outreach & Tech Assist, UMD Alternative Health, Amerigroup, MD Physicians Care, Capital Region Health Care, Capital Region Health Connector & Greater Baden Medical Services.

For more information contact Christal Batey, Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) 301-345-6660

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9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
or until the truck is full
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ERHS Basketball

by Patrick Gleason



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The ERHS Varsity Boys Basketball team is pictured after their victory over Meade High School in December 2015.

Despite their reign as 2015 county champions and impressive regular seasons, the 2016 playoffs have been anything but easy for the Eleanor Roosevelt girls and boys basketball teams. Riveting, if not heart stopping, their seven combined games have included a total of five overtimes, two buzzer beaters, and a 58 point scoring outburst—by one player. The boys are still standing as they aim for their second state championship in four years, while the girls bowed out after a remarkable playoff run.

After running off the last two Maryland 4A state championships, the Lady Raiders faced a plethora of obstacles this year: the transfer of two key players, a season-ending injury to their starting point guard, and a roster featuring only one senior. Still, they fell only three points shy of returning to the state semi-finals, after dropping Monday's region final to Parkdale, 45-42. Their playoff run was not for the faint of heart. In the first round, they overcame archrival Bowie, whom they had defeated four nights earlier, in the regular season finale. The Lady Raiders won the two contests by a combined three points and moved on to a double overtime contest with Wise High School. Despite trailing much of the second half the Raiders recovered to force overtime where senior Jasmine Brunson knocked down her first, and only, shot of the night—a clutch three pointer from the wing—helping to down the Pumas. Saturday afternoon brought junior Octavia Wilson's historic performance. Second in the Washington area with an average of 23.0 points per game, Wilson put that number to shame—with her 58 point performance—in another overtime victory over the C.H. Flowers Jaguars. Without second leading scorer Ashia McCalla since early January, the Raiders were forced to play with only a seven-player rotation and their fatigue may have gotten the best of them by Monday night; still they missed a three pointer at the buzzer that could have produced yet another overtime. The Lady Raiders will return all but one player next season in their quest for an eighth state title in 13 years.

On the boys' side of the hard-court is one of the most impressive regular seasons in school history. After losing their first two games, against DeMatha and Bishop McNamara, they strung off 18 straight victories, including wins against the last two

state champions. Coach Brendan O'Connell's squad's only hiccup was its regular season finale against Bowie, whom they had defeated earlier in the year. Naji Marshall, the team's leading scorer, helped the team rebound and win the Prince George's County Championship against Gwynn Park. As Marshall has started accruing scholarship offers, he has been steadied by the team's collective defensive toughness and team-first mentality. Senior Delascio Dancy has provided reliable guard play, while big man Trent Bishop has emerged as a threat in the paint. Sophomore Jaden Faulkner has strengthened throughout the season and led the Raiders in their closer-than-expected regional final matchup against Bladensburg. After defeating Bowie last Wednesday, with a near sellout crowd on hand, the Raiders triumphed 59-54 in a wild double overtime against the upstart Mustangs Friday night. Bladensburg never backed down and nailed a jumper from the corner at the buzzer to send the game into overtime where the Raiders' championship aspirations seemingly ended—until Bishop gathered Marshall's miss and put in a second chance shot as time expired. The Raiders triumphed in the second overtime, with their biggest contribution coming from the defensive tenacity of senior Ryan King. They are now prepared to face Baltimore County's Perry Hall High School, Thursday night at 7 PM at the University of Maryland. A victory would place the Raiders in the state final Saturday night.

CPAE Offers Free Puppet Show

Beech Tree Puppets presents The Hollow Stump on Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. at the College Park Arts Exchange. Seven very different animals seek shelter from the winter cold and snow. Adapted from the popular tale, The Mitten, this tale celebrates community, as the animals learn to share one space. There are adorable rod-puppet animals and much singing.

The 45-minute-long show is appropriate for ages 3 to 10; donations are welcome. The performance will take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth, near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.

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landscaping along the rear of the shed.

Petition

Brian Almqvist of Boxwood presented a petition calling upon the city to stop advertising the city animal shelter as no kill and for the shelter to improve its recordkeeping. Almqvist recapped the statistics presented in his letter published in the December 10, 2015, issue of this newspaper. Based upon an analysis of records obtained from the city and county governments, he challenged the city's claim of a 98 percent live release rate. His calculations showed a live release rate of 49 to 83 percent depending upon how incomplete or missing records were handled.

In addition, his analysis of the county records indicate that 17 animals were transferred to the county shelter without documentation in the city's records. The county shelter is not a no-kill facility. He said a box of kittens was sent to the county shelter instead of to a no-kill rescue shelter. In response to a question from Jordan, Almqvist confirmed that he was seeking to change how the city advertised the animal shelter. He said that residents deserve greater accountability.

Judith Davis noted that in response to Almqvist's earlier concerns the city has improved its recordkeeping. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that the city has changed its website to state that the shelter is "no kill for convenience." Davis said there have been staff changes but Rodney Roberts expressed concern that the shelter management has not changed and noted that the city manager had told council that he would not change the management.

Committee Reports

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board, in Report 2016-1, recommended installation of water bars along the length of the eroded trail off Northway to address what it termed "extreme erosion" at the trailhead approximately 1700 feet from the intersection of Ridge and Northway, similar to the treatment of eroded trail locations in Buddy Attick Park. The trail bars are intended to stabilize the trail, control water flow and minimize erosion. Council accepted this report for consideration at a future council meeting.

Legislation

Council reviewed nine pieces of county and state legislation, many of them supported by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network. Except where otherwise noted, council voted to support the proposed legislation by a 6-0 vote with Councilmember Edward Putens absent.

County Bill-3 would prohibit hydraulic fracturing in all residential, commercial and industrial zones in Prince George's County. Davis noted that there is a potential for "fracking" in or near Greenbelt, which is located over a layer of shale. Roberts expressed concern that the law would not prohibit fracking in open space and agricultural areas, which is where the gas is, he said. Assistant City Manager David Moran noted that a Table of Uses within the legislation does prohibit the practice in those zones.

Senate Bill (SB) 323/House Bill (HB) 610 would establish a new goal for the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25

percent by 2020 and 40 percent by 2030.

