The Greenbelt City Council held a video conference work- sess (see separate story on page 7) on March 19 with its consultant in California who had conducted an organizational study of the city government. Rich- ard Brady, president of Matrix Consulting Group, reviewed for a second time his presenta- tion of numerous recommenda- tions for changes in the city’s organization and operations this time with councilmembers asking more questions. Yet to be heard are comments and recommenda- tions from the Firuem Manager Michael McLaughlin or departmental di- rectors.

Earlier the council had re- viewed transportation issues with area bus service representatives. (See separate story on page 7.)

Mayor Emmett Jordan noted, in envy, the warmer weather Brady was experiencing (75 de- gree) in California. Then he asked Brady to review his pre- vious presentation (see story of January 9).

Brady first reiterated his view that the city provides extreme- ly high levels of service, has a “clear and consistent custom- er service philosophy,” has a budgetary process with “a high degree of transparency and ac- countability,” and meets “a high proportion of ‘best practice’ ser- vice targets.” He recommended, however, that “the city needs to invest in its administrative infra- structure, especially relating to information technology.”

Changes
Matrix made numerous de- tailed recommendations for change, noting which are of me- dium to high priority and which are target for the short term. Some recommendations can be accomplished without added costs, others come with an iden- tified added cost price tag and some with undetermined costs. While the recommendations could lead to better decision-making by city management and council, there is no lack of follow-up. No recommendations were made with identified direct cost savings.

The contractual cost for the Matrix study was $50,000. This included one meeting of Brady with council to review and dis- cuss the consultant’s recommenda- tions which took place on De- cember 16. The video conference was an extra item, McLaughlin said, of $1,000.

Many of the recommendations dealt with improvements to infor- mation technology (IT), the most significant being that IT should be placed directly under the city manager or assistant manager instead of the Finance Depart- ment and that one to two addi- tional IT persons should be added to the Finance Department at a cost of $50,000 each (plus fringe benefits). Of greater interest to councilmembers ap- peared to be a number of recom- mendations to shift city services from one department to another.

Greenbelt and other municipali- ties perform a wide variety of services of a dissimilar nature.

City Manager Presented Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 City Budget
by Thomas X. White

As expected, City Manager Michael McLaughlin provided the Greenbelt City Council with an overview of his proposed Fiscal Year 2015 City Budget at the March 24 regular meeting. While offering some bright spots regard- ing the city’s outlook for the next fiscal year, he allowed that there is still not enough good news to indicate that the city is com- pletely out of the woods.

He started his overview with the declaration that “this budget continues to deal with impacts from the 2008 recession.” He said these impacts on the budget have caused revenues and expen- ditures to remain essentially flat for the past six years and that will continue to be the case for this year’s FY-15 budget and will likely continue into Fiscal Year 2016.

Notwithstanding the recession- ary impacts, especially reduced property values now down 20-25 percent for owner-residential properties, McLaughlin noted that Greenbelt has managed the fiscal crisis with the leadership of council and staff efforts to identify over $2.7 million in savings, reductions and cuts to previous budgets.

Even with that dire picture, the proposed FY-15 budget will total just under $52.2 million, approximately $578,000 higher than for Fiscal Year 2014. The manager recommends no tax rate change for the city. The city will carry its ground with higher assess- ments for Greenbelt rental apart- ments and higher street permit fees (mainly in the development taking place at Greenbriar, South Core). While business/corporate prop- erty assessments were essentially flat and hotel/motel tax revenue was down, the city continues to benefit from income taxes, which have experienced steady growth over the past 10 years, he said.

Expenditures in the proposed FY-15 budget are about 1.4 per- cent higher than those last year ($343,800). The manager be- lieves the budget will still gener- ally fund existing services and allow implementation of some of the recommendations contained in last year’s city Organizational Assessment. While the Organiza- tional Assessment report recom- mends five new positions, none is funded in the FY-15 budget. There are, however, three vacan- cies in current staffing in the city to be filled.

The proposed budget calls for no increase in inspection fees or waste collection fees. But the budget will call for increases in fees for the Aquatic & Fitness Center (up 3 percent) and daily admission fees (up 25 cents).

Capital Projects
Also putting pressure on the proposed budget is a growing list of capital projects. These include the long-awaited recon- struction of the historic Greenbelt theater; phase one of a five-year commitment to repair the earthen dam at Greenbelt Lake; a perme- able parking lot for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center; replace- ment of the HVAC equipment at the Community Center and the need to replace the Aquatic Center roof.

If council opts to consider possible usage of a portion of the old Greenbelt Middle School (a possible classroom building), the city manager noted that $50,000 should be budgeted utilizing funds from the Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund.

Other FY-15 initiatives high- lighted by McLaughlin included the effort to secure the location of the consolidated FBI Head- quarters facility in Greenbelt West, continued development of a city economic development strategy, adding another volun- teer Maryland Coordinator, im- plementing pedestrian/bicycle recommendations and seeking grant funding for “greening” of Cherrywood Drive. Others are to develop a tree master plan, a new Community Center building, march 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. Catherine Plaisant
Catherine Plaisant Alters Human-Computer Interaction
by Marat Moore

Catherine Plaisant went to the Greenbelt City Council with a proposal to review the city’s human-computer interaction. This is a research lead- ership position with Greenbelt City that was recently created. The city has made a commitment to repairs to the Aquatic Center, which is the city’s main Source: City of Greenbelt

Who Is to Run Animal Control? Council Reviews City Structure
by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council reviewed recommendations for the city’s animal control operations, including the possibility of outsourcing this service. The council heard presentations from two consulting firms, consulting firm Michael McLaughlin or departmental di- rectors.

While the city has experienced financial difficulties in the past, the council was able to support the increased costs associated with the animal control services.

The council was hearing from two consulting firms, with the city considering outsourcing the service. The consultants presented their findings and recommendations to the council.

City Council Budget Work session, Social Services, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv
8 p.m., Monday, March 31
What Goes On
See PLAVISANT, page 6

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7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center
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Wednesday, April 2
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What Goes On
Double Reel and Meal At the New Deal
In memory of the original Mon- 
day evening film (which was 
March 24th) the Reel and Meal 
has partnered with the New Deal 
and Franklin D. Roosevelt Demo- 
cratic Club to show Inequality 
for All on Sunday, March 30th. 
An optional, delicious vegan buffet 
served by Chef Karim will be 
available at 6 p.m. and the 
film begins at 2 p.m.

Inequality for All features 
Robert Reich – professor, best- 
selling author, and Clinton cabi-
net member – as he demonstrates 
how the widening income gap 
has a devastating impact on the 
American economy. Through his 
signature calm perspective, Reich 
explains how the massive con- 
solidation of wealth by a precious 
few threatens the viability of 
the American workforce and the 
foundations of democracy itself. 

In this inconvenient truth for 
the economy, Reich uses humor 
and a wide array of facts to explain 
how the issue of economic in-
quality affects each and every 
one of us.

For viewing the film a discus-
sion will be facilitated by Konrad 
Herling, Greenbelt City Council 
member and long-time member of 
the Eleanor and Franklin D. 
Roosevelt Democratic Club.

The Reel and Meal at the 
New Deal film series is a col- 
laboration of three Greenbelt 
groups: Beaverdam Creek Water-
shed Watch Group, Green 
Vegetable Networking and Prince 
George’s County Peace & Justice 
Coalition.

If you have questions please 
contact Susan Barnett, susanb@ 
earthlink.net or 443-388-2961.
The New Deal Cafe is located 
at 113 Centerway in Old Greenbelt, 
301-474-5642. For more informa-
tion go to http://newdealcake.com/
events/reelAndMeal/.

Bach Lunch Concert 
Offered Downtown
The New Deal Café is located at 
the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 
G Street, NW, near Metro Center. 
The performance will include the 
cantata “Nimm, dein ist, und 
gehe hin” (BWV 144) and an 
organ piece, Prelude and Fugue in 
E-Flat Major (“St. Anne”) (BWV 
552), with soloist Neil Weston.

This free series of 50-minute 
concerts is presented on the first 
Tuesday of the month in fall and 
spring. Consort Director J. 
Reilly Lewis introduces the music 
before presenting an organ work 
and a Bach’s cantatas 
performed by both choral and 
period instrument orchestra.

For more information, visit 
backorgam.org.

Tots: Nature and Music On Sunday, March 30 from 
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 
Monday, March 31 from 10:30 to 
11:15 a.m. children ages 18 to 42 
months can learn about the wild-
life at the refuge through songs 
and rhymes. Parental participa-
tion is required.

Public programs at the Patus-
ent Research Refuge are free 
although advance registration is 
required by calling 301-497-5887.

For more information visit the 
website at www.patonet.fws.gov. 
The Visitior Center is on Powder 
Mill Road between the Baltimore 
Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Riversdale Spring 
Concert Series
On Sunday, March 30 at 2:30 p.m. the Riversdale Chamber 
Music Society will hold a free 
spring concert at Riversdale 
House Museum (4811 River-
dale Road, Laurel). Sunday’s performance by the Riversdale 
Windwood Trio will include the 
sounds of Mozart, Joplin, and 
notable others.

The society celebrates the 
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House Museum where the university’s founder, Charles Benedict 
Calvert, was born in 1808. As 
the school’s newest classical music organization, its mission is to 
provide a diverse chamber 
music experience by featuring 
students and faculty from the 
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with musicians from military 
and local ensembles in the region.

For more information, call 
301-864-0420 or visit the website 

Montpelier Mansion 
Woodturners Exhibit
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paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and along Indian 
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For more information call 
David Mozurkewicz at 301-509-
2121 or email mozurk@bellat-
iant.net.

Aboretum Holds 
Native Plant Sale 
On Sunday, March 30 from 
9:30 to 2 p.m. U.S. National Aboretum will hold a 
native plant sale. Streamline 
spring planting by coming 
the Friends of National 
Aboretum Native Plant Sale at 
the Aboretum grounds. Several 
regional nurseries offer an ex-
tensive selection of locally grown 
native plants and growers will 
be on hand to provide gardening 
information. Admission is free.

Free Seminar at UMCP
The Clarice Smith Performing 
Arts Center will be the site of 
an event entitled, “TerpTalks: 
Arts, Community and Entrepre-
neurship.” On Saturday, 
March 29, 2 to 4 p.m. in the Band 
Room (Room 2450) of the Smith 
Center. As the first-ever collabora-
tion between the Clarice Smith 
Performing Arts Center and the 
Robert H. Smith School of Busi-
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**At the Library**

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- **Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m.** Nominations and Elections – Board Room

- **Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m.** Science Storytime – Board Room

**Going Green At Home**

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**First Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire, April 5**

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**Greenbelt Pride Holds Annual Meeting**

Greenbelt Pride, a community group for LGBTI+ friends and allies, will be hosting its annual meeting on Sunday, April 6, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, room 202. Bring a dish to share for a potluck and enjoy getting together while we make plans for all year. All are welcome.

**Bike Commuter Convoys Start**

Beginning in April, Greenbelt will be inviting bike commuter convoys on the first Friday of each month from the New Deal Cafe at 7:15 a.m., with dropoffs at the Greenbelt Metro entrance, Lake Artemesia (College Park Metro and UMD area), East Hyattsville (Arts District/Courthouse), Brookland/CUA (D.C. commuter will be available) and UMD area), Lake Artemesia (Col-

**Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board**

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 301-542-2657 or email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Green Products in Your Home: light bulbs, shower heads, cleaning products.

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**Event Calendar**

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  - Sun Matinees - Mar 30 at 2PM
  - Celtic Concert - April 26 - Homespun Ceilidh Band
  - Alight dance theater - April 11 - 13

**World Premiere of New Passover Play**

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**Washington Ear**

301-681-6636

[27x850]limit 20 people.
[27x861]2014, 10:30 a.m., for ages 2-5,
[27x905]MLS closure.
[27x960]Regular Storytime resumes on
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  - **Locationed throughout the paper.**

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No special equipment needed

**Guest Production by Off the Quill**

**Through special arrangement with Dramatics, Inc.**

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**BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltcenter.org**

**123 Crescentway, Greenbelt, MD 20770**

**Locally underwritten the Greenbelt CD:GP**

**Mishkan Torah Congregation presentations**

- **World Premiere of New Passover Play**
  - **Why is this YEAR DIFFERENT?**
  - by Greenbelt Resident Itzick Kramer

Come see the play and enjoy dinner as well! Wine tasting too! Order tickets online at www.mishkantorah.org or from Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. The charge for the play and dinner is only $18 for adults and $12 for children.
Mishkan Torah Clean Up of Long Branch
Mishkan Torah’s Social Action Committee is proud to present its first-ever “Reverse Tashlich” on Sunday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Traditionally performed on Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), “Tashlich” refers to the Jewish custom of throwing crumbs into a body of water to symbolically rid oneself of bad habits.

In a modern twist, Mishkan Torah is sponsoring a “Reverse Tashlich,” to reverse the effects of bad habits by helping to clean up a local stream. The stream is the Long Branch, also known as the Gaithersburg Branch of Beaverdam Creek. All are welcome to this event, which is being organized with the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group. The event coincides with the Ana Costa Watershed Society’s 2014 Earth Day Cleanup (ana-costawatershed.org) and the Greater Washington Jewish Community’s Good Deeds Day 2014 (shalomdc.org). The meeting place will be between the end of Northway and the City of Greenbelt’s mulch piles.

To participate, just show up on Sunday, April 6 at 9 a.m. with boots or sturdy shoes, work gloves, a water bottle, and long pants which can get wet. The event is free and open to the entire community.

For details email socialaction@mishkanatorah.org. On April 6, call 301-919-6420. To learn more about Beaverdam Creek visit www.beaverdamecreek.org.

Keeping You Thriving in Your Community
Explorations Unlimited welcomes Mark Asch on Friday, April 4. This presentation is scheduled from February 7, 2014, at the age of 89. She was the mother of Peggy Shafffer of Lakewood and had resided for eight years at Green Ridge House. A funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh’s church on March 24.

Congratulations to Eva Salmeron, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School who participated in the Latino Student Fund’s (LSF) LISTO College preparation program at the University of Maryland and has applied to the honors program there. Eva is a strong advocate for immigration reform and the Dream Act and was part of the immigration reform march on D.C. in August 2013. Eva is also a coordinator for the Project Hype (Hispanic Youth with Power and Education) college preparatory program at the University of Maryland. She will serve as a high school ambassador at LSF’s Gala on March 13.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. for inclusion in our next issue. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors,” email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Snowdrops with snowflakes were seen throughout Greenbelt on Tuesday.

– photo by Helen Sydavar

Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

ST. HUGH OF GREENBELT CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4032

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: (301) 345-2918
www.greenbeltah.org

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor
301-474-7573
5301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

Worship: Sun: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Child Care Available)
Office Hours: Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wed. 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information see www.berwynpres.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

March 30, 10 a.m.
On Creation and Creationism
Rev. Diane Sturtevant and Dr. Susan Mandlely, Worship As- sociate, and the Choir

Today we begin a new “arc” in our worship year, focusing on the Earth, and will start with our own Judeo-Christian tradition and its - not one but two - creation stories. Newcomers are invited to informal conversation with the Minister in her office from 11:30 to 12:30.

Man’s glory lieth in his knowledge, his upright conduct, his praiseworthy character, his wisdom, and not in his nationality or rank. (Baha’u’llah)

Greenbelt Baha’i Community
1-800-22-UNITE
Greenbelt.Baha.info@gmail.com
301-345-2918
www.baha.us
GHI Ice Cream Social for Candidates
Do you want to know more about what is involved in being on the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors or GHI Audit or Nominations and Elections Committee? Even if you’re just beginning to consider running, please come to an Ice Cream Social on April 6 to find out more about each position, meet the current N&E Committee, and talk, with some current Board and Audit Committee members. The Social will be held in the GHI offices on Sunday, April 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be ice cream and all the fixings, and casual conversation.

New members of the Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and Nominations and Elections Committee will be elected by the membership at the annual membership meeting on May 15. For more information please go to the GHI website at www.ghi.coop and click on “2014 Candidate Package” on the home page.

New Deal Upcoming Events
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Transportation Officials Meet Here with Council

The Greenbelt City Council held one of its bi-annual transit workshops with representatives from the Metropolitan Area Transit Administration (WMATA), Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), operators of The Bus, and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) on Wednesday, March 19. The meeting time had been moved up to 7:30 and limited to one hour in order to accommodate a teleconference worksession on an organizational study that was postponed from Monday by inclement weather. The meeting’s purpose was to get updates on transit operations in the city and to consider proposed improvements. Matt Johnson, representing Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G), also attended.

Lou Farber of DPW&T The Bus had been working closely with WMATA and expected to see both short-term and long-term transit improvements. The county has never had a clear plan for transit services before, she told council.

15X Change Farber announced one route change sought by the city and TRU-G. A proposal to change route 15X of The Bus will stop at Greenway Center. This express bus route operates between the Greenbelt and the New Carrollton METRO station. Farber credited the change to the efforts of Mayor Bill Orrall. He told council that Orleans had come to his office and suggested a plan for the new route. The time it took to run between the two stations, thereby enabling the extra stop. Farber thought it was a good idea and quickly put it into effect.

Councilmember Judith Davis called Farber to remember that a lot of people in Greenbelt are much to be desired. Councilmembers and the audience observing the meeting, the arrangement left much to be desired. Councilmembers were crowded at a smaller table with their backs to the video screen. It was Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Lights had been turned off over the council table so the video screen could be better seen. For the earlier worksession on transit, also held that night, not a teleconference, transit officials had sat under the projection screen, facing council and the audience.

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Climate Action
Dirty Energy Show

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will feature the “Arboretum Offers Cherry Tree Tour” at its meeting Wednesday, April 2 starting at 7 p.m. in Room 114 of the City Building Center. Presenter Eric Blevins, an environmental activist from Tennessee, will outline ways energy pollutes the planet, along with ways to resist them.

The Dirty Energy Road Show examines the parallels of coal and nuclear power issues and connects them to other forms of dirty energy, including fracking of natural gas. It also examines mining processes, how power plants work, waste issues, impacts on the health of humans and ecosystems and planetary climate change. Blevins’ slide show also illustrates how communities and grassroots organizations like Mountain Justice and RAMPs are fighting back against mountaintop removal, coal slurry impoundments, waste dumps and other polluting facilities. Free information books, posters and DVDs will be available for a small donation.

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Council Enters Modern Age
With a Video Conference

The Greenbelt City Council took another step into the modern age of communications at its Wednesday, March 19 work- session by conducting a video conference with Richard Brady, president of Matrix Consulting Group. The video conference concerned an organizational assessment the consultants had performed (see separate story). Brady, in his office in Mountain View, Cal. (on San Francisco Bay), was projected on a screen in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting originally planned for Monday night, had been postponed because of Monday’s snowfall, requiring GCAN CARES to make other facility arrangements for its normal Wednesday night counseling session.

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Kids Dance Workshop Offered
The College Park Arts Exchange will be the site of a free kids dance workshop on Saturday, March 29 from 4 to 5 p.m. Connect the Dots Dance presents a fun, free workshop for ages 3 and under. Come and do some fun warmups and ballet moves—tutus provided. This workshop will take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

Riversdale Presents Free Concert
The Riversdale Chamber Music Society presents a free concert on Sunday, March 30 at 2:30 p.m. Come to the Riversdale Chamber Music Concert featuring the Riversdale Woodwind Trio. Enjoy the sounds of Ibert, Mozart, Joplin and more. The concert will take place at the Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park.

Watkins Center Holds Kids Animal Show
The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a live animal show on Saturday, March 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Watkins Nature Center in Upper Marlboro. Come to the show and meet some of the center's animals up close. Learn about the animals and habitats. Reservations are required, call 301-218-6702. There is a small fee.

Journalism Students Meet at News Review Seminar
by Tisha Claudia Lim

At the beginning of each new academic year, the News Review welcomes journalism students from the University of Maryland, College Park to attend the student orientation day on Saturday, February 22. Unlike the previous semester in which the orientation consisted of only Maryland students, this semester’s orientation included three Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors, a sophomore at DuVal High School and a self-published author who were present because they share the same passion for writing as well as the same goal, which is to contribute articles for the News Review.

Attendees gathered at the newsroom at 9 a.m., chatted among themselves and were introduced to staff members and then to Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and City Councilmember Judith Davis. It is important for students to build relationships with councilmembers because they may need to interview them for future articles.

Mayor Jordan said that council members are generally easy to get in touch with for interviews. “Council members are very accessible. You can call me up on the phone or send me an email.” he said. But he also cautioned that at times it will be hard for him to get back to students due to his busy schedule.

“So the best way is to send me an email telling me that you’re trying to reach me and what your story is about and the questionnaire we will like to ask you...I will let you know a time that you can call,” he said.

After the formal introduction, News Review Assistant Editor Aloria Bell Ross introduced students to the News Review’s editorial staff and the board of directors. Students also learned some of the history of the city and the News Review.

Ross also reminded the students that the goal of the newspaper is to “provide a voice for the Greenbelt community.”

President Eileen Farnham emphasized to students the importance of adhering to the style and deadline set by the News Review. As an example, she said, “In the News Review, serial commas are not allowed.”

Mary Lou Williamson, editor of the News Review, talked passionately about the libel court case involving the News Review. In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court, in an unanimous decision, reversed the libel judgment issued against the News Review brought by a local developer, Charles Bresler, who accused the paper of libelng him by publishing an article written by reporter Dorothy Sucher about a city council meeting at which a citizen described a Bresler proposal as “blackmail.” The decision was a clear victory for Freedom of the Press, according to Williamson.

In 2013, the Dorothy Sucher Memorial Award was inaugurated, providing an internship with $300 stipend awarded to a chosen journalism student each semester. The internship is funded by the late Dorothy Sucher’s husband Joe Sucher.

After the presentation, students were encouraged to sign up for stories in which they were interested. Among the stories to be covered were city council worksessions, Greenbelt Homes meetings and African History and Culture Lecture Series.

Students will also cover a variety of other events this semester, including the monthly Artful Afternoons, Annual Egg Hunt and Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Dayo Adebanjo said she would like to get involved with the News Review because she “really likes writing” and is part of the Greenbelt community. A similar sentiment was expressed by Chiamaka Ogwuex, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who has been accepted to Stanford University and intends to pursue a degree in communications.

“I thought I should just try writing [for the News Review] since I am interested in journalism. I called two weeks ago and [Ross] invited me,” she said.

After the student orientation day with President Eileen Farnham and City Councilmember Judith Davis, journalism students met with City Councilmember Robertson Bresler. He said he was impressed with the new journalism students and commended the News Review for its high quality of work.

Journalism students pose for a group shot. Pictured from left to right are: Derek Coleman, a prospective writer; Chiamaka Ogwuex, Maria Bell Ross, Greenbelt News Review; Dayo Adebanjo, Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Jaclyn Turner, University of Maryland; and Taylor Sanders, DuVal High School.
Artful Afternoon Features Basket Weaving

The Greenbelt Recreation Department invites art fans of all ages to get crafty at the April 6 Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center. Artist in Residence Karen Arrington will lead a free workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., in which guests can weave an elegant small basket out of coiled paper. No registration is required. Please bring newspaper if possible. The Center is located at 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland. For information, call 301-397-2208.

The Greenbelt Community Center’s Artists-in-residence will host a studio open house sale from 1 to 4 p.m. on the third floor. Nine accomplished artists hold studios at the Center, working in a diverse array of media including painting, printmaking, fiber art, cut paper illustrations, pottery, and ceramic art tile. Artists interested in joining the program are invited to apply by May 6 for residencies beginning July 1. Information is available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Artful Afternoon guests can see an exhibit of sculptures and collages by M. Jordan Tierney in the art gallery (room 121). Visitors to Tierney’s “Intertidal Souls” exhibit will discover a mermaid, an enormous turtle, and shell re-imagined as a rowboat and other nautical-themed works speaking broadly to the many journeys we make in life. The exhibit is open to the public during regular building hours when the room is not reserved for a special use. The show will continue through April 11. Visitors can also see the Greenbelt Museum’s current exhibit at the Community Center: “Greenbelt: The First 75 Years.” In celebration of Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary, the exhibit explores the city’s history through an interactive timeline. Admission is free to both of these exhibits and all ages are welcome.

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- Shurfine Granulated Sugar 4 lb.
- Sparkle Paper Towels 3 roll pack

**Deli**

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- Fresh Store Baked Vienna Bread loaf: $1.99
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Greenbelt Middle School Has Renovation Meeting

by David Lange

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Application materials as well as tips for a successful application can be found at our website: www.greenbeltfoundation.net. Completed forms should be sent to the Greenbelt Community Foundation at P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt MD 20768.

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**Beijing Robbed Two Nights In a Row**

Two break-ins occurred last week at the Beijing Restaurant, an anchor business in Roosevelt Center. In both cases, the cash box was stolen. The first robbery was reported on Friday, March 21. It occurred in the overnight hours, when a person or persons gained entry by shattering a glass door facing the parking area on Centerway. A passerby called the police early the next morning to report the shattered door.

After the door was repaired, the same thing happened again around 2:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 22. The same door was shattered, entry was gained and the cash box was stolen. A witness to the second break-in called police to report the sound of glass breaking, and saw a man running from the area and carrying something. A canine unit officer responded, and the investigation into both incidents continues.

George Mathews, public information officer for the Greenbelt Police Department, described the dual break-ins as “very unusual.”

“I don’t recall ever having back-to-back break-ins at the same door,” he said. Manager David Chen, it’s been a nerve wracking experience. “It’s terrible,” he said, adding that in 20 years of working at the restaurant, they had had no problems until three months ago, when a break-in occurred in December.

Mathews noted the spate of commercial crime occurring whenever crime patrols in the area are described as “very unusual.”

This continued.

The investigation into both incidents continues.

At Night

Peggy Higgins, an elected member of the Education Board of Education, held a public hearing on March 12 at the (new) Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). In addition to presentations and audience participation about academics and budgets, status information was provided about the (old) GMS building. Sarah Woodhead, director of the Capital Improvement Program for the county school system, described the renovations being done to the old school (see the News Review article of March 13). She also mentioned that the 1969 administrative wing would be torn down because of poor mortar conditions and the resulting open space may be used for a playground.

On January 19, 2013, the Board of Education approved three uses for the old GMS building – the French Immersion School, a large area for swing space for emergency relocation of northern county schools and rental of five rooms to the City of Greenbelt. Woodhead said the swing space has been eliminated and the rooms are still available to the city.

A new name for the old building has not been selected yet, so there will continue to be two nearby signs stating Greenbelt Middle School.

**Police Blotter**

**Trespass arrest**

March 13, 6:50 p.m., 7500 Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with trespassing at Subway after having previously been banned from the shopping center. He was released on citation pending trial.

March 13, 5:25 p.m., 121 Centerway. A 26-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested at the Co-op Supermarket, and charged with trespassing and theft after he was stopped for shoplifting in the store. He had previously been banned from the store, and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before the district court commissioner.

**Burglary**

March 13, 2:06 a.m., 7500 Hanover Parkway. The window of a medical office was broken out by an unknown person, and it is unknown if entry was gained.

March 17, 3:30 p.m., 7900 Spring Manor Drive. Golf clubs and jewelry were among the items taken by an unknown person who forced open the garage door of a residence.

March 17, 6:55 p.m., 7200 Hanover Parkway. An unattended wallet was taken from a doctor’s office.

March 17, 9 p.m., 7701 Greenbelt Road. A glass door at the Jade 1 Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar was broken out by an unknown person.

**Attempted Burglary**

March 16, 2:26 a.m., 7300 Hanover Parkway. Someone attempted to enter a commercial building by prying on the front door. A possible suspect, white male with black hair, was seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed in a vehicle described only as black.

March 19, 10 p.m., 52 Crescent Road. An unknown person broke into a storage room and took a key cutting machine.

**Theft**

March 14, 12 a.m., 6100 Greenbelt Road. An unknown person took a cell phone from a car parked inside Target Department Store.

**Vandalism**

March 15, 2 a.m., 5900 Cherrywood Lane. An unknown person used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence. A possible suspect seen leaving the area is described as a heavy male with black hair, wearing dark clothing.

March 16, 12 a.m., Crescent Road and Gardenway. An unknown person vandalized the walls of the pedestrian up and down the stairs.

**Automotive Crime**

March 13, 6100 Breezewood Drive. The rear window of a vehicle was shattered.

March 14, 7500 Mandan Road. A car parked in front of an apartment complex was broken into, with money and credit cards stolen.

March 17, 7800 Hanover Parkway. The month sticker was removed from a registration plate.

**Suspicious Person**

March 21, 3:40 – 3:50 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. An unidentified suspicious person was observed walking in the area.

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Lady Raiders Rebound as State Champions

by Patrick Gleason

The Eleanor Roosevelt Lady Raiders wanted to leave no doubt. The team was adamant that last year’s state semifinal loss did not reflect their capabilities. And after steamrolling through a lineup of talented squads in the 2014 regional and state playoffs, they have done just that— with a state championship trophy to prove it.

The Lady Raiders cemented their run as one of the most dominant teams in recent state history with a never-in-doubt 64-30 victory against North Point High School Saturday, March 15. Roosevelt jumped out to an 18-point halftime lead and continued to suffocate the Eagles with a swarming defense until the final buzzer. Their defense frustrated North Point into a 9-of-53 field goal shooting record on the afternoon. Freshman Octavia Wilson was the game’s high scorer with 20 points, complemented by the usual suspects: junior Tolu Omokore (15 points and 20 rebounds) and sophomore Kaila Charles (16 points and 10 rebounds).

It was a flawless playoff run. The Raiders finished their perfect 26-0 season with an average postseason victory margin of 34.2 (trumped only by their season average of 38.9 points). Their opponents were no slouches either. In the regional playoffs, the Raiders defeated squads from Bowie and Flowers that were ranked by The Washington Post for the majority of the season; in the state playoffs they overwhelmed a 23-3 Paint Branch High team before avenging last year’s loss to a North Point team that had won all but one of its 24 victories by a double-digit margin.

After celebrating this year’s victory, the Raiders’ eyes will look to next season—when their entire squad returns for a state title defense.

Patrick Gleason is an education major at the University of Maryland, interning as an English teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Genealogical Society Meets

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting, Vernon Skinner will present “Research Using Maryland Land Records.” All are welcome to attend this free presentation. For additional information see http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs/ or call 301-262-2063. The society meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September through June, except for January.

Upcoming Meetings

May 7, 2014: Richard Philipps “Colonial Child Servants in County Court Records”

Nat’l Gallery Holds Free Marimba Concert

The National Gallery of Art concert series continues with Naoko Takada, marimbist, performing on Sunday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building, West Garden Court. The program will include J.S. Bach, transcriptions of movements from keyboard suites, Paul Fowler, Michiyuki, Chin Cheng Lin, Tango for Nako, Augusto Marcellino, Chorus no. 1, Joseph Pereira, Five Pieces for Solo Marimba, and Naoko Takada, Improvisations on Sakura.
Who Is God? GAC Explores
“The Creation of the World”
by Jim Link

The Creation of the World and Other Business, now at the Greenbelt Arts Center, is Arthur Miller’s angry, lengthy, probing parody of the early chapters of the book of Genesis. Miller gives the biblical version of how this glorious globe and our primal parents came to be, along with the origin of evil, strong satirical treatment. His play is saturated with broad humor, lambent mockery and intense theological debate.

The magnificent production by Off the Quill (OTQ), with its kinetic, imaginative choreography, its simple, colorful costuming and its skillful sound and set design delighted a very enthusiastic opening night audience of 35. OTQ is a new experimental theater company which blends many different mediums and emphasizes dance, physicality, clouming, music and stage combat.

Its gaudy, energetic, bold interpretation of Miller’s words succeeds brilliantly. OTQ’s production delights the eye, opens the mind, teases the intellect.

At the core of the play lies Lucifer’s faux-friendly rivalry with God. The sleek, persuasive, intellectually agile, corrosively jealous rebel angel argues plausibly, if vainly, against God’s (il) logic in forbidding Adam and Eve to taste of the Tree of Knowledge. Lucifer’s faux-friendly rivalry with God. The sleek, persuasive, intellectually agile, corrosively jealous rebel angel argues plausibly, if vainly, against God’s (il) logic in forbidding Adam and Eve to taste of the Tree of Knowledge.

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His play is immersed in a swirling, tight, precise choreography of light and movement coming to be in the midst of a dazzle of colors, silks, flags, fans and music - presided over by God, the Great Fabricator.

Lucifer torments Eve. Eve dances with God - a stately Waltz. Eve dances with Adam and a passel of angels - a rollicking square dance, Eve dances with the devil - an erotic writhle! The mother of us all!

Joseph Roberts and Eben Kuhns

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Lucifer’s faux-friendly rivalry with God.

Clearly, Kathleen Moors (choreographer and sister of God), Katie Wanschuta (director/costumes/sound design), Patrick Mul len (producer/lighting/set design), Elise Berg (costumes) and Leanne Dinverno (costumes) all deserve kudos.

Who is God? The last act asks rhetorically. Lucifer claims that God is incomplete without His shadow side, Lucifer himself. “I am God’s corrective symmetry,” he boasts. “You are the spirit of infinite permission,” God accusses Lucifer.

One caveat: Arthur Miller wrote this play in 1972, long after his iconic successes. Death of a Salesman, The Crucible, A View From the Bridge were years behind him and he never recaptured that lightning. TCOTW is overly long (two and a half hours), with some wince-producing, soporific humor.

But the OTQ’s production deserves acclaim. Attention must be paid!

TCOTW is at the GAC through April 5. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.
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City Notes
Public Works staff held a pre-construction meeting at Springhill Lake Elementary School with Planning staff, State Highway Administration staff and a contractor for the Safe Routes to School Project.
Horticulture/Parks staff met with Department of Natural Resources staff to update and re-examine beaver activity.

Facilities Maintenance crews assisted a contractor with generator repair at the police station, repaired the boiler at the Youth Center, painted the foyer, dining room and an office in the Community Center, mounted a flat screen TV in the multi-purpose room at the Aquatic & Fitness Center and replaced a solenoid valve for the hot tub at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Healthy Eating Talk and AIC Screening
Doctors Hospital (DCH) is providing a free Healthy Eating Lecture on April 10 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Along with a speaker who is a certified diabetes educator and registered dietitian, participants can receive free AIC screenings that provide an average blood glucose or blood sugar level for the past two to three months.

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, will hold a public hearing on a Resolution described in this Notice of Public Hearing.

The public hearing will be held on April 7, 2014, at 8 P.M. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

Summary of Resolution: A Resolution providing for the designation of certain contiguous property in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland (the “City”) currently known as the Greenbelt Station as a development district (the “Greenbelt Station Development District”) for purposes of Sections 12-201 et seq. of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the “Tax Increment Financing Act”), and of a geographically coincident area as a special taxing district (the “Greenbelt Station Special Taxing District”) for the purposes of Sections 21-407 et seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the “Special Taxing District Act”, and collectively with the Tax Increment Financing Act, the “Acts”); creating certain special funds pursuant to the Acts; pledging that the City will allocate and divide property taxes on real property within the Greenbelt Station Development District so that a certain portion of the real property tax (the “Tax Increment”) will be allocated and paid into one of the special funds, and providing for the levy, imposition and collection of special taxes or ad valorem taxes on real property within the Greenbelt Station Special Taxing District to be deposited to the other special fund in the event the Tax Increment revenues are or will be insufficient to pay debt service on any special obligation bonds that may be issued by the Mayor and Council of the City under the Acts; levying, imposing and providing for the collection of the special tax pursuant to the Rate and Method identified in the Resolution; and generally providing for the levy, imposition, collection and application of such special tax in accordance with the Acts.

Public Infrastructure Improvements: The Resolution specifies certain public infrastructure improvements financeable with the special obligation bonds that may be issued by the City under the Acts, which public infrastructure improvements relate to the construction of and improvements to the North-South Connector Road (also known as Greenbelt Station Parkway), and related improvements and costs, as more specifically described in the Resolution.

Greenbelt Station Development District and Greenbelt Station Special Taxing District: The proposed Greenbelt Station Development District and the geographically coincident Greenbelt Station Special Taxing District are within the geographic boundaries of the City and are generally bounded by WMATA/CSX/MARC rail lines to the west, a wooded area south of the WMATA Greenbelt Metro Station to the north, Indian Creek to the east, and Branchville Road to the south. The Districts are described in more detail as follows:

Being a strip or parcel of land lying in the Berwyn (21st) Election District of Prince George’s County Maryland and being part of the land conveyed by CRM Mid-Atlantic Properties, LLC, to NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt, LLC by deed dated February 27, 2013 and recorded in Liber 34533 at Folio 419, said strip or parcel of land being all of the land shown on Plats One through Eleven, Greenbelt Station and recorded in Plat Book REP 216 as Plat Nos. 40 through 50, inclusive, and Plat of Correction, Plat Ten, Greenbelt Station as recorded in Plat Book PM 226 as Plat No. 61, all among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, Maryland, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the southwesterly corner of parcel S-1 as shown on a Plat of Correction for Plat Ten, Greenbelt Station, recorded in Plat Book PM 226 as Plat No. 61; thence running with the outline thereof

1. North 23°02’57”East, 105.86 feet; 22. North 75°42’24”West, 208.83 feet; 21. North 35°10’17”East, 149.49 feet; 20. North 21°13’46”East, 201.24 feet; 19. North 33°49’35”East, 198.95 feet; 18. North 23°01’09”West, 23.00 feet; 17. North 33°49’35”East, 7.63 feet to a point; 16. North 23°02’57”East, 105.86 feet; 15. South 32°23’10”East, 420.69 feet; and

2. North 18°02’18”East, 27.96 feet; 3. North 18°02’18”East, 27.96 feet; 4. North 35°20’34”East, 20.87 feet; 5. North 15°40’02”East, 181.77 feet; 6. North 20°27’22”East, 45.09 feet; 7. North 20°27’01”East, 147.25 feet; 8. North 20°23’45”East, 206.69 feet; and

9. North 32°03’26”East, 15.98 feet to a point at the northwesterly corner of Plat Ten, being the southwesterly corner of parcel S-2 as shown Plat Nine, Greenbelt Station, recorded in Plat Book REP 216 as Plat No. 48; thence running with the outline thereof

10. North 27°19’51”East, 199.43 feet; and

11. North 29°59’11”East, 57.22 feet to a point on the northwesterly corner of Plat Ten, being the southwesterly corner of Plat Eight, Greenbelt Station, recorded in Plat Book REP 216 as Plat No. 47; thence running with the outline thereof

12. North 21°58’51”East, 184.82 feet; 13. North 66°58’51”East, 23.00 feet; 14. North 23°32’06”East, 257.90 feet; 15. North 28°16’44”East, 149.65 feet; 16. North 27°19’51”East, 199.43 feet; 17. North 48°18’39”East, 147.25 feet; and

18. North 47°41’42”West, 160.15 feet to the point of beginning, 19. South 18°42’36”East, 51.56 feet; 20. South 57°40’20”East, 636.39 feet; 21. South 32°23’10”East, 420.69 feet; 22. South 75°42’24”West, 208.83 feet; 23. South 89°54’46”West, 9.22 feet; and

24. South 77°12’00”East, 428.57 feet; 25. South 38°23’31”West, 1,505.08 feet; 26. North 77°12’00”East, 428.57 feet; 27. South 75°42’24”West, 208.83 feet; 28. South 73°37’45”West, 11.25 feet to a point at the southeasterly corner of Plat Eight, said point being at the northeast corner of Plat Five, Greenbelt Station, recorded in Plat Book REP 216 as Plat No. 44; thence running with the outline of Plat Five

29. South 15°37’45”West, 98.97 feet; and

30. South 77°12’00”East, 16.14 feet to a point at the northwesterly corner of Plat Eleven, Greenbelt Station, recorded in Plat Book REP 216 as Plat No. 50; thence running with the outline thereof

31. South 77°12’00”East, 428.57 feet; 32. South 38°23’31”West, 1,505.08 feet; 33. North 87°35’44”West, 40.71 feet; 34. North 02°24’16”East, 330.00 feet; 35. South 75°42’24”West, 208.83 feet; 36. South 02°24’16”West, 270.70 feet; 37. South 87°35’44”West, 148.30 feet; 38. North 30°13’21”West, 11.81 feet; and

39. South 89°54’46”West, 85.50 feet to a point at the southwesterly corner of Plat One, Greenbelt Station, recorded in Plat Book REP 216 as Plat No. 40; thence running with the outline thereof

40. South 89°54’46”West, 9.22 feet; 41. South 44°54’45”West, 18.39 feet; 42. South 89°54’46”West, 293.48 feet; and

43. North 00°03’21”West, 207.03 feet to a point on the South 89°56’39”West, 213.85 line of Parcel S-1 as shown on a Plat of Correction for Plat Ten, Greenbelt Station, recorded in Plat Book PM 226 as Plat No. 61, said point lying 23.85 feet from the northeast corner thereof; thence running with the outline of Plat Ten

44. South 89°56’39”West, 98.97 feet; 45. South 18°35’30”West, 21.07 feet; 46. South 89°56’39”West, 21.07 feet; 47. South 18°35’30”West, 24.31 feet; and

48. South 71°41’42”West, 160.15 feet to the point of beginning, Containing 64.20 acres of land.

The District property is also described in a “Request to Create and Establish a Special Taxing District, Levy and Impose Special Taxes on the Property in the Special Taxing District, and Issue Special Obligation Bonds” dated March 19, 2014 submitted to the City (the “Request”) and is depicted on a map prepared in connection with the Request (the “Map”).

Copies of the proposed Resolution, the Request, and the Map may be examined or obtained in the Office of the City Manager, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

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