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Magnolia Elementary School faculty and students join the March for Our Schools in Annapolis on March 11. (See story on page 12.)

Co-op Gives State Pep Talk On Solar Roof: Wait Begins

by Cathie Meetre

The day, March 9, had finally arrived. Representatives of the Co-op were about to ask the Maryland State Legislature for help in funding solar panels to be installed on the Co-op's roof. Ushered into the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and Appropriations Committee meeting room by a state trooper, Barbara Ford, president of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, and Dorrie Bates, political liaison for the Rays on the Roof Project, gave a spirited one minute and thirty-seven sec-

ond discussion of the case for the solar roof and array. Having lost 23 seconds of their allotted two minutes from everyone settling into place, Bates didn't spare the horses in her remaining time.

She began by acknowledging that the committee had a full day so her job was to make a compelling and memorable case for the project. She launched into the numbers, highlighting the output, a 25 percent savings on the Co-op's electricity bill (i.e. approximately \$37,000 per year). Then she quickly jumped to the

fact that with the \$350K from the bond bill they were requesting, the Co-op will pay off the initial costs and continue to capture the savings, enabling the Co-op to pay for the next roof/array system, making this not only a responsible, energy-efficient green project, but an economically renewable one at that.

Bates highlighted the \$345,000 raised in just under five weeks as an indication of very wide community involvement and

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ERHS Raiders Romp to Region Basketball Championship

by Patrick Gleason

The score at the end of each quarter of the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders' region championship victory against the High Point Eagles: 13-3; 36-8; 52-26; 65-41. But even those numbers don't quite express how dominating the Raiders were in a week of impressive victories. The most startling numbers to read on the scoreboard all week might have been 80-46, the final score in the Raiders' victory over the region's second-seeded Wise Pumas.

In that matchup, Wise held a 3-0 lead and then the Raiders never looked back, making a strong opponent look helpless. With relentless pressure and effort on defense – epitomized by the image of senior Isaiah Gross on the floor after taking a charge – the Raiders earned themselves countless open looks at the



PHOTO BY JASMINE TATE

Senior Isaiah Gross glides to the basket in the Raiders opening round victory vs. Flowers.

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Higher Achievement Starts In Greenbelt Middle School

by Lauren Moses

Higher Achievement (HA), a national program designed to bridge the gap between a wide array of educational opportunities and low-income middle-school students, has arrived in Greenbelt. This summer, Greenbelt Middle School will provide engaging educational resources in a variety of ways to approximately 60 students.

HA is a full-year program that begins in the summer and exposes middle school students to additional instruction in math, reading and language arts. It also provides opportunities to visit different colleges and go on field trips through the summer. During the school year, HA will place a liaison in Greenbelt Middle School who will interact with students and teachers throughout

the day to provide the additional resources for students that need it.

The program seeks out students who are most likely to be the first generation college students in their families. Dr. Daria Valentine, principal at Greenbelt Middle School, said a huge component of the program is to introduce higher education to the students, "however, they have given us the autonomy to pick a certain population of students."

In his monthly newsletter, County Council Chair Todd Turner announced the February 8 launch of the Higher Achievement program at Greenbelt Middle School. Valentine said it was more of a soft launch and its purpose was to make community

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Council Proclamation Cheers Women's History in Greenbelt

by Gary Childs



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Mayor Emmett Jordan proclaims March as Woman's History Month. Mary Lou Williamson, editor emerita of the News Review, received the proclamation in recognition of all the women who have contributed to the history in Greenbelt.

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At its March 12 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council commemorated women's important role in both national and local history. Mayor Emmett Jordan issued a proclamation designating March as National Women's History Month in Greenbelt and recognizing the role of women in Greenbelt's own history. Representing Greenbelt women leaders past and present, Editor Emerita of the News Review Mary Lou Williamson was on hand to receive the proclamation.

The text of the proclamation: Whereas, women of every race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and abilities have made historic contributions to the strength of our state and nation in countless recorded

and unrecorded ways; and

Whereas, in overcoming discrimination, harassment and hardship, women have been bold and fearless, never giving up on the promise that with hard work and determination, nothing is out of reach; and

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What Goes On

Monday, March 18
8 p.m. Council Worksession on NCO Zone/Arts and Entertainment District, Municipal Building
Wednesday, March 20
8 p.m. Council Worksession with Joshua Thomas, School Board Member, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Expensive Way To Feel Good

I appreciate that council, for the most part, could recognize that the destruction of current police pistols may not be in the best interest of the city and its taxpayers. Selling these weapons does not mean going into the city of Baltimore and setting up shop and selling them out of the trunk of a car to any passerby. The legal transfer of firearms is subject to a myriad of state and federal laws.

There are responsible ways to dispose of these pistols. An example would be to sell to private protective training facilities that may be a customer for these relatively lightly used weapons. I say lightly used, as most of these pistols are only fractionally used compared with the 10,000-round life expectancy. Maintaining a police armory is like maintaining fire trucks and police cars: time is an enemy, and at some point maintenance costs become more than the item is worth. Would we scrap a used police car because it has an internal combustion engine that produces pollution?

Councilmember Colin Byrd is concerned that guns end up in the wrong hands. Councilmember Rodney Roberts says "we should set an example and get rid of these guns."

In a 2017 Gallup survey, they found guns in 42 percent of 118 million households (U.S. Census); that is, the country's 393 million guns are distributed among 50 million households.

One could look at this two ways: The vast majority of the firearms are not in the wrong hands, and are not a problem. What's one more gun added to the 393 million already out there? To put the number in perspective, destroying 100 guns/day would take over nine-thousand years to rid ourselves of U.S. owned guns – providing all manufacturing and imports were stopped. The other question Roberts asks, why add one to the total? To set an example? To whom?

Glock, the law enforcement pistol of choice, really seemed to do well back in the 1980s when they were pushing S&W and Colt out of the law enforcement market. Glock was selling whole life plans with their guns. Glock not only sold a good service weapon at a very competitive price, but they included training for armorers, replacement parts and replacement weapons over the set time frame of the contract. Glock also established a buy back from departments where they would take back all of their older generation pistols and replace them with newer generation pistols, giving credit for the trade-ins toward the new firearms. Other firearm manufacturers

have since followed suit. Sounds like the type of contract the city should look into, not only for financial reasons, but reasons of conscience, too.

In my mind, it is not a question of good and bad being attributed to the guns, or where they may end up, given the transfer laws. Passing from good police hands does not automatically make that chunk of metal and plastic bad. It is a question of economics and my tax dollars. Selling the guns responsibly will go a long way to offset the cost of replacements that are needed by the police that protect us. As the chief said, two years overdue. Costs of ownership go up, and efficacy goes down. Why are we two years late in replacement? Budget. If those old pistols are not sold, then it may become three or four years overdue. Seen another way, what can that money from the sale of police pistols in the city's budget do for other good throughout the city? Why should the city forgo the real benefits only to set an example of disposing of even one gun among 393 million. That's an expensive prescription to feel good.

Name Withheld

Why I Oppose City Subsidies for Amazon

At its February 25 meeting, I asked the city council to discuss the possibility of Amazon's second headquarters coming to Greenbelt, after I had learned that the CEO of the county's Economic Development Corporation had been pitching a Greenbelt site to Amazon for Amazon HQ2. I was deeply concerned about this pitch for several reasons.

The county made this pitch without first discussing, even at a preliminary conceptual level, this proposal with Greenbelt's elected city officials or, for that matter, the Greenbelt residents that we represent. Frankly, I don't totally fault the current county executive for this, because this lack of cooperation and transparency is a problem that I saw more frequently with the last county executive, but I hope and trust that, on this and many other issues, the current county executive will continue to endeavor to make a clean break with the mistakes of the past.

I do not believe the City of Greenbelt or Prince George's County should, even for a second, consider dangling large corporate subsidies to entice a tech giant like Amazon to relocate here. I think there is something fundamentally wrong about the kind of unchecked corporate welfare that Amazon demands from state and local governments.

I also believe that such a

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Corrections

In the March 7 News Review we wrote that one of the Kirwan Commission's recommendations is "providing free pre-K education for 3-4 year-olds whose families fall 300 percent below the federal poverty line." The Kirwan report says that Maryland "should provide more funding for four-year-olds from low-income families, including no charge for students from families at or below 300% of the federal poverty level," and that "three-year-olds from low-income families should also have access to a full-day early childhood education program."

The woodpecker in the photo on page 2 last week is a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, not a Red-bellied Woodpecker.

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Tues. 5:00, 7:30 PM

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On Screen

Apollo 11 on Deck at OGT

This film offers an opportunity to understand everything that went into NASA's historic lunar landing mission, from prelaunch to splashdown recovery. It is clear that the mission's success wasn't the noble effort of just three astronauts but rather of hundreds of thousands of NASA employees, contractors, volunteers and more working as a vast team. Some of the film's footage has never been seen before and it's breathtaking.

93 minutes

- Judy Bell

Community Events

Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

What would be the impact of free post-secondary education? If cost were no object, who would pursue what fields of learning? If there were no prestige attached to a college degree, as they would be readily available, would more people go to trade school than get an engineering degree? The thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace on Tuesday evenings will pursue this topic and its ramifications on March 19, starting at 7 p.m. Those who wish to share their insights and some cheerful banter are welcome.

First HUG Walk

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is organizing the first Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk to be held on Sunday, March 31.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through Greenbelt.

HUG Walk Schedule: 1 p.m., gathering at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk kickoff; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m. walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Any group that wishes to co-sponsor this event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by March 15.

GATe to Screen Defending Utopia

GATe is proud to present Defending Utopia: The Greenbelt News Review at 80, a documentary film by Susan Gervasi, deputy director of the Utopia Film Festival. The film will air daily through Friday, March 15 at 1, 5 and 8 p.m. on cable television stations in Greenbelt and surrounding areas, specifically Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19.

From its 1930s origin, conservative critics nationwide denounced the government-built Greenbelt project as a foolish utopian dream, and – during the McCarthy era – as a probable hotbed of communism. The News Review defended the egalitarian spirit of the city’s many cooperative ventures, and encouraged residents to see themselves as pioneers of a new era in housing. The 46-minute documentary also explores the paper’s historic Supreme Court battle against a developer’s libel suit. Reporter and editor Mary Lou Williamson describes the lawsuit’s impact on the paper and her own role in the prolonged court fight. First Amendment experts also weigh in on its ultimate national impact on press freedom.

Maria Silvia Miller narrates Defending Utopia, which also includes commentary by Greenbelt Museum director Megan Searing Young and many longtime Greenbelt residents.

Reel & Meal To Screen Invisible Vegan Film

On Monday, March 18, Reel and Meal will feature the film The Invisible Vegan at the New Deal Café. An optional vegan meal is available for a fee at 6:30 p.m., followed by the free screening beginning at 7 p.m. Plan to arrive on time due to strong interest in this month’s event.

The Invisible Vegan is a 90-minute, independent documentary that explores the problem of unhealthy dietary patterns in the African American community and the health and wellness possibilities enabled by plant-based vegan diets and lifestyle choices. This documentary offers both historical and contemporary perspectives, showing how intertwined histories of slavery, 20th-century socioeconomic inequalities and the rise of Big Food have led to increased consumption and dependence on meat and fast food. It stars Jasmine Leyva, Cedric the Entertainer, John Salley, Stic of Dead Prez and Tracey McQuirter.

Three guest panelists for the evening are Naijha, Antonio Simpson and Brenda Sanders. Naijha is the co-owner of The Land of Kush, a vegan soul food bistro in Baltimore, and executive director of the Black Veg Society of Maryland. She is also co-founder and organizer of the annual Vegan Soulfest and semi-annual Maryland Vegan Restaurant Week.

Simpson, the Vegan Mechanic, is a plant-based cook who specializes in veganizing many comfort foods. Sanders is executive director of the Afro-Vegan Society, co-founder of Thrive Baltimore Community Resource Center and co-owner of The Greener Kitchen Vegan Deli.

Betty Smith, a 78-year-old, plant-powered, current ultra-marathoner and world record setter, will introduce the film.

This month’s program is sponsored by Green Vegan Networking. For more information, contact Barbara Glick at bsglick@gmail.com or Cam MacQueen at 443-221-0519. For more information about Reel and Meal, contact reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com or visit newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal/.

GES Parenting Classes

Greenbelt Elementary School is offering a series of Active Parenting Workshops in the Media Center at 6 p.m., on the following Tuesdays, March 19, April 9, May 21 and June 11. For more information and to RSVP email Kristen.Cahalan@pgcps.org.

Incoming Student Open House at ERHS

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will hold an open house for incoming students and their parents on Saturday, March 16. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. There will be a presentation on the AP Capstone program, which is open to Greenbelt residents only, starting promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Students who have been accepted into the Science and Technology program should have already received letters giving the time of the presentation they should attend.

Parents and students will then take a tour of the school and learn about many of the electives available, including foreign languages and music programs.

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, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 18 are as follows:

Monday, March 18: corned beef, roasted diced potatoes, cabbage and carrots, rye bread, fresh fruit, cookie, cranberry juice

Tuesday, March 19: honey balsamic chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, apple juice

Wednesday, March 20: pork roast with gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Thursday, March 21: potato soup, baked chicken breast with creole sauce, lima beans, California vegetables, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice

Friday, March 22: stuffed salmon with dill sauce, corn, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread, applesauce, cranberry juice.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Hospital Hosts 5K Walk/Run On Sunday

On Sunday, March 17, Doctors Community Hospital’s Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening and Treatment program will hold its third annual 5K Walk/Run event at Schrom Hills Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. to raise awareness about colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer is often preventable and curable with early detection. To improve access to life-saving screenings, Doctors Community Hospital provides colonoscopies throughout the year. Community members may qualify for a free colonoscopy if they are Prince George’s County residents aged 50 to 75 (or younger than age 50 with a family history of colorectal cancer) and uninsured or underinsured.

For information about the hospital’s free colorectal cancer screening program, community walk and educational opportunities, call 301-324-4968 or 301-552-7705.

To register for the walk, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/20058/dont-sit-on-colorectal-cancer-5k-walkrun>. The rain date for this event is Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 a.m.

Discuss with Others Many Types of Loss

Community Hospices will host a discussion on different kinds of loss on Tuesday, March 19, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

We all experience losses and major shifts at some time in our lives. Besides loss from illness and death, there can be other types of loss such as a job, a home, divorce, relationship estrangement or a loved one’s incarceration. Join a discussion about how these losses can affect us and some coping strategies. Supportive printed materials provided. Contact Margaret Capurso, bereavement counselor, at 301-560-6002.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting Saturday

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will have its quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 23 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. GIVES welcomes all Greenbelt residents to attend and learn about the volunteer activities performed by GIVES members to help one another and contribute to the spirit of Greenbelt.

For further information, contact Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.



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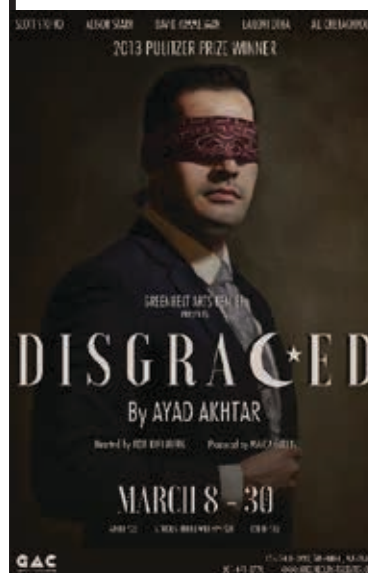


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Obituaries

Bessie Lynn Webster



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Bessie Lynn Webster

Bessie Lynn Webster, 93, died on March 12, 2019, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born on November 26, 1925, in Logan Township, Altoona, Pa., to Ross Edgar Lynn and Cleo Rouser.

She married William Blair Webster on May 24, 1946, in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Webster and her family lived for many years in Greenbelt, where she was one of the original members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Mrs. Webster was always a fixture at 71 Court Ridge Road, being surrogate mom, Cub Scout Den Mother and friend to all the children there.

She was a charter member of the Greenbelt Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and spent countless hours helping wherever she could.

After retirement from the Government Printing Office, Mrs. Webster moved with her husband to Lake Monticello, Va. After Mr. Webster died, she moved to Charlottesville, Va.

Mrs. Webster is survived by her children, Pene (Carl) Miller, Robin (Perry) Harrison, Kevin (Julie) Webster and Andrew (Joanne) Webster, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband, her sister, Harriett Ridgeway, and brother, John Lynn.

Services will be for immediate family, and in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mrs. Webster's name to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (Billygraham.org) or the American Cancer Society (cancer.org).



Elaine D. Jones

A memorial service for Elaine Jones will be held the afternoon of Saturday, March 30 at Hope Lutheran Church, College Park, details forthcoming. Her family appreciates all of the love and support that neighbors have shared.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Elaine Jones

Celebration of Life Of Jennifer Robinson

A celebration of the life of Jennifer Robinson, a Greenbelt resident who died in November, will be held at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. Speakers including family and friends will share their memories of Jennifer in this informal service. All are welcome; come as you are.



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Jennifer Lyn Robinson



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project would result in the rapid gentrification of Greenbelt neighborhoods, or, to put it less euphemistically, this kind of project would displace scores of current Greenbelt residents. That kind of displacement would result in a very unwelcome change in the city's very identity.

It is worth reflecting on the fact that the City of New York has an unbridled appetite for huge development that is internationally well-known and even embodied in the business exploits of the current U.S. president, yet even New York found Amazon to be extraordinarily unreasonable and uncooperative in its conversations with local lawmakers about the prospect of doing this kind of business in the Big Apple.

I believe that New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was correct when she opposed New York's Amazon HQ2 bid and talked about Amazon's corporate greed and worker exploitation, and I believe she was right to express concerns about the power of the world's richest man to play cities against one another in soliciting super sweet corporate subsidy offers from them.

I understand that Amazon is, without a doubt, an extremely profitable business, and their supply-chain management and delivery operations are impressive. But, if Jeff Bezos wants to restart a North American bidding war between localities fawning over the opportunity to cut a one-sided deal that, once again, severely lacks in community and city input, that circumvents established land-use processes, displaces current residents, and costs localities a boatload of public cash, my view is that he

should look elsewhere. I was disappointed that my motion to oppose city subsidies for Amazon died, but I want to personally thank Councilmember Rodney Roberts for voting in support of the motion and for sharing my broader concerns about this issue.

Colin Byrd, Councilmember

those seniors, of which I am one, are so vulnerable. I hope it never happens to any near or dear friend or relative. Please take care and explain to them how easy it is to lose everything.

Amina Khalifa

Letters continued

Concerns of a Meals On Wheels Volunteer

It has been a pleasure and an honor to be welcomed by so many as the bearer of good food! I have met wonderful people, many of whom look forward to the knock on the door and the Meals on Wheels delivery I make. I have to admit that I too look forward to bringing trays of good cheer.

That is why last week when someone was waiting for me in the lobby, I joked: "waiting for me?" She smiled and said a man called her from Publishers Clearinghouse and told her she had won a prize and she was waiting for a blue envelope. I told her that if she wins, they will come to her door. I didn't want to frighten her, I just told her not to be too trusting. I went down to the office and told the secretary what happened. I don't know if the nice lady gave the conman her SS or bank account numbers. Terrified me to think of how



Condolences to the family and friends of Elaine Jones.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Bessie Lynn Webster.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Lenten Meals

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, is sponsoring a series of Agape Meals and Lenten Study on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Agape meals are meals of love eaten by Christians as a token of brotherly [sisterly] love. Soup will be served along with a Lenten lesson and fellowship. A freewill offering will be collected.

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City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 18-22

Monday, March 18 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: NCOZone/Arts & Entertainment District** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Discussion of April 6 Arbor Day tree planting event*

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. *On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force Update and Discussion of Proposed Plans for the Renovation of the Windsor Green Community Center*

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Presentation from Windsor Green and Recreation Department Report*

Wednesday, March 20 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Prince George's County School Board Member Joshua Thomas** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 112.

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

FOREST PRESERVE CLEANUP

March 16, 2019

Sunrise Tract of Greenbelt Forest Preserve
Next to Greenbelt Dog Park, 7300 Hanover Dr.
10 AM – 1 PM



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Questions? Contact Environmental Coordinator Jason Martin at jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov

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Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm

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A Review

A Scalpel to the Complex Psyche

by Jim Link

Disgraced, the new play at Greenbelt Arts Center, is a real corker: a mind-massaging exploration of race, religion, gender and identity – an intelligent, provocative wallop. Ayad Akhtar’s Pulitzer Prize winning play depicts the precarious fortunes of five troubled, complicated characters. It’s a volatile mix that provides a rich, satisfying evening of great theater.

The central character is Amir Kapoor, an apostate, self-loathing, Pakistani American Muslim, hell-bent on shedding all traces of his Islamic legacy as he climbs the corporate ladder of a predominately Jewish law firm. Emily Kapoor is his Protestant wife, a loving acolyte of Islamic culture, an aspiring artist whose work is evolving from pretty British John Constable-like landscapes to geometric, beautifully patterned, more authentic Islamic-themed work. “Islam offers a culture of beauty and wisdom,” she says in response to Amir’s “Islam is a backward way of thinking and being.” Amir’s nephew, Abe, who has dropped his less palatable birth name, Hussein, is monitored by the FBI and is in danger of deportation, seriously questions the validity of the American Dream and considers returning to Pakistan.

Joining this trio are Isaac, a Jewish art museum curator excited to display Emily’s Islamic themed art and his tall, droll, sophisticated African American lawyer wife, Jory.

With Emily as cook and hostess they sit down for what they think will be an evening of witty banter and of artistic and lawyerly shop talk, but the conversation quickly morphs into searing assertions of alleged Muslim terrorism, the inhumanity of the Koran, the glory of medieval and renaissance Muslim culture, Israel’s brutal treatment of Palestinians and the Palestinians’ lethal resentment of Israel’s very existence. With no intermission, the tension ratchets up relentlessly; the audience is swept along from a slow simmer to a hard boil and finally to an explosive denouement. Some shocking secrets are revealed that further complicate an already complex plot.

An illuminating subtext is the portrait of Amir, which Emily is painting. She uses Diego Velazquez’s portrait of Juan de Pareja, a Moorish slave, as the model for her husband. (See the copy of de Pareja in the lobby before you enter the theater.) Emily imbues Amir with all of de Pareja’s resentment, dignity, disgrace and intensity. The last 10 seconds of the play will show you what I mean.

The cast is uniformly top notch, has great chemistry and works seamlessly together. Scott Stofko (Amir), Alison Starr (Emily), Ali Cheraghpour (Abe/Hussein), David Kimmelman (Isaac) and Lailoni Otha (Jory) all nail their roles, move fluidly together, full of natural ease. Otha acts with such aplomb, it’s amazing to realize that Jory is her first role in community theater. Jody Aldave is the artist whose paintings line the walls of Emily and Amir’s apartment; Amanda (Rey) Sykes painted the likeness of Amir/de Pareja. Andrea Dagmar-Swenson Brown’s photographs



Ali Cheraghpour plays Abe/Hussein (left), Scott Stofko is Amir (seated) and Alison Starr plays Emily (right).

- Photos by Kristofer Northrup



David Kimmelman plays Isaac and Alison Starr plays Emily.

grace the lobby’s walls.

Any play mounted by the Kleinberg/Giblin collaborators virtually guarantees success. Director Bob Kleinberg is also the set designer and master carpenter; Wynne Kleinberg is assistant director and stage manager. Producer Malca Giblin also is the costume designer and set painter. Dan Giblin does the sound de-


sign. Roy Peterson and Tom Gill did set painting and light design, respectively.

It would be a disgrace not to see this challenging, riveting production play through March 30. Performances on Friday and Saturday nights are at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are on March 17 and 24 at 2 p.m.



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Film Draws Large Crowd From Greenbelt and Beyond

by Deanna Dawson

A large crowd gathered at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) on the evening of February 28 to view a free screening of the new documentary, What Happened 2 Chocolate City? Chocolate City was a nickname for Washington, D.C., during the years when the city’s population was majority black. With changing racial demographics, the name has fallen out of common use.

The film examines how gentrification has affected the city’s black communities, as told by individuals from three generations. One effect is that aging public housing projects are being torn down and replaced by new homes or apartments that are not affordable for displaced residents.

The film was followed by a discussion with filmmakers Mignotae Kebede and Mansa Johnson, and Mike Perry who was in the film and represented one of the generational experiences. OGT’s Oliver Gaycken got a work-out taking the microphone around the auditorium to people


who had something to say, and the discussion lasted more than an hour.

Many audience members praised the film or related their personal experiences as D.C. natives or members of D.C. families who had resettled in Prince George’s County. The film was eye-opening for some audience members, and it portrayed a personal experience for others.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, March 21, 2019
 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.

Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on March 21, 2019

B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns


- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on February 21, 2019
- Discussing Confidential Matters Pertaining to Two Individual Members
- A Rental Permit Request from a Member
- Consider the Terms and Conditions of the Following Contracts in the Negotiation Stage:
 - o 2019 Contract for Gutter Cleaning – 2nd Reading
 - o 2019 Contract for Frame Crawlspace Electrical Improvements - 1st Reading
- Member Financial Matters

C. GDC Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.45 p.m.

- Item of information: Proposed Removal of Tree to Facilitate Installation of Cooling Towers at 21-27 Parkway

D. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins after GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns

- Proposed Computer Software and Server Upgrades - 2nd Reading
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on February 21, 2019
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on February 21, 2019
- Long Range Planning Committee Report for the Period July 2018 to January 2019
- Long Range Planning Committee Proposal re: Member Outreach
- Companion Animal Committee Report for the Period July to December 2018
- Woodlands Committee Report for the Period July to December 2018
- Investment Committee 2018 Report
- ARC Proposal re: 30-Day Membership Comment on Design Review Process and Rules for Privacy Screens
- Greenbelt Community Foundation’s Request for a Donation
- Bicycle Committee Proposal to Install Bike Racks
- Bicycle Committee Recommendation for Changing Parking Rules to Accommodate Bicycles
- Bicycle Committee Proposal to Participate in a Bike to Work Day at the Greenbelt Recreation Center on May 17, 2019
- Establish Policy for Using ghi.coop e-mail Accounts



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Whereas, women play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation; and

Whereas, women have been leaders in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and in the forefront of most progressive social change movements; and

Whereas, from the early days of Greenbelt to the present, women, like Eleanor Roosevelt, have been advocates and thought leaders in our community; and

Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of women has too often been overlooked and undervalued, in the literature and study of history. Now therefore, be it resolved, I, Emmett V. Jordan, hereby proclaim that March is designated as National Women's History Month and to recognize the role of women in the history of the City of Greenbelt.

After the proclamation, Jordan invited Williamson to share some memories of Greenbelt past that highlighted women's leadership roles. She talked about a local advisory group she was a member of whose job was to provide input to Prince George's County School Board officials who were making plans to establish a high school in Greenbelt.

Williamson said that at first, the School Board officials were planning for a high school that emphasized preparing students for skilled labor sorts of jobs, but the group explained to the officials that such a school would not meet the needs of all of Greenbelt. Greenbelt, they had to explain, was filled with diverse students and needed a school that would also carry an academic curriculum to prepare students for college.

School officials also proposed naming the new high school Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, but again the advisory group had to explain that in fact it was Eleanor Roosevelt who was instrumental in helping to form Greenbelt's unique character.

Councilmembers Leta Mach, Judith Davis and Silke Pope discussed women who had served on council and as mayor of Greenbelt over the years. Davis recounted an incident when she was mayor when a young boy and his mother approached her in the grocery. The boy's mother, urged her son to "go ahead, ask her your question," so he asked Davis, "Are you really the may-

or?" Davis said she had affirmed that she was, indeed, the mayor. The boy's mother said that her son had always thought she had to be the mayor's wife, not the actual mayor. Mach made a plea for using the term councilmember or councilperson instead of councilman or councilwoman so that Greenbelt youth can learn that the role is not connected with one gender or the other.

Davis and other meeting attendees reminisced about when it was against a local ordinance for women in Greenbelt to wear shorts at Roosevelt Center. Former councilmember Konrad Herling recounted how his mother, Frances Herling, along with a few of her friends, wore shorts to Roosevelt Center one hot summer afternoon to express their disagreement with the law. They were arrested and spent two hours in jail, before being released with a request to please



Mary Lou Williamson speaks after receiving the proclamation.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

wear a dress or slacks or even blue jeans next time they visited the center of town. Within a few months the council changed the law. Herling pointed out that the shorts his mother wore that day were hemmed at least two inches below the knee, and that the demonstration happening on a very hot summer day showed her complaint to be a practical and common-sense one.

During the discussion, Davis shared what she called a loose quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: "A woman is like a tea bag; you don't know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

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members aware that the program was coming to Prince George's County.

The February 8 event saw many in attendance, including Prince George's County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros, school board members and other neighboring partners that serve Greenbelt Middle School students.

Offering the program was an easy decision for Valentine. "I look for as many opportunities for my students to be exposed to colleges and careers, as well as opportunities that I can identify outside of our school budget to provide some additional instruction and enrichment," she said.

As a parent herself, Valentine understands the struggle to find appropriate resources for different age groups, but this program targets all ages of fifth- through eighth-graders. For that reason, she said, "We loved the opportunity because it was a full-year program that attracts parents and that offers summer engagement and is free."

Turner, who represents Green-

belt, had few concerns about the program, but wondered if the school has the capacity for it. "I'm supportive of the program because of its focus particularly on providing mentoring opportunities for students who have limited access to similar resources to their peers," he said.

Before the program begins this summer, Valentine plans to get together with the instructional leadership team at the middle school to identify underserved students.

Both Turner and Valentine alike hope that Greenbelt Middle School can be a model for expansion. Turner added, "Not only in my district, but [schools] county-wide too, could take advantage of this program."

Lauren Moses is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.



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mentioned that there was a bake sale going on as she spoke. She ended her presentation by reminding the committee that their support of the bond bill will have a positive impact as long as the sun continues to shine.

One Foot Forward

Now the Co-op waits for the outcome. In fact, just getting before the legislature was no small feat. Only about one in nine applications is accepted but reaching the committee means the idea has a considerably higher chance. Passing that initial scrutiny is a tough hurdle already successfully leapt with the help of sponsors State Senator Paul Pinski and State Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Anne Healey. Bills that are heard are funded about 90 percent of the time, though not always for the full amount requested. It is likely that the first intimation of success will come at the end of March with funds becoming available in the summer.

Plans for the underlying roof will go ahead once the weather warms up and contributors may be requested to make their pledges good in the next several weeks to allow the project to begin. Though the Co-op is optimistic about the bond bill, they know a second round of fundraising and grant writing may be needed if it is not fully funded.

This week's Co-op advertisement (see below) gives the status of the ongoing pledge drive. Co-op's Joe Gareri, who keeps the tally, proclaims himself anxious to add more funds to the growing total. Gareri, one of the

original founders of the Greenbelt Farmers Market, is a long-time supporter of sustainability and renewable energy. He and board member Bill Jones (who constructed the investment and donation strategy) are particularly enthusiastic about donations such as can be made by Co-op patrons using the little tickets at the cash register which enable shoppers to chip in with a small donation without barely ruffling their checkbook.

Dorrie Bates contributed to this report.

Bake Sale

In a perfect example of how communities can provide mutual support, the St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity held a bake sale in support of the Rays on the Roof campaign and will be presenting a check for \$500 to the fund. Co-op Board Member Linda Ivy noted that the Ladies of Charity has been so pleased with Co-op's relationship with the food pantry and Co-op's community outreach that they wanted to find a way to help.

As if that wasn't enough connectedness, the news got circulated to others because Co-op President Joe Timer and his wife Betty bought a cherry cheesecake from the sale (baker anonymous). The couple, a few days later, fell into conversation with the person exercising next to them in the Community Center gym only to find out it was she who baked the cheesecake. Small world!

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Robbery

March 6, 7:30 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered the Greenbelt Road Exxon, took items from the shelf and approached the register. The clerk recognized him as someone who had stolen merchandise from the station on previous occasions and a verbal altercation ensued. The man threatened the employee and raised up his shirt to display what the clerk believed to be a handgun in the man's waistband. The man then fled with the merchandise.

Assault

March 1, 11:38 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 42-year-old nonresident, arrested and charged with trespass on February 28, was arrested again and charged with first degree assault, second degree assault and trespass after he allegedly threw water on a woman and then cut her with a razor. He fled but was apprehended nearby, arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The woman refused treatment for minor injuries.

Fraud

March 4, 10:14 a.m., 7600 block Mandan Road and 5:44 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road. In each of these instances, a woman reported that a check that she had mailed never made it to the intended destination, but was instead intercepted, altered and cashed by an unknown suspect. Investigations of both incidents are ongoing.

Trespass

February 28, 10:43 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 42-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was located sleeping in a laundry room in Franklin Park apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

February 28, 4:41 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. An unattended cell phone was taken from a classroom at Eleanor Roosevelt High School two days earlier.

Arson

February 28, 9:52 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A fire was set in a trash dumpster. A person

possibly involved was observed running from the scene.

Vehicle Crime

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2002 Ford F-250 pickup truck stolen on March 2 from the 7900 block Mandan Road was recovered the same day by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 1700 block U Street, S.E. A 1997 Ford Taurus reported stolen to Baltimore County police was recovered in the 7900 block Mandan Road on March 2.

Two tags, Md. 4CW6701, were taken in the 100 block Lakecrest Drive. Two vehicles were rifled through one in the 90 block Ridge Road and the other on Hillside near Laurel Hill Road, each after windows were broken to gain access. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Glue Found: Check Your Mail Box

Greenbelt police recently found glue in a USPS box on Ridge Road as part of a mail fraud scheme. Before dropping mail in any mailbox, police recommend checking for glue or other adhesive substances inside the pull drawer. The glue can cause the mail to not drop down. The criminal can then take the mail, looking for checks to alter and for cash.

A Greenbelt resident reported mailing a check via a public USPS mailbox. The check was never received but instead had been altered and put in another account. Following this fraud report to the police department, a police detective contacted a Postal Service inspector to determine how this might have happened. Possible explanations given included breaking into the mailbox, dishonesty in the postal system during mail processing, or altering a mailbox with glue. The latter crime has been reported recently in several areas.

When police investigated, they found glue in the USPS mailbox in the 400 block of Ridge Road, according to George Mathews, public information liaison with the Greenbelt Police Department. He recommends checking by hand before leaving mail in a mailbox; the glue in this mailbox was gloppy and easy to detect.

Goddard Music and Drama Presents P.G. Wodehouse Play

by Anne Gardner

The NASA Goddard Music and Drama Club (MAD) spring show is *Leave It to Psmith*, a 1920s-era comedy by Ian Hay and P.G. Wodehouse. Wodehouse is best known for creating the characters Bertie and Jeeves as well as for his books and short stories about Blandings Castle. Wodehouse's signature witty dialogue is evident in this play, along with intrigue, romance and many hilarious situations. Several Greenbelt residents are involved in the play, including director Jon Gardner, co-producer Susan Breon, stage manager Anne Gardner, props designer Lynne Slater and cast members Sarah Nechamen, Jim Pasquale, Scott Ritz and Courtney Ritz.

In *Leave It to Psmith* (Wodehouse explained when he first created the character that the p is silent, as in psoup), the action revolves around the character of Ronald Eustace Psmith, who places an ad in the newspaper offering services ranging from dog-walking to assassination. Lady Middlewick has organized a house party at Blandings Castle, featuring readings by a



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Greenbelters Jim Pasquale (back left), Scott Ritz, Courtney Ritz (front left) and Sarah Nechamen rehearse for *Leave It to Psmith*.

couple of poets, where she can show off her newly-inherited diamonds. Her stepson Freddie hatches an elaborate scheme, aided by Psmith, to gain his own share of the inheritance so that he can marry his beloved Phyllis. He is not the only one interested in the diamonds, and hijinks ensue.

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Sports

Strong Women's Team Leads Raider Swimmers into 2019

by Samantha Bailor



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An ERHS student swims butterfly at a meet.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School swim team entered its 2018-2019 season in December, with its swimmers and coach looking forward to another year of success.

"[Our] girls are doing really well," stated senior captain Jeanette Betke. "I think the competition in Prince George's County is getting a little bit better, but we're still on top because we have a lot of solid swimmers."

The road to success, however, is often bumpy. A problem facing the team this year is its lack of strong male members. "I think this season is a lot more rough because we've lost a lot of our good guys...[The boys] lost to Flowers by one point [because we were] missing a couple of our top swimmers, which was really painful for me," stated junior captain Liam Roy.

"All of the boys are really feeling the pressure," continued sophomore Danny Ontiveros. "We really miss the class of 2018, but I'm hopeful about the rest of the season and the underclassmen."

Regardless of whether or not the boys regain their undefeated title, Coach Dave Basile emphasized that winning is not the team's top priority. "The key is self-improvement and having fun. If we lose, we lose - as long as we're having fun." A lot of the enjoyment revolves around morale. "It's fun to be part of a team that has a lot of spirit," said freshman Henry Couch.

Making posters and paper plate awards and cheering for friends during events are just some of the ways to keep team spirit high. "You do a lot of high-fiving," laughed Betke.

Morale is also maintained during team bonding, such as gathering for breakfast after 6 a.m. practices. "[It's] a family environment," added Roy. "As a team, we mesh really well."

While being a team is important, it is also crucial that every member performs well independently. "Swimming is a little different than...field sports [because] everyone has to do really well individually...it's more of an individual sport [in that] you need to focus really specifically on improving your time," stated Betke.

Sophomore Samantha Hong, a former Junior Olympics swimmer, finds reward in this. "You just feel so great because you know that when you get somewhere, it's because of you."

From exciting individual races to pre-meet "pasta parties," there is rarely a dull moment on the ERHS swim team. "There's never a time when it's boring," said sophomore Ethan Kelly. "It's a great environment."

Samantha Bailor is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a member of the Raider Review (student newspaper) staff. This article was first published on February 26.

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basket led by the smooth shooting of senior guard Cameron Brown, who poured in a plethora of first half threes. Brown's most memorable moment of the week was likely his two-handed baseline slam as the first quarter buzzer sounded against High Point.

Fellow senior Jaamir Butler added to the highlight reel with a behind-the-head pass that resulted in a layup. With three blowout victories, the entire week lacked a tense playoff atmosphere, instead morphing into an entertaining series of romps. Now the Raiders have their sights set on their third state championship under head coach Brenden O'Connell. First they will tip-off at 7 p.m. versus Dulaney High School at the University of Maryland on Thursday, March 14. With a victory there, the Raiders will play in Saturday night's 7 p.m. state championship against either the Richard Montgomery Rockets or the Broadneck Bruins.

Unfortunately, the Lady Raiders' quest at a repeat state title ended with a loss against the eventual region champions, the C.H. Flowers Jaguars. After a mostly back and forth first half, Roosevelt fell into a 10-point halftime hole, which grew to a 14-point deficit in the third quarter. Led by the post game of junior Daja Claiborne and the drives of guard Norma Thornhill, the Lady Raiders whittled the deficit to 3. However, in a tightly officiated game, the Jaguars were more efficient from the foul line, while Roosevelt struggled with three starters managing four fouls for the majority of the second half. Senior forward Makayla Adams fouled out with about a minute left deflating any remaining hope for the Lady Raiders' comeback. The final buzzer sounded-Flowers' 68-58 victory. Along with Claiborne and Thornhill, the Lady Raiders will return guards Nylah Lee and Sameera Smith as key contributors for next season.



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Guard Cameron Brown highlights a senior-laden squad headed to the state semi-finals.

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Searching for Greenbelt's African American History

by Amy Hansen



Men come to work at Greenbelt, July 1936. The badges they are wearing denote whether each man is a skilled or unskilled worker.

Tricia Glaser, a second-year graduate student at the University of Maryland, wants to know more about the African American workers who helped build Greenbelt. This is also a topic that interests the Greenbelt Museum director, Megan Searing Young. Glaser and Young are teaming up to find answers for Glaser's research project.

Glaser explained, "I'm trying to uncover the African American history of Greenbelt and the surrounding area from the 1930s and onward. The overarching goal is to find items [such as] photos, government documents, [and] old newspaper articles for the museum's archive that will enrich their collection and provide a more comprehensive picture of the town's heritage."

The research is much like a scavenger hunt, Glaser said. She has found some primary sources such as World War II draft cards that identify African American men living in the Greenbelt area. She is also speaking with historians, including Susan Pearl of the Prince George's County Historical Society. Glaser is also reaching out to the community.

"I'm hoping that there are some long-time Greenbelt residents with first- or second-hand knowledge of African American families who lived, worked or went to school in the area who might be willing to talk with me," Glaser said. "I've discovered through 1940 census records that there were at least three African American families living somewhere within Greenbelt

at that time, although not in the community created by President Roosevelt's administration. I've also read multiple sources that mention 14 African American families who were living on farms in the area prior to Greenbelt's construction, and I have been trying to learn more

about that."

Glaser said she is trying to gather information as soon as possible but no later than mid-April as she needs to turn in her final paper by mid-May. She can be reached at pglaser7@gmail.com.

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Magnolia Joins Annapolis March Supporting Schools

by Amy Hansen



PHOTO COURTESY OF PHYLLIS GILLEN

Faculty, staff and students from Magnolia Elementary School join the March for Our Schools in Annapolis on March 11.

Magnolia Elementary School students, faculty and parents joined the rest of the county and state for a march in Annapolis on March 11, demanding equitable and adequate funding for all schools and students.

"The March for Our Schools is our chance to raise our voices in support of adequate and equitable funding, required student support services, competitive salary and compensation, and universal pre-kindergarten," wrote Monica Goldson, interim chief executive officer.

Goldson explained that the march was in favor of the Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence (Kirwan Commission) which recently issued key recommendations.

"Maintaining the state's commitment to ensuring that all children have access to adequately and equitably funded education within accountable systems, the Kirwan Commission's recommendations have the potential to dramatically transform Maryland schools and opportunities for our students," she wrote.

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Spring Forward: How It Doesn't Always Work

by Tempus Fugit Infans

The clocks went forward this week. Spring Forward, Fall Back. Not too hard to remember.

In my defense, I did remember.

But my problem wasn't actually stupidity on my part. No, I was the victim of technology on one hand and human foible on the other.

Here's how it went down.

I was staying in a rental house at a ski resort and we had agreed that to foil the weekend crowds we would drive to the resort early, get a great parking spot because the parking lot was nearly empty and have coffee up by the lifts to get in line for first tracks on the new snow.

The clock in my bedroom was a blue glowing thing with giant blue numbers visible at 50 feet. Rather than tackle its many buttons, I decided I would leave it alone and simply ADD an hour mentally to what it showed. I duly awoke and the clock showed 5 a.m. Great, I said to myself, it's really 6 a.m. and

in 15 more minutes, I'll get up. When the clock said 5:15 I went downstairs and got some juice and took a photo of the banana that the mice were eating for a time lapse movie I was making to show the landlady that we were NOT making up the mice. A few minutes later one of my housemates showed up. Great, I thought, here we go.

But the four others were nowhere to be seen. The clocks in the kitchen all agreed with my clock. It was 5:30 on the clocks and the real time was therefore 6:30 a.m. (Spring Forward – don't forget that). At 6:30 a.m. (we planned to leave at 7:15) I could restrain myself no longer. Tap-tap on a door, tap-tap on another. "Time to get up," I say in my best flight attendant voice.

One of them drags himself out of bed and opens the door to his room. He says, "Hey Fugit, what can you be (expletive deleted) thinking. It's 5:30." "Not possible," I say, with conviction. "I added an hour to my clock. My clock and these clocks all say

the same thing and the clocks changed so I added an hour. Spring Forward, dear boy, Spring Forward!"

Alas, and to cut a long story short, the clock by my bed was somehow hooked to the internet and knew it was supposed to add an hour. So it added an hour and 5:30 was just that – 5:30 and not 6:30. It did this with not a word to me. So, when it showed 5:30 and I added an hour, I was doubling up on the springing forward and getting up two hours earlier than before. Instead of 5:30 in the old time, I had gotten up at 4:30 in the old time. Confused? Join the club.

You may well ask, gentle reader, how come all the clocks in the kitchen matched my internet-inspired timepiece. Good question.

The trip was populated with physicists, astronomers and engineers. One of them, a physicist, but it hardly matters, had felt compelled before he went to bed to fix all the clocks in the house to the new time. This sort of be-

havior is a problem common to technical types. People who measure things in nano-seconds are a bit picky about whole hours. So, the clocks in the house matched the clock in my bedroom (which, you may remember, had fixed itself without my permission). So I fell victim, once again, to the time-space continuum.

There are several lessons to be learned here. First is that apparently inanimate objects may be connected to the internet and have a mind of their own. Do not believe anything electronic. Second is to be cautious about going on trips with scientists and engineers – who cannot leave anything alone.

But there is one upside to report. After six months of being off by an hour, the clock in my car is finally correct again. For a while.

T. F. Infans is the nom-de-plume of a regular writer who prefers not to be thought of as a complete nimrod. Apart from that, everything in this story is true. Including the mice.

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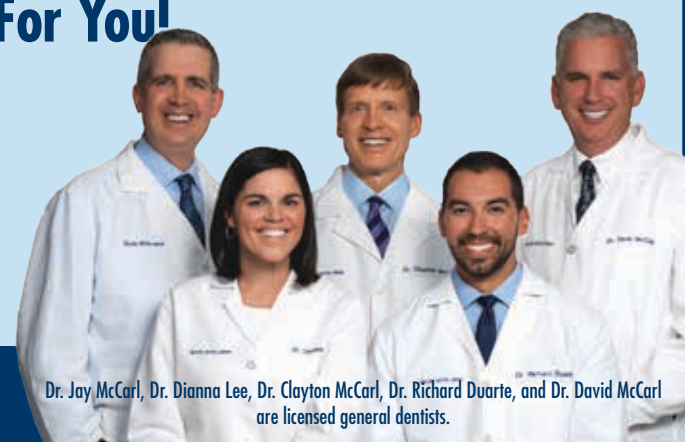
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