**Council Reviews TIF Financing To Build South Core Parkway**

by Thomas X. White

With the early stages of residential development underway at Greenbelt Station South Core, Woodlawn Development (developers of the South Core) has requested the City of Greenbelt to begin consideration of the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. This move would legally define the property from which TIF revenue could be utilized to finance the Greenbelt Station Parkway.

Previously known as the North-South Connector, the Parkway would be the main entrance to the development from Greenbelt Road and the transportation link to the Greenbelt Road Metrorail Station. Ultimately it would lead to a new Southbound ramp from the Metro Station to I-95/295.

The Greenbelt City Council work session on the issue was held on Monday, March 3. All members of council were in attendance along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Celia Craze, director of the City Planning & Community Development Department. Also in attendance was the city's bond counsel John A. Stafford of the Miles & Stockbridge law firm.

Representing Woodlawn Development were Norman D. Rivera, Esq., and Justin Fry, site manager for the new development. Prior to the TIF-related discussion, Fry and Rivera had provided council with the current status for the South Core Development.

Craze related the history of the TIF issue and staff briefed them on timing and mechanics for city consideration of the first step in the process, which would be to establish the TIF district.

**South Core Status**

Fry said construction, site work and utility work are ongoing and that the first residents are moving in. He noted that Ryan Homes has sold three two-over-two condos and nine 24-foot-wide town homes. NVR has sold nine 24-foot-wide town homes. Fry said the break in the weather should help sales.

Permits have been submitted for the second phase of development and the proposed Greenbelt Station Parkway. He also noted that Woodlawn is holding off on construction of two more two-over-two condos because they are closer to Greenbelt Road and the company wants to maintain a better view of the active marketing of the homes.

Rivera said plans for the proposed multi-family units are at the permit stage. He noted that the revised conceptual site plan for the South Core should be approved by the Prince George's Planning Board later this month.

In response to a question from Council Member Judith Davis regarding Metro access, the presentation indicated that Metro has not cooperated fully on plans for a pedestrian link to the development from Greenbelt Station South Core.

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**Women's History Month**

March is Women's History Month. In observance, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known here. The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

**NASA Physicist Mona Kessel Studies Radiation Belts**

by Amy S. Hansen

Greenbelt and physicist Mona Kessel are turning on a satellite that takes fortunate positions for hours of planning, building and testing, the new instruments are orbiting Earth. Are they going to turn on work and work correctly? What if there's a glitch? No one can go out there to fix it.

Kessel was with patience and some trepidation, that she and her team turned on the two Van Allen Probes a year and a half ago (August 30, 2012). They were excited that their probes would be the first to measure the Van Allen radiation belts in many years. They were prepared for the mission but it still had surprises.

Physicists have avoided sending probes into Earth’s radiation belts because of, well, the radiation. The belts are made up of charged particles trapped in Earth’s magnetic field. Instruments have been welcome, Evans said. “That was a hard pill to swallow.”

Contractors noticed structural damage during renovation, according to the school’s administration. A full report released in June identified those problems in every wing of the building. The report concluded that concrete walls and support beams needed to be replaced.

At the school’s most recent PTSA meeting in February, principal Nasser Abi announced that the building’s floor and ceiling tiles had been replaced and that plans are under way for a new playground. Abi also told parents that the school had received 17 smart boards to be installed before students arrive in August.

Second Year

Abi, who also serves as assistant principal, served as assistant principal for five years before that, he said on Monday.

“I really want us to have a building to call our own,” Abi said. “That’s very important to me.”

Abi’s presence at these meetings has been welcome, Evans said. In her second year as PTSA president, she said parents have had a good experience thus far with the school’s new administration.

“When we have questions, we’re able to get answers,” Evans said. “We don’t feel like we’re in the dark.”

According to Evans, this has not always been the case. Just over two years ago, the PTSA formed the Greenbelt Middle School Parents, while in an effort to move more involved in the transition.

“At the time,” Evans said, “Woodlawn felt that they were on a good line of communication from the administration.”

Since forming the task force, she said parents have been able to take a more active role in the

What Goes On

Friday, March 14
1 to 3 p.m., Free Ice Cream Social, Greenbelt Community Center
Saturday, March 15
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Free Stormwater Solutions Workshop, Registration is required at https://stormwater.solveitsurely.com.
Contact alex@clayquest.com or 240-542-2168
Monday, March 17
8 p.m., Council Worksession, Organizational Study, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal
Wednesday, March 19
7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
8 p.m., Council Worksession, Transit Meeting, Community Center

**Women Were Early Leaders In Greenbelt’s Civic Life**

by Sandra A. Lange

Alli Hartley, a senior at the University of Maryland, presented the Greenbelt Museum’s February lecture on “Greenbelt Women and Civic Participation.” Hartley is the Greenbelt Museum’s first Dorothy Sucher Memorial Intern. Dorothy Sucher was a Greenbelt Museum founder and her husband, Joseph, created an internship at the Greenbelt Museum to further his late wife’s interest in the organization.

Hartley’s main premise was that Greenbelt women defied the stereotype of women as June Cleaver-type housewives who were interested in shopping their houses and baking cookies. From the very beginning in 1937 Greenbelt women assumed leadership roles in the community. Although most Greenbelt women did not have paid jobs (exceptions, including widows, teachers and those who worked in the local drug store and other local businesses), Hartley maintained that their numerous volunteer activities empowered them to seek political roles. For example, Ruth Taylor was elected to the first Town Council in 1937. In 1949 Elizabeth “Betty” Harrington was elected to be Greenbelt’s first female mayor. Harrington felt that by being home all day, she was more aware of the issues facing the community.

Both Taylor and Harrington were early proponents of consumer issues. In 1938 a consumer discussion group morphed into the Better Buyer’s Club which focused on educating people—especially women—to be more informed consumers. The group successfullylobbyed for a county-wide ordinance regulating the quality of milk and testifying at legislative hearings at the national

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Gardens Are Community Treasures

On returning from grocery shopping I sat down to read the News Review, in particular articles about our community gar-
dens (February 27 issue).

Fresh in my mind was the price I paid for a green pepper ($1.25) and a very few onions at $1.47 a pound! Can this na"i ve but I cannot re-
tegrate to any articles that would not enthusiastically encourage the planting of gardens in Greenbelt (or anywhere).

For a community that prides itself on its public image, what better image than that of a place where residents are responding to current and everyday concerns? Now, when good nutrition is of

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GHL Notes
Friday, March 14, Office Closed. For emergency mainte-
nance call 301-474-6001.
Tuesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHL Lobby
Tuesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Com-
mitee – GHL Library Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room.
Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Former ERHS Music Teacher Gives Recital
Emily Armoa sings at the New Deal Café at kids’ open microphone session.

Open Microphone Session for Kids Sun.
A kids’ open microphone session will be held at the New Deal Café on Sunday, March 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Exploring the Best Ways to Speak Up
On Friday, March 21 at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited will present a panel on how individ-
uals and their family members can advocate for themselves in a hospital or healthcare setting. On the panel will be Paula Mattson-Sarli, Esq., and an elder law attorney; Helen Barnes, RN, a geriatric psychology nurse and consultant; and Mark Asch, a law attorney; Helen Barnes, RN, a geriatric psychology nurse and consultant; and Mark Asch, a law attorney; Helen Barnes, RN, a geriatric psychology nurse and consultant; and Mark Asch, a law attorney.

Non-Stop, PG-13
Friday, March 14, 11:40, 3:25, 6:55
Mr. Peabody and Sherman, PG (!)
Friday, March 14, 11:10, 1:45, 7:20
Single Moms Club, PG-13 (!)
Friday, March 14, 10:25, 1:50, 7:20
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Friday, March 14, 11:50, 2, 4:35, 7:25

Support for Early Memory Impairment
A new support group offered by Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) for those with early stage memory impairment will start on Wednesday, March 26 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Community Events

More Community Events are throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Arts Center LAST WEEK TO SEE
The Creation of the World and Other Business – March 21 - April 5 - guest liaison from the Berlin, NJ Celtic Concert – April 26 – Homespun Ceilidh Band
For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email info@greenbeltartscenter.org

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at greenbeltartscenter.org
123 Centenary – Greenbelt, MD 20770 - Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

Friday, March 14 at 8pm &
Sat Mar 15 at 2pm
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**City Information**

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 17-21**


Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30pm, PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 19 at 9pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION: TRANSIT MEETING at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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

For information call 301-474-8000.

**STORMWATER SOLUTIONS**

Saturday, March 15, 2014 (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Greenbelt Public Works Building

555 Crescent Road

This FREE workshop provides solutions to stormwater runoff and pollution. Homeowners, teachers, churches, and community members can learn about rain barrels and how to protect their watershed by improving water quality! The workshop also includes:

- Eco-tour of Greenbelt Public Works facility of green infrastructure
- Educational and fun activities for families, including a watershed model
- Opportunity to purchase and decorate your own rain barrel!


Spaces are limited! FREE and OPEN to the public.

Contact alex@chears.org or 240-542-2168

**Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution**

At its regular meeting of February 24, 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until April 5, 2014, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on April 25, 2014, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. An also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article Xi-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, found in Whole or In Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983, as Amended) in Chapter 77, Subchapter 4, Sections 1-20, “Amendment Procedure,” (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1)

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to allow a member of Council to abstain from voting so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:

1. When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.
2. When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or business that the member has a close personal relationship with; thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.
3. When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

**GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER**

Eddie is a 1-year-old Coonhound mix pup. He is extremely affectionate and thinks he is a lap dog, even though he is about 45 lbs. Eddie learns VERY quickly. He knows his basic commands and he is a very sweet little guy. Eddie is a little nervous, and feels more confident around other dogs. He would do best in a home that has another dog. Eddie is currently in foster care but is waiting for his forever home.

The Animal Shelter really needs help with fostering dogs and cats. There are several animals in the shelter that could use some focused attention to flourish. Are you willing, but are concerned about long work days, travel conflicts, supplies, etc? The Shelter does its best to work with potential foster parents. Please come in and talk with Lauren or Susie, the Animal Control Officers at the Shelter about any questions you might have. Fostering is a wonderful way to help an animal while they find their forever home.

The shelter is in need of laundry detergent, wet and dry dog food & wet and dry cat food. Thank you very much!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

**Have you been to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center lately?**

Come check us out, we have new fitness equipment to help you stay fit and healthy. Some of the new equipment includes:

- Cybex Treadmills
- PRE-COR Elliptical Trainers
- Octane Lateral X Elliptical Trainers
- Concept 2 Rowing Machines

We have the same low membership prices as last year. Check us out and get in shape!

Learn more about the City of Greenbelt, Upcoming Activities, Services, Events and more! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK! www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Friday, March 14 from 1-3pm**

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road

Free! Make your own Sundaes!
walkway route from the South Core project to the Greenbelt Station. They hope the problems can be resolved and such access completed by the summer. Council offered to help in securing progress for the walkway.

Background on TIF

In preparation for the briefing, Craze provided the full historical background on the TIF in a memorandum to council dated February 25 and a copy of the January 2006 Annexation Agreement which the city entered into with Greenbelt MetroPark, L.L.C., the previous owners of the Greenbelt Station site.

Also included was a portion of a November 2007 staff report that outlined the earlier complicated negotiations between the city and the original developers.

The resulting development agreement between the city and the developers came about after the city’s successful court challenge to the original Greenbelt Station plan approved in September 2001. The 2005 agreement set limits on total development needs, the agreement states that the total amount borrowed by the city may be reduced, delayed, or otherwise restructured,” she advised the council.

First Step

The initial step will be council action to define the TIF district. This was the stated purpose for the briefing and the request of the project developers. It was estimated that the definition or establishment of the TIF district would take a six-to-nine-month process.

According to Woodlawn representative,9 the process could be critical in order to secure a base amount of financing and to better ensure the support of sufficient property owners in creating the TIF district.

In order to approve the TIF district, two-thirds of the property owners as well as the property holders of two-thirds of the assessed value must agree. The longer it takes to create the TIF district, the more difficult it may be to secure approval by an increasing number of property owners.

Council Concerns

Councilmember concerns related to the issuance of adequate notice to new homeowners and that they receive full disclosure regarding the potential for the TIF and, in general, that they have an interest in bonds in today’s market and how the TIF could impact the city and its overall financial standing. It was on the initial step to establish the TIF district.

There was general agreement on Mayor Emmett Jordan’s suggestion that staff prepare a proposed resolution enabling the establishment of a TIF District consisting of property in the annexation agreement.

The show features memory about the transition, which they deliver at PTSA meetings throughout the year.

Stakes Arrive

Evans thinks that the process has also been smoother since the arrival of Clarence Stokes, who took over last February as chief of Supporting Services for Prince George’s County Public Schools.

“He made a commitment to communicate with the parent body,” Evans said, “and he has kept that commitment.”

