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 nature and extent of South Core 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 Silver Line. Ultimately, it would lead to a new Southbound ramp from the Metro Station to I-95.

The Greenbelt City Council worked 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. At the meeting, the city’s bond counsel John A. Staffit 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.

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 townhomes. NVR has sold nine 24-foot-wide townhomes. 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 more than two-condos because they are close to Greenbelt Road and the company wants to maintain a better view of the two active marketings 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. He also said the Detailed Site Plan for the project should be submitted in about six weeks. In response to a question from Councilmember Judith Davis regarding Metro access, the representative said the possibility that Metro has not cooperated fully on plans for a pedestrian bridge.

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After Delays, French Immersion School Set to Move to Greenbelt

After some unexpected setbacks, the Robert Goddard French Immersion School (RG-FIS) will officially set up shop at Greenbelt Middle School this fall.

RG-FIS was originally set to move into the building on Edmonston Road at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year but asbestos and other structural issues brought the process to a halt. June Evans, president of the school’s Parent-Teacher Student Association (PTSA), said the news reached students and parents at the last minute.

“Two weeks after school let out, we were told that we wouldn’t be moving,” Evans said. “That was a hard pill to swallow.”

structors 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.

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Letters to the Editor

Gardens Are Community Treasures

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

Fresh in my mind was the price for a green pepper ($1.25) and a very few onions at $1.47 per pound! Call naïve but I cannot re-
late to any arguments 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? If that includes the cutting of a few branches that may be well explained as “for the greater good.”

As for the suggestion that some may find the gardens “unattractive and unkempt” I submit that for picture one of our Greenbelt kids chowing down on a chocolate eclair, it is just a Southern mississippi. If that includes the cutting of a few branches that may be well explained as “for the greater good.”

Thank You

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club (GCGC) Executive Committee is pleased with the dialogue that has been established with city council and city staff. As promised after the city council meeting on February 24, brush and trees weeded on the west site of the Greenbelt and a tomato from the garden. That might help.

Lucie MacKinnon

Corrections

In the March 6 issue front page City Council story an incorrect headline was inadvertently applied to the story.

The story accurately reported what occurred at the meeting.

The four photos that accompanied Rebecca Winner’s review of Perseus and the Gorgon last week were incor-
rectly credited to Chris Cherry. Cherry’s hands were NOT thin full writing and directing the play. It was Eric Zhang who took those pictures. In addition, the two “Gray Ones” on the left should have been properly identified as Maria Kashapata and Kyla Sellers. 

On Screen

Hotel Splendide? Or Sordide? The Grand Budapest Hotel is Wes Anderson’s zany, comic, elegiac homage to a vanished (destroyed) Central European civil-
ization. Fragile Old World grace and refinement are pitted against rising totalitarian brutality.


Rating – R. Running time, 99 minutes.

— Jim Link

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Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.Menus for March 17 through 21 are as follows:

Monday – Cranberry juice, corned beef, red potatoes, cabbage and carrots, lime fruited jelly.
Tuesday – Orange juice, hamburger, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, cucumber and lettuce salad, apple crisp.
Wednesday – Orange juice, cream of broccoli soup, French Dip sandwich, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.
Thursday – Grape juice, home-style baked tenders, macaroni and cheese, tomatoes, corn and okra, dipping sauce, tropical fruit.
Friday – Apple juice, to-crusted fish, tarter sauce, lime beans, sliced carrots, diced peppers.

At the Library

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. Read aloud to specially-trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, March 18, 2013, 7 p.m. Book Discussion on Katharine Hepburn’s “Behind the Beautiful Door” and “Katharine Hepburn: Her Life” with the interviewers. Copies will be available at the library. For automated library services. For automated library services. For automated library services.

Former ERHS Music Teacher Gives Recital

The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. A reception will follow the performance. Students of Debra Foster at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in the 1970s will not want to miss this recital.

New Deal Café Offers Adult Programs

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Exploring the Best Ways to Speak Up

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Golden Age Club by Bunny Fitzgerald

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We were sorry to hear of the death of a friend of mine, (Austina) Aus- tin of Beltville. She was the daughter of the late Greenbelt pioneers Lubbar and Gilda Klung and graduate of Northwestern High School in 1952 that served Greenbelt at that time. Condo- lences to her family and friends.

Kudos to Ken Silverman, who helped great success in recrui- ting people with disabilities to compete for various positions at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). As an outcome of his work in GSFC’s Education Of- fice, he recruited record numbers of students with disabilities to apply for NASA internships, 179 in 2011; 249 in 2012, of which 13 were placed at GSFC: 335 in 2013, of which 18 were placed at GSFC, and 378 to 2014. He also has made 323 employment referrals of people with disabilities to NASA/GSFC since 2012.

Happy 95th birthday to for- mer U.S. Senator, Mary L. Linton. Francine celebrated with her at a party at the Potomac Ballroom at the Potomac Inn.

Send your reports of new books, lectures, concerts, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors like Michelle Aus- tin of Greenbelt West (Franklin Park).

To send information for “Our Neighbors,” email us at news- review@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland
MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 17-21

Monday, March 17 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Organizational Study at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

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, churches, and community members can learn about rain barrels and how to protect water quality. Registration required at https://stormwater-solutions.eventbrite.com

Spaces are limited! FREE and OPEN to the public.
Contact alex@chears.org or 240-542-2168

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: Cyberm Treadmills, PRE-COR Elliptical Trainers, Octane Lateral X Elliptical Trainers and Concept 2 Rowing Machines. We have the same low membership prices as last year. Check us out and get in shape!

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Featuring KOCO

Friday, March 14 from 1-3pm
Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road
Free! Make your own Sundaes!
move. The group meets on a regular basis to gather information about the transition, which they deliver at PTSAs meetings throughout the year.

Stakes Arrival
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.

NAMI Workshop On Communications
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will offer its regular monthly workshop on Tuesday, March 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Post 78, 3175 Edith Drive, New Carrollton.

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

The VOA mission is to inspire the development of healthy families and to hope through health and human services. Through hundreds of programs including housing and healthcare, VOA assists two and a half million people in 400 communities, in 46 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Local NAMI Support Group Meet\'s Mar. 17
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its regular monthly Support Group at the Rieg Special Center, 15524 Peach Walker Drive, Bowie, on Monday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. This supportive work group prepares the mailings and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing mental health experiences and each other’s challenges and solutions.

For more information contact Edward R. Bowles at 240-606-4352 or ohhat2@gmail.com.

Breast Cancer Support Group
On Tuesday, March 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold a breast cancer support group for men on the 5th floor of the North Building.

The group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. Registration is required by calling 301-324-4908.

The former Greenbelt Middle School on Edmonston Road is still being renovated, but by August it will be the new home of the Robert Goddard French Immersion School. English because they share transportation and other facilities with another school.

“Now that we’ll have our own building,” Evans said, “students will feel more comfortable speaking French in social situations.”

Abi agreed that moving to a new location will improve the students’ experience and allow RGFIS to serve a broader community.

“If we stay where we are right now, there’s no space to expand,” Abi said. “We need to have our own building.”

Renovations on the building will continue for the next few months. The school is slated to move in at the beginning of August.
ERHS Students Present Science Research in Japan

by Stephen Waldron

Three students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) were invited 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.

The conference was held 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. He said he has always been interested in engineering and has been working on 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 move more efficiently.

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 experiments 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.

Tetsuo Ogawa, ERHS Japanese teacher and trip chaperone.

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 student’s chaperone but Early explained that Ogawa also made most of their travel arrangements.

“He was pretty amazing,” Early said. “He actually organized most of the trip.”

At the end of the four-day trip, the students had a free day to travel and sightsee before coming home to Greenbelt. Ogawa and the students traveled around Tokyo, buying souvenirs for their families and exploring the city.

Long Relationship

Although this was the school’s first year taking part in the symposium, ERHS has a long-standing relationship with Japan. Since 1989, ERHS has sent about 20 students to Yokohama High School for two weeks every summer, which Ogawa also organizes. These exchange trips are part of a Sister-State program between Maryland and Kanagawa. Ogawa plans on traveling to Japan with another 22 students this June.

As for Early, Rachakonda, and Stevens, Principal McNeill hopes that their trip will give him a broader perspective on world issues.

“They need to look globally,” McNeill said. “Once they have that mindset, they can work with other people around the world to solve problems.”

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 cumulated into his first book, The Summoning Fire: Wrath of Ogoun, 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.

“I didn’t write for fame but to entertain people,” said Coleman, who as a middle school student, cut his teeth on suspense writers Stephen King and Dean Koontz.

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.

Coleman said he plans on releasing his second work, Legend of the Pacific Havens, a science fiction novel involving war, treachery and romance, this summer. In the meantime, he spends his days eating for this two-year-old daughter Dawn, writing novels and working on his comic strip which he began because he likes to make people laugh.

“I enjoy the craft and all it entails.”

A petition to our Board of Directors is being circulated requesting a Special Membership Meeting to:

- Amend the Bylaws to prevent conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest in the future.
- Request the Board address the questions sent to them by a concerned group of members on February 15th concerning the recent termination of our General Manager. No response has been received as of yet.

To see the petition & the background information, as well as how to sign it, please visit: https://sites.google.com/site/newdealcafe/
Local Rotarians Gather Supplies For School in Dominican Republic

by Hortence Barber

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is seeking donations that will enable them to construct 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 school supplies for local students at Springfield 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 donation 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 happened to book Benjamin’s first trip to the Dominican Republic, also delivered items to the school during her trip in January. As much as they were able to help, the need for supplies at 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 (6401 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 capcon36@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.

By Demetrice Bettis

Senior Softballers Seek New Teammates

The Greenbelters – the town’s team in the Baltimore Belclaw Senior Softball League – seeks new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, women at least 55. Spring training begins in March.

For details, call Manager George Harrison at 301-836-3260 or Deputy Manager Jasper Pendegrass at 202-321-0909.

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 Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center, family-friendly music from Cody & BJ, story times by local author Cindy Frei, family fun in the Playland, interactive learning stations and more. No registration is required.

The Visitor Center is on Powder 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 Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Co-sponsored by the Gazette and the Star, the bee gives the county’s best middle school spellers an opportunity to vie for top honors and advance to the national bee.

For more information visit claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405-2787.

Parent volunteer Dawn James and her daughter Christian James.

Mizure Phone Bank Sat. Callers Sought

Democrat Heather Mizure is campaigning, along with running mate Delman Coates, a Prince George’s County minister, for governor and lieutenant governor. A group of supporters is making phone banks every Saturday for the team and is seeking help from others to call supporting their candidacy. For details call Dan Bankier at 301-233-5814 or email 1danbankier@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, 711 Knox Road, College Park.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/groups/photo20740.
After the lecture, Hartley (left) poses for a photo with Dr. Joseph Sucher, who endowed the Dorothy Sucher Memo- rial Internship at the Greenbelt Museum in memory of his wife Dorothy Sucher.

Important roles women assumed in Greenbelt. Through a host of volunteer activities, Hartley stated that Greenbelt women have substantially influenced the political, economic, and social life of the community from the earliest days to the present.
Police Blotter


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

Robbery
February 26, 6 p.m., 8000 Lakewood 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 to 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. 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.

The suspect is described as a black female, 5’6”, 120 pounds, with straight black hair and brown eyes, wearing blue leggings, a denim shirt, a gray scarf and a black jacket with silver studs.

Attempted Strong Arm 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.

Commercial Burglary
March 1, 10:40 p.m., 8900 Edmonston Road. Unknown persons forced open a door to a medical office, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

March 3, 8 p.m., 7300 Hanover Parkway. Unknown person(s) attempted to break out the window of a medical office, but entry was not gained.

Kennyh Comedy
February 28, 12:30 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. Petitions were obtained for two Greenbelt youth, aged 16 and 17 for trespassing and disruption of school activities after being observed inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The youths, who were former students but no longer enrolled, ran from school administrators. Their parents were advised.

Automotive Crime
The following vehicles were reported stolen:
- February 27, from 8200 Canyon Terrace, a 2008 Mercedes Benz R-350 4-door. The car was recovered the same day at 7200 Hanover Drive. No arrests were made.
- March 1, from 7800 Mandan Road, a Ford Econoline E-350 van. The van was recovered March 5 by Prince George’s County Police Department at 14300 Cherry Lane. No arrests were made.
- March 4, 6100 Breezewood Court. A grey 2004 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Maryland tags 6AW9668.
- February 27, at 6100 Greenbelt Road, a vehicle’s door lock was damaged by unknown person(s).
- February 26, at 8000 Lakeward Drive, a rear Maryland tag was stolen, 7BB629.
- February 28, at 7500 Mandan Road, four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle.

The Department is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People who anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2415.
Democratic Club March Activities

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Sunday, March 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. The speaker will be Mary D. Smith, National chairman of the UMD. For more information call Yvette Lewis, Chair of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club at 509-2212 or email mozurk@bellatlantic.net.

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 guided bird walk will begin at 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth, near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.

Older Adult Quality Of Life Research

The University of Maryland School of Public Health is seeking help with a research project. UMD researchers would like to talk to people who think they are 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 with 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.

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For more information call Lori Simon-Rusinowitz, at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, 301-405-2548, or send an email to lsr@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

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 Elliott House. The Old Parish House is located at 4711 Knox Road, College Park 301-405-2548 or email mozurk@bellatlantic.net.

Russian Music at National Gallery

On Sunday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m the National Gallery of Art concert series presents Irina Mozyleva, soprano, Magdalena Wozniak-Sobczak, mezzo-soprano, Vera Danchenko-Stern and Gadzhi Zagor, 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 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.

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is pleased to present two special Sunday events

Yvette Lewis, Maryland’s State Democratic Party Chairwoman, an advocate for children and the performing arts, a lifelong grassroots activist* Sunday, March 23rd, 2pm in the Greenbriar Community Building and

In Partnership with Reel & Meal, The film: “Inequality for All” featuring former Secretary of Labor, Robert Reich *Sunday, March 30th at the New Deal Café 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. Following the film, there will be a discussion facilitated by Konrad Herling for further information, please call (301) 220-1025.

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“Print-making Is Creative” – Kids, Parents Plan Return

by Daisy-Nelly Nji

Adults and kids of all ages came to take part in activities for Artful Afternoon on Sunday, March 2 at the Greenbelt Community Center. With a variety of activities including printmaking workshops, exhibits and open studios, there was something for everyone at the event.

Nora Simon, a resident artist, was in charge of the printmaking workshop. As Simon demonstrated how to do the activity, she said the workshop was based on Indian block printing. She pointed out that the colors were based on what Indians would use, such as blue and pink. Simon decided not to do block printing, she said, after hearing the winter music, “Penguins and the Gor- gon,” was going to have Indian motifs.

Mimi Gorburu, who attended the workshop with her mother, said block printing was really cool. “It’s very creative,” she said with a smile while working on her bandana. Zerdo Rosenthal, Gorburu’s friend, added that block printing “was really fun.”

Jordan Tierney and her parents Alex and Emily Brown enjoyed the activity too. Raime said she liked the colors used for block printing. The Browns said this was their first time at Artful Afternoon and they highly liked how well-organized the event was for kids and said they would definitely come again.

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Sailor’s Rosary made by Jordan Tierney

Tierney used styrofoam, lobster traps, newspapers, sewing patterns, broken furniture and other materials to tell a story through her work. She said these materials have their own stories and they come alive for her. Tierney added that her pieces combine thought-provoking narratives with a visceral approach to the material.

During the reception, Tierney answered questions and spoke with visitors. She explained her inspiration for each of her artworks.

Ceramic Sculptor

Upstairs in the Community Center, Judith Kornett, a ceramic sculptor, taught visitors to use the clay wheel to create their own works of art. “We have wheel classes for people of all levels, she said. Kornett’s love for the people of Greenbelt is one of the reasons she enjoys participating in Artful Afternoons.

Next to the ceramic workshop were open studios of resident artists Celestine Ramey-Howes, Mary Wong and Sherrill Anne Gross. During the open house, artists not only displayed finished artwork but also worked on their new pieces.

Most artists at the open studio said their inspiration came from a mood or feeling. Wong, a painter, said she enjoyed other people’s reactions and feedback. Gross, a cut-paper artist, summed up why Artful Afternoon is valuable to artists and visitors. “Art is for everybody,” she said. “Something will resonate in everyone who views it.”

City Notes

Planning staff continued progress on Greenbelt Station South Core details with the developers, including development review on the multifamily component. Public Works staff marked trees to be removed at the Hamilton Gardens Community Garden. Street Maintenance/Special Details crew removed stumps and debris at the gardens on Gardenway and started putting plows into storage that will hopefully stay there until next year.

Horticulture/Parks crew started clearing an eight-foot perimeter around the community gardens on Gardenway. Facilities Maintenance crew installed two public phones – one at the Aquatic & Fitness Center and one at the Community Center.

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Greenbelt is a GREAT place for families!
CHEARS Volunteers Help To Protect Trees in Park

In response to the most recent eruption of the perennial controversy regarding beavers at Buddy Attick Park, the Chesapeake Education 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 conjunction with the Greenbelt Public Works Department, were to educate citizens about a wildlife management issue and to demonstrate that “ordinary folks can make a difference in the health of Greenbelt’s remnant woods by taking simple and fun actions.

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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.

Roosevelt 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 Octavia Wilson and Kaila Charles are scoring threats from any spot on the court. Dajhiah 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.

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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.

To register and to receive more information and directions, call Mabel at 301-577-9885. PWPS programs and services were originally sponsored by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS) and now by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and other community organizations.