



Spring Ahead!
Reset your clocks
forward one hour on
Sunday at 1 a.m.



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Damaged ceiling tiles fall on the seats from the suspect hiding in the ceiling at AMC Academy 8.

Burglary Suspect Chased Into Ceiling at AMC Theater

by Jill Connor

The AMC Academy 8 Theater in Beltway Plaza was evacuated and closed for over three hours on Tuesday afternoon when a burglary suspect that was being pursued by the Prince George's County Police Department (PGCPD) hid in the ceiling space to avoid the police, according to Greenbelt Police spokesperson George Mathews. Prince George's County Police had the suspect under surveillance in Laurel, said a PGCPD representative, and they notified the Greenbelt Police when the suspect entered the Franklin Park Apartments area around 3:30 p.m., per Mathews.

The young black male suspect then ran over to the movie theater and climbed a scaffold to get into the ceiling of the building. The few people in the theater were quickly evacuated and the theater was closed and, according to Mathews, the rest of the mall was unaffected. Several Greenbelt police responded to the theater, including two hostage negotiator officers who joined the several dozen county officers on the

scene. "Ceiling panels were falling down while the officers were trying to talk him down," said Mathews. At one point the county officers were preparing to respond in force and readied their tactical unit when the suspect "decided to come down and was taken into custody without incident," said Mathews.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER DOLELAN OF PGPD

Prince George's County police (right) arrest the suspect at the AMC Academy 8 on Tuesday.

Buried Treasure

Madeleine McComb plays little sister Nora in the winter youth musical, Buried Treasure, at the Community Center. See review on page 16.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

City Continues to Move Forward On Center City Dog Park Location

by Kathleen Gallagher

What does it take to get everyone on the same page at a city council meeting? What makes everyone compliant and cooperative rather than crabby and cantankerous? One word: puppies.

On March 6 council met with City Manager Nicole Ard and Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze to continue earlier discussions on the possible construction of a second dog park for the city. About 15 city residents attended, most of them confessing to being owned by a dog, including members of the original Dog Park Association (DPA), which was instrumental in the establishment of the dog park off Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt East. This dog park was the first one in the State of Maryland and will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year.

As Councilmember Silke Pope will attest, the discussion of a second park has gone on for many years now. Her council colleagues give her full credit for championing the topic and keeping it on the agenda to the point where it now looks like a real

possibility, when funding permits. At a worksession in September of last year, councilmembers discussed eight possible locations and whittled the list to three in Historic Greenbelt. While it is recognized that Greenbelt West dogs would like to have their own park, too, the owners of Franklin Park are believed to be exploring that possibility.

The three sites making the cut in September were Parcel 7 at the intersection of Ridge Road and Ivy Lane, Ridge Road opposite 101-105 Ridge Road, and the area known locally as Candy Cane City, near the Aquatic & Fitness Center. Notwithstanding some initial concern expressed by Councilmember Rodney Roberts about whether people still use the basketball court at the Ivy Lane location, that site was the one preferred by everyone on council and all audience members who expressed a preference.

Fencing the areas at the three sites would cost approximately the same amount. All are city owned and are centrally located, flat areas with usable open space.

Candy Cane City was ranked last of the three. Among other problems, it is partially wooded with poor visibility and apt to interact poorly with other city facilities in that location.

In addition to having close proximity to a playground, the space opposite 101-105 Ridge Road represents a large open play area of the type the council has preferred to keep intact. Councilmembers Judith Davis and Konrad Herling both commented on the distance nearby residents would need to travel to find similar open space if that were lost.

On the other hand, a unique advantage to the Ivy Lane site is that it is near the Animal Shelter, which presents possibilities for shared activities, and the Public Works Department, which would facilitate regular oversight and maintenance.

Despite the strong favoring of the Ivy Lane site, no decision would be made by council about its use without providing an opportunity for comment by

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Budget Shortfall Discussed At Turner's Listening Session

by Dylan Sinn

John Tabori, a member of the county council's Blue Ribbon Commission, presented the commission's finding that Prince George's County faces a \$229 million budget deficit by 2023.

Tabori made his remarks to about 40 people at a listening session for County Councilmember Todd Turner on February 28 at the Municipal Building.

Turner called the commission's recommendations to fix the problem "not uncontroversial" when he introduced Tabori to speak. The commission was established to recommend policies to address the county's structural deficit.

Tabori, a former University Park mayor, explained to the session's attendees that the commission found the budget shortfall, which will begin in 2018 and get progressively larger, is the result of rising expenses and mostly flat revenues for the county since 1978.

Tabori and the commission pinpointed 1978 as the year the problems began because that was when the county passed the Tax Reform Initiative by Maryland-

ers (TRIM), making it far more difficult for the county council to raise taxes.

Since then, public safety expenditures in particular have risen from 20 percent of expenses in 1978 to 35 percent in 2017, while revenues have not grown at the same rate. "If we're going to cut [expenses], we're cutting people," Tabori said. "And maybe we should, but everybody wants to be safe, so everybody wants more police officers."

Instead of cutting revenues, Tabori's presentation included an

alternate approach to solve the deficit problem: repeal TRIM and raise taxes.

"Frankly, what [the commission] found, was the taxing system is not working," Tabori said. "We need to look at something else."

The former economist emphasized the importance of finding the right balance between a low tax rate that encourages business participation in the county and a rate sufficient to keep schools

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What Goes On

Saturday, March 11

9:30 a.m., Council Worksession, Council Goals, Municipal Building

10 a.m. to noon, Learn about Lawn and Garden Care, Public Works Facility (See city ad for details.)

2 and 7 p.m., Buried Treasure, Youth Musical, Community Center (there is a fee.)

Monday, March 13

7:30 p.m., Reception for ACE Educator Awards, Municipal Building

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 998, streaming at greenbeltd.gov

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with Beltway Plaza, Municipal Building

This paper was constructed electronically by women on Wednesday.

Letters to the Editor

More on Molly

After her campaign ad in the News Review in February, Molly has received enthusiastic support from numerous residents across Greenbelt. Just yesterday however, she received a disturbing note in our mailbox composed with cut-out letters making it impossible to trace. The note said; "To Molly Wannabe Candidate. We have a mutual friend who has the note you sent to your paramour after your tryst at the **** hotel. It would be a shame if that note fell into the wrong hands and became public. Probably not the optics you would want for your campaign run. Maybe that run is not such good scents after all."

The note included Molly's News Review ad with the words Molly for President stricken out with a heavy marker.

While the envelope did not include a return address or postmark it smelled oddly of borscht. Could it have come from Russia? Has yet another campaign been hacked?

We demand answers.

Tim Murray

Thank You, Still More to Do

We would like to thank all those who supported the effort to get the Greenbelt City Council

to oppose the proposed Lakeside North development and any changes to the zoning of the land that would allow for its development. Thank you to all those who came to our events, signed our petition, stood with us at council meetings, made phone calls and sent letters and emails to our representatives on council and the Prince George's County Council. Our voices made a real difference. Together we stood up for our historic planned community, our quality of life and our trees and wildlife.

On February 13 council voted to oppose the proposed Lakeside North development. On March 6 we received a copy of the letter council sent to David Hillman, president of Southern Management, expressing council's serious opposition to the proposed development. We are pleased that council listened to the people. We expect Hillman to respect council's expressed opposition and not move forward with his proposal. We will keep the public informed.

We will continue to advocate for transparency in government, public involvement and the protection of our forests and green space.

Brian and Donna Almquist
Greenbelt Advocates for
Environmental and Social Justice

Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to continue printing 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.

On Screen

The Lion and the Poet

Two new movies come to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, March 10: Lion and Neruda.

Lion

Lion plucks your heart strings and jerks your tears as it tells the story of five-year-old Saroo (Sunny Pawar) who falls into a Dickensian rabbit hole when he wakes up on a train in Calcutta, accidentally separated from his family 1000 miles away. Saroo is a survivor. He lands in an orphanage, and is adopted by Australians John and Sue Brierly (David Wenham and Nicole Kidman).

As an adult, Saroo, now played by Dev Patel (Slumdog Millionaire, Best Exotic Marigold Hotel), yearns to connect with his birth parents with the help of modern technology (Google Maps), but has trouble explaining his identity crisis to his girlfriend (Rooney Mara) and to himself.

Will this modern Odysseus find his way back to Ithaka? In fact, which is his real home – India or Australia?

Running time: 2 hours

Rating: PG13

Director: Garth Davis

Writer: Luke Davies

Neruda

Neruda is a quasi-fictional account of Chilean poet/Communist politician Pablo Neruda's flight from Chile in 1948, after the government turned anticommunist.

Remember Neruda's dreamy, youthful love poems? "Tonight I can write the saddest lines...." Neruda – the complex, contradictory, Dionysian man of enormous appetites – also wrote an Ode To Stalin.

Director Pablo Larrain (who also directed Jackie, with Natalie Portman) has invented a rigid, rational, determined, Javert-like detective, Oscar Peluchonneau (Gael García Bernal) to pursue Neruda (Luis Gnecco) and his wife Delia (Mercedes Moran).

Put simply, too simply perhaps, it's Pleasure, Art and Imagination vs. ruthless political ideology.

It is sobering to remember that Pinochet looms in the near future.

Running Time: 1 hour 47 minutes

Rating: R

Writer: Guillermo Calderon, Pablo Larrain

- Jim Link

City Notes

Planning staff worked on a grant application for cleaning of bas-relief panels and the Mother and Child statue.

Public Works staff met with a mechanical engineer regarding HVAC improvements at the Municipal Building and the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 23.64 tons of refuse and 11.76 tons of recyclable material, picked up recycling from the produce distribution at Springhill Lake Elementary School and generated a spreadsheet for crews to estimate the amount of trash produced by each location.

Green Yards Class At Public Works

On Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon the Department of Public Works will hold a Green Yards and Gardens Workshop. Learn best practices for environmentally-friendly lawn and garden care. Topics will include landscaping with native plants, composting, water conservation and organic pest control. RSVP to Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2150.



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SHOWTIMES Mar 10 - 16

LION
(PG-13) (CC) (118 mins)
Fri. & Sat. 2:30, 5:15 PM
Sun. 1:30 PM (OC)
Mon. & Tues. 5:15 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:15 PM
Thurs. 5:15 PM

NERUDA
(R) (CC) (107 mins)
Fri. 7:45 PM (with guest speaker Karin Roseblatt)
Sat. 7:45 PM
Sun. 5:30 PM
Mon. - Wed. 7:45 PM

STUART LITTLE
(84 mins)
Sat. 1:00 PM

WOMEN IN AVIATION
FREE!
Sun. 4:00 PM with guest speaker

THE ROYAL BALLET:
SLEEPING BEAUTY
Sun. 7:45 PM
Mon. 1:00 PM

STORYTIME ON SCREEN
FREE! Mon. 10:30 AM

THE LADY EVE
(134 mins)
Thurs. 8:00 PM

The Old Curmudgeon



"SNOB!"

Cartoon first ran on March 28, 2002

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Electronically, that is.

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Community Events

Greenbelt Time Bank Annual Get-together

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. Members use their talents to help their neighbors, get their own needs met and build a stronger community.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold its annual get-together on Sunday, March 12 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 202. Special guests Mary Murphy and Laura Kranis from the Silver Spring Time Bank will share how its members earn hours and help their time bank grow by working for the time bank itself.

The afternoon will include fun activities to help individuals identify gifts and needs (requests and offers) and find other members with whom to exchange. Bring anecdotes about prior experiences and any questions about the time bank.

Potluck snacks to share are welcome. Help this be a zero-waste event by bringing a reusable plate, mug and silverware.

For more information, call 240-473-3497 or email at greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/pg/greenbelttimebank/events/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/greenbelttimebank/events/)

GHI Notes

Friday, March 10, Office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Office

Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 15 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.

Democrats Green For Environment

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club's meeting, which will be held Friday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Condominium's Terrace Room, features Martha Ainsworth of the Maryland Sierra Club. She will speak about proposed environmental legislation currently before the Maryland General Assembly, the Prince George's County Council and Congress.

Issues such as whether or not to ban hydraulic fracking in Maryland and the impact of the Trump administration's ongoing effort to weaken the Environmental Protection Agency will be on the table.

For more information, visit rooseveltclub.com or call 202-321-4207. Refreshment will be provided. The event is free to the public.

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 13 are as follows:

Monday, March 13: Grape juice, pepper beef, whipped potatoes, glazed baby carrots, wheat bread, tropical fruit

Tuesday, March 14: Orange juice, potato-crust fish, hash brown casserole, diced beets, rye bread, fresh fruit

Wednesday, March 15: Cranberry juice, chicken Marsala, whipped potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, sliced peaches

Thursday, March 16: Orange juice, cured turkey with pineapple glaze, black eyed peas, mixed greens, cornbread muffin, diced pears

Friday, March 17: Cranberry juice, corned beef, red potatoes, cabbage with carrots, rye bread, lime whip, fruit cocktail

Open House at ERHS

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will hold an open house for incoming students and parents on Saturday, March 11. There will be information sessions about the Science and Technology magnet program and the Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone program. Tours of the school will include information about electives such as band, orchestra, choir and the various foreign languages offered at the school.

The schedule is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Assembly for incoming Science and Technology students and their parents, Auditorium

8:45 a.m. Information session about AP Capstone program (Greenbelt residents only), Room 129

9:30 a.m. Tour of the school

10:30 a.m. Assembly for incoming Science and Technology students and their parents, Auditorium

11:30 a.m. Tour of the school

The PTSA will sell spirit wear in the lobby between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey

Residents who are 50 years and older are invited to share their insights about transportation for Greenbelt residents by completing the Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey. This online survey is part of a study that will help seniors and residents with disabilities live longer in their homes by removing barriers to mobility and improving transportation options.

The Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey is available online by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Greenbelt-SeniorSurvey>. It will be available in paper, for people who cannot use a computer to complete the survey, at the Community Center, on the Connection Bus and at the GAIL office. Complete this survey by March 31.

Paper surveys can be returned to the GAIL office, addressed to: SURVEY, Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Direct questions to Christal Batey at 240-542-2012 or cbatey@greenbeltmd.gov.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting

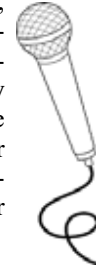
The quarterly meeting of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will take place on Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

Interested in learning about GIVES? Coming to a meeting is a good way to learn about this organization which, for over 20 years, has been helping the people of Greenbelt help each other. When someone needs a ride to an appointment, help at home or just friendly reassurance, a GIVES member is there to help another member.

Come to the quarterly meeting and get to know the friendly people who do what they can to help carry on the Greenbelt tradition of "neighbor helping neighbor." For further information, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

Poetry Open Mic And Fond Memories

On Saturday, March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., the New Deal Café will celebrate the 6th anniversary of its monthly poetry open mic event. People are welcome to read their own poems, someone else's poems or just to come listen. As part of the event, friends will remember the poetry and music of Anne Sucher. A fixture at the New Deal Café and in the Greenbelt poetry scene, Sucher was the editor-in-chief of the Iguana Review, a Greenbelt poetry journal. There will be readings of some of her poetry as well as acoustic performances of her songs.



Mother and Baby Wellness Fair

A free mother and baby wellness fair will be held on Wednesday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Community Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. The first 200 registered babies will receive free diapers, baby wipes and books. Babies must be registered by Monday, March 20. Some of the topics covered in the fair are baby health information and resources, health insurance information, medication safety and free discount prescription cards.

Pre-registration is required. To register call Katherine Farzin, GAIL Public Health Intern at 240-542-2033 or email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.

At MakerSpace

Come see what is going on at MakerSpace.

Thursday, March 9: Coding Club from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, March 10: Little Makers from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 11: Not All Snakes Slither from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 12: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14: Chess Club (for all ages) from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15: Fiber Fans from 7 to 9 p.m. at New Deal Café Pub Quiz.

Save the dates:
Quilting 101: Sunday, March 19 (Schedule change), 10 to 11:30 a.m. This new six-session class (no class Sunday, April 16) will teach how to plan and create a simple quilt.

Maker Festival: Saturday, April 15.

Next Repair Café: Saturday, April 22.

Sign up for Quilting 101, Festival Spring Break and Summer Camps on the website at make125.org.

Upcoming Musical Events at ERHS

There are a variety of music events at the high school this week including the Spring Best of Coffee House Show on Friday March 10. An orchestra festival concert will take place on Tuesday, March 14 and a band festival concert on Thursday, March 16. All are in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, March 12, Wed., March 15, & Fri.,
March 17
Beginning at 8 PM

"The Legend of Merv Conn," and "Reactor (2013)"

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the paper.

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Free and Open to the Public General Membership Annual Meeting

Members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, March 26th, 3-5PM in the GATe Studio

Members Only

Canon Camera Class \$\$

Monday, March 13th and Wednesday, March 15th

7 – 10 PM

Reservation required.

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19
To view our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccessstv.org
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Greenbelt Arts Center DON'T MISS

The 25th Annual Putnam County
Spelling Bee



March 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8PM
March 12, 19 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$25 General Admission,
\$22 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

Tribute – Apr 21 - May 13 – Directed by Gayle Negri
She Speaks – June 2 - 18 – Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

County Schools Closed Due to Demonstration

Prince George's County Public Schools were closed on Wednesday because of "A Day Without a Woman," a one-day demonstration on International Women's Day (March 8). The demonstration, organized by the Women's March, included taking the day off work.

In a letter emailed to parents on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m., school officials explained: "Throughout Prince George's County Public Schools, a high number of school-based and support staff have requested leave

for tomorrow, which would compromise our ability to transport students and provide safe, productive learning environments. As a result, schools will be closed Wednesday, March 8 for students."

The late notice made some parents angry. They sent emails asking what they are supposed to do for childcare.

Prince George's schools joined the Alexandria City Public Schools and Center City Public Charter Schools in closing.



Second grader Anna Dahlen, 8, of Greenbelt, picks out some books at the Library with her dad instead of going to school on Wednesday.

Photos by Jill Connor



Greenbelt kindergartener Janan Hall, 5, enjoys playing at the playground by the Library with his dad and little brother on his bonus day off school.

Ups and Downs This Season With ERHS Raiders, Lady Rs

by Patrick Gleason

Despite falling short of defending their state title, the Roosevelt Raiders have a lot to be proud of – and a lot to look forward to. After losing an impressive senior class, the Raiders began the season with a tightly contested opening loss to DeMatha. Despite their youth, the Raiders exhibited the talent that would lead them to a 19 to 5 season that included victories over archrival Bowie and D.C. powerhouse H.D. Woodson. They began their title defense with a close 62 to 57 victory over Bowie last week, spearheaded by senior Augustine Okafor and sophomore Cameron Brown. While junior point guard Jaden Faulkner paced the Raiders' offense on the night, and all season long, senior guard JaQuan Brown drew the most raucous reaction from a lively student section after drawing a charge foul – a tough defensive play that defines Coach Brendan O'Connell's mindset. The Raiders saw their season end with a tough overtime loss to the undefeated Wise Pumas. After building a double digit fourth quarter lead, thanks to key three-point shooting, a turnover laden final four minutes allowed the Pumas to force the extra period. The loss will be difficult to forget, but if anything that is motivation for a team that returns a core of underclassmen.

Lady Raiders

And on the girls' side of the hardwood, the county and region championships were only a tune-up. After defeating Gwynn Park High School 59 to 45 on February 22 for the county crown and Parkdale High School for the region title last Friday, the Eleanor Roosevelt Lady Raiders have set their sights on the biggest prize – an eighth state championship in 13 years. After a 65 to 45 first round victory over Suitland, steadied by senior Octavia Wilson's 23 points and junior Nia Scott's endless hustle and defense, the Lady Raiders advanced to down the Wise Pumas 51 to 40 in the region semi-final. Wilson is both a knock-down three point shooter and a crafty slasher who knifes through defenses



PHOTO BY ADRIA SCOTT

Kneeling: Head Coach Delton Fuller, Alia Parker, Octavia Wilson (with trophy), Taylor McCormick, and Leah Mayo. **Back Row:** Coach Keith Pyles, Ashia McCalla, Coach Mike Logan, Inonge Kaloustian, Makayla Adams, Chioma Ezoma, DJ McFarlane, Nia Scott, Jasmine Johnson, Dallas Sava, and Coach Aubrey Butler

with ease. Supporting Wilson in the backcourt are fellow senior Alia Parker and smooth-shooting junior Ashia McCalla. Parkdale narrowly defeated an injury depleted Roosevelt squad last season in the regional final; that loss provided the Lady Raiders a year's worth of motivation. They were able to tame the Panther's Briel Palmer, the DMV's ninth leading scorer, with a complete team effort. Roosevelt wore down Parkdale with constant transition baskets and tireless defense, as the night ended in a 62 to 46 Lady Raider victory. Next up for Roosevelt is the state semi-final this Thursday March 9 at 5 p.m. at Towson University; they will play the defending state-champion Whitman Vikings, who defeated Roosevelt in December, although Wilson did not play in that contest. A win would then pit them in Saturday's final at 3 p.m., also at Towson. The Lady Raiders will hope to, at that point, win like a well-oiled machine.

Local Art Takes Center Stage at Montpelier

In its efforts to foster a creative environment for young and emerging artists, the Montpelier Arts Center is highlighting local teens' talents in the visual arts. A free Public Reception and Awards Ceremony: Artists on the Rise Juried Teen Exhibit will be held on March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m.

There will also be a free exhibition on March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures and more will grace the center as part of the Laurel Art Guild's annual exhibit. The juried exhibit features work from artists ages 18 and older who live in the Washington metropolitan area.

The center is located at 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel on the grounds of the historic Montpelier Mansion. It houses three galleries, artist studios, gas and electric kilns and offers an extensive class and workshop program to the public. For more information visit pgparks.com



MakerSpace Tech Camps

Animation – Game Design
MicroElectronics – Robotics

Register NOW at Make125.org

1	Spring Break	April 17 - 21
2	Minecraft	June 19 - 23
3	Robotics	July 10 - 14
4	Minecraft	July 17 - 21
5	Tech Topics	July 31 - Aug 4
6	Engineering	August 7 - 11
7	Robotics	August 14 - 18

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A Review

A Plethora of Brainy Fun

by Jim Link



The cast of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee in action. From left: Jim Adams, Todd Hines, Shane Conrad, Marie Nearing, Rachel Pino-Elliott, Joey Rolandelli, Christa Kronser, John Carter, and Pamela Northrup

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a hoot and a frolic that hilariously spoofs a smorgasbord of middle school teen angst as it revels in the glorious word-board of the English language.

Director, music director and lighting designer Jeff Lesniak and producer Jenna Jones Paradis have assembled a top notch cast. Add the wonderful choreographer Rikki Howe Lacewell and costume designers Jeanne Binney and Gayle Negri, and Spelling Bee is a guaranteed success.

The musical comedy moves swiftly – almost two hours without an intermission – toward the climactic moment when a champion emerges from the fiercely competitive, idiosyncratic contestants.

And who knew that audience participants Malca Gibling and Betsy Marks Delaney could very plausibly play eighth-grade objects of desire?

Jim Adams is excellent as the frustrated vice principal and impresario Douglas Panch. He has great chemistry with his own (reluctant) object of desire and co-impresario Pamela Northrup as Rona Lee Peretti. Northrup sings great, too.

Joey Rondelli is endearing as the awkward William Barfee, who scribbles each word on the floor with his magic foot before spelling it, and whose name Mr. Panch invariably mispronounces as “Barfy.” Barfee’s crush on the unpronounceable Logainne SchwarzandGrubenierre (played by Rachel Pino-Elliott) is touching. Logainne’s two gay helicopter dads cracked up the audience.

Todd Hines has great swagger as tattooed, menacing Mitch Mahoney. He’s a convict on parole, doing community service for the contest, who develops a tender heart before the curtain falls.

Shane Conrad as Chip Tolentino has an embarrassing testosterone problem. Think of the consequences of ingesting a Cialis pill at a most inopportune moment.

Marie Nearing is very effective as the overachieving, multi-lingual, rigid, uptight Marcy Park. Christa Kronser as Olive Ostrovsky wistfully rues her missing-in-action parents. Her only friend is her dictionary.

Last, but far from least, is John Carter as the tender-hearted Leaf Conebear, who enters the



Frustrated spellers at the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Photos by Kristofer Northrup

contest as an understudy to a speller who attended a Bat Mitzvah instead.

Sophisticated, brainiac readers of the Greenbelt News Review, many of whom are closely or remotely connected, acronymically speaking, to ERHS, NASA, PGCC, UMD, BARC, etc. will delight in the pretentious, polysyllabic, sesquipedalian words tossed out during the cutthroat contest. Don’t we all try to casually insert words like ZUGZWANG into our conversation? And LUGUBRIOUS, BROBDINGNAGIAN and CHI-ASMUS? Let’s not forget the wonderfully risqué COLPOSINQUANONIA!

May you be cursed with STRABISMUS if you fail to have a raucous good time seeing Spelling Bee at the Greenbelt Arts Center through March 25, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.,

Sunday March 12 and 19 at 2 p.m.

Editor's Note: The word plethora is frequently used today to mean merely a large amount of something, but its original meaning is of overabundance.

Local Author Writes Young Reader Series

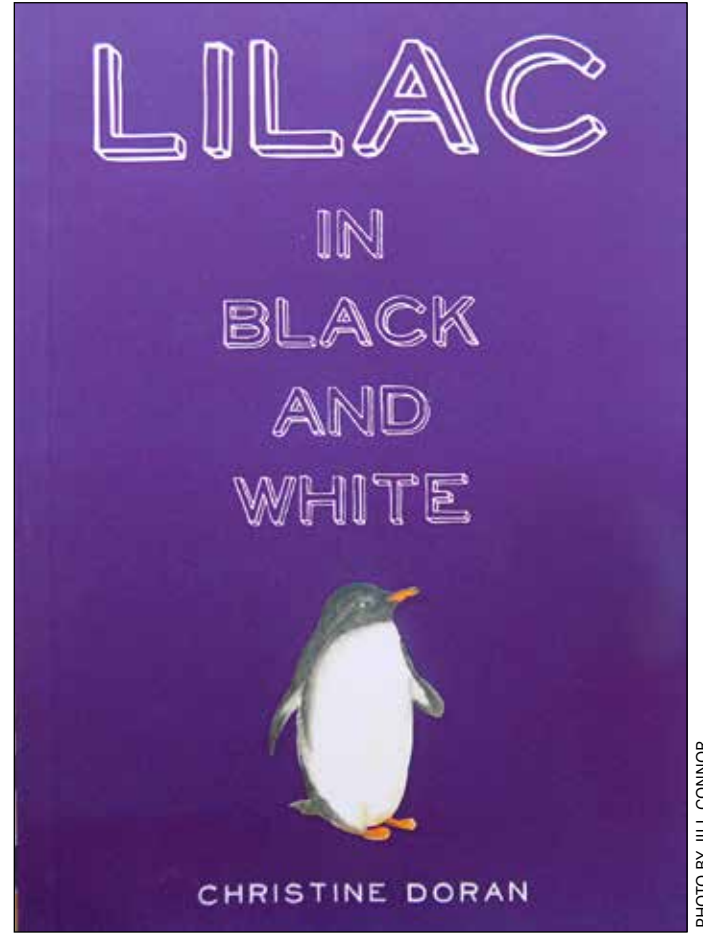


PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Cover of the book Lilac in Black and White

Local author Christine Doran’s first book, *Lilac in Black and White*, is for independent readers aged 9 to 12 and tells the story of a ten-year-old girl named Lilac. When her class takes a trip to the local aquarium, Lilac comes up with a mission to raise money for the building and to rescue the penguins. This is the first in a trilogy.

Doran says she has “always been a reader, and I’ve always enjoyed writing, but any grand ambitions in that direction were always pulled up short by the fact that I didn’t know what to write about.” She blogged for a short time about her life as a mother of small children and being an Irish emigrant in the U.S. before becoming a young adult author.

The start of the story of a young girl in Ireland was

not intended to be a young adult story when Doran began. Doran said “In hindsight it made perfect sense, because many of the books that I read when I was growing up stayed with me and got under my skin in a way that few things I’ve read as an adult have done.”

While editing and writing her second and third books and marketing her first book it is the idea of getting these books in the hands of young readers that keeps her going.

“The best reward has been hearing from my readers and their parents that they loved the book and want to read more about Lilac.”

Lilac in Black and White is available from Amazon and the Co-op. Doran will be at the local authors’ evening that the Co-op is planning to host in the future.

visit www.greenbeltnewsreview.com

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

Democrats are going green for Maryland, the environment and St. Patrick’s Day.

Martha Ainsworth of the Maryland Sierra Club will speak about upcoming environment legislation in the Maryland General Assembly, in Prince George’s County and nationally.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Greenbriar Condominium, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD.

For more information, you can visit our website, www.rooseveltclub.com or call 202-321-4207. “Green” snacks will be provided. The event is free to the public.

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, March 13, 2017 – 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 Educator 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
 Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2017-1 (Youth Voting)

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 2 “Administration,” Article IV, “Public Ethics,” Sec. 2-111 “Financial Disclosure – Elected Officials, Appointed Officials and Employees” to Amend the Real Property Reporting Requirements for Certain Employees
- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Green Team Grant Proposal
- EPA Green Street Grant
- State Legislation
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

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.

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My name is Koko and I am also a handsome guy. At first glance I look like any other black cat, but if you look a little closer you will see that I am actually a beautiful dark brown. Solid brown is a pretty unusual color for a cat so you could say I'm one of a kind. My hobbies are looking out the window, chasing toys and eating treats. I LOVE treats! I'm a friendly guy and welcome petting, but I'm also pretty independent. If you're looking for a cat who will climb in your lap every time you sit down, I'm not your guy. But I will happily keep you company and carry on a conversation from the other end of the couch.

For information on city services, meetings, events and more, visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov
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MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11-17

Saturday, March 11 at 9:30am, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**
re: Council Goals, at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, March 13 at 7:30pm, **RECEPTION FOR ACE EDUCATOR AWARDS**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, March 13 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/ACE EDUCATOR AWARDS** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 998, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30pm, **PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Buddy Attick Park MasterPlan and Basic Certification explanation form staff*

Thursday, March 16 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Beltway Plaza** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Detailed agendas are posted on the calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL 2017

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- Skin Cancer Information
- Baby Health Information & Resources
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- Health Insurance Information
- Fitness Demonstrations
- Food Tasting by Chef Ramsey of Maryland Physician Care
- Medication Safety
- Toy Safety
- Healthy Eating Information
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Call Katherine Farzin, GAIL Public Health Intern [to register at \(240\) 542-2033](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov) or by email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov
You must register by **Monday, March 20th.**

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After the presentation, Greenbelt residents have an opportunity to purchase a compost bin for \$30 from N.I.E. Institute.

ALSO: You may buy a discounted Rain Barrel until March 18. To order yours online go to www.rainbarrelprogram.org/greenbelt

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee. For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

SENIOR MOBILITY SURVEY

Attention all Greenbelt Residents, your input is needed!

For residents who are 50 years and older, share your insights about transportation for Greenbelt residents by completing the **Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey**. This online survey is part of a study that will help seniors and residents with disabilities live longer in their homes by removing barriers to mobility and improving transportation options.

The **Greenbelt Senior Mobility Survey** is available online by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenbeltSeniorSurvey>. It will be available in paper, for people who cannot use a computer to complete the survey, at the Greenbelt Community Center, on the Connection Bus, and at the GAIL office.

Please complete this survey by March 31, 2017. Paper surveys can be returned to SURVEY at the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Info: Christal Batey
240-542-2012 or email cbatey@greenbeltmd.gov

Less is More Support Group Now Forming

Many people become overwhelmed with the tasks of sorting, reorganizing and uncluttering. Is it very difficult for you or someone you care about to part with “stuff” even if it seems to be of no value, duplication and gets in the way of his or her daily living or may even be dangerous? A lot of the Greenbelt homes have very little storage space. This group will help member develop strategies and identify resource for maintaining a safe, livable environment. Please call Tom Patota at the City of Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program - 301 345-6660 for more information.