$700,000 Renovations

According to the school’s website, the Prince George’s County Board of Education has approved $700,000 for renovations.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its regular monthly workshop on Thursday, March 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

This month’s subject is “Healthy Communication: how to define communication, communication styles and effective communication strategies for dealing with loved ones with mental illnesses.” The presenter is Victoria Karakcheyeva, Volunteers of America’s (VOA) program director for Community Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program, Opportunity for Growth Housing and Second Chance Re-Entry Programs.

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The former Greenbelt Middle School on Edmonston Road is still being renovated, but by this August it will be the new home of the Robert Goddard French Immersion School.

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ERHS Students Present Science Research in Japan

by Stephen Waldron

Three students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) were honored for outstanding science research in December, having been given the chance to present their work in Japan at a major symposium.

Seven students were invited to audition for the chance to go to Japan, presenting their research to a panel of judges including their principal, Reginald McNell. The panel chose seniors Vishnu Rachakonda and juniors Michael Stevens and Matthias Early to make their presentation at the symposium in Sendai.

The invitation came from the Japan Science and Technology Agency, which encourages collaboration between students of different cultures. Takashi Obama, director of the agency’s Washington office, visited ERHS, where he was impressed by its science and technology program. The third annual Science Talk Live Symposium kicked off on December 14 in the International Center at Tohoku University. The university sponsored the entire event, which allowed Rachakonda, Stevens and Early to travel free of charge.

The conference was also broadcast live online, which made it possible for Matthias Early’s parents, who stayed up until 3 a.m. to watch from Greenbelt as he presented his research. “It was hard to believe that our son was up there,” Sally Davies said. “It was very thrilling.”

Early

Early spoke at the symposium about his linear induction launcher, a machine that uses magnets to launch objects at different speeds. Early, who has always been interested in engineering, developed the idea himself.

“I really like the idea of things moving without you touching them,” Early said.

During his presentation, Early explained that this electromagnetic technology was stronger at colder temperatures. He suggested that it could be used to make underground trains more efficient.

Stevens

Michael Stevens presented his research on developing networks that can recognize patterns. Because these patterns work similarly to a brain, Stevens proposed they could be used to improve cruise-control in cars or automatic steering in boats.

Rachakonda

Rachakonda spoke at the symposium about his research in tumor scanning. His experiment involved scanning for tumors in a circular pattern, which he discovered would save time and produce a sharper image of a tumor. Officials from the Japanese Ministry of Education greeted the students after their presentations. Early said they were eager to discuss the differences between Japanese and American education and had been impressed with the students’ presentations.

The students were accompanied on their trip by the Japanese teacher Tetsuo Ogawa. He said they were nervous before the symposium but had also been determined to perfect their speeches.

“I heard them practicing again and again in their hotel rooms,” Ogawa said. “They really put so much effort into their presentations.”

Ogawa served as the students’ chaperone but Early explained that Ogawa also made most of their travel arrangements. “We didn’t write for fame but to entertain people,” said Coleman. “They wanted to present their work as a way to show their talent.”

Auditions for the chance to go to Japan were held at Roosevelt High School (ERHS) in December have been determined to perfect their presentations.

The students’ trip to Japan was the result of a collaboration between ERHS and Tohoku University. The symposium, which was held at the university, featured presentations by students from ERHS and other schools in Japan, as well as keynote speakers from the fields of science and technology.

Information on next year’s Science Talk Live Symposium has not been released but Ogawa hopes ERHS will be represented again in 2014.

“We don’t know which universities will host next year,” Ogawa said, “but we’re ready.”

Students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, ready to present their research at the Science Talk Live Symposium in Sendai, Japan: from left, Matthias Early, Michael Stevens and Vishnu Rachakonda. On the right is Tetsuo Ogawa, ERHS Japanese teacher and trip chaperone.

After Greenbriar resident Derek A. Coleman, Jr., received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he took up writing as a hobby. At 25, he filled four journals with prose until the final product culminated into his first book, The Summoning Fire: Wrath of Ogun, released last month.

Coleman, who goes by the pen name of Gregory Sire, describes his work as horror suspense. He said he wrote and published his first for a distinct purpose.

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The Summoning Fire revolves around a mysterious talisman and takes place on a fictitious island off South Africa, as well as in New Orleans, Newport News and Hawaii. Coleman also designed the book cover relying on skills he taught himself while attending Prince George’s Community College before enlisting in the Army and serving as a mortarman at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. He attended Duval High School before deciding to earn his GED at the Harpers Ferry Job Corps.

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Local Rotarians Gather Supplies For School in Dominican Republic

by Horntence Barber

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is seeking donations that will enable them to continue a project in the Dominican Republic that is one of the local group’s outreach projects, most of which, closer to home, directly benefit Greenbelt.

For many travelers a trip to the Dominican Republic means three things – bright sunshine, white beaches and clear blue water. It wasn’t much different for Greenbelt Crystal Benjamin when she traveled to scenic Punta Cana in the summer of 2011 for a girls’ get-away. However, it was during a day-time tour through a much less glitzy part of nearby town Bavaro when Benjamin’s thoughts turned to charity. “I noticed that some of the other tourists would hand out supplies to kids as we passed along the street in our vehicle,” she said, recalling the excursion she had taken with other vacationers. “I thought ‘what a great idea and wonderful way to assist others,’” she said. At that point, Benjamin, an associate member of Greenbelt’s Rotary Club, decided that her next trip to the developing nation would be meaningful.

The service organization has historically been active both locally and internationally for 25 years, providing grants for local students at Springhill Lake Elementary School, bikes for the needy in Jamaica and, with a network of clubs across the world, building two schoolhouses in Punta Cana through Rotary Cares. With the solid network at Rotary, Benjamin has been able to return to the Caribbean nation a handful of times since 2011 with school supply donations collected from club members, family and friends. The donations go to students at Rotary-sponsored schools in Bavaro and Macao.

Joyfully Received

During her last trip Benjamin said, items that many of us take for granted – pencils, markers, binders, paper – were joyfully received by the youngsters. “They were extremely grateful,” said Benjamin.

Prior to her trip last November, she was able to collect two suitcases full of supplies – one weighing 50 pounds and the other weighing a whopping 80 pounds. Fellow Rotary Club member and travel agent Helen Svensen, who was able to collect two suitcases full of supplies – one weighing 50 pounds and the other weighing a whopping 80 pounds.

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Donations can be made to support supplies projects for the school during her trip in January. As much as they were able to help, the need far outweighs the amount of supplies the school is still strong and Benjamin, along with the Rotary Club, is determined to help. Later this year, she is returning to the nation and this time is hoping to take as many stuffed bags as possible of donations for needy students.

To Donate

The club is currently accepting school supply donations for Benjamin’s trip at several local businesses – Century 21 (401 Golden Triangle Drive #130) c/o Louis Pope; Greenbelt Travel (6411 Ivy Lane #106) c/o Helen Svensen; and SK Motors (10805 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, Md. c/o Steve Kemp). Additionally, the club is asking for monetary donations to offset luggage expenses.

For monetary contributions, please make checks payable to Greenbelt Rotary Club. For more information on this project and how to help, email Benjamin at capcorn3@gmail.com or visit the Greenbelt Rotary webpage at http://www.greenbeltrotary.org/ Arrangements can be made to pick up donations. The cutoff for donations is May 1.

Senior Softballers Seek New Teammates

The Greenbelters – the town’s team in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League – seeks new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, and new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, and must be able to play a game including travel to games and tournaments. Men must be able to play a game including travel to games and tournaments.

Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Celebrate Refuge Anniversary Saturday

Celebrate the birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System on Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

The free celebration includes live animal Critter Chats from the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center, family-friendly music from Cody & BJ, story times by local author Cindy Frentz, and a visit to a small piece of the Chesapeake Bay coastline, interactive learning stations and more. No registration is required.

The Visitor Center is on Powell Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

2014 Spelling Bee At UM Next Week

The 2014 Prince George’s County Annual Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Dekelbout Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Co-sponsored by the Gazette and the Prince George’s County Arts Exchange (CPAE), may at- tend meetings on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. For more information visit www.facebook.com/groups/pho- to20740.

Front row: Belal Mobaidin (left) and Michael McFadden. Back row from left: Makayla Thomas, Imani Jones and Kiara Groves.

Valentine’s Dance Is Held At Magnolia Elementary

by Demetrice Bettis

About 70 fifth and sixth grade students attended the second annual Valentine’s Dance at Magnolia Elementary School, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Many cell phones were out taking “selfies and Usies” of the latest fashions for the boys and girls. They did the same for the dance moves.

Christian James, a grade 5 student in Miss Ager’s class, said many students commented that the music was great. Dawn James, president of the PTO, said, “While it is a lot of hard work all year, it is great seeing the culmination of this event.” In addition to students, parents, chaperones and teachers, the dance jockeys (DJs) were the big hit of the night. William C. Brown, former band director of the Prince George’s County Public Schools, and Joe Brown, retired vice-principal in Charles County, were responsible for the music. The PTO, providing food, decorations and a professional photographer, still made a profit on this event for the school.

Also attending were Principal Phyllis Gillens and Music Teacher Janna’s Canty.

Students said they were expected to be with friends, listening to great music. They did indeed appear to be having a good time at their “Awesome Party,” according to Kiara Groves.

Mizeur Phone Bank Sat. Callers Sought

Democrat Heather Mizeur is campaigning, along with running mate Delman Coates, a Prince George’s County commissioner, for governor and lieutenant governor. A group of supporters is making phone bank calls every Saturday for the team and is seeking help from others to call supporting their candidacy. For details call Dan Banker at 301-233-5814 or email d1danbanker@gmail.com.

CPEA Photography Club Meets Friday

Photography buffs who want to attend and participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPEA), may attend meetings on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. For more information visit www.facebook.com/groups/pho- to20740.
First New Data

But two years ago, the goal was to get the satellite probes up and running. Finally, scientists received their first data. “We saw something very unusual,” Kessel says, still sounding excited nearly two years later.

The probes’ new instruments were like putting on a better pair of glasses. Suddenly they could see clearly that the belts aren’t made of two bands of radiation as everyone had thought. There are three.

“Other observations preceded the models we had,” she says. Which is to say, great excitement took hold of the heliophysics field. This tactic was invigorating.

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While Kessel got used to being one of the few women physicists around Goddard, she says the field is changing. Now it is about 30 percent women. She says that in her NASA program downtown, two out of five scientists are women. It has taken a while for women to get to the headquarters positions but she thinks the numbers will continue to improve.

As for her, she’s happy to keep working downtown as program scientist, a position she took seven years ago, “and like to be at the center of things. I like to help set policy. But I will always be doing science too.”

After the lecture, Hartley (left) poses for a photo with Dr. Joseph Sucher, who endowed the Dorothy Sucher Memorial Internship at the Greenbelt Museum in memory of his wife Dorothy Sucher.

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Police Blotter


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

Robbery
February 26, 6 p.m., 8000 Lakecrest Drive. Two residents were approached from behind by a man who announced a robbery while producing a knife. He demanded the victims’ jackets and a cellphone. When one of the victims hesitated, the suspect cut his hand. The suspect fled the scene on foot after obtaining the property. The victim refused treatment for the cut on his hand.

Assault
March 4, 11:10 p.m., 6602 Greenbelt Road. A woman was dining inside Joe’s Crab Shack when the suspect began yelling at other patrons. He asked the suspect to stop yelling, and in turn was threatened with a knife. The suspect then punched the victim several times and sprayed her with what was believed to be pepper spray, then fled the scene in a gold-colored van. The victim refused medical treatment.

Robbery
February 28, 1:50 p.m., 9300 Edmonston Road. A woman entered an apartment building and was walking into a residence when she was pushed from behind onto the floor by two men, who demanded her son’s cellphone. One of the men started to choke her when she said she didn’t have the phone. The suspect went through her purse and without taking anything fled the scene. She refused medical attention.

DWI/DUI arrest
February 27, 1:30 a.m., 7800 Kenilworth Avenue. A 35-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Traffic Stop
March 1, 12:48 a.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A 50-year-old nonresident passenger in a vehicle was found to be in possession of a pipe commonly used to ingest cocaine. The vehicle had been stopped for a registration violation. The passenger exited the vehicle and the driver left the scene in the car. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

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Democratic Club March Activities

Thursday, March 13, 2014

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Sunday, March 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. The speaker will be Maryland Democratic Party Chair Yvette Lewis who will address the importance of electing progres- sive Democratic candidates instead of relying on Maryland’s solidly “blue” history.

On Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. they will co-sponsor with the New Deal Café a special Reel & Meal program showing and discussing the film “Inequality for All.” The film features Berkeley professor, former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich telling the story of the country’s growing economic gap between the wealthy and middle class and the diminishing rights of workers. In the film, time to coincide with the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson’s War on Poverty, he states the gap between classes has not been this wide since the Great Depression in the 1930s. The issue and discussion of the ramifications has led to efforts to increase state and national minimum wages and inspired the Occupy Wall Street protests. The usual vegan buffet will be available for purchase. Konrad Herling will lead the discussion following the film.

Older Adult Quality Of Life Research

The University of Maryland (UMD) School of Public Health is seeking help with a research project. UMD researchers would like to ask people what they think older adults, such as a family member, need and want to stay healthy, safe and be involved in the community. This research is part of a larger study on the goal of improving community life for older adults in Maryland.

Researchers from UMD will come to Green Ridge House on Thursday, March 13, to host a discussion group with caregivers in the Greenbelt community. The discussion group will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the dining room. Light refreshments will be served. During the discussion group, participants will be asked to share experiences and opinions. The conversation will be lively and enjoyable, but confidential.

Here’s how to participate: those who would like to join the discussion group, can provide their name and phone number to Sharon Johnson, Green Ridge House Resident Service Coordinator 301-412-2480. In a brief phone call from a UMD research team member participants will be asked a few short questions and then invited to join the discussion group if space is available.

For more information call Lori Simon-Rustinowitz, at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, 301-405-2548, or send an email to lasr@umd.edu.

Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, March 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building. To register call 301-324-4968.

Book Club to Discuss Women’s Nonfiction

Russian Music at National Gallery

On Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art concert series presents Irina Mozyueva, soprano, Magdalena Voruz, mezzo-soprano, Vera Danchenko-Stern and Gennadi Zapor, pianist in the West Building, West Garden Court. Music by Russian composers will be featured.

Orchid Symphony at Botanic Garden

The U.S. Botanic Garden’s (USBG) Conservatory Garden Court will be the site of a free concert on Friday, March 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. The program is “Orchid Symphony: A Little Night Music” featuring solo guitarist Christopher Jenkins.

Limited free seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

U.S. Botanic Garden Offers Tree Lecture

On Thursday, March 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m a lecture, Trees 101: Back to Basics, will be given by Education Technician Alex Torres.

Identifying trees and understanding their basic biology are critical components in maintaining healthy trees. This lecture is free, pre-registration is required. Visit www.usbg.gov to register.

Join Bird Walk At Lake Artemesia

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a guided bird walk at Lake Artemesia for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other birds on Thursday, March 20 at 3 p.m. The paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and along Indian Creek.

Meet at the parking lot at 2pm. A vegan buffet at 2pm - $13 (Please pay after you enter the cafe) or a la carte at the Cafe’s counter will precede the movie.

A discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held by the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. The book to be discussed March 21 is “On Saudi Arabia: Its People, Past, Religion, Fault Lines – and Future” by Karen Elliot House.

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

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For further information, please call (301) 220-1025.
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versy regarding beavers at Buddy Attick Park, the Chesapeake Edu-
cation Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), a local nonprofit that
seeks to restore and promote the health of the Chesapeake Bay
Watershed, conducted two beaver-
tree protection workshops last
month. The workshops educated
Greenbelters about beaver activity
at the lake park and how to assist
in protecting trees from damage.

According to a press release
issued by CHEARS, their goals
in the workshops, held in con-
junction with the Greenbelt Pub-
llic Works Department, were to
educate citizens about a wildlife
management issue and to dem-
strate that “ordinary folks can
become directly involved in a
productive stewardship activity.

In this case, participants
learned a proper technique for
protecting trees by placing metal
caging around the trunks of se-
lected trees to prevent access
by beavers. The February 1
workshop attracted 28 volunteers,
with 31 attending the February 8
workshop.

Beavers’ Role

The workshops started with a
presentation on the importance
of beavers’ role in the ecosystem
and why once again they have
become a problem in Buddy At-
tick Park, the Chesapeake Edu-
cation Arts and Research Society’s
site for restorations and述べ

To Protect Trees in Park

CHEARS Volunteers Help

In Support of the New Deal Café Board

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n January 27, 2014, the Board
of Directors (the Board) of The
New Deal Café Cooperative (the
Café) voted to dismiss the General Man-
ger (GM).

We, the undersigned members of the community are writing to indicate that
(1) we support the decision of the Board
to relieve the GM of her part-time
duties; and

(2) we view this action to be fully within
the scope of the Board’s responsibility
to ensure efficient and effective oper-
ation of the Café.

We have full confidence that this action was taken after careful consideration of
the former GM’s level of performance in
many areas, and that sufficient cause ex-
isted to take this action as supported by
the Café Bylaws.

The Café Bylaws state that the Board
shall appoint a general manager and that,
“Employment or removal of the general
manager must be voted by a majority of
the entire Board of Directors”, (Article
V, section 4; “Directors, Powers and Du-
ties”). The Board brought the above-ref-
erenced motion for dismissal and a ma-
jority vote was achieved.

It is also the view of the undersigned that the Board is proceeding in a responsible
and professional manner to ensure that all vital responsibilities of the former GM
are satisfied. These actions include (but
are not limited to) the hiring of an out-
side accounting firm to administer Café
payroll and taxes; making payments to
vendors and contractors; and supporting
restaurant and bar staff in the day to day
operation of the Café. It is also expected
that the Audit committee will continue to
provide valuable advice and oversight to
the Board as the Café moves forward on
other pressing issues.

The Café members voted to elect the
present Board of Directors, charging
the Board with certain responsibilities
for taking action where necessary. All
interested parties are welcome to attend
monthly Café Board meetings; member-
ship is not required to attend. The next
meeting is scheduled for Monday, March
31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Café. The yearly
General Membership Meeting will be in
May. Board Elections will be held at that
time and membership is required for vot-
ing. We strongly urge those who value the
current operation of the Café to join the
Co-op so that the election may result in
the continuation of a Board that supports
the music, employees and true coopera-
tive nature of the Café.

In closing, it is the feeling of the
undersigned that the cooperative
spirit is alive and well at the New
Deal Café and the current improvement
in professionalism, communication,
and morale will serve the membership,
patrons, and the entire Greenbelt
community.

Respectfully submitted by 57 community members, listed in copies of this letter
submitted to the Board and to the Greenbelters groups on Facebook and Yahoo.
Lady Raiders Win Regional and Advance to State

by Patrick Gleason

After a series of dominating victories in the regional playoffs, the Eleanor Roosevelt Lady Raiders appear ready to vanquish last season’s painful loss in the state semifinals. The Raiders (24-0) are scheduled to tip off Thursday evening at 5 p.m. against perennial state power Paint Branch High School. The tournament is being held at Towson University’s new SECU Arena.

The Raiders set the tone in their opening round game against Bowie High – only one of two regular season opponents not to succumb to a double digit defeat – as they commanded an early lead en route to a 73-38 victory. Paving the way with 24 points and 17 rebounds was Tolu Omokore, whose heart, hustle and height has overwhelmed opponents all season. The following night the Raiders dispatched a talented Flowers High squad 64-24 and claimed the regional championship Saturday with a 67-32 victory over the Laurel Spartans.

Roosvelt is hoping for its first state championship under fifth year coach Delton Fuller, although the Lady Raiders won five consecutive state titles from 2005-2009. Heading into the state tournament the Raiders will lean on the size of Omokore and freshman Jaala Henry, while Oceavia Wilson and Kaila Charles are scoring threats from any spot on the court. Daijah Davis is the Raider’s sure-handed ball handler.

With a victory, the Raiders will advance to Saturday’s championship game against the winner of North Point and Magruder at 3 p.m.

Online Film Festivals Open To Marylanders

Crabby Clips is a brand new online film festival open to all filmmakers within the state of Maryland (including Maryland student filmmakers). Online film festivals bring opportunities for talented up and coming makers to participate in other online festivals in order to reach a wider audience for their work.

Crabby Clips is the project of FITVH400, the Arts Management class at Stevenson University’s Film/Video department in Owings Mills, Md., the class includes budding film and video makers and enthusiastic learning production and project management skills. To submit a short film or view the submissions go to crabbyclips.com. The deadline for submissions is April 1. Prizes and jury information will be released soon. Check www.crabbyclips.com for more information or email info@crabbyclips.com.

Widowed Persons Support Group

Men and women who have recently lost their spouses are invited to a free support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS). The group will meet one afternoon each week for six weeks starting Thursday, March 20, at the Residence on Greenbelt, 9885 Greenbelt Road, Lanham.

Each session will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is required before the group starts. The group is open to all widowed persons in Prince George County regardless of age, race, or religious belief. Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions. Participants share personal experiences, exchange information, and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists.

To register and to receive more information and directions, call Mabel at 301-577-9885 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. The group will meet one afternoon each week for six weeks starting Thursday, March 20, at the Residence on Greenbelt, 9885 Greenbelt Road, Lanham.

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