HB 211/SB 19 would require a specific label/warning sign for sale of certain pesticides in order to protect bees and other pollinators as well as birds, earthworms and aquatic invertebrates.

HS 1106/SB 921 would increase the state's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, which requires that renewable sources (solar, wind, etc.) generate specific percentages of the electricity supply each year and that certain funds be used to help create clean energy jobs. The jobs portion of the bills is mostly aimed at veterans and low income workers, Jordan noted, not retirees and displaced workers. In expressing its support for the bill, the city will propose broadening the categories of workers eligible for assistance.

HB 1287/SB 867 removes trash incinerators and woody biomass incinerators from meeting the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.

SB 6067/HB 829 – Council requested additional information prior to its March 2 meeting with the city's legislative delegation. While the councilmembers supported the intent of the bill, to limit the use of antibiotics for healthy farm animals, several councilmembers voiced concern about the burden it would place on farmers. Consideration of this legislation was tabled on a 4 to 2 vote and it is expected to be taken up again at the next meeting.

HB 436/SB 468 – Council voted 6 to 0 to oppose this legislation which would repeal the speed camera program in Maryland.

SB 776/HB 1361 – Council voted 4 to 2, with Jordan and Roberts opposed, to support this legislation which would apply the standard hotel/motel tax to the providers of internet-based lodging entities such as Airbnb. The hosting platform, not the individual property owners making lodging available, would be responsible for complying with the law, although it is expected that the cost will be passed through to the owner and customer.

Museum

Council unanimously approved an ordinance to appropriate \$200,000 to acquire the mutual ownership contract on 10-B Crescent to expand the Greenbelt Museum. McLaughlin reported the space will be usable on day one and that his plan is to not make any changes unless funded through grants.

Advisory Board

As part of the consent agenda, council reappointed Donna Hoffmeister and Damien Ossi to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, March 10, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, March 11, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Split 2nd play classic rock, Motown, country and pop music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Billy Coulter Band rocks the house with original music and classic roots rock and power pop tunes from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 13, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon and the Not2Cool Jazz Trio from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Fez Tones Hafla performs Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, Poetry Night Open Mic from 7 to 9 p.m. Read original poems, classic poems or favorites. All are welcome.

Wednesday, March 16, the monthly Pub Quiz from 7 to 9 p.m. Join an existing team or start a new one.

Thursday, March 17, The Greentop Ramblers perform a special St. Paddy's Day show from 7 to 10 p.m. Come on down and get your Irish on. There will be green beer.

Friday, March 18, Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Black Masala brings Eastern European brass band and New Orleans style jazz music to the café from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz and blues on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Rock out with the fabulous 49 Cent Dress from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



SPRING FEVER SPARKLE DINNER DANCE

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Sat. March 19

Dinner 6-7:30 pm.
Music 8-midnight

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Extracurricular Activities Discussed at ACE Meeting

by Jacob Taylor

At the most recent principals meeting with Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), representatives from several area schools reported on the challenges and successes that their schools have faced regarding extracurricular activities.

Phyllis Gillens, the principal at Magnolia Elementary School, said that the school's robotics team is collaborating with the local MakerSpace program in a robotics competition. She said that the team has qualified to participate in the state-wide competition and placed third out of 32 competitors for innovation. She also said she was pleased with the school's expanded sixth grade Spanish language program and a new collaboration between their physical education and music departments to make exercise more fun for children. Of the meeting, Gillens said, "ACE does an outstanding job bringing the schools together to discuss the challenges that each school faces."

Reginald McNeill, the principal at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, said that the school is building a black box theater for expanded drama programs.

Lois Scales, the character education program director at Turning Point Academy, said that the school is using math clubs to help students gain mastery of Common Core concepts. She said that traffic congestion around the school is interfering with the school's ability to offer extracurricular activities because the county refuses to pay for a

crossing guard that would ensure the safety of students who need to walk home after the programs conclude.

Judith Blackman, a teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School, said that the laptops provided by the school system were not durable and were developing problems with their touchpads.

The principals meeting is part of ACE's goal to increase the effectiveness of their involvement in extracurricular activities at Greenbelt schools.

"It was pretty good," said Rosalind Ceasar, a member of ACE. "It was good for people to exchange ideas."

ACE had been planning this meeting for several months.

At present, ACE funds reading clubs at Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School. "I love the clubs," Gillens said. "The students love the enrichment they are getting from the extracurricular programs."

ACE also issues small grants, usually about \$500 each, for various programs that schools apply for. For the current school year, the committee has about \$9,635 divided across twenty programs. ACE is still reviewing the grant applications it received for the upcoming school year. The funds are provided by the city of Greenbelt.

Jacob Taylor is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.

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around the Chesapeake Bay and prevent tobacco companies from selling cigarettes to children. Van Hollen also negotiated a historic increase in funding for all Maryland schools. He became a Democratic leader and played a key role in the passage of the Affordable Care Act, the Wall Street Reform law and the Economic Recovery Act.

Edwards, a member of the House's subcommittee on the environment, co-founded and served as the first executive director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence, an advocacy and legal support group for battered women. She worked to pass the 1994 Violence Against Women Act. In the Spring of 2015, Edwards along with several

other members of the House of Representatives, introduced the Restoring Education and Learning Act (REAL Act) to bring back Pell Grants to prisoners consistent with the current efforts to educate and help move former prisoners into leading productive lives after release. She was a leader in the fight for legislation that reauthorized the 18-year-old Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration Program.

The event will provide an opportunity for all to learn more about the differences in their priorities, perspectives, and approaches to solving the key issues that face Maryland.

There will be a table with voting information for the upcoming primary election on April 26.

What It's Like To Be Me: "I'm Deaf and I'm Proud"

by Clara Janzen

Senior LaDasha Williams radiates optimism and resilience as her hands rapidly morph from shape to shape. "I'm a strong person," she signs, "I'm deaf and I'm proud, and there's nothing wrong with that."

One of many students in the deaf and hard-of-hearing program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), Williams communicates with American Sign Language (ASL), an independent language boasting its own grammar structure and syntax different from that of spoken English. Mr. Donald Mahoney, a teacher of deaf and hard-of-hearing students at ERHS, interpreted for the interview, letting Williams' self-described positive, energetic, drama-hating personality shine through.

"I'm so used to it, I grew up deaf," she signed. "I don't know any different."

Williams started her education at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School (KDES) at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., a school for deaf children. Having grown up immersed in KDES's deaf community, ERHS and its hearing environment dealt Williams a tough transition come 9th grade, albeit one that she could handle.

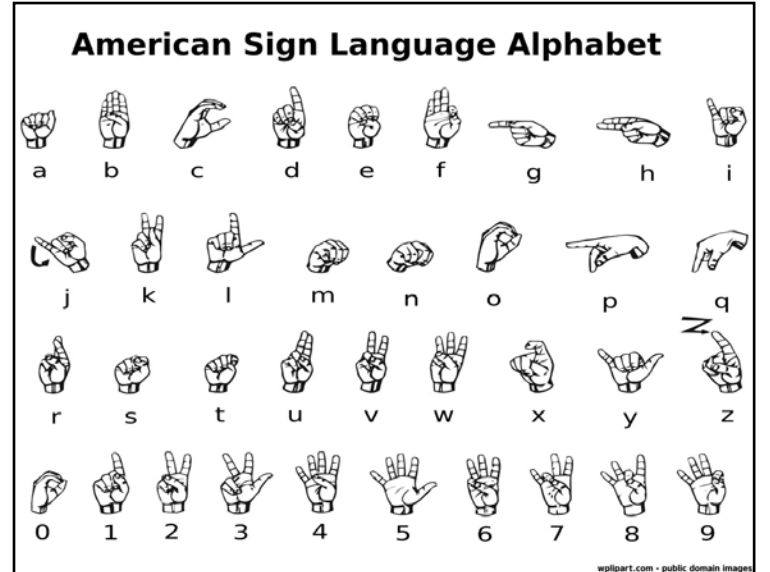
"At that school," Williams explained of KDES, "I was so used to just signing all of the time: Never spoke, never used a voice, nobody around does - everybody signs. Then, I came here. When I first came in, it was a mainstream situation. I was so awkward; I didn't know what to do. I really needed somebody to help me . . . and they put me in a class with an interpreter, and I had never done that before, and then generally, eventually, I got used to it."

Williams' close friend, fellow ERHS deaf and hard-of-hearing student senior Iris Morales Villeda, spoke of Williams' positivity and motivation, calling her very honest and friendly. "I almost gave up," said Morales Villeda, but "she always encouraged me."

"She worked and worked so hard," said Mr. Mahoney. She "turned out to be probably the best student I ever taught. She is a role model for all of the kids."

High Regard

Williams holds her teachers at ERHS in the same high regard, praising in particular her English



teacher Ms. Yamada, whom she called "very encouraging and friendly and positive and supportive," as well as Mr. Mahoney.

"It's more like a family here, you know, in the deaf program," Williams said. "We really have good teachers. They want to make sure we understand everything, so they really teach, teach, teach deep." Ms. Yamada, for example, as Williams explained, helped her vastly improve her English skills. Much like how Spanish-language students often incorrectly combine English syntax with Spanish vocabulary, Williams explained how she used to write in English with ASL grammar structure. "I never realized that when I was writing, I was writing like ASL, you know. It wasn't English. What I was writing was what I was signing," she explained. "Ms. Yamada started to teach me that I really had to start practicing and practicing English, specifically English, and I slowly improved and improved from the freshman year."

An aspiring event planner, LaDasha plans to study hospital-ity services in college. She has jump-started her career by planning events at ERHS, including various holiday parties for the ERHS deaf community as well as the Free to Be Me social gatherings where deaf students discuss their experiences in the hearing world. LaDasha helps with social media, and designs, constructs and distributes event flyers in both English and Spanish.

Deaf Community

Though she stated that she

identifies much more with the deaf community than the hearing community, Williams dismissed the notion of an isolated deaf community at ERHS. "We're mainstream, we're in the flow of it," she said. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students, for example, have open to them the full range of ERHS courses, with the assistance of an interpreter - Williams' senior year schedule includes sculpture, technology solutions and cooking.

Another example of this integration is Williams' extracurricular involvement with the ERHS Dance Company. "I like dance a lot," she said. "I like to listen to music."

A deaf music-lover might seem oxymoronic, though as Williams soon explains, many deaf students like music, feeling the beat and rhythm despite not being able to sufficiently hear the lyrics to comprehend them. "It's not like I hear exactly what's going on," said Williams, "but I can hear the rhythm, and I can hear different kinds of sounds, different frequencies. But I'm not going to be able to understand the lyrics or anything like that."

"I'm very lucky that I came here and learned to integrate and had the opportunity for mainstreaming, because this is much more like the real world," said Williams. "But I'm not afraid of that; I'll figure out how to fit in."

Clara Janzen is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, and this article was first printed in The Raider Review.

Homeschoolers Visit Green Ridge House



PHOTO BY LIL DAN CELDRAN

During a homeschool visit to Green Ridge House, Veronica (background) creates a Valentine centerpiece while Glenda (left foreground) and Betty work with student Danzson Celdran-Taylor.

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Rinaldo (Aidan Larkin), have gone missing.

Rinaldo's valiant sister Bradamant (Megan Winner) sets out to rescue her menfolk from durance vile, but finds that they were actually imprisoned by kindly wizard Atlantos (Sam Goldstein) who took them to befriend his foster son, Saracen knight Ruggiero (Jack Brittan-Powell) and keep all three young men out of the war. Bradamant defeats the wizard, freeing her brother and cousin to continue their war efforts. And then Saracen Ruggiero and Christian Bradamant meet and fall in love.

Meanwhile, King Agramant hires the cynical, irresistibly beautiful Angelica, princess of Cathay (Kristen Beauchamp) to cause dissent among Charlemagne's ranks. She drives a wedge between Rinaldo and Orlando, as Rinaldo confesses to the Innkeeper (Mitchel Noone-Meng) that both are in love with her.

The Saracens are weakened by a disagreement between mighty warriors Mandricardo (Julian Pitts) and Rodomont (Finn McNabb), who are both in love with another scheming princess, Doralice (Eva McNabb), much to the annoyance of their comrade Marfisa (Maeve Ballantine).

Love can be a source of conflict, but also a source of hope: Ruggiero and Bradamant's fateful romance might provide a means for the reconciliation of Parisians and Saracens. And the production of Furioso might create a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the heroes' world.

If only the heroes can find the right ending...

While the show is long at 3 hours, the action gallops along as swiftly as a Hippogriff and there is never a dull moment. The talented young cast, including 10 graduating seniors, ably navigate a plot that moves between past and present and tackles not just issues of interpersonal conflict but also religious and geo-political conflict. Scott Candey and David Gardner, as knights Griffon and Aquilant, anchor a moving sub-plot about the casualties of war.

The show also abounds with memorable music, from the compulsively hummable Ottava Rima, describing the rhyming scheme used in the original, thousand-page poem, to the poignant Good Shepherd, Bradamant's prayer for Ruggiero.

Beautiful costumes and props, the handiwork of local artists



Maeve Ballantine, whose "superpower" is creating copies of herself, rehearses the dance with her "copy cats."

who volunteered their time under the direction of Nicole DeWald, do much to create the fantastical world of "Furioso." The Hippogriff (Elizabeth Gardner) and Boiardo the Horse (Sophie Bernheisel) are extraordinary highlights of the production. Ensemble member Annina Commins also contributed significant behind-the-scenes costuming assistance.

Choreography was arranged by Angella Foster, and accompaniment and incidental music is provided by musical director Stefan Brodd. Zachary Tilkens provided vocal coaching to the cast.

It is a pleasure to spend a few hours in a world where enemies can become friends and even the loudest, most obnoxious braggarts can be brought joyfully to the table. In the warm-hearted world of Furioso, conflicts can be resolved with love and courtesy and crises averted with teamwork, creativity and goodwill. And a little "musical theater magic!"

The School for Super-Heroes Presents Orlando Furioso will be performed again at the Community Center on Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in person or by phone (301-397-2208) from the Community Center main office during business hours, or, if available, thirty minutes before show time. The March 5 and 6 shows sold out, so early ticket purchases are encouraged.



Orlando (Jakob Trangsrud) is in love with Angelica (Kristen Beauchamp).

Photos by Jon Gardner



Sophie Bernheisel plays Boiardo the horse.



David Gardner plays Aquilant the Black, and Scott Candey plays his twin brother, Griffon the White.

At the Library

Storytimes: Wednesday, March 16, Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, March 17, Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Monday, March 14, Chinese/English Ready 2 Read Storytime, 4:30 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m., Adult Book Discussion. Come join the library's adult book discussion on The Secret History of Wonder Woman by Jill Lepore. This riveting work of historical detection reveals that the origin of one of the world's most iconic superheroes hides within it a fascinating family story and a crucial history of 20th-century feminism.

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Like every other superhero, Wonder Woman has a secret identity. Unlike every other superhero, she also has a secret history. Those who have read this book and want to discuss it are welcome to participate. Copies of the book may be available at the information desk through March 14.

Bibliobop Dance Party

On Saturday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5 may come bust a move and shake the sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop.

Read to Rover

Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 and helps 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.



NAMI Support Group Meets

The local Family Support Group of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will meet at the Hanco Building, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton, on Thursday, March 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Facilitators will be L. Barber and E. Bowles.

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Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of John Beard who died Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Mr. Beard was a longtime Greenbelt resident and member of American Legion Post 136.

Last Saturday, the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) Destination Imagination Team, The Gadget Girls, won second place in the Prince George's County competition. Congratulations to team members Sophie Cooper, Linden Dirksen, Ruby Maul, Leah Novick and Jamie Rivera. The team is co-managed by GES teachers Robin Godfrey and Brittany Moylan. The team will go to the state competition in April. Destination Imagination is designed to be a fun, hands-

on program that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges through team-based learning and collaboration.

Some of Greenbelt's other teams were big successes this week. The Greenbelt Raiders Competitive Cheerleading Team placed first this weekend at the Bowie State Cheerstarz competition on March 5. Congratulations to all the girls.

Share your accomplishments, milestones, and news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho



PHOTO BY ANITRA BYERS

Greenbelt Raiders Competitive Cheerleading team placed second this weekend at the Bowie State Cheerstarz competition on March 5.

1st row (from the left): Karina Bonilla, Serena Byers (team captain), Trinity Martin (team captain)
2nd row: Kendra Ross, Danielle Coore, Sheilyn Nunez, Taryn Tinsley, Jordan Ford, Keira Decruise, Alyssa Cunningham
3rd row: Lavania Adams, Nina Brown, Brittany Longshore, Eve Matthew, Praise Makinde, Miesha Adams, Ayanah Clemonts



PHOTO BY LILLY NOVICK

Greenbelt Elementary School Destination Imagination Team won second place in the county competition.

Top Row (l-r): Leah Novick, Ruby Maul, and Jamie Rivera. Bottom Row: Sophie Cooper and Linden Dirksen. Team coaches (not pictured): Robin Godfrey and Brittany Moylan.

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Students from Findlater's first grade classroom gave oral presentations about prominent African American figures, which they had researched and memorized for a class assignment prior to the event. The school is also coordinating literacy nights throughout the year as part of the county's wider focus on reading and writing, Barber said.

"A lot of the kids who thought they were less capable and couldn't remember all those facts actually took the challenge and did a great job at remembering all of the information about the person," Findlater said.

The event's guest speaker was Colonel Hubert "Ronnie" Bagley, Jr., a retired army veteran who spoke about the importance of honoring black culture, as well as the military contributions that African Americans have made throughout American history. "Black History Month is really a reminder that this is an important part of our heritage, which belongs at the forefront of our consciousness 365 days a year," Bagley said, and the audience applauded.

After the concluding remarks, the audience was invited to the opening of the school's Blacks in Wax display. Standing along the school's main hallway were



PHOTO BY GABRIELA MARTINEZ

Music teacher Rachael Yokers leads the school's World Drumming Ensemble.

24 students dressed up as famous African Americans. Based on their research, the students prepared and performed a brief speech as their character.

Kaleb Moore, a fourth grader, dressed up as Kevin Durant, a professional basketball player from the Oklahoma City Thunder. Kaleb admires Durant because of the player's humanitarian efforts and aid he provided to Oklahomans after a tornado disaster. Kaleb's mother, Johanna, said that Kaleb had no trouble memorizing his speech for the Blacks in Wax display, since he was already a fan and knew so much already

about Durant.

Aside from organizing events related to Black History Month, Greenbelt Elementary School integrates the study of African American history into its social studies curriculum. By learning about a different African American illustrious figure each month, the students have enough background and knowledge that they can apply to Black History Month-related events and projects, Findlater said.

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Campfire Programs At Greenbelt Park

Campground guests and the public are welcome to join us for these National Park Service campfire programs at the Campfire Circle in Greenbelt National Park.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15 and 16 at 7 p.m., the subject is White Tailed Deer. What is the difference between a horn and an antler? What do the deer eat?

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23 at 7 p.m., Every Kid in a Park 4th graders. Come and learn how to get a free pass to national parks as we learn about various national parks.

Saturday, March 26 at 4 p.m., Charcoal: The Dirtiest Job in America. Learn about the manufacture of charcoal, historic fuel for heating, cooking and industry.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29 and 30 at 7 p.m., Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities for the Centennial. How can I become a camp host? What is the volunteer trail crew and what does it do? What other visitor services can I be a part of in 2016? Learn about the positive impact of volunteers on the park and how to join the stewardship team.

Botanic Garden Holds Free Yoga Session

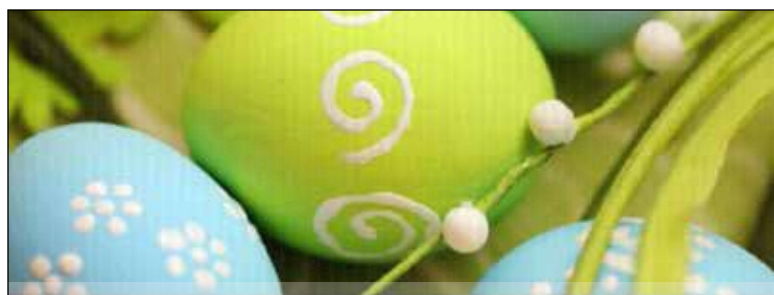
The United States Botanic Garden will hold a fitness event: Practice with Love Yoga Gathering on Saturday, March 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. led by Heather Markowitz. This program is free but first-come, first-served with limited space available. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own mats. The Botanic Garden is located in Washington, DC at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW.



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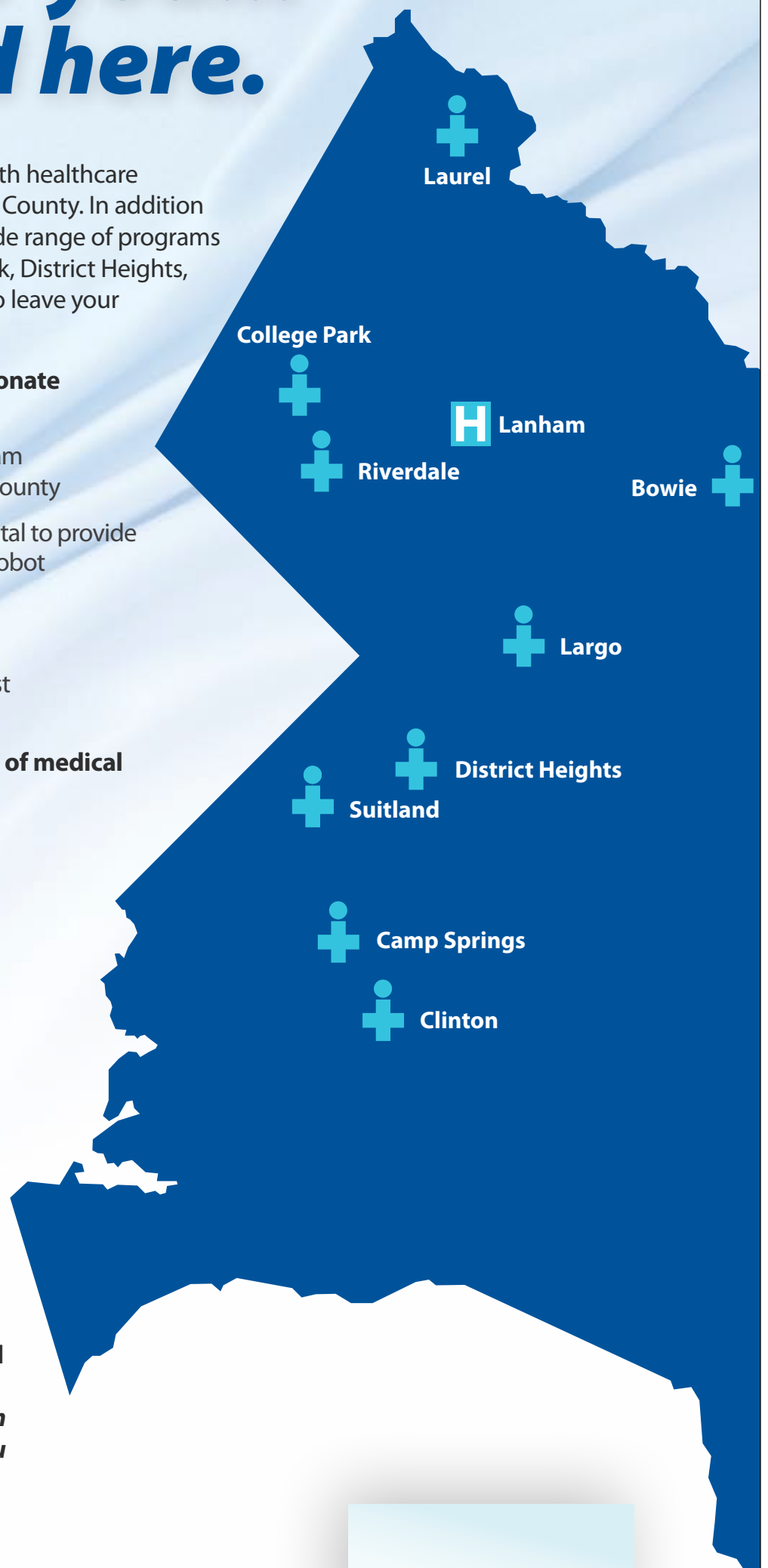
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

February 29, 7:51 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive. Two women entered the Hilton Garden Inn, approached the desk, sprayed the desk clerk in the face with pepper spray and then took documents containing credit card information of hotel guests. They then got into an awaiting vehicle described as a green Geo Prism with Virginia tags and fled. The clerk and another employee were transported by ambulance to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment.

Assault

February 22, 5:06 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A woman was involved in a verbal altercation with a man she knows when he threw her to the ground several times, took her wallet and car keys and then fled. She was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment. It was later discovered he took her 2012 Chevy Impala. Warrants were obtained charging this 29-year-old resident with carjacking, assault, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft. He was arrested by Prince George's County Sheriff's Department officers on February 25. The vehicle was recovered.

Theft

February 23, 6:15 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. Cash was taken from an unattended purse at Popeye's.

February 24, 10:08 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A parcel package was taken from in front of an apartment residence on February 21.

February 25, 3 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A cell phone was taken from a secured locker at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

March 1, 1:39 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A 19-year-old resident was arrested and charged with theft after she failed to pay her cab fare and fled on foot. She was located nearby, arrested and released on citation pending trial.

Disruption

February 25, 2:30 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old nonresident was arrested for disruption of school activities after he allegedly threw a marijuana cigarette into a trashcan in a bathroom at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, causing

it to catch fire. The fire alarm sounded and the school was evacuated. He was released to a parent pending action by the school board and Juvenile Justice System.

Trespass

February 25, 2:14 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for trespass after he was found on the property of Greenway Shopping Center after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

February 26, 9:53 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 50-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found in a vacant apartment. He was released on citation pending trial.

February 29, 10:18 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 57-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after she was found on the property of Greenway Shopping Center after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

March 1, 1:05 p.m., 19 Parkway. Items in a residence were disturbed but nothing appeared to have been taken. A key might have been used for entry.

Vandalism

February 25, 1:12 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. The bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

Vehicle Crime

A 2007 Acura TSX stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace on February 26 was recovered the same day by Prince George's County police in the 2300 block Tuemmler Avenue in Landover. One adult was arrested.

A 1996 Honda Accord reported stolen February 22 from the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace was recovered February 26.

The front driver side window of a vehicle in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace was broken and police clothing and equipment were taken.

A jacket and bottle of lotion were taken from a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Court.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 14 are as follows:

Monday, March 14: Grape juice, chicken sausage gumbo, brown rice, mixed greens, cornbread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, March 15: Cranberry juice, hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, tater tots, cucumber tomato salad, cherry fruit treat.

Wednesday, March 16: Apple juice, minestrone soup with crackers, hot turkey sandwich, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

Thursday, March 17: Pineapple juice, corned beef, red potatoes, cabbage with carrots, rye bread, lime fruited jello.

Friday, March 18: Orange juice, potato crusted fish, tartar sauce, lima beans, Harvard beets, wheat bread, diced pears.



Ageless Grace Seminar and Classes

Denise Medved, creator of the Ageless Grace exercise program, will be in Greenbelt from March 17 to 19 to certify new Ageless Grace educators. Ageless Grace is an exercise program that exercises both the body and the brain simultaneously. Based on the science of neuroplasticity, it is creative, imaginative and most of all fun and exhilarating.

Two free 30-minute sessions will be offered from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18, in the council room at the Municipal Building.

There will also be two workshops on Saturday, March 19. The first one is the KIDZ Playshop – teaching Ageless Grace to children, and the second is a two-hour workshop on marketing a personal health and wellness business. The marketing session is open to anyone interested. The KIDZ Playshop is open to Ageless Grace educators and those who have completed the Ageless Grace seminar.

For more information or to register for the certification classes, go to agelessgrace.com. For more information on the free sessions or Greenbelt Ageless Grace classes, call Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208.

Navy Sea Chanters Includes Greenbelter

The Navy Sea Chanters, featuring Bill Edwards of Greenbelt, will perform on Sunday, March 13 at 5 p.m. in the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The Navy Band Sea Chanters is the United States Navy's official chorus. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. The arts center is located at 15200 Annapolis Rd, Bowie.

Two Breast Cancer Support Groups

On Tuesday, March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold breast cancer support groups for men and women. The group for male caregivers will be on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road. This group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. The second group, on the 4th floor of the North Building, is for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer. Call to receive a free breast care educational brochure. Registration for either group is required by calling 301-324-4968.



The Greenbelt Grasshopper

Have a joke, riddle or work of art you want to share?
 Email sfits7@gmail.com (Must be between the ages of 2 to 16).

Trivia Time:

The National Botanical Garden has a tree from each state of the union.

RIDDLE IN THE MIDDLE

Billy's mom had 4 children. The 1st one was April, the 2nd was May, and the 3rd was June. What was the 4th child named?

Joke of the Week

Why was the music teacher not able to open his room?
 Because the keys were on his piano!

Riddle in the middle answer: Billy

This Week's Activity:

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Spring words in the word search puzzle below. (Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)

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Word List

- BLOOM
- THAW
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Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer, and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. The photos may be black and white or color in the print issue but will be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



WAGS Teaches Children Dog and Cat Etiquette

by Jacob Taylor



PHOTO BY JACOB TAYLOR

Helda Garland uses a stuffed dog to demonstrate dog body language and asks children to act out how they would react.

Professional dog trainer Helda Garland opened with a question: "Does anyone know how dogs communicate?"

"Barking!" called out one child, followed by silence.

After a pause, "sniffing butts!" a different child called out with eureka-like enthusiasm.

The Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) hosted a workshop at Schrom Hills Park last weekend aimed at teaching young children how to safely interact with dogs and cats.

The main focus was on identifying when an otherwise safe animal is in a dangerous mood.

Garland, who presented the first half of the workshop on dogs, says it is easy for children to misread a pet's emotional state or to try to interact with a pet improperly.

This can create dangerous situations when, for example, a child tries to hug an extremely anxious dog.

The combination of anxiety and the uncomfortable closeness of the child, which many dogs or cats find unpleasant, can trigger the animal to bite or lash out at the child.

"If we can give kids some basic understanding about dogs and cats," said Liz Tobey, the vice-chair of WAGS, "we can make everyone safer."

If the workshop presented a single argument to the children, it was that they should not assume that dogs and cats are safe, even if most of them are.

For example, Garland told the children that they should always ask a strange dog's owner before trying to pet it. However even if the owner says petting is okay, that they should still decide for themselves if the dog looks safe.

"After this class, you guys will be the experts," Garland said, "the owner might not know as much as you about their dog."

The approximately eight or so children who came to the workshop seemed to enjoy them-

selves, even if several were getting pretty restless by the end of the nearly two-hour program.

"It's good," said 11-year-old Regan Malaisamy, "I like how they talked about how to speak and understand a dog's behavior."

Seven-year-old Keerthan Malaisamy said, "I liked when they demonstrated what to do when you want to pet a dog."

Cara Leisnham brought two young children to the event and said "I think this is very helpful for children even as young as Max: It's helpful to get guidelines."

Max, five, shyly nodded in the affirmative when asked if he thought he learned something valuable at the event.

"I think it went well," Garland said. "I thought the kids were engaged and could answer the questions I asked by the end."

WAGS has five more workshops planned around Greenbelt in the coming months; the next one is on March 20 in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

WAGS is a fund-raising and outreach non-profit group that supports the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

According to Michele Touchet, donations to the shelter go into the city's general fund, meaning that portions of a given donation may be spread around a variety of city projects.

In contrast, donations to WAGS go exclusively towards programs that support the shelter.

This particular workshop series is being supported by this year's Jim Cassels Community Service Award from the Greenbelt Coop.

Jacob Taylor is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.

Contrasting Weather as Winter Turns to Spring



PHOTO BY WILLIAM CORNETT

The snowfall on February 4 made for picturesque scenes, such as this one at the peninsula, looking west toward the main body of Greenbelt Lake.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Not daunted by winter weather this beautiful Lenten Rose has been blooming for 6 weeks.

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Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 2016
 At the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department
 125 Crescent Road
2:00 – 4:00 PM

The Board and senior staff will discuss some of the major challenges ahead and provide an update on the Homes Improvement Program. Members will be able to present questions and comments.



Ice Cream Social Friday, March 11

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an ice cream social on Friday, March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. This free senior event will take place in the Greenbelt Community Center Gym. The dynamic Retro Rockets will be performing live for this event.

Come out and enjoy tasty ice cream while listening to great live music. Many different types of ice cream and toppings will be available.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA



GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2016

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Selection of an Industrial Hygiene Firm for Asbestos Abatement in Masonry Units, 1st Reading
- Review Waste Recycling Plan Submitted by the HIP Contractor
- Renewal of IT Contract, 1st Reading
- Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle for the Maintenance Department, 1st Reading

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Longworth and Lemieux Are Certified Cycling Instructors

Earlier this month, Alison Longworth, a Greenbelt recreation coordinator and Laurie Lemieux, Greenbelt resident and owner of Proteus Bicycles in College Park, earned the prestigious certification of League Cycling Instructors from the 131-year-old bicycling organization, the League of American Bicyclists. The certification recognizes Longworth and Lemieux as knowledgeable instructors capable of training riders of all levels to cycle confidently and effectively for fun, fitness and transportation.

"League Cycling Instructors are the backbone of the League's education program," said Alissa Simcox, director of education for the League. "These new LCIs demonstrated a proficiency in teaching, a love of cycling and a willingness to share these skills with other riders."

As certified instructors, Longworth and Lemieux will offer

their first Smart Cycling Traffic Skills 101 through the Greenbelt Recreation Department in April. Information on the upcoming class is included in the Greenbelt Recreation Spring 2016 Activity Guide available at greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation. Even for experienced riders it is an extremely valuable course, which will enable all riders to navigate more confidently on their bicycles throughout the area.

"I love to ride and am passionate about cycling and teaching others to ride with greater confidence. It helps make the community a safer place to cycle," said Longworth.

For more information on the City of Greenbelt's Smart Cycling Traffic Skills 101 course, contact Alison Longworth at 301-397-2200 or alongworth@greenbeltnmd.gov. For more information on the League of American Bicyclists, visit bikeleague.org.



Certified instructors Longworth and Lemieux will offer Smart Cycling Traffic Skills 101 through the Greenbelt Recreation Department in April.

Photos by Beverly Palau



Alison Longworth is a Greenbelt recreation coordinator.

The Rain in Greenbelt Does Not Stay Mainly in the Plain

by Erin Josephitis

On Saturday, February 27, about 50 community members gathered at the Public Works facility for a free rain garden workshop. A rain garden is a shallow depression that uses native plants and landscaping to soak up rain water (stormwater) that flows from downspouts or simply flows over land during a rain event. The workshop was the second of a three-part series designed to mobilize the community to take advantage of Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program.

Rain gardens typically cost between \$4 per sq. ft. to \$35 per sq. ft. depending on the types of soil and plants that are used. The Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate funds \$10 per sq. ft. of rain garden installed (100 sq. ft. minimum required). Residents, businesses and nonprofit entities can apply for the rebates. Other stormwater management practices that the program awards include rain barrels, cisterns, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs.

Debra Weller and Carole Ann Barth of Prince George's County Department of Environment reiterated how rain gardens relate to the three S's used to clean up stormwater runoff: slow it down, spread it out and soak it in. Among the many benefits of rain gardens include filtering pollutants, reducing drainage problems, and helping prevent stream bank erosion. A rain garden can absorb over 14 times more rainwater than a lawn they said. Rain gardens are easy to maintain and, after the plants are well established, rarely need watering. Rain Gardens also attract beneficial insects that get rid of harmful insects. In a well-designed rain garden, the water soaks into the soil within 24 hours, which is too quickly for mosquitoes to hatch and grow. Lastly, the more rain gardens in a yard, the less lawn there is to weed, feed and mow.

The placement of a rain garden is of utmost importance. A rain garden should intercept the runoff before it flows off of the homeowner's property. The fol-

lowing points determine whether a rain garden will work at a given location:

Rain gardens must be at least 10 feet away and downhill from the foundations of any nearby homes. When the garden overflows, the excess water must flow away from all homes.

Rain gardens must be at least 25 feet away from a septic field or a well head.

The garden should be in a gently sloping place that regularly receives runoff from patios, sidewalks, or other hard surfaces or where downspouts, rain barrel outlets, or sump pump outlets can direct rainwater into it. It should be in full or partial sun.

Do not put a rain garden under a large tree because the roots will make it difficult to dig.

Identify low-lying areas that naturally pond (as long as they drain well) as they may be good places to locate rain gardens.

Evaluate the soil type at the location of the rain garden. Water must be able to seep into the soil quickly enough when the rain garden is full so that it will drain in 24 to 36 hours.

Ensure that bedrock and groundwater is located at least 2 feet below the rain garden's surface.

Following the presentation,

Public Works employees led tours of rain gardens at Buddy Attick Park and a nearby residential property. Participants were able to see and ask questions about rain gardens of varying shapes and sizes. In addition, other watershed best management features besides rain gardens were identified. For example, trails built for erosion control by volunteers from the Student Conservation Association were used as an alternate to installing rain gardens where there was too much canopy cover. The workshop concluded with a short video segment in the Public Works Department.

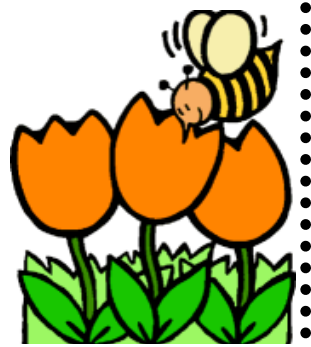
The final workshop is a rain garden clinic scheduled for March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Public Works. The rain garden clinic will give participants real-time help with rain garden design and Rain Check Rebate application. RSVP in advance to erosephitis@greenbeltnmd.gov or online at signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain. The series of rain garden workshops was sponsored by Prince George's Department of Environment, City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC), Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Friends of Still Creek.

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The Colours Program is currently working with Bowie High School and The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts to bring the program to the families of Bowie. Colours is an ensemble arts leadership program open to county students. More information is available at coloursprogram.org or by calling 301-513-5300.

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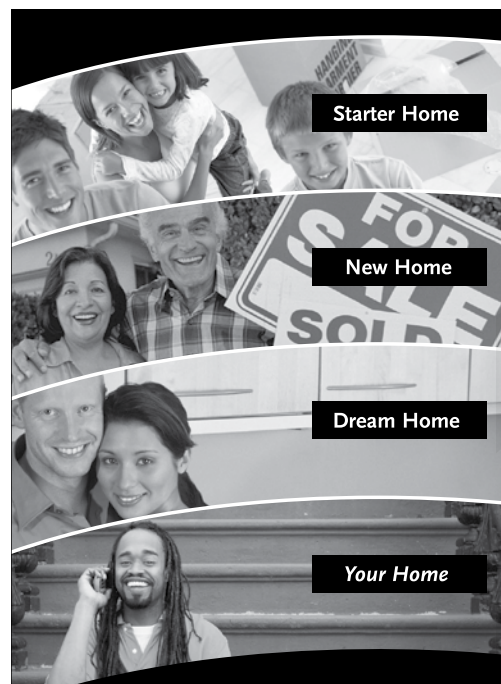
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A Review

Bloody Hilarious

by Jim Link

There's nothing like a death in the family to rouse dormant hatreds, bring simmering rivalries and anxieties to a boil and tear the scabs off unhealed wounds.

The four protagonists of *Bad Jews* do it all so well.

The claustrophobic studio apartment in the Upper West Side of Manhattan where brothers Jonah and Liam, cousin Daphna and Liam's shiksa girlfriend Melody are forced to stay the day after Poppy's (grandfather's) funeral is perfectly designed to incite friction. Kudos to Michael Stepowany, set designer, for that.

The crux of the friction is Poppy's chai necklace - chai is "life" in Hebrew - an amulet he kept hidden under his tongue for two years while in a Nazi concentration camp. Daphna and Liam claim the chai as rightfully hers/his for very different reasons.

For 90 minutes without intermission, Daphna and Liam lacerate each other savagely, exchanging epic rants intended to eviscerate. But Jonah and Melody don't merely watch the bloodletting.

With very few words and exquisite body language, Marlowe Vilchez skillfully etches Jonah as sensitive, indecisive, passive. "I don't want to be involved!" is his mantra. But appearances can be deceiving.

Sarah Scott is excellent as the cute, blonde, slightly dimwitted shiksa who blithely, obtusely tells Daphna that "it doesn't matter if you're Jewish. We're all Americans." Her rendition of Summer-

time from *Porgy and Bess*, meant to soothe the volcanic Daphna, is hilarious.

Did I mention that *Bad Jews* is a comedy?

Fast and funny, saturated with one liners - "Don't Holocaust me!" Liam shouts at Daphna - *Bad Jews* offers laughs and savagery in almost equal parts.

Michaela Haber is absolutely convincing as Daphna, the orthodox "Super Jew" (Liam's accusation) who cherishes tradition, reveres ritual, resents dilution of Jewish identity and wants to become a rabbi, move to Israel and marry her Israeli boyfriend. Haber is rigid and fierce - and simply quite wonderful.

Jason Kanow as cousin Liam is her equally rigid opposite number. He is secular, cynical about "obsolete" Jewish beliefs, a student of Japanese culture, and wants to present Poppy's chai to Melody when he proposes to her.

Watching Kanow and Haber do their dance of animosity is a pleasure. Alternating zingers, dueling insults - it's all very draining while very funny.

Director Bob Kleinberg and his trusty assistant, wife Wynne, have guided the cast of four masterfully. They also produced the play and did the set dressing. Throw in crucial help from Malca and Den Gibling and Trix Whitehall and you have a superb piece of professional theater, done with courage and love.

See *Bad Jews* at the Greenbelt Arts Center from March 11 to 20. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.



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The *Bad Jews* cast: standing, Jason Kanow as Liam and Marlowe Vilchez as Noah; seated, Sarah Scott as Melody and Michaela Haber as Daphna.



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Sarah Scott plays a dimwitted blonde, and Michaela Haber is an orthodox "Super Jew."

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If the information going to the IRS on your health care from the three sources does not reconcile, you and as many as half the tax return filers, even those assisted by paid preparers, may get correspondence from the IRS. This is partially because of errors in reporting by the market place or insurance exchanges and the trial-run basis of the IRS forms that taxpayers are completing. In addition, your tax information may bounce back and forth between IRS and the state to get further exchange information or other clarification. Consequently, in a large majority of tax filings, it may be mission impossible to get all the information to reconcile due to the fickle finger of fate. Please consider, though, that someone who prepares tax returns full-time may be slightly better able to avoid correspondence-causing presentations to the IRS. Never the less, responding to correspondence can be time consuming and it could be handled for you by your paid tax preparer.

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