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James Webb Space Telescope: Art and Science Merge

by Anne Gardner

For a fascinating glimpse into what happens when you merge art and science, visit the new exhibit, The James Webb Space Telescope: Art + Science, at the Goddard Visitor Center. Twenty-two artists were invited to spend half a day at Goddard learning about the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and then create art inspired by the telescope, with its array of distinctive gold hexagonal mirrors. The result is a diverse collection of high-quality artwork, including not just painting and sculpture, but also poetry, jewelry, fiber art and even a song.

JWST, named after former NASA administrator James Webb, is the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope. It is scheduled to launch in October 2018 from French Guiana. It is a large infrared telescope that can see further than any telescope ever made. It will launch on an Ariana 5 rocket. Due to the rocket's size constraints, the primary mirror of the telescope, which is six times the size of Hubble's mirror, has been made out of 18 separate segments that will unfold after launch. It will not be possible to send a servicing mission to JWST because the telescope's orbit will be approximately one million miles away from Earth, compared to Hubble's 375 miles.

The brainchild of JWST social media lead and website designer Maggie Masetti, the Art + Science project came together in just a few months. She sent out a call for artists on Twitter using #JWSTArt, and she received about 170 applications. The 22 selected artists traveled to Greenbelt in November 2016 from all corners of the United States, at their own expense, and spent a few hours listening to talks by JWST team members and viewing the telescope through a window in the giant clean room at Goddard.

Some of the artists had already started working on their art before they came, and others started drawing, painting or stitching after they arrived. Singer-songwriter John Garvey brought his guitar and his song already written, and he performed it in front of the telescope for the other artists. He then made a video, incorporating scenes from the clean room and NASA images of space, along with footage of his performance.

The artists went back home to complete their artwork. Some, like quilter Sue Reno, spent as many as 200 hours on their creation. Reno transferred photos of JWST onto the fabric she used for her quilt, using both cyanotype, a pioneering photographic technique from the 1840s that uses ultraviolet rays from the sun to develop the prints, and also the newest digital techniques. Sculptor Ashley Zelinskie used a 3-D printer to create her golden sculpture of three hands reaching out of a model of the JWST mirror. While she was at Goddard she took 3-D images of the hands of senior project scientist and Nobel Prize winner Dr. John Mather and JWST deputy project scientist for communications Dr. Amber Straughn. She used these as a model for her sculpture, along with a cast of her own hand.

Many of the artists then re-



Quilter Sue Reno spent about 200 hours creating her work Luminosity.

PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER



John Garvey performs a song he wrote about JWST at the art opening.

PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

turned to Greenbelt at the beginning of March for the opening of the resulting art exhibit at the Goddard Visitor Center. They were on hand to talk about their work with the JWST scientists, engineers and other support staff who came to marvel at the art. All of those involved, both the artists and the JWST team members, seemed to agree that this collaboration was a huge success. The exhibit is free to the pub-

lic and is open through April 16 during regular visiting hours: Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. The artwork can also be viewed online at jwst.nasa.gov/jwstArt/. Along with the pieces from the exhibition, there are photos of the artists at Goddard during their visit, Garvey's music video and a video of additional submissions that were sent in through #JWSTArt.



Ashley Zelinskie created her sculpture using a 3-D printer.

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Greenbelt History in Photos

Planning Utopia

by James Giese

This is the 14th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.

Hale Walker (1891-1967), the chief town planner for the Greenbelt project, began his urban planning career in 1920 when he was chosen to participate in the Harvard Reconstruction Unit, a group of architects, engineers and economists who aided the rebuilding of Europe after WWI under Harvard's sponsorship. Walker is credited with developing the new town plan for Somme-Py, Marne, France, which had been destroyed in the war, following the original town layout but adding wider streets and one or two town squares which he reportedly drew in charming detail.

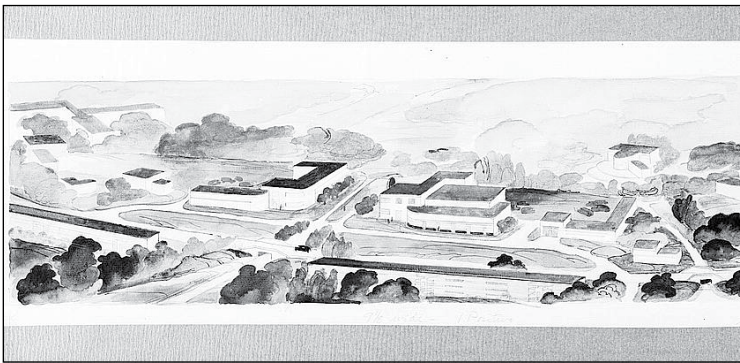
Walker chose to remain in Europe, studying and working with French planner Jacques Greber on several planned small French villages. Upon returning to the U.S., he taught part time at Harvard and worked as an associate in John Nolen's firm. Nolen was a leading town planner and landscape architect of that time and his office designed a number of new towns including Kingsport, Tenn., Mariemont, Ohio, and Venice, Fla.

In 1930, Walker joined the Maryland State Planning Commission. He became the chief planner for Greenbelt in 1935 under the Resettlement Administration. Subsequently, he worked with federal housing agencies that were predecessors to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. During WWII, Walker worked on war housing in Cleveland. He subsequently served with the Public Housing Administration in Detroit, as a planner for the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington and the Philadelphia regional office and worked on the first campus master plan for the Ohio State University in association with Howard Dwight Smith in 1948.

One of the significant features of Walker's plan for Greenbelt was the town center (Roosevelt Center). It, the school/community building and recreational fields were located within the horseshoe-shaped curve of homes and apartments laid out along a natural ridge line. Above is a photo of an unidentified artist's early rendition of how the center might look. While the buildings have some of the characteristics of the final designs, they differ in many ways. Only the right building appears to have store fronts facing the road that would become Centerway. The two larger rear sections of the two



Hale Walker



Drawing of the business center for the Greenbelt project. - photos courtesy of the Library of Congress

buildings are quite different from the final design, although the roof of the movie house is in the right location. Where there is now a mall or plaza between the buildings, only two parallel walkways are shown. Interestingly, a building is shown at the approximate location of the Municipal Building, which, when it was built, was considered a breach of the plan by some. A small building is shown where the gasoline service station and garage is now located. Underpasses of Crescent Road shown opposite the center plaza and near Gardenway were actually built. There are two very long and straight apartment buildings across Crescent Road from the center instead of the four buildings built with two facing the interior walkway instead of the street.

(Photos are from the Library of Congress project photo files, available online, loc.gov/pictures. The source of the biographical information for Hale Walker is primarily taken from the application for placement of Greenbelt Center School on the Register of Historic Places prepared by Tracey Dillard and Richard Striner of the Art Deco Society of Washington, D.C., and an article, The Harvard Reconstruction Unit in France by Guy H. Lee published in Landscape Magazine, Volume 11, No. 2, January, 1921.)

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the immediate neighbors. Denna Lambert, who was accompanied by Angie, the only canine resident to attend the worksession, enumerated a number of access issues that should be addressed if the Ivy Lane site is chosen. For example, there is no sidewalk on that side of Crescent Road and a significant crosswalk would also be needed to allow pedestrians to cross the road safely.

Another issue on which almost everyone expressed agreement was the necessary provision of separate spaces for small and large dogs as a safety measure, with the small-dog space also allowing separation when needed for elderly or disabled dogs.

The purpose of this meeting was to address possible locations for a second dog park. Discussion will continue in the future regarding potential changes to be made

to the operation of both dog parks based on the experience of the city and the members of the DPA with the existing park. For example, annual passes with a required renewal and fee are supported by a number of people, as a way to raise funding and to have more control over who is permitted in the park.

DPA representatives Kris White and Amanda Brozana both said they would work on suggestions for the structure and operation of the second dog park, as well as seek funding possibilities. They assured council that the dog owners of Greenbelt would be supportive.

In the meantime, this reporter makes a motion that prior to all future city meetings, an opportunity shall be provided at the door for participants to pet a dog or hug a puppy on their way in.

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functioning at a high level that encourages migration into the county.

"It will have to be done very carefully," Tabori said of a potential TRIM repeal. "Changes in the taxes, particularly if it pushes the taxes up can have very profound effects on individuals who are retired. So this is a very careful conversation that has to take place."

Later in the meeting, Turner asked for trust from his constituents that he and the county council will find a tax system that works.

"Everybody will put it in the simple vein, 'Oh, you just want to tax us more,'" Turner said. "That's not the conversation, that might be the result. As a municipal official for nine years I weighed that every single year whether we needed to raise taxes or cut services or do something else. As your county representative, give me that same opportunity. If you don't like what I'm doing, we got elections, you can kick me out."

Zoning Rewrite

After Tabori spoke, two members of the county's Zoning Rewrite Team, Brittney Drakeford and Susan Lareuse, presented an update on their team's re-imagining of the current 1,100-page zoning code. "We would like you to try to engage in this process," Lareuse said to the attendees. "It's very important to the county, we believe, to move forward into the 21st Century in regard to land use regulation."

Lareuse said that the zoning code, which was written 50 years ago, has gotten so complicated that even county employees need to consult with lawyers "all the time" on applications "to try to understand how to process" them.

Drakeford said the Zoning Rewrite Team's goal is to present a comprehensive review draft of the rewrite for public comment this summer before taking a legislative draft to the county council in November. The team hopes the new zoning ordinance will go into effect in the summer of 2018.

"The zoning rewrite has been attempted twice before," Turner said. "It has not been successful. It's a heavy undertaking."

Turner also fielded questions from the audience about housing shortages, environmental issues and tax abatements. Several people brought up the proposed highrise apartment building at Lakeside North. Turner said he couldn't prejudge an application since no formal proposal has been made.

Dylan Sinn is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.



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Police Blotter

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

DWI/DUI

February 20, 11:49 p.m. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges while being stopped for a traffic violation. The man was released on citations pending trial.

February 25, 2:13 a.m. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges while being stopped for a traffic violation. The man was released on citations pending trial.

Indecent Exposure

February 24, 6:40 p.m. 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A woman was in the Target department store when a man approached her asking for help. He followed her to the boy's section where he exposed himself to her. The woman left and called police. The man is described as white, 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, with brown "spikey" hair, wearing a light colored T-shirt and blue jeans.

Disorderly Conduct

February 25, 2:06 a.m. 6400 block Ivy Lane. A resident man was charged with disorderly conduct after he got into a fight with patrons at the TGI Fridays restaurant. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

February 23, 5:40 a.m. 100 block Centerway. A man described seeing two people wearing dark clothing enter the Mini Mart by forcing open the front door. They took cigars and cash and then fled.

February 25, 12:37 p.m. Unit block Parkway. An office was broken into by forcing open a window. Nothing was taken but there was damage to the venetian blinds.

February 27, 6 a.m. 5800

block Greenbelt Road. A bandsaw was removed from the Chef's Secret building.

Trespass

February 23, 2:50 p.m. 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A non-resident was arrested after he was found in a basement of an apartment building from which he had been banned. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

February 24, 7:52 p.m. 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A rock broke out the window of a residence.

February 28, 4:30 p.m. 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A rock was thrown at a sliding glass door, shattering it.

Theft

February 25, 5 p.m. 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A wallet was taken from a purse at Safeway.

February 27, 7:30 a.m. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A bed quilt was taken from a washer at the Landro-Land Laundromat.

Vehicle Crime

There were a number of thefts from vehicles. A laptop computer was taken in 7500 block Greenbelt Road; a pair of sneakers was taken in 7800 block Lakecrest Drive; and lug nuts and a nut cover taken in 2 Court Research Road. In 400 block of Ridge Road, a driver reported that he lost his keys and believes they were used to enter his vehicle and take a laptop, sneakers and a backpack. Front and rear tags, Md. tag 5BZ5735, were taken in 200 block of Lastner Lane.

There were two incidents of vandalism reported. A car door was damaged when an attempt was made to enter a vehicle in 100 block of Centerway, and paint was scratched on two doors and graffiti painted on a window in 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

Police Seek Help With Missing Person



The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating a critical missing person, James David Lewis (pictured above). Lewis, 57, was last seen March 5 at approximately 1:50 p.m. at the Dollar Tree store in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road. He is described as a white male, 5'11", 300 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. Lewis suffers from schizophrenia and seizures. He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, black and white sweatpants and black slip-on shoes. Further investigation revealed that Lewis checked himself into Doctors Community Hospital the same day at 5:09 p.m., but checked himself out shortly afterwards and is still missing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

Plants With Attitude?

That is the title of a lecture at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Friday, March 10 at noon by Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens. Within numerous cultures throughout history, there has long been a fascination for poisonous plants. Often, they served the very functional purpose of eliminating unwanted animals from home and garden or eliminating an unwanted foe. Crawford will look at a number of these very attractive and garden worthy plants and how they impart their dire consequences upon living creatures. This lecture is free, pre-registration is required. Visit USBG.gov/Programs to register.

Clarice Holds Free Viola Extravaganza

A Viola Extravaganza will take place on Saturday, March 11 at 5 p.m. in the Leah M. Smith Hall of The Clarice. Students of viola professors Katherine Murdock and Daniel Foster will perform works by Bach, Bridge, Elgar, Popper, Piazzola and more.

Snippets from the Past

Calling Dr. Eisner

Because of difficulties encountered in contacting him, Doctor William Eisner offers the following suggestions. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. he is at the Medical Center, 30-D Ridge Road, phone 2121. After 5 p.m. he can be reached at his home 16-B Parkway, phone 4121, or the Drug Store. After 11 p.m. the Berwyn telephone operator will know where to locate him. If a persistent busy signal is

given when the Doctor's home is called, contact the operator as the phone may be out of order.

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NOTE: Dr. Eisner and the Health Care Cooperative was in operation 1938-1942, at a time when there were no independent physicians in Greenbelt and no hospital in Prince George's County.

Controlled Burns Benefit Habitat and Visitors

Personnel from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are scheduled to conduct a series of controlled burns on Patuxent Research Refuge lands. Depending on weather conditions and available personnel, an early spring burn is planned for the North Tract sometime between Friday, March 3 and Sunday, April 30. Residents and visitors near the refuge may see or smell smoke periodically during this time. The burns will occur on several units located on the North Tract, which is located off of Route 198 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Expert fire teams will burn to reduce hazardous fuels, remove dead biomass for future vegetation management, facilitate control of non-native plants and restore important wildlife habitat. A forested area will be burned to restore a savannah/sandy barrens habitat to benefit rare insects and plants. Several small grassland areas will also be burned to control woody plants and maintain the fields in grassland habitat. The fire team will only burn under favorable weather conditions to keep the fire manageable and minimize smoke in local communities. Because burning is weather-dependent, it is difficult to provide significant advanced notice of the timing of each burn.

Because human safety is the number one priority during controlled burning, some refuge roads may be closed to the public. Visitors are encouraged to check with the refuge for possible closures.

One of the reasons the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses controlled burns is to reduce flammable vegetation that could pose hazards to visitors and local communities if they burned in an uncontrolled wildfire. But they do much more than making the refuge safer. According to Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen, controlled burning is an appropriate and effective tool to manage wildlife habitat. "Research indicates that controlled burning has many benefits over other habitat management practices. Fire helps control undesirable exotic plants, maintains grassland habitat for nesting birds and small mammals, promotes wild flowers and other native plants, reduces the accumulation of organic debris and releases nutrients back into the soil. The use of controlled burns also supports Patuxent's unique role as a research refuge by allowing scientists to study the effect of fire on a variety of refuge habitats," said Knudsen.

For additional information, visit fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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Rain Gardens, Rain Barrels Aid Stormwater Management

by Connor Roessler



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Rain Garden at Public Works

When it snows or rains, roads, parking lots, sidewalks and rooftops are impervious surfaces that prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. During rainstorms, water rushes over impervious surfaces and carries pollutants like oil, grease and chemicals with it to the nearest storm drain. The stormwater also accelerates soil erosion, which then deposits sediments into the nearest waterways, damaging the health of streams and wildlife. Luckily, there are local solutions to stormwater pollution.

Rain gardens are beautiful spaces that fulfill many functions. A rain garden is a shallow depression in a lawn or yard filled with spongy soil and native plants. In addition to native plants that attract pollinators and provide an urban cooling effect in the summer, rain gardens are also effective stormwater filters. Rain gardens are natural systems performing the three S's of stormwater management: slowing down water, spreading it out and soaking it into the ground. Since stormwater run-off accelerates erosion and pollutes waterways with sediments and chemicals from roads and roofs, rain gardens are an effective way to combat pollution and erosion right in your own backyard.

Botanic Garden Holds Conservatory Tour

A free tour, Highlights from the Conservatory Collection, will take place on Monday, March 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Want to visit a jungle desert and tropical paradise? Want to travel back to the U.S. Exploring Expedition and the Jurassic period? Take a tour with a knowledgeable guide who will connect the exotic plant world to everyday life. See bananas, cacao and coffee ripening on the tree or learn about the next big breakthrough in medicinal plant research.

At the Library

Crazy 8s! Season 4

Tuesday, March 14, 4:30 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. This after-school math club is designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers will engage in activities where they may race across the country, make music with their hands and feet or train to be a firefighter...all while bonding with new friends over math.

Note: Advance registration will open one week prior to each session. This eight-week program will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons through May 9 (no sessions on April 11 and 18). You may contact information staff for details either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

Storytimes

Monday, March 13, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Tuesday, March 14, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, March 15, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, March 16, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

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

Bird-Friendly Gardens

Wednesday, March 15, 2 p.m., Seniors. Join the library for this presentation by Claudia Ferguson of the Prince George's County Chapter of the National Audubon Society, entitled Bird-Friendly Gardens: The Birds of Prince George's County

Reader's Theater

Wednesday, March 15, 4 p.m., ages 7 to 10. Children participate in fun reading activities that vary from performing skits, monologues, tongue twisters and poetry.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers to come bust a move and shake your sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop until we all drop.

Read to Rover

Saturday, March 18, 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 branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PRLOG

Discounted Ivy rain barrel available to Greenbelt residents for a limited time

Additionally, rain barrels are an effective and affordable way to capture stormwater from a roof. Rain barrels are large drums connected to downspouts that capture and store water to be used later for car washing or watering a garden.

For a limited time, the City of Greenbelt is partnering with Prince George's County Department of the Environment and Plumbers and Gasfitters U.A. Local 5 to offer discounted 50-gallon rain barrels. To reserve a rain barrel, go to rainbarrelprogram.org/greenbelt. The last date to order is March 18 and the installation demonstration and pickup event is April 1 at the Plumbers and Gasfitters Training Facility, 5000 Forbes Blvd., Lanham.

If you have a rain garden or rain barrel on your property in Greenbelt, please contact Erin Josephitis at ejosephitis@greenbeltsmd.gov to add your address to the Green Team's Pathways of Sustainability map of stormwater best management practices.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.

GES Field Trip to Hidden Figures Almost Canceled

by Anne Gardner

A fourth and fifth grade field trip from Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) to the Old Greenbelt Theatre to see the movie Hidden Figures was canceled, then reinstated, as parents protested the county school system's decision that the movie was inappropriate.

The county Department of Curriculum and Instruction determined that the movie was not approved for elementary school children. Fourth grade parent Jennifer Thorson wrote a letter of complaint, which was signed by 10 fourth grade families and 12 other members of the GES community. She pointed out that schools around the country have arranged showings for their students, and there is a great variety of background information and lesson plans available to teachers. The content of the movie is both informative and inspirational, dealing with both racial issues

and the STEM field, and arrangement had been made for women engineers from NASA to be at the theater to answer students' questions. The movie is deemed appropriate for ages 10 and up by the Common Sense Media website, which is run by parents and usually fairly conservative in its ratings.

Thorson reported that she had a very quick response to her letter from county officials, as well as assistance offered by Juwan Blocker, the student member of the Board of Education, who had spotted the letter on the Prince George's County Advocates for Better Schools website pgcabs.org. She said "Everyone was pleasant and professional." By the end of the school day the county had amended their decision, and parents and students were delighted to hear that they would be walking to the Old Greenbelt Theatre to see the movie after all.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 16, 2017

- GHI Executive session Meeting (Closed to Members) – Begins at 7.00 p.m.**
 - Approval of Minutes: GHI Executive Session Meeting on February 16, 2017
 - Request by a Prospective Member for an Exception to the Membership Selection Criteria Policy
 - Member Financial Matters
 - Consider the Terms and Conditions of Contracts
 - Consider the Price to be Offered to Purchase the Interest in a GHI Unit at a Foreclosure Sale
 - Consider the Price to be Offered to Purchase a Unit from a Member
 - Complaint Panel Report to the Board re: A Member Complaint Matter
- GHI Open Session – Begins at 7:30 p.m.**
 - Approval of Minutes: Special Open Session Meeting on February 16, 2017
 - Approval of Minutes: Regular Open Session Meeting on February 16, 2017
 - Requests for Contributions from External Organizations
 - ARC's Report re: Two Rain Barrels Recommended by the City of Greenbelt's Sustainability Coordinator
 - Sewer System Repairs Proposed by WSSC
 - Changes to the Addition Maintenance Program Recommended by the AMP Taskforce
 - Staff's Proposal to Increase the Quantity of Masonry Building Crawlspace that are Improved During the 2017 HIP Phase
 - Responsibility for Future Replacements of Original Doors Retained by Members During the HIP
 - Policy Recommended by Taskforce re: Assignment of Units to GHI by Members
 - Selection of Color for New Carpeting to be Installed in the Administration Building
 - Should Official E-mail Accounts be Provided to Board and Audit Committee Members?



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Signs of Spring



A crocus glows in the sunlight.

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Early spring Bradford pear trees on Hanover Parkway

PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA



Daffodils are blooming in Greenbelt yard.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

Proteus Wins the WABA Award As Metro Area's Best Bike Shop

by Laurie Lemieux

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) has announced that Proteus Bicycles of College Park has won the Bicyclists' Choice Award for Best Bike Shop in 2016. Winners were announced by NBC4's Tom Sherwood at WABA's annual member meeting and awards ceremony on February 28.

"It's an honor for a community bike shop to even be nominated for a region-wide award, let alone win it," said Laurie Lemieux of Greenbelt, owner of Proteus. "WABA has done a great job reaching out to bike riders in Prince George's County, and we're returning the favor by showing off our great local bike trails."

The shop's 10 a.m. Sunday coffee ride, which usually takes riders down the Anacostia River bike trails to Hyattsville's Vigilante Coffee, also won the 2016 WABA award for Best Social Ride.

Proteus Bicycles has been a College Park institution since 1972, offering new bike sales, accessories, repairs and fitting services. Proteus is open seven days a week, including a Thursday night community potluck from 7 to 9 p.m. Weekend ride meetups are usually at 10 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Check proteusbicycles.com or facebook.com/proteusbicycles for more information.

WABA's Prince George's County Advocacy Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Hyattsville Town Hall on Gallatin Street and usually adjourns to Franklin's Brewery across the street for beverages afterward. Current campaigns are for bike lanes on Suitland Road in southern Prince George's County and a bike trail connector in Hyattsville to link the Anacostia River Trail system with the Hyattsville Trolley Trail.



The Thursday night potluck crowd at Proteus Bikes celebrates the Best Bike Shop Award.



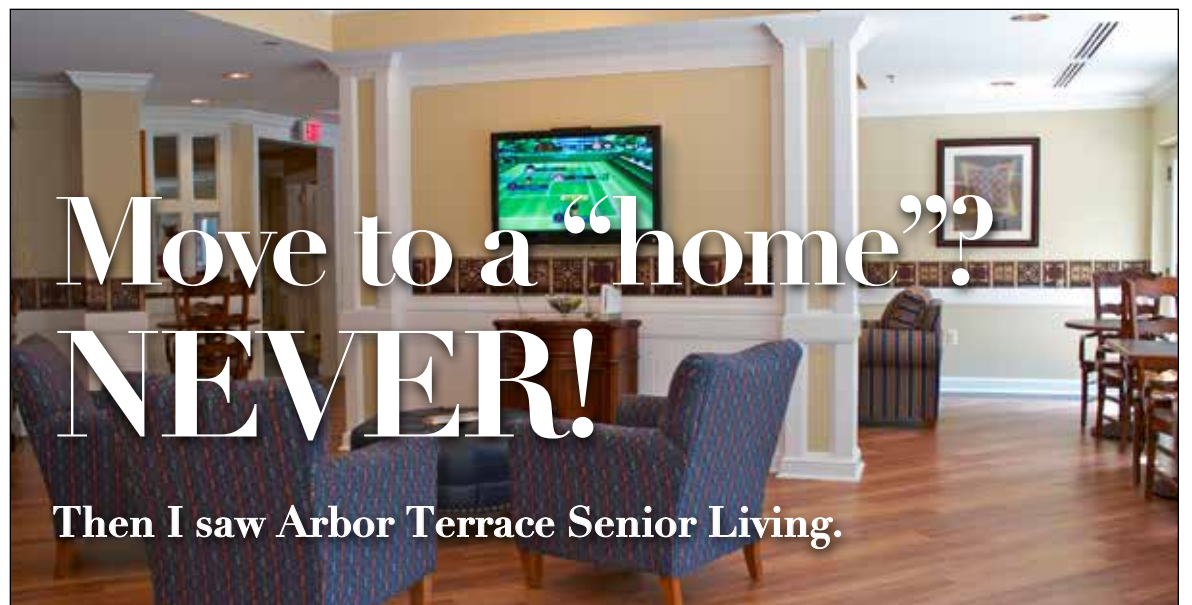
Jim Titus of WABA presents the Best Bike Shop Award to Laurie Lemieux of Proteus bikes.

Photos by Jeff Lemieux

All county residents interested in local bike advocacy projects are welcome to attend.

WABA now runs an annual Cider Ride for hundreds of cyclists (nearly 1,000 last year) on the Anacostia River Trails and

College Park/Hyattsville Trolley Trails, including stops in College Park and Greenbelt. This is an untouted but effective way to boost the local economy and neighborhoods to people from all over the D.C. region.



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Greenbelt Police Officers Start Using Body Cameras



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The Greenbelt Police Department has begun outfitting their officers with body worn cameras.

The Greenbelt Police Department has begun outfitting their officers with body worn cameras, the City Police Department announced on Monday, March 6.

The cameras are wind and water resistant and can operate in temperature ranges from -4 degrees to 122 degrees Fahrenheit, police spokesperson George Mathews wrote in a press release.

"Fifteen cameras have been

deployed to the officers, with the rest of the department to be equipped with the Axon brand cameras in the next couple of weeks," he wrote.

"[They] will assist officers in performing their duties; aiding in the collection of evidence, helping to de-escalate events and provide transparency to the citizens they serve," he wrote.

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Trees in March

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees. Join the foundation in March and receive 10 white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees as a premium. Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the foundation and receive the trees, see arborday.org/march.



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A Review

Buried Treasure Resonates With Both Youth and Adults

by Kyla Hanington

There is sometimes a puzzle with community theater: Are people filling the seats because they have come to support their friends and family, or is the house packed because the show is that good? In the case of Greenbelt's 2017 Winter Youth Musical, *Buried Treasure*, the answer is, while perhaps the first is true, the second most certainly is. *Buried Treasure* opened on Saturday night to a sold-out audience who gave the cast an enthusiastic standing ovation as they took their final bows.

With script, music and lyrics written by Performing Arts Coordinator Christopher Cherry, the musical tells the story of three young people whose self-identities are challenged after they fall into a mythical underworld. With dragons, gnomes, a queen and a prince, the story is engaging and visually exciting for young viewers. With themes of self-discovery, it resonates with adults on a different level.

Cherry explained that the underworld "is a symbolic representation of the subterranean place we all have within ourselves, where we hide the things we're afraid of or ashamed of or don't want to acknowledge." For the three young protagonists, it is a place where their proud, albeit one-dimensional, understandings of themselves are tested. Josh (played by Aiden Larkin) is certain he is "brave as a lion." In the underworld, he questions just how brave he really is. Harriet (terrifically acted by Maeve Balentine) declares herself "wise as an owl," and her journey leads her to draw on internal resources beyond what she learns in books. Miranda (Eva McNabb) presents herself as "good as gold;" in the underworld she has to painfully re-evaluate just what, exactly, that means.

While there is self-discovery, the musical is by no means heavy, with delightful performances by the red-capped Dummyshirts (Finn McNabb, as the leader of the crew, is a particular standout), the villainous dragons (played by Charles Fahey), trickster Coyote (Danny Zolt) and animated toys (Timothy Pulik is inspired as a dancing cowboy doll). There are several ensemble song and dance numbers that involve Ragamuffins, Tiger Cats, and Leopard Warriors. While Elizabeth Gardner as featured dancer and Elta Goldstein as the leader Ragsy are highlights of the Ragamuffin scenes, the impish playfulness of all the performers make their teasing misbehaviors



Leopard Warriors dance in the show.

captivating.

Sieglind Peterson, who saw the show opening night, said she was "very moved – to tears – by several of the duets, particularly 'You Won't Be Afraid' by the Warrior King (Evan Camara) and Josh." Stefan Brodd plays beautiful piano accompaniment, skillfully matching the volume of his playing with the voices he accompanies. In the song "Always Second Place," sweetly sung by Madeleine McComb, Cherry brilliantly captures the pain and sense of invisibility a younger sister might feel in the shadow of a "perfect" older sibling. The catchy "She Says She's Good," sung about Miranda by the Charwoman (the wonderful Isobel Springer) and Ragsy, is both eminently hummable and painfully enlightening. "She says she's good but she really thinks she's better," they sing, and those in the audience wonder how often the same or similar could be said about themselves.

Greenbelt's Youth Winter Musical, now in its 17th year, is an open-enrollment program, meaning "everyone who signs up is cast in the play," explained Cherry. "The value of inclusivity is built into the program right from the start." He added, "The collaborative nature of musical theater production is a wonderful community-building experience for everyone involved." Karen Yoho, whose daughter Mary-Allyce has participated in the Winter Musical for the last two years, echoed his sentiments. The program "builds strong ties in the community for our kids." Yoho notes that many of the young people go to different schools and have diverse interests, meaning that outside of the Winter Musical, they may not know each other or interact. "It is incredible what he [Cherry] accomplishes in

the limited amount of time he has with the kids," said Yoho, "building not only the performances and the music, but the comradery it develops with youth who might not otherwise connect is remarkable." This year, 40 students were involved in the play.

Cherry said his "goal as a playwright is to write plays that are highly entertaining, deeply satisfying and essentially hopeful." In *Buried Treasure*, he has succeeded. The play ultimately reminds us that at the foundation of our beings -- underneath the ugly bits we try to keep hidden, beneath the fear, at the core of ourselves -- there is love. For the characters, this is renewing; for the audience, it is joyfully hopeful.

The trick with this show is that although it is called *Buried Treasure*, it makes clear that there is treasure in Greenbelt that is not buried at all. We are much the richer as a community for the presence in this town of Cherry, and the work he does for youth here and for all of us.

Buried Treasure continues at the Community Center. The final performances are on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Tickets are nearly sold out. To check on availability, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

Concert Commemorates Hieronymus Bosch

Cappella Pratensis will give a concert on Sunday, March 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the National Gallery of Art's West Building, East Garden Court. This performance commemorates the 500th anniversary of Hieronymus Bosch's death.



Miranda (Eva McNabb), Ragsy (Elta Goldstein) and Charwoman (Isobel Springer)

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A Fire Dancer (Elizabeth Gardner) takes to the air on a mission for the villainous Red Dragon.

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