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PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

ACE Educator Awards were presented at the Greenbelt City Council meeting. Front Row: ACE Members Rosalind Ceasar, Sudhanshu Sinha, Janet Mirsky and Jon Gardner; Awardees Jennifer Mitchem (Turning Point Academy), Theresa Wehrman (Greenbelt Elementary School), Pamela Schnupp (Springhill Lake Elementary School), Tanesha Wiggins (Magnolia Elementary School) and Eric Dent (Eleanor Roosevelt High School); and ACE Member Veronica Martin-Frederick. Back Row: ACE Members Don Rich and Elsie Waynes; City Councilmember Ed Putens; County Councilmember Ingrid Turner; City Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling; Mayor Emmett Jordan; City Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts; and ACE Members Dave Whiteman and Susan Breon.

ACE Presents Education Awards

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) presented the ACE Educator Awards at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on March 24. ACE inaugurated the Educators Awards in 1996. These awards recognize school-based adults who have made an exceptional contribution to the schools that Greenbelt children attend.

ACE Chair Susan Breon mentioned some of the activities ACE has been working on this year; including:

- Organizing two ACE Science and two ACE Reading clubs hosted by three Greenbelt schools.
- Running the ACE Grants-to-schools program, which funded 17 programs this year totaling grants of just over \$8,000.
- Organizing an annual meeting with school principals and another meeting with PTSA presidents.

A recipient may be any member of the school's team including teachers, guidance counselors,

other professional staff members, support staff or building staff. ACE selects awardees based on nominations from school administrators.

Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner was present, along with School Board Member Peggy Higgins, who was ill and left early, and State Senator Paul Pinsky. State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington were

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City Manager Responds to Report By Matrix Consulting Group

by James Giese

At the April 1 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin gave his public response to a report by Matrix Consulting Group on its study of the city's organi-

zational structure. All councilmembers were in attendance.

Although the consultant had commended the city on its performance, he made numerous suggestions on how to improve

performance, most of which had price tags attached. The consultant particularly advocated strengthening the city's information technology (IT) capabilities.

Response

McLaughlin told council that while he took exception to some recommendations, he agreed with about 75 percent. To implement them, however, will require additional resources, he noted. While he agrees with all of the consultant's increased staff recommendations to be implemented in the short term, McLaughlin noted that the consultant had defined short-term as a two-year period.

Some of the recommendations are proposed in the budget McLaughlin prepared and are now being considered by council. To implement most, however, will require more time and

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National Education Week

In a celebration of American education, these columns have been telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. For a variety of reasons the stories of one school's teachers have been delayed until now.

Turning Point Academy

Henry Inspires Students To Have Dreams of College

by Kelsey Sutton

Kelly Henry wants all of her students to go to college.

The fourth grade teacher, who has been instructing students at Turning Point Academy for five years, said she "absolutely" encourages students to pursue higher education.

"We're getting children to college, and we're getting them career-ready," she said.

Henry, who is pursuing a master's degree in reading education from Johns Hopkins University, allows her students to experience what college is like through her eyes.

"We are going to have a



Kelly Henry

big celebration [when I graduate]," she said. "It's important to me, but it's also important for my kids to experience someone graduating college so they can understand that it's a big accomplishment."

The teacher's fourth grade classroom, nestled inside a trailer behind Turning Point Academy, is spruced up with a Michigan Wolverines blanket tacked to the wall and colorful posters taped around the room. Children's artwork decorates the walls behind Henry's desk. A Johns Hopkins

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An Unusual Teacher At an Unusual School

by Jim Link

Korrye Richardson is the professional development lead teacher for first grade at Turning Point Academy. But she also teaches 21 first graders. That means she is tasked with "reading, writing, science, social studies, life skills –" the usual litany of responsibilities often summed up in the word "everything."

As a lead teacher, "I basically welcome and orient new instructors" she says, "act as liaison between teachers and curriculum makers, communicate with the different county educational offices and help provide teachers with necessary support."

Turning Point is a public charter school with over 400 students from grades K-9, with a curriculum based on character education. Its charter emphasizes five words, five principles and 10 priorities.

A handful of these are prominently displayed in Richard-



Korrye Richardson

son's classroom - Truth, Integrity, Courage, Leadership and (Being Your) Brother's Keeper.

"How do you teach integrity?" I ask. "Or how to be your brother's keeper?" I am astonished at the deep implications of such a question and Richardson per-

haps senses my discomfort or skepticism.

This very assured woman laughs comfortably. "Well, we periodically get in a circle in our discovery group and discuss issues or what's on their minds – sharing, taking turns talking, how to handle friction in friendship, fairness – the best way or some ways to handle problems. I try to seize on teachable moments or even create them."

"Like what, please?"

"Well, if a student has been absent – sick or whatever – I encourage the class to welcome him back – a gesture is worth a

See RICHARDSON, page 6

What Goes On

Saturday, April 12

10 a.m. to noon, Doggy Easter Egg Hunt, Animal Shelter

Monday, April 14

6:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

Wednesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 16

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Roosevelt Center Merchants (Stakeholder), Community Center

Saturday, April 19

10 a.m. sharp, Annual Egg Hunt, Children ages 18 months to 6th grade

After Egg hunt, Mandy the Clown's Crazy Fun Juggling Show and Dance Party

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

Please join me in applauding Team Illusion's hard work and dedication to its robotics program. We can be proud that such fine young people represent Greenbelt.

And when you hear of its next fundraising activity, please consider passing the hat to help defray the cost of success. The extra event registration fee to attend the World Championships is \$5,000 on top of the cost of travel, room, meals and expenses.

George Boyce

THANKS!

I liked my neighbor Catherine Plaisant the first time I met her.

Now your article in the Women's History series has enlightened me to her productivity and creativity. Wow!

I am grateful that our community is welcoming to and suitable for very accomplished people (and for the rest of us).

Patricia Novinski

Mini Faire Kudos

What an amazing Mini Maker Faire last Saturday! Kudos to George Boyce and Eva Fallon, the creators and owners of Club125, for a wonderful new event for our community.

Arts and crafts, science and technology, workshops and stuff for kids – for creators, doers, observers, everyone! And true diversity – all ages, backgrounds and interests.

Let's hope this new event can become part of our annual traditions.

And thank you to all the volunteers who helped George and Eva create and manage the Faire and to Beltway Plaza Mall and GreenSTEMS, the primary sponsors.

David and Sandra Lange

Mini Maker Fun

The Dirksen family really enjoyed the Mini Maker Faire last Saturday.

“My partner and I were showing people the Minecraft game. I constructed an example of a non-Euclidean archway to demonstrate the incredibly creative aspects of the game.”

Jaden, 8th grade

“I enjoyed everything at the Faire. I mostly liked the wet felting and the 3-D printer. The people who made the printer were very creative and talented. Also I really liked the face painter – he was very artistic.”

Raina, 5th grade

“I liked how everyone got to show what they can do and be creative.”

Linden, 3rd grade
The Dirksen Family

Trail Marker Needed For Attick Lake Park

The American Discovery Trail (<http://www.discoverytrail.org/>) is east/west. It stretches from Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware, to Pt. Reyes National Seashore, California, and is the first – likely the only – coast-to-coast, non-motorized, recreational trail in America. It is 6,800 miles long, with national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The East Coast Greenway (<http://www.greenway.org/>) is north/south. It extends from Key West, Florida, to Calais, Maine (at the Canadian border) and is also a non-motorized, recreational trail. It is 3,000 miles long with Washington, D.C., as the midpoint.

There can be only one place in America that the two trails cross; that is in Greenbelt – at Buddy Attick Park.

I think a special mile marker should be placed at that unique location so hikers and bikers will be advised that if they turned left or right, they could end up in Pt. Reyes, California or Canada.

Bob Nelson

Greenbelters' Works At Short Film Fest

On Saturday, April 19 from 2 to 5 p.m., at the South Bowie Library, the Heritage Film Festival will showcase animated shorts by several young Greenbelters. There will be two untitled shorts by Christina Miller, five shorts by Mary Alyce Yoho and “Black Canvas” and “Mermaid” by Eileen O'Brien. All are recent students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program conducted at GATE studios in the Greenbelt Community Center. Former student Joel Mason Gaines will also have his “3 Steps” animated short screened. Other students participating are Xavier Anderson, Graig Bracey, Elizabeth Mabrey, Judah Russell, Ty Thomas and Jordan Williams.

The Heritage Film Festival is a free festival held annually to showcase works by local filmmakers.

For more information go to info@heritagefilm-videofest.org.

City Wins Municipal Achievement Award

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) has honored the City of Greenbelt with an MML Achievement Award for successful community engagement.

The award – the city's seventh – recognizes the effort that resulted in a total of \$100,000 in funding for the Old Greenbelt Theatre's renovation and the redesign of the city website.

The award will be presented at the opening general session of MML's annual convention on June 9 in Ocean City.

Greenbelt also has won MML Achievement Awards for Artful Afternoon, the Pet Expo, GIVES, GAIL and more.

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues. Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
WEEK OF APRIL 11

Grand Budapest Hotel (R)

FRIDAY
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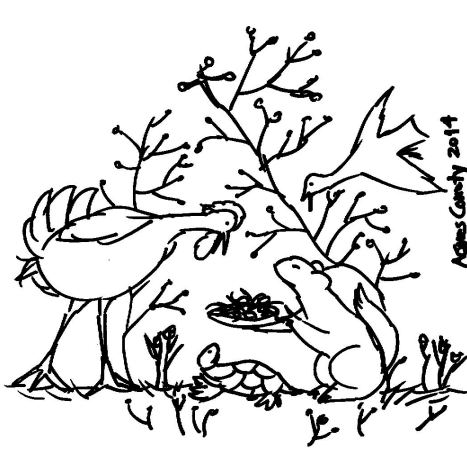
SATURDAY - SUNDAY
*3, *5:15, 7:30

MONDAY - THURSDAY
*5:15, 7:30

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"Don't look for cherry blossoms in my salad bowl"

Greenbelt Recreation to Hold Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, April 11 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.



Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

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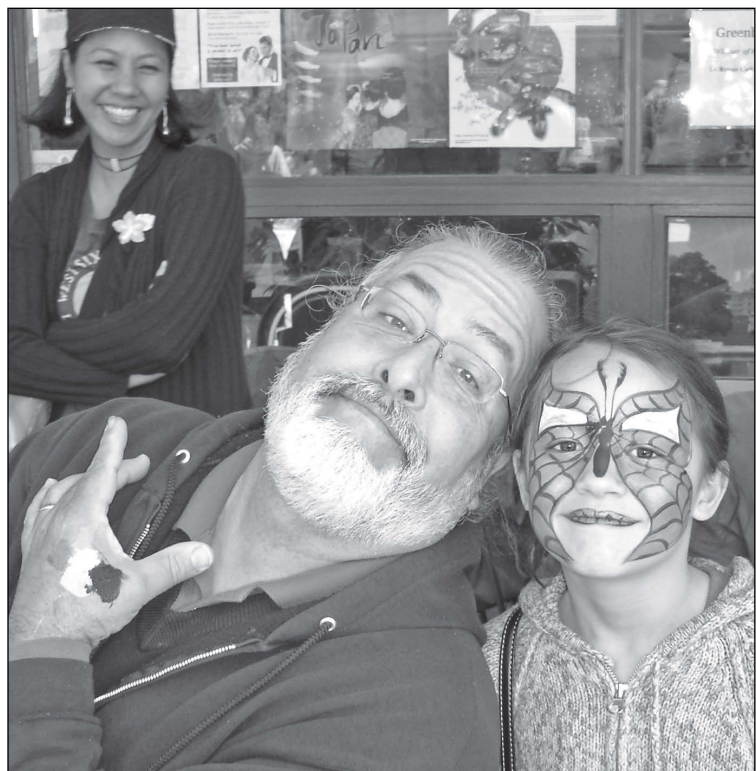
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



Face painter Ming Diaz and Raina Dirksen as mom Lucy looks on.

Greenbelt is a GREAT place for families!

Community Events

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 April 14 through 18 are as follows:

Monday – Grape juice, home-style chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, tomatoes, corn and okra, tropical fruit.

Tuesday – Grape juice, vegetable soup, chicken salad sandwich, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Apple juice, meatball stew, brown rice, spinach, tropical fruit.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, ambrosia, coconut cake, fresh fruit.

Friday – Pineapple juice, potato-crust fish, lima beans, carrots, diced pears.

Explore Rug Twining Traditional Weaving

Explorations Unlimited will offer a presentation by Norma Brooks on Friday, April 11 at 1 p.m. to introduce rug twining, a traditional style of weaving using reclaimed sheets, scraps of cloth or old clothing to create rag rugs. No sewing is involved, only a frame, scissors and cloth.

The art of making rag rugs is being revived. Although many are commercially made today, true rag rugs are still homemade. Creating them is simple and eco-friendly, can be done by all ages and skill levels and is especially beneficial to seniors or anyone who wants to increase manual dexterity.

Brooks is self-taught in the art of rug weaving and other crafts. Many of her creations are sold at craft fairs, private parties and online.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information. There will be no Explorations Unlimited on Good Friday, April 18.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

At the Library

Thursday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. Pre-School Storytime, ages 3 to 5. A librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props, interspersing stories with songs, rhymes and fingerplays. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Babies are also welcome. Pick up a free ticket for each participant from the information desk before the session.

Read to Rover

Saturday, April 19, 2 p.m., for ages 6 to 11. Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to therapy dogs trained to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required, call the branch for details.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. The African History and Culture Lecture Series continues with "Crossroads of Destiny: World War I and the African Diaspora – A Centennial Commemoration," presented by C.R. Gibbs.

Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. Book Discussion on Cheryl Strayed's "Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail." In this New York Times bestseller and Oprah's Book Club 2.0 selection, Strayed tells her own story of family loss and decision to hike more than 1,000 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to join the discussion. For those who have not read the book, copies will be available at the information desk through Monday, April 14.

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or go to www.pgcmcls.info. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting Open Session – Board Room

Friday, April 11, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Special Membership Meeting at American Legion Post, 6900 Greenbelt Road

Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Glenn Mossy (bottom) of Little Bits shows a variety of electronic modules made by the company. For more photos of Greenbelt's first Mini-Maker Faire, see page 12.

Toastmasters to Meet Wednesday, April 16

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The Social Hall is at the rear of the church on the lower level of the main building.

Toastmasters offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. Members learn to lose the fear of public speaking, become better listeners and build skills for success.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, April 11 begins with John Guernsey on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. InTone Nation will play blues and roots-rock songs that shake, rattle and roll. Saturday, April 12 starts with Bruce Krittr playing classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Café favorite IlyAIMY offers a must-see percussive performance from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, April 13 the weekly Deaf Brunch is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 6 to 8 p.m. the Fez Tone Hafra provides live Middle Eastern music and belly dancing.

Utopia Film Festival Presents

Sun., April 13th & Wed., April 16th

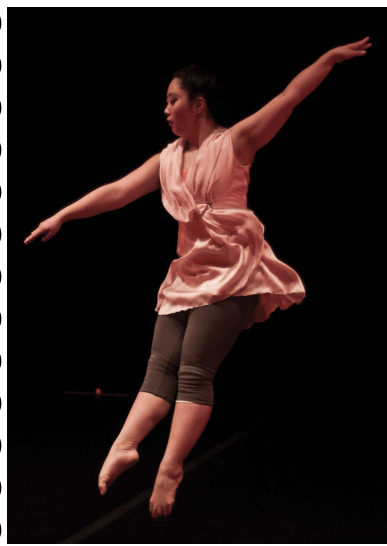
8:00 PM "American Idealist" a documentary on Sargent Shriver

on Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. Channels Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19

Greenbelt Arts Center

** THIS WEEKEND ONLY **

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Season Preview and Dance Party!

Come enjoy an evening of dance, music, food and fun with alight dance theater, musical guests Bedlam and the People's Dance Party!

April 11 & 12 at 8:00PM

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Child (12 & under)

COMING

Celtic Concert – April 26 – Homespun Ceilidh Band
Habeas Corpus – May 9 – 31 - directed by Pauline Griller-Mitchell

NOON

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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Time Bank Orientation Saturday at Club 125

On Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m. there will be a Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation meeting at Club 125 in Roosevelt Center.

The time bank is to be free and simple – a community of Greenbelters exchanging goods and services using their time instead of money. Participants will earn hours by providing services to others and spending those hours to obtain service from other participants. This is an opportunity to use one's time and talents to help neighbors and get one's own needs met. It's free and helps build a stronger community.

Join at www.greenbeltimebank.org by clicking "Become A Member" on the left side. A coordinator will approve new members in a few days.

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WEEK OF APRIL 10

FRIDAY - WEDNESDAY

Divergent, PG-13 11:45, 3:40, 6:45, 9:55
Oculus, R (!)
11:10, 1:35, 4, 7, 9:40
Rio 2, in 2D, G (!)
11:20, 12:15, 1:40, 2:30, 4:45, 6:40, 7:15
Rio 2, in 3D, G (!)
4:10, 9

Captain America: Winter Soldier, in 2D, PG-13 (!!)

11, 12:05, 3:30, 6:30, 7, 9:30

Captain America: Winter Soldier, in 3D, PG-13 (!!)

9:55

Mr. Peabody and Sherman, PG

1:50, 4:05

Sabotage, R

10

Draft Day, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 10

Noah, PG-13

11:45, 3:20, 6:45, 9:50

THURSDAY

Divergent, PG-13

11:45, 3:40

Transcendence, PG-13 (preshow)

8, 9:50

Oculus, R (!)

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A Haunted House 2, R (preshow)

8, 10:05

GREENBELT BASEBALL

CAR WASH

Saturday April 12, 2014
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Greenbelt American Legion
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Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Jean D'Esposito, who died peacefully at home on April 5, 2014, at the age of 101. A funeral Mass will be offered at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on Thursday, April 10, at 10 a.m.

Congratulations to:

– Eleanor Roosevelt High School students Oluwakonyinsolia Opeyemi Adesoye, Miles A. Harrison, Ahmed M. Kammil and Chiamaka K. Ogwuegbu, who are among 800 outstanding Black American high school seniors to win scholarships from the National Achievement Scholarship Program for which 33,400 competitors applied. The awards go to the strongest semifinalists on the basis of an essay, consistently high academic performance records and high SAT scores. Ogwuegbu is a student writer for the News Review.

– Itsy Kliman on the success of her new play, “Why Is This Year Different?” The play is a comedy about a Jewish family’s attempt to prepare and host their traditional seder meal in today’s changing world. It was directed by Itsy’s son Todd Kliman and performed by Mishkan Torah members on their stage on Sunday, April 6, before an appreciative audience of about 100 members and friends.

– Violinists Rachel Collins, Jenny Grier and Nate Gordy; flutist Folarin Olaniyi; trumpet players Ben Ehrenreich and Jennifer Onuoha; and trombonist Malcolm Morris for their participation the Prince George’s County Public Schools’ Solo & Ensemble Festival this past Saturday. All the students received a Number One, Superior Rating from the judges.

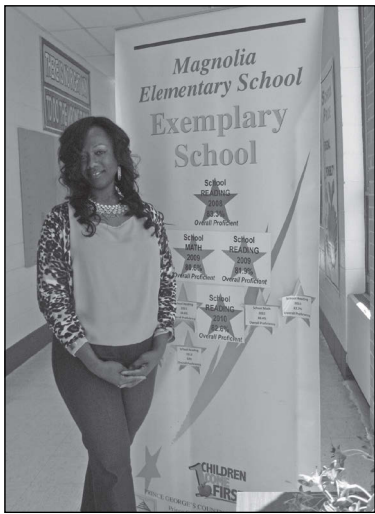
Ages 60+ Eligible For Free Dental

The Prince George’s County Department of Family Services, Area Agency on Aging, has received a grant to provide free dental services to seniors ages 60 and older who reside in Prince George’s County. Funds are limited. For more information or to sign up, call Christina Lemos at 301-265-8450.

Library Week Contest Offers Kindle Prize

In celebration of National Library Week April 13 to 19, the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System will hold a Facebook contest to award a Kindle Fire tablet computer.

Prince George’s County residents age 18 or older who “Like” the library’s Facebook page can complete an entry form at www.facebook.com/pgcmls. The deadline for entries is April 19.



– Magnolia Elementary School teacher Ayanna McSears, who was awarded a Reflex Educator Grant, awarded to exceptional educators to help students develop basic math using the motivational Reflex game that continuously monitors each student’s progress.

– Josephine Michael on achieving National Board Certification. She is a teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for “Our Neighbors,” email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



Team Illusion stunned the competitive robotics scene this year winning the D.C. regional event.

Team Illusion Back-to-Back Champs

by George Boyce

Greenbelt is home to many scientists and engineers and many youth desire to follow in the footsteps of their parents and other role models into technical careers. But not everyone has the same opportunities. Team Illusion was formed as a community team of high school students from a mix of public,

private and home schools from around the Greenbelt area, kids who didn’t have access to an after-school robotics program to develop knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering and math.

Team Illusion stunned the competitive robotics scene last year when they stormed the con-

vention center to win the D.C. regional event, winning the rookie all-star award and earning a trip to the world championships.

This March they did it again to become back-to-back champions of the D.C. regional, an accomplishment rarely seen and certainly not expected of such a young team.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
7:00PM April 18th

EASTER SUNDAY
11:00AM
 April 20th

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 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10 a.m.

A study circle is now forming for “Reflections on the Life of the Spirit” to be held weekly in Greenbelt starting in May.

Info and sign-up at www.greenbeltbahais.org.

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 1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
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 10:15 a.m.
 Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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 Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
 Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor
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 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

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Major Resurfacing On Greenbelt Road

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) has begun the resurfacing of Greenbelt Road (Md. Route 193) from Rhode Island Avenue in College Park to Southway in Greenbelt. Drivers should expect daytime and overnight lane closures through late summer.

The work is part of a \$4.5 million safety and resurfacing project that began last spring and should be completed by late summer, weather permitting. According to SHA's count, nearly 47,000 motorists use this section of Greenbelt Road daily.

Work this spring involves removal and replacement of the top layer of asphalt, adding new asphalt and placing final pavement markings. Crews will mill and resurface the westbound side of the road first and then the eastbound portion.

Through April 1, crews completed portions of guardrail installation, driveway construction and sidewalk and ramp work for Americans with Disability Act compliance. This spring and summer, crews will finish work on these items and also complete traffic signal enhancement and inlet and pipe cleaning activities.

Last fall, crews completed construction of pedestrian pads at bus stops and construction of concrete bus pads, which are strong enough to support heavier vehicles without damaging the roadway.

SHA's contractor may temporarily close one lane within the project limits weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and up to two lanes overnight, Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Residents are advised that construction equipment can be loud and disruptive. SHA asks for the patience of the public as crews work to make improvements along Md. 193, as well as public cooperation in observing reduced speed limits and driving safely.

Last Day of School Will Be June 13

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) announced on April 3 that Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Lillian Lowery approved a two-day waiver request from PGCPS after declining an earlier four-day waiver request. As a result of severe weather conditions, county schools were closed a total of eight instructional days this school year.

PGCPS had built four inclement weather make-up days into the current academic calendar. With the approved two-day waiver, PGCPS will be able to fulfill the state mandate of providing 180 days of instruction per year by extending the current school year by two days. Thursday, June 12 will be a full day of instruction; Friday, June 13 will be a half-day of instruction.

Spring break closure dates will not be changed, with the schools remaining closed for students from Monday, April 14 until Monday, April 21. The grading period will be adjusted accordingly.



Patuxent North Tract Bird Walks Held

Two upcoming bird walks are planned at the Patuxent Refuge North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.



Saturday, April 12 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., there will be a bird walk for all ages.

That evening at 7:15 p.m. an owl prowl will be held for those ages 10 and up.

Call 301-497-5887 to make reservations for either event.

Visit <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/index.htm> for more information on the Patuxent Research Refuge.

A Review

Itsy Does It Again



by Jim Link

Itsy Kliman has done it again. Forty years after writing plays for Mishkan Torah, she accepted a friend's challenge to create a new one. The result is "Why Is This Year Different?" which delighted 100 members and friends of Mishkan Torah on Sunday, April 6.

Directed by her son Todd Kliman, Itsy's play depicts an extended Jewish family preparing for a Passover celebration and is full of wit, insight and punchy

one-liners. Itsy's husband Ted Kliman, now deceased, directed her plays years ago; her son Todd is her new director. Frank Pearlman often starred in Itsy's plays years ago; he applauded in the audience last Sunday.

As Todd wrote in his director's notes, "It takes courage to create something new at the age of 86." His mother's play is a wonderful connection of Mishkan Torah's past and present. Bravo Itsy!

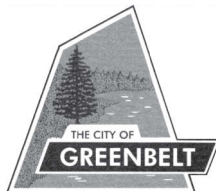
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 14-18

Monday, April 14 at 6:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway.

Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

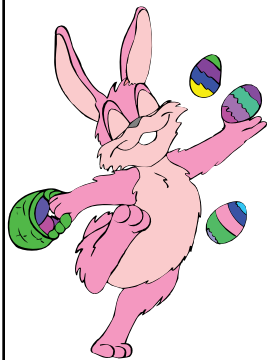
Wednesday, April 16 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Roosevelt Center Merchants (stakeholder)**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

LAWN BAGS

Paper lawn bags are no longer available for purchase at the Municipal Building. You may purchase them at the Greenbelt Co-op, Home Depot & Lowe's.

ANNUAL EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 19
Buddy Attick Park,
555 Crescent Road
Begins **PROMPTLY** at
10:00 AM.

Children ages 18 months to 6th Grade bring your baskets and help find the eggs that the bunny has hidden. Following the hunt, stay for the Mandy the Clown's Crazy Fun Juggling Show and Dance Party.
Info: 301-397-2208.

POTOMAC WATERSHED CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of Green ACES and Cub Scout Pack 202 to remove litter and other debris.

April 12 – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon:
BUDDY ATTICK PARK: Meet at the picnic tables at the park.
For details email Cristal Jones at jumper692010@yahoo.com

* Bring your work gloves. Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots – or old shoes. * Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!!

This event is organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation:
http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.shtml



Friday, May 16
Register at
www.biketoworkmetrodc.org
Greenbelt Pit Stop at GAFC

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

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additional resources, hopefully to become available in the future.

While McLaughlin felt Matrix "did a good job of understanding the city's organization and recognized the quality of work being done, commitment to service and expansive level of programs offered for a relatively small organization," he also believed, he said, that Matrix "misunderstood the context of some of the services" and applied a bit of a cookie-cutter approach in some of its recommendations.

Matrix's recommendations relating to the Planning Department he thought were based on the perception that Greenbelt had full planning and zoning authority. But this is not the case. With its very limited plan review and permit processing responsibility, McLaughlin said he did not see the need for a more robust plan review process as advocated by Matrix or the need for an engineer. Instead, he advocated for replacing an unfilled second assistant Public Works director position with one called Parks Superintendent to be filled by someone with expertise in parks and grounds maintenance.

McLaughlin said Matrix applied a cookie cutter approach in recommending a Community Services Department for animal control and parking enforcement by combining these services with the Recreation Department. In a memo to council on his views, McLaughlin wrote: "The Recreation Department is to 'bring smiles' to residents and the parking enforcement function is regularly the 'most hatred' government function."

IT Staff

On strengthening the IT staff to develop better measures of performance and to improve work-planning and reporting systems, McLaughlin noted the increased resources needed. He reiterated his opinion at a previous budget work session that the first step should be to employ a management analyst.

That person would define measures and standards, gather initial data, set up systems for gathering the data on a regular basis and monitor and analyze the outcomes.

At this worksession, McLaughlin told council of the difficulty in establishing uniform measures of work performance for local governments. He said that efforts to do so by the International City/County Management Association and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments have been unsuccessful in this regard because of the great diversity of services performed and the way in which they are performed.

Without successfully determined uniform standards, McLaughlin said, he asks department heads how they know they are doing a good job and looks about to see what others might be

doing. "I believe in picking and choosing and I am happy to steal from other people," he said.

McLaughlin also noted that while Matrix recommended improved performance measurement, it also recognized the city for its focus on providing individual service and pointed out "the challenge for Greenbelt is to retain this focus on service to the individual within the group while continuing to provide more cost effective means to deliver services under existing and forecast fiscal constraints."

Eight Objectives

McLaughlin identified eight Matrix recommendations as objectives in the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget. These are: research a new finance accounting and reporting system, explore paperless agendas and promote the Request Tracker module of the website to create another means for citizens to contact the city. Other objectives include having IT report directly to the manager, establish a priority system for code-enforcement response, employ a maintenance supervisor and establish a superintendent of parks position instead of either a second assistant Public Works director or engineer. Finally he recommended creating an IT support position in the Police Department in place of a police records position, when such a position becomes vacant.

At the worksession, council had first discussed the recommendation that the assistant manager supervise performance management. Councilmember Leta Mach said she felt the consultant was not fully aware of all the work performed by the assistant manager, particularly his efforts in monitoring legislative activities. McLaughlin reiterated his proposal to establish a management analyst position for this purpose at a lower pay level than that of assistant manager.

McLaughlin said he supported the need for all added positions proposed by Matrix. Councilmember Judith Davis noted the cost implications and that council already had the budget for the coming fiscal year. She hoped that within two years the city's finances would be brighter and urged council to plan ahead.

However, Mayor Emmett Jordan was interested in faster action. He didn't want to wait if something could be done now, he said. Councilmember Rodney Roberts then asked, "Where are we going to get all the money for these positions?" Roberts said he thought the purpose of the study was to manage the city better to save money; instead new expenditures have been proposed.

Jordan responded that he did not intend to raise taxes. Instead, he thought there might be an opportunity for grant funding and

that the city needed to plan now to take advantage of opportunities that might arise.

Councilmember Edward Putens said it took too long to get things done in the city and that he was tired of waiting for reports. He proposed exchanging positions by adding one here and taking away one someplace else.

Economic Development

Councilmember Konrad Herling reiterated his proposal to establish a city economic development program as a way to bring more taxes into the city coffers. He noted a current 30-percent vacancy rate for office buildings in the city.

Roberts, however, said the city couldn't rent out the offices; that was the job of office building managers. But Davis said that office renters located to where they could get incentives, such as those being offered by Anne Arundel County and that Greenbelt needed to do the same.

Councilmember Silke Pope supported Putens, agreeing that things needed to be moved about. "We need to take the report to heart," she said.

Except for Pope, councilmembers seemed agreed not to implement the consultant's proposal for a community development department. Less clear, however, was whether or not to move animal control and parking enforcement out of Planning and Community Development and, if so, under which departments these services should be placed.

lot – get them to help him if he needs it."

Richardson has a treasure box full of rewards for good behavior – "gems" like little furry pom pom balls, fake money, lollipops and pencils.

Circuitous Path

Unlike many female teachers, she did not have a favorite woman teacher who inspired her to go into teaching; nor did she major in education. At the University of Pittsburgh she majored in French and psychology, then after graduating tried her hand at educational research. Though theoretically interesting, this was too abstract and slightly anemic, she said. Richardson desired hands-on classroom experience – praxis rather than theory, so to speak. "I like sharing my knowledge with the kids rather than sharing my research with the powers-that-be," she smiled.

Now in her third year at Turning Point, she spent two years at Cool Springs Elementary School in Adephi. She has post-graduate certificates to her credit and is creating a Board Certified Portfolio – a year-long, intensive project involving videotaping herself in the classroom, accompanied by written analysis of her lesson plans.

Clearly this is not a typical teacher's career trajectory.

Common Core

"How do you like the Common Core Curriculum?" I ask. "Does it force you to teach to the tests?"

"I see where they are trying to go. Frankly, I like the Common Core Math program – I am

a math person. It teaches critical thinking.

But Reading? Not so much . . . it's more rigorous than the old curriculum and forces the kids – and us teachers – to play catch-up. There's a large gap to make up in a year . . . it prevents us from going deeper into topics," she adds.

When Richardson greeted me at Turning Point's entrance, the school was closing, yellow buses were lining up, parents were collecting their children and kids were making a happy exodus. She was there "herding the sheep," she happily explained.

Referring to that exodus, I asked, "I see squirmy, impatient, noisy, happy kids – how do you cope? What do you see?"

"I see that too," she says seriously. "But I want to get underneath all that surface flurry. I want to know what interests them, what makes them different, what they are passionate about . . ."

"How do you like your job?" I ask bluntly.

"Teaching is fine. But there's so much more to the job – paperwork, computer work and so on. I don't like to kow-tow to the plans, projects and curricula designed by people who have never or not recently been in the classroom. It's difficult to change your techniques every other year or so – difficult to refine your craft."

It's appropriate to give this thoughtful, dedicated teacher the last word: "Any advice for new teachers?" I ask.

"The first year's the hardest. Stick with it," she says



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University sweatshirt is spread on the wall near the front of the room. Cutout cardboard letters stapled above it read: COLLEGE BOUND.

"I'm honest with my students," she said about her push toward higher education. "I tell them it's becoming harder and harder to get a good job with just a high school diploma."

Henry is straightforward, concise and serious. She expresses a desire to see equality throughout school systems, where every child is given the same chance.

"Children should be taught on an equal playing field," she said.

Henry's biggest frustration stems from a lack of funding, which means she often has to shell out money from her own pocket-book to pay for classroom supplies.

Not having the funds for new technology and certain materials "is a challenge," she said.

Henry graduated from Oakland University in Michigan with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She's "always had a good rapport with children."

She recognizes the importance of parents in education and tries to establish a good relationship with her students' families.

Sometimes, the class doesn't have enough time to get through the entire curriculum. But Henry would rather make sure her students understand one topic before jumping to the next, she said.

Teaching "is exhausting," she admits. "But it's great watching my students grow and accomplish things they never thought they could."

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not present but sent citations recognizing the ACE Educator Awardees on behalf of the State of Maryland. In addition to certificates, Turner annually donates \$2,000 to the ACE scholarship fund.

Many school principals were in attendance -- Greenbelt Elementary: Monica Gaines; Springhill Lake Elementary: Natasha Jenkins; Magnolia Elementary: Phyllis Gillens; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School: Reginald McNeill. Many family members and school staff also attended.

Awardees and comments from the school's staff are listed below.

Wehrman

Theresa Wehrman teaches 5th Grade Reading/Language Arts at Greenbelt Elementary School. Nominators noted that she is a passionate educator who empowers students to achieve far beyond their expectations. Wehrman creates a classroom environment that embraces students' creative differences and encourages them to dive into areas of study that arouse their curiosity.

Wehrman currently serves as the school Reading Content Chairperson, Grade Level Chairperson, Write a Book Coordinator and Sport Club Coordinator.

Schnupp

Pamela Schnupp has spent her 17-year teaching career working with students at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Currently she is a Special Education resources teacher for second and third grades.

Comments about her indicate that while Schnupp excels as

an educator, she also shines as a friend, mentor, colleague and coach. She works hard to meet the needs of her special education students, putting in extra time to plan effective lessons and scaffold the learning process.

Wiggins

Magnolia Elementary School's Tanesha Wiggins has worked in education for 12 years, the last five years as a 5th grade reading teacher. She is said to exemplify commitment, loyalty and service to the field. Besides teaching, she also serves as grade level chairperson, Talented and Gifted (TAG) Coordinator and Robotics Coordinator.

Wiggins devotes much time working on the TAG program with teammates, coordinating enrichment field trips, holding TAG parent information nights and hosting an information night offered by Johns Hopkins University.

Mitchem

At Turning Point Academy Jennifer Mitchem is a first-grade teacher and honor roll chairperson. Commenters say she has a wonderful rapport with people of all ages, especially with her children.

Mitchem works independently with great initiative and a positive attitude. One colleague said, "There are few professionals as dedicated, creative, motivated and caring as Jennifer Mitchem."

Dent

Eric Dent is Eleanor Roosevelt High School's (ERHS) building supervisor. He has always placed the wellbeing of the students

first and constantly makes sure that the buildings and campus of ERHS offer a safe, clean environment for students.

As the building grows older, Dent works constantly on improvements and ways to re-purpose areas to offer diverse space to accommodate the growing needs and desires of students. He is highly respected by staff. One commenter said, "Mr. Dent is the unsung hero of our building, always going above and beyond what is required of him." Following the awards presentations

Breon summed up by saying, "From elementary school to high school, we see that Greenbelt educators are doing truly wonderful things. The members of ACE feel privileged to be working with these outstanding educators."

The ACE Student Awards will be presented at the council session on Monday, May 12. Together the awards spotlight the high quality of the educational programs of the schools attended by Greenbelt's children and all those who contribute to educational excellence.

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Police Blotter

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Assault

April 1, 7:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. The victim was approached by another woman, who stated she did not like the way the victim looked at her and the two proceeded to get into a physical altercation. The suspect fled the area and the victim was taken to the hospital for minor injuries. The suspect is a black female, 5'2", 100 pounds, wearing a pink jacket.

Carjacking

March 27, 11 p.m., Edmonston Road and Breezewood Drive. A man gave four subjects a ride from the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue to an unknown location at Franklin Square Apartments, where three of the suspects then produced knives and ordered the victim to drive away. He was directed to the 8900 block of Normal School Road in Bowie, where the suspects took the victim's wallet, cell phones and laptop computer. The victim was punched several times and ordered out of his vehicle. The suspects then fled the scene in the vehicle and are described as three Latino males, 5'5", 140 pounds and a Latino female, 5'3", 140 pounds. The stolen vehicle, a 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer 4-door, was recovered the next day by the Prince George's County Police Department Hyattsville. No arrests were made.

Suspicious Person

March 28, 2:15 p.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace. The victim reports that a woman came to his residence claiming to be a PEPCO employee and showing some type of identification. She stated she wanted to see his account statements to see if she was entitled to a "refund". The victim agreed, but then refused to cooperate further when the suspect became suspicious. The suspect left but the victim believes she may have taken one of the utility statements. The suspect is described

as a black female in her twenties, 5'2"-5'4", wearing a black shirt and blue jeans.

Burglary

March 27, 1:12 a.m., 6900 Greenbelt Road. The front glass door was broken open for entry and money was taken. The suspects are described as a white male, 35 to 40 years of age, 5'7", 160 pounds, wearing a black knit hat, a green or tan waist-length jacket, grey pants and boots and a white female wearing a purple shirt. A possible vehicle is described as a silver Toyota Sienna van with Maryland tags and a roof rack on top.

March 30, 6:50 p.m., 8200 block Mandan Road. The sliding glass window of a residence was broken out by an unknown person. It is unknown if anything was taken.

March 30, 7:28 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A residence was ransacked by an unknown person using unknown means of entry. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Theft

March 28, 6 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Jewelry was removed from a residence by an unknown person.

April 1, 5 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken from the Home Pretzel Restaurant.

April 2, 4:14 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive. A parcel was removed from the doorstep of a residence by an unknown person.

Automotive Crimes

March 27, traffic stop/stolen auto arrest, area of Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue. A 36-year-old non-resident was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, theft and unauthorized use after officers were advised that the vehicle may have been stolen. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 2013 Toyota RAV4, had been reported stolen to the

Public's Help Sought To Identify Suspect

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking help from the public in identifying a suspect in connection with an armed robbery that occurred on March 30 at 8:29 p.m. at the Beltway Plaza CVS Pharmacy. A man entered the store, walked the aisles, selected a few items, then went to the counter and paid for the items. While at the counter, the suspect produced a handgun and announced a robbery. When the cashier hesitated in giving the suspect money, the suspect threatened to shoot the cashier. After obtaining money, the suspect fled the area on foot toward Berwyn Heights. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Holden at 240-542-2134, or by email at mholden@greenbeltmd.gov.

Lexington, N.C. Police Department. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Stolen Vehicles:

March 27, 6100 block Breezewood Drive (black 2013 Chrysler 300C 4-door, Maryland tags 7BE4351);

March 30, 9200 block Edmonston Road (a black 2011 Covered Wagon trailer, Maryland tag 065501X, inside was the victim's black 2004 Honda motorcycle);

March 31, Frankfort Drive and Jacobs Drive (2004 Ford Taurus 4-door; the vehicle, which had been burned, was recovered April 2nd by Prince George's County Department).

The following items were taken from vehicles between 3/28 and 3/31: 6000 block Cherrywood Lane (cellphone taken from unlocked car); 7600 block Greenbelt Road (purse removed from vehicle while owner pumped gas); 8000 block Lakecrest Drive (passenger window broken and purse removed); 7400 block Greenway Center Drive (power tools removed).

Museum Lecture Topic Is City Architect Ellington

On Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will hold its second quarterly lecture for the year, with historian Isabelle Gournay talking about her research on architect Douglas Ellington. The lecture will follow immediately after the annual meeting of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum at 7 p.m. in Room 201 at the Community Center.



Douglas Ellington

According to Gournay, Douglas Ellington (1887-1960) was born in the small town of Clayton in North Carolina. Although his is not a household name among American architects, his career and talent are unique in this country and worth discovering. A brilliant student at the University of Pennsylvania, Ellington spent two years, on the eve of the Great War, at the prestigious Paris Ecole des Beaux-Arts. He placed second for the 1911 Paris Prize but the winner was disqualified. In 1914, while studying under Victor Laloux, the designer of the Orsay railroad station (currently Musee d'Orsay), Ellington achieved the distinction, unique among Americans, to rank first in the prestigious Rougevin competition. Despite artistic and decorative gifts and Beaux-Arts pedigree, Ellington did not achieve the fame of a more socially prominent architect of the Jazz Age. His best known works were built in Asheville in the late 1920s and have been featured in the recent exhibition Douglas Dobell Ellington, Asheville's Boomtown Architect, organized by the Western North Carolina Historical Association.

Gournay's lecture covers Ellington's student and professional work up to 1935, when he assumed, along with his lesser

known and less distinctive colleague, Reginald Wadsworth, the position of architect-in-chief for Greenbelt.

The talk represents a first step toward a better understanding of the design process behind Greenbelt's architecture at a time when American designers transitioned from Art Deco to the Machine Aesthetic.

Gournay is a resident of Old Greenbelt and a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board. She received an architecture degree from the Paris Ecole des Beaux-Arts, the same school where Ellington completed his education. She teaches architectural history at the University of Maryland. Her major areas of expertise are connections between France and the United States in the field of architecture. She is an editor of "Paris on the Potomac: The French Influence on the Architecture and Art of Washington, D.C.," and is currently writing a book on the impact of Parisian studies among American architects, such as Ellington.

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GHI Postpones Action, Asks Further Study on Two Issues

by Sam Stern

The board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) discussed some controversial issues in front of a packed room at its meeting on March 27.

The agenda included discussion on approval for a donation for a film documentary on food co-ops, an agreement between GHI and pilot members regarding heating and cooling and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between GHI and the Greenbelt Community Garden Club.

Tim Cohen-Mitchell, manager of the Kids Co-op in Greenbelt, brought a request to GHI to donate \$500 toward a documentary about food co-ops entitled Food for Change. "It examines the history of food co-ops in the United States," said Cohen-Mitchell. The donation would be used to promote the movie, which will be shown at numerous theaters and film festivals when it is released. Cohen-Mitchell had attended the March 13 board meeting, where he initially made his request. After a discussion about the merits of the film for the GHI community at the March 27 meeting, the motion to donate the \$500 failed. "I guess the biggest problem was [that] the GHI policy states that . . . any contributions should benefit the co-op members . . . and there were questions in people's minds if this did sufficiently benefit [GHI]," said Vice President Steve Skolnik.

Pilot Program

The next item of discussion was an agreement laying out the responsibilities of GHI and pilot members for heating and cooling systems that will be installed. "The pilot program was designed to provide GHI with information on the actual cost of energy efficiency upgrades, the energy savings they will bring, the payback periods for the upgrades and the impact on members while the work is being done," according to the GHI website. The program was first implemented in the fall of 2010, with the goal of increasing the energy efficiency of GHI units included in the pilot program.

The motion to accept the MOU for the pilot members was presented for discussion and action. However, the board concluded that more time was needed. Thus, the board deferred action in order for a small taskforce

to reconstitute and review the amendment language reworked by the attorney.

Garden Club

The board then moved into the most contentious topic of the evening, a discussion of an MOU between GHI and the Greenbelt Community Garden Club. The MOU would outline the club's use of the garden plots on GHI land and create a consensus on a plan of action. Board members raised concerns about the type of vehicular access required, along with insurance and liability concerns. A participant voiced concern about how GHI would be able to get out of the agreement if something unfavorable happened on the land. The topic was only up for discussion, not for action.

GHI Maintenance Director Matt Berres, attempted to clarify the agreement. "Some of this property is GHI's and some belongs to the city. GHI obviously can only make decisions about property that is in its own purview," said Berres. The board agreed that the MOU that had been submitted was unclear and needed to be worked on again.

Board Member Ed James said, later in an interview, that the issue is not on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Sam Stern is a journalism student at the University of Maryland.

Free Screenings, Talk, Music Saturday

On Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. a community health fair will be held offering a variety of free health screenings, an inspirational talk with music, mini-workshops and information booths at 3790 East West Highway in Hyattsville.

Silver Spring Stake community health fair co-sponsoring organizations this year include the Prince George's County Health Department, Adventist Health Care, the American Red Cross, Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research and more. Workshop topics include pregnancy and newborns, nutrition facts and fictions, heart health, demystifying exercise, American Sign Language culture, infectious diseases and vaccines and pain management. Booths with handouts available will cover child protection programs, tracking family health history, blood and organ donation drives, navigating health care websites and general health information. There will be vision, blood pressure and hip-to-waist ratio.

The keynote speaker is American-born operatic soprano Charity Sunshine Tillemann-Dick, a survivor of two double lung transplants, who will give a voice performance and talk titled "Impossible Possibilities: From Lung Transplant to Lincoln Center."

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Petition Update!



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- 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.

Members and potential new members are urged to become informed and attend the Annual Meeting May 4th at 1pm at the New Deal Café. Your cooperative is more than a bar-restaurant, it's an integral part of our community!

To see the petition & background information please visit:
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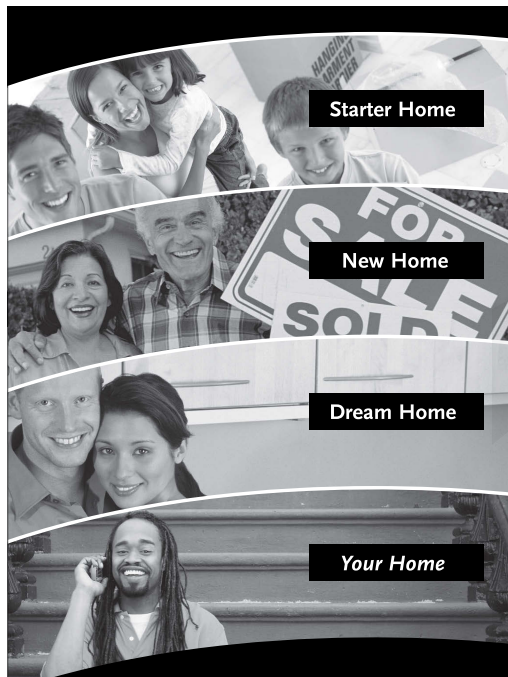
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Sunday, April 13	4 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants
Monday, April 14	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Indians
Tuesday, April 15	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Orioles
Wednesday, April 16	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Thursday, April 17	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Cubs
Friday, April 18	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Athletics
Saturday, April 19	10 a.m.	Giants vs. Orioles
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