SafeTrack Surge #14 Closes Greenbelt Station for a Month

Metro announced that it has altered its plan for the next SafeTrack surge at the northern end of the Green Line, including the Greenbelt station. Originally planned as a longer period of continuous single-tracking, Metro will instead conduct Surge #14 as a shutdown to reduce the duration of the project and mitigate the impact to customers elsewhere along the Green Line. Surge #14 will be conducted in two phases, with the overall surge running from Saturday, April 15 through Sunday, May 14.

During Phase 1, from April 15 through April 29, the Greenbelt and College Park stations will be closed. Free shuttle buses will run between Greenbelt and Prince George’s Plaza with an intermediate stop at College Park. Green Line trains will run close to regular service elsewhere on the line, between Prince George’s Plaza and Branch Ave. every 6 to 8 minutes during rush hours. Yellow Rush+ trains will not operate during this time.

During Phase 2, from April 30 through May 14, only the Greenbelt station will be closed. Free shuttle buses will run between Greenbelt and College Park. Green Line trains will run close to regular service between College Park and Branch Avenue every 6 to 8 minutes during rush hours. Yellow Rush+ trains will not operate.

Riders who normally use the Greenbelt and College Park stations may wish to consider using New Carrollton (Green Line), Prince George’s Plaza (Green Line) or Forest Glen (Red Line) instead. For more information about alternate service options, visit wmata.com/safetrack.

SafeTrack is Metro’s one-year program of aggressive maintenance and reconstruction to replace worn rail ties, rail and other infrastructure required for safe and reliable train operations. The program will conclude in June.

State Compliance Board Finds Errors In City’s Handling of Open Meetings

by Diane Oberg

Judging by crowd size, the two hot topics of the March 27 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council agreed to adopt without discussion bills introduced at the Capital Office Park. Council also received another bushel basket full of petitions from citizens regarding topics such as the location of a possible second dog park, cell phone antennas and mortgage fraud.

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 8
10 a.m. to Noon, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Buddy Attick Park
(See City Ad for Details.)

Monday, April 10
5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee, Aquatic & Fitness Center
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipal/tv

Tuesday, April 11
7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board, Municipal Building

Wednesday, April 12
7:30 p.m., Zero Waste Circle, Springhill Lake Recreation Center
8 p.m., Council Worksession, Economic Development Corporation, Community Center

Friday, April 14
10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Underwater Egg Hunt, Aquatic & Fitness Center

Saturday, April 15
10 a.m., Sharp, Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Park

Council Receives Food Truck Hub Request; Plus Many Petitions

by Diane Oberg

Could a food truck hub be coming to Greenbelt? At its March 27 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council agreed to adopt without discussion a bill to establish a Food Truck Hub in the Capital Office Park. Council also received another bushel basket full of petitions from citizens regarding topics such as the location of a possible second dog park, cell phone antennas and mortgage fraud.

Food Truck

Prince George’s County has implemented a Food Truck Hub program to increase access to food options, encourage economic development and promote entrepreneurship. Both the hub and the food truck operators would have to obtain approval from the county, which is also charged with overseeing the program.

Under current legislation, up to 12 hubs could operate in the county in locations that are either within a quarter-mile of a Metro or MARC station or park and recreation facilities operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Currently hubs are operating in Watkins Park in Largo, the Town Center Market in Riverdale Park, on Baltimore Boulevard in College Park and near the University Research Park in Riverdale. The legislation does not place an upper limit on the number of trucks at a location.

Morning Calm Management, the new owner of Capital Office Park, is seeking approval to create a food truck hub in an underused parking lot at 6404 Ivy Lane and requested a letter of support from council. They would install payers over the asphalt and envision a two to three truck hub initially. The concept has the potential to attract more younger residents to work in the area and a larger tent that company officials said would be heated or air-conditioned depending on the weather.

William M. Shipp of O’Malley, Miles, Nylen and Gilmore, representing Morning Calm, stated that despite the hours of operation on the application (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) the hub would initially be open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The longer hours allow adequate time to set up and close down the hub. He noted that the county law permits hubs to operate until 9 p.m. The law does not allow the trucks to remain overnight. While he did not yet know how the company would choose the trucks to host, they must select from a county approved list.

The city has received three letters regarding this proposal. Two were supportive: The Bazzuto Group, located in Capital Office Park, said that the hub would assist them in achieving their goal of creating community; while the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation viewed the hub as allowing Capital Office Park to better serve its tenants and providing innovative resources to help Morning Calm attract new tenants.

The final letter, from Quantum Companies representing the owner of Beltsway Plaza Mall and its merchants association, opposed the food truck hub. Marc John relayed that the board stated that these meetings could be covered under the procurement section of the Act.

The board also found some technical errors on the part of the city: notices of the eight meetings subject to the Act did not inform the public of its right to observe the vote to close the meeting and that it voted to close the meeting in advance, rather than at the meeting itself. In addition, on two post-session summaries, the city omitted the names of some of those present. The board noted that the city had corrected this omission before the complaint had been filed.

The board did not address the allegation in the complaint that the public was improperly See MEETINGS, page 8
Back in 2014 I wrote a blog post about “How Greenbelters Talk Online” and boy, is it ever out of date! So here’s the latest on how we communicate among ourselves.

**The Move to Facebook**
The big change is how quickly people are leaving email-based small groups and joining Facebook groups instead. Here’s a survey of the 504 Facebook groups that we’ve been able to find among our residents by simply putting “greenbelt” in Facebook search. “Greenbelters” is the largest group in town with 3,467 members. It was created in size since 2014. It’s lively and informative and surprisingly civil, with excellent moderation by Julie Winters and James Riordon. They keep the posts on-topic and the spammers out— or remove them as soon as they’ve revealed their spammy intentions. I recommend a trick used by many of us who prefer not to see political arguments there— simply “block” the people who regularly post there. You can also do this for people who regularly start arguments.

The next largest group is “Old Greenbelt Days,” a public (open to anyone) group of 1,529. “Greenbelt Neighbors” with 692 members is called “Greenbelt Community” with 401 members are both closed groups that, as I understand it, were started back when the original “Greenbelters” group was less moderated. The “Old Greenbelt watch Group of Greenbelt,” with 585 members, has a narrow focus and a strict moderator (you truly) keeping the conversation on one of these topics: GH homes and yards, and Greenbelt itself. Topics include the HIP program, mini-splits, room colors and more and there are albums of home and garden photos to inspire us all.

“Gardening in Greenbelt Maryland,” a closed group with 118 members and “Greenbelt Biota” a public group of 202, started just a start when the original “Greenbelters” group was less moderated. There are Greenbelt Facebook groups for: Homeowners, Indivisible, Greenbelt Community Blog, Greenbelt Playball, Timebank, Pottery Group, Friends of the Animal Shelter, Group for the Arts, Greenbelt Garden Club, and many more. The list goes on.

**Leery of Facebook?**
If you’re nervous about Facebook, hold out— because you don’t want that behemoth knowing everything about you. Simply create an account with just your name (or even a pseudonym), then join the groups you want to participate in. If they’re closed groups, as most Greenbelt groups are, only other group members can see your posts and comments. Search results won’t display them, and people visiting your Facebook page will only see your name and the names of groups you’re a member of. It’s only when you comment in a public group or on the pages of people you’re “friends” your comments will be publicly displayed.

**Yahoo Groups No More?**
Until recently there was a large, active Yahoo group in town called “Greenbelters,” but recently disbanded. For people who prefer email there’s still some activity on the “Greenbelt Community” Yahoo group among its 339 members. That may not last, though— Yahoo groups are rumored to be on the way out. Since Yahoo was bought by Ve- rizon, people are looking for alternatives.

Susan Harris writes the Greenbelt Blog for Greenbelt On- line. This article was originally published there on March 29.

**Correction**
In last week’s Greenbelt History Project, “Con- struction Begins,” an explana- tion was put forth for construction work beginning at the D block because an existing road was adjacent to it. How- ever, further examination of Library of Congress photos of Greenbelt’s construction clearly show no crossover connection between this road and the con- struction site, although the road was very close to the construc- tion and future Ridge Road. Also, photos indicate that ac- cess for construction equipment was most probably made from an extension of the new road built for “Lakeview Con- struction,” with much of that access road becoming Crescent Road. That leaves open the question as to why D block was chosen for first construction, although E block, between Hillside and Eastway, was closer to the new road that would become Crescent.

In the text, the reference to construction of the first homes should read: “new Crescent Ridge, A to G.”

**Letters Policy**
The News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters must be subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.
Arbor Day Tree Planting

The City of Greenbelt is celebrating Arbor Day, Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon with a native tree and shrub re- dition planting. Show your sup- port for Arbor Day by planting native trees and plants at Buddy Attick Park. Participants should wear gloves, weather-appropriate clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Bring a reusable water bottle. Shoppers should bring their service-learning forms.

Individuals and groups are welcome. Meet at Buddy Attick Park.

For more information call Bri- an Townsend at 240-417-2155 or btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov.

RSVP to signpgenius.com/ go/490864fa2db2a358-cty1.

Mansion Events

Join us every day during Membership Week to explore the program activities, which provide support at the Greenbelt Maker- Space. Membership in the Maker- space Cooperative is not required to participate, but it does make you a community owner of the facility, gives you a direct role in its policies and structure our programs, and most impor- tantly shows you support our mission.

Thursday, April 6: Coding Club from 7 to 9 p.m.
Friday, April 7: Chainmail Workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 8: Minecraft Challenges from 10 o’clock noon.
Natural Egg Dying from noon to 4 p.m.
Sunday, April 9: Quitting 101 from 10 o’clock noon to 4 p.m. Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m. Game- mandering Discussion from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 10: Yogurt Making from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11: LEGO Building from 5 to 6 p.m. Polit- ical Action Chess Hour from 5 to 6 p.m. Chess Club (for all ages) from 7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 13: Minecraf Challenges from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Electronics Demo from 7 to 9 p.m.
Coding Club from 7 to 8 p.m.
Friday, April 14: Little Makers from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 15: Maker Fes- tival from 10 to 4 p.m.
Next Repair Cafe: Saturday, April 22

Sensory Shabbat

On April 7

Mishkan Torah Synagogue invites the general public to come to a family Shabbat service on Friday, April 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. This service will be led by Nadina Slovick, students from the Hebrew School. They will encourage everyone to participate, with lots of songs and stories, as well as traditional prayers.

There will be adaptations and support that will make it acces- sible to children and adults on the autism spectrum. Seating will be arranged in a large semi-cir- cle. Behind the chairs will be an open area for those who wish to stand up, move around, dance to the music, etc. Small percussion instruments and Scarves will be made available to further encour- age everyone to participate. There will also be a Quiet System down- stairs for those who need to take a little break. This free event is sponsored by Mishkan Torah’s Inclusion Committee, Social Action Committee, and Children’s Education Committee.

For more information, go to the Mishkan Torah website: www.mishkantorah.org, or contact Nadine Wobus: socialaction@ mishkantorah.org.

Golden Age Club

At 60 years of age the Golden Age Club is still going strong. That is a quote from the article in the News Review on March 23. Thanks for a great article and lots of pictures.

On April 12 the club will have a Chinese auction. Everyone is invited to come, buy some tick- ets and join the auction for new, clean articles donated by the members.

Time is running out to sign up for the anniversary luncheon on April 26 at the Holiday Inn on U.S. Route 1 in College Park. Doors open at 11 a.m. and we have good food, entertainment, short speeches, good friendship and a $500 prize.

The Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. Visitors are always welcome. We have been active for 60 years, so we must be doing something right.

Remember to smile. Happy- ness is measured by smiles not pounds.

Computer Club Meets

Thursday, April 13

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to come, buy some tickets for our Chinese auction and our Bedazzled raffle, and listen to the discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic troubleshooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.

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More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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. A small donation is requested. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 10 are as follows:

Monday, April 10: baked chicken with maple mustard sauce, mashed spiced yams, Brus- sel sprouts, wheat bread, sliced peaches, apple juice
Tuesday, April 11: breaded veal patty with marinara sauce, rotini and tomatoes, spinach, Ital- ian bread, diced pears, cranberry juice
Wednesday, April 12: South- west chicken thigh, Spanish rice, Mexicali vegetables, cornbread muffin, mandarin oranges, grape juice
Thursday, April 13: cream of tomato soup with crackers, chick- en salad, pita bread, mixed green salad dressing, fried green beans, apple juice
Friday, April 14: potato-crusted fish, baked beans, green beans, wheat roll, tropical fruit, apple juice

Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGC- MLS) branches will be closed on this Wednesday, April 5, Staff Development Day. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Friday, April 7, at normal hours.

All branches will be closed on Sunday, April 16, for the Easter holiday. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Monday, April 17, at 1 p.m.

Storytimes

Monday, April 10, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.
Tuesday, April 11, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s story- times. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and stories designed to support early literacy. Stop by the information desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first- come, first-served basis.

Arbor Day

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. “Black Super Power! The Portray- ing of Black People in the Worlds of Sci-fi, Comics, & the Supernatural,” presented by William L. Nigeria, will be the final ses- sion of the audio-visual lecture series organized by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented during the spring on Tuesday evenings through May 2.

Children’s Author

Wednesday, April 12, 11:15 a.m., ages 0 to 5. Lucky’s Tap Dancing Feet is an exciting story by author Quynn Johnson about a horse who wants to learn how to tap dance. With four huge feet, Lucky is sure to face some challenges. Follow Lucky and her two friends as they over- come obstacles and learn to tap.

BibLiboo Dance Party

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all Pre- schoolers and Toddlers! Come and bust a move and shake your sillies out at the Greenbelt Bib- Liboo Dance Party! Bring your parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop until we all drop!

Read to Rover

Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Every child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required. Call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

Stenny Hoyer Holds Town Hall Meeting

On Tuesday, April 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Congressman Steny Hoyer will host a town hall meeting with constituents at Reid Temple AME Church at 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd. in Glenn Dale. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

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Utopia Film Festival Presents

Sunday, April 9, Wed., April 12, & Fri., April 14
Beginning at 8 PM

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Free and Open to the Public

Orientation Class

Thursday, April 6th, 5-7PM in the GATe Studio
Come and find out if GATe is right for you!

Members Only

Canon Camera Class

Tuesday, April 11, and Thursday, April 13
From 7-10PM in the GATe Studio
Reservation required at greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19
To view our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccesstv.org
And click on “Channel”

Greenbelt Arts Center

THIS FRIDAY ONLY!

HOMESPUN CEILIDH BAND

Celtic Concert by the Homespun Ceilidh Band - May 1
Utopia Film Festival Presents

She Speaks – A Tribute - Apr 21 - May 13 -

To view our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccesstv.org

for information & reservations, call 301-441-6770
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

COMING SOON

Spring Craft Concert
Friday, April 7th
General Admission: Adults $22, Senior/Student/Military $20, Child $12

For information & reservations, call 301-441-6770 or
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Obituaries

Howard S. Chasanow

Former Maryland Court of Appeals Judge Howard S. Chasanow died Sunday, April 2, 2017, following an automobile accident. He would have celebrated his 80th birthday Monday.

Court of Appeals Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera began Monday’s high-court session by announcing Judge Chasanow’s death with “deep sadness.” She called his death “a great loss to Maryland and the Maryland legal profession.”

“He was a great attorney,” Barbera said. “He was a stellar member of this court.”

Judge Chasanow served on the Court of Appeals from January 1990 to August 1999. Prior to that, he was a Prince George’s County Circuit Court judge for 13 years and a district court judge for six years before that.

Retired Court of Appeals Judge Alan M. Wilner called Judge Chasanow, with whom he served on the high court for three years, a “highly intelligent” jurist. “He had a very fertile mind and was a good writer and a credit to the judiciary,” Wilner said.

Attorney Timothy F. Maloney said his law firm’s chief judge, Judge Chasanow, had been a “great friend and mentor to anyone in the law in Maryland” and “a circuit court judge’s law clerk in what was probably the most controversial. This Quran class for non-Muslims will cover its greatest chapter. Attendees will receive a free copy of a new, clear translation. The class will be held Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the College Park Community Center’s Lakeland Room, 5051 Pierce Avenue.

There is no charge for this one-day class but advance registration is required. Send an email to ariff@darussalaam.org

Quran Class For Non-Muslims

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Judge Chasanow [who grew up in Greenbelt] received his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1961 and a master of laws from Harvard Law School in 1962. He served as assistant and deputy Prince George’s County’s state’s attorney from 1963 to 1969 before joining the bench

He is survived by his wife, Deborah K. Chasanow, a senior U.S. District Court judge in Greenbelt; a daughter, Andrea Chasanow; a grandson; and three sisters.

He was married to the former Washington Post food critic Phyllis Richman of Washington, D.C., Myrna Chasanow of Chevy Chase and Ruth Hein of Alexandria.

Funeral services took place at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Mishkan Torah synagogue in Greenbelt.

- Danny Jacobs

Danny Jacobs is legal editor of The Daily Record.

Condemn the family and friends of former Greenbelt judge Howard S. Chasanow, who died on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors Duy Nguyen and Hunter Whaples, who teamed up and won the grand prize at the county level science fair. They will travel to the international competition in May. The pair’s project was in the category of energy and is titled Chemical Effect of Contaminants on Acid Gas Pyrolysis. Congratulations to Courtney Ritz of Ridge Road, who was recently featured in an article profiling women in science on the International Business Times website.

Share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COURTNEY RITZ OF RIDGE ROAD, WHO WAS RECENTLY FEATURED IN AN ARTICLE PROFILING WOMEN IN SCIENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES WEBSITE.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Community Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

For more information visit Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt

April 8th 2017
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Community Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Cross Lutheran Church 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt (301-345-5111)

For more information visit Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt
City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, April 10, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

* - Appointment to Advisory Group

- Council Activities
- North Core Detailed Site Plan
- Council Reports
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
- Presentations
- Earth Day Proclamation
- National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation
- Petitions and Requests

LEGISLATION
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 “Buildings and Building Regulations” of the Greenbelt City Code to Include Requirements for Smoke Detectors -1st Reading
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 “Buildings and Building Regulations” of the Greenbelt City Code to Include Requirements for Carbon Monoxide Detectors -1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS
- North Core Detailed Site Plan
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- *-Appointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

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- Council Advisory Groups

- Advisory Board, Senior
- Advisory Board, Arts
- Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Community Relations Forum

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee. For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

FY 18 Grant Review Panel Meetings for Operating and Project Grants

Meeting #1
Saturday, April 15
10am – 4pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112
Panelists will evaluate and score Project and Operating Grants submitted by recognized community groups.

Meeting #2
Thursday, April 20
7pm – 9pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112
Panelists will prepare a recommendation as to how the available funds should be allocated among the applicant organizations.

For more information please contact Greg Varda at gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-397-2200.

Bike to Work Day
Friday, May 19, 2017
Greenbelt Pit Stop, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center from 6:30am-8:30am

Please register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org
(remember the first 16,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt.)

Artist’s Studio Space Available

Apply now to the Greenbelt Recreation Department’s Artist in Residence Program

Greenbelt Community Ctr., 15 Crescent Road
24-hour access. Approximate 10’ X 17’ plus common areas and sink in a room shared with other artists. Current rate: $180.00/month (annual increases apply).

Application available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts
Due April 16 (after scheduling a tour) for residencies beginning on June 1 and July 1.

REGISTER NOW FOR UNDERWATER EGG HUNT
Friday, April 14
10 AM – 1:15 PM
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center 101 Centerway
PH: $1 RNPH: $2 RNRP: $3
For registration information call 301-397-2204.

Greenbelt Recreation Department

EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 15 at Buddy Attick Park
555 Crescent Road

 Begins promptly at 10am. Ages 18 months- 6th Grade

w/ the Easter Bunny and Entertainment by Don Juan, the magician. The show will be full of magic, illusion, fun and laughter.

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for city information, events and services.

GREENBELT PET EXPO 2017!

Saturday, June 3rd from 10am-2pm
Commet Howard Stanback at bstanback@greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10-14

Monday, April 10 at 5:30pm, YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE at GAFC, 101 Centerway. On the agenda: New Business: Shirts, NLC 2017 reports, Upcoming Event: Skate Park Celebration 6/3 11a-1p

Monday, April 10 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal

Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB) in the Council Room at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes. Lower voting age referral. Plan neat police/community relations forum. This agenda is subject to change.

Wednesday, April 12 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/PSC Economic Development Corp at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30pm, ZERO WASTE CIRCLE at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. On the Agenda: Updates on Organics Recycling Task Force, New Deal Cafe compost, reusable bags, Community Impact Grant, Green Man. Call for Other Special Events and Legislative Roundup.

Detailed agendas are posted on the calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING
Saturday, April 8 from 10am-12pm
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For more information call Brian Townsend, 240-417-2158 or btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov

SPRING CAMP
Ages 5-12 Activity #236501-1
Monday, April 17 - Thursday April 21
8:45am-3:30pm, Fees: R: $194, NR: $232
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway
Your kids will enjoy their Spring Break with action-packed events at the Youth Center and Field Trips! Please call 301-397-2200 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for more information.

Before care and after care options are available.

SPRING BREAK FAST BREAK BASKETBALL CLINIC
Ages 10-14 Activity #236413-1
Monday, April 17 - Thursday April 21
9:00am-12:00pm
Fees: R: $50, NR: $60
Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr. 6101 Cherrywood Ln.
Contact Brian Butler or Frank Jones at 301-397-2212 for more information.

Aftercare is not available for this program.

Saturday, April 8
10am-12pm
Buddy Attick Park

For more information contact Greg Varda at gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-397-2200.
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ing, calling the food trucks un-
fair competition to “rent and tax
paying restaurants leasing space
in commercial buildings.” He
cluded a long list of Greenbelt
restaurants as potentially being
harmed by this proposal. Kapas-
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build out true, quality restaurants
instead of pushing for a food truck
hub.

Councilmember Konrad Her-
ling expressed concern as to the
impact of the food truck hub on
restaurants in Beltway Plaza. How-
ever, Councilmember Judith Davis
noted that restaurants died even
without other restaurants nearby.
Mayor Emmett Jordan doubted that the food trucks would take away
quality restaurants at Beltway Plaza.

In the end, Davis’s motion to
support the hub without the pro-
tested tent unanimously.

Petitions
Council received a number of
petitions from residents, which
were accepted but in accordance
with its standing rules not acted
upon at this meeting.

Brian Almquist asked council
to post a locating a dog park on
Parcel 7, which includes the
Boxwood Preserve. He said the
dog park would be placed in an open
play area and would be only 50
feet from the nearest home. He
drew a list of city criteria for a
dog park that the site did not meet
and noted that the dog park proposal
calls for removing the
basketball court, which he said
gets regular use.

Theodora Scarato called upon
council to work to oppose federal
legislation that would remove the
ability of local governments to
regulate the installation of micro
wall towers, needed for 5G ser-
vice and the “Internet of Things.”
She said the installation of such
towers needs an environmental
assessment and the city has
identified potential impact
on human bodies that need
to be researched. Jordan assured
Scarato that council is already
aware of this legislation and very
concerned about how it would
bypass municipal authority.

Edith Beauchamp called upon
council to pay attention to
fraudulent foreclosures. She
referred them to the Federal Bu-
reau of Investigation’s website that
has information on “Steal-
ing Homes.” This is a form
of identity theft where a fraudulent
transfer of property form is ap-
proved without the knowledge of
the true owners. In other cases,
the scammers may cut the locks
down a house and install squatters.
The proposal is for a 105-foot
marquee style tower and will
include ground equipment re-
quired to operate the facility. This
equipment will be located at
the base of the structure in a secure
fenced area. The land is owned by
the Prince George’s County
Public School system.

T-Mobile Cell Tower Proposed
for ERHS on County Property

Goldsmith and his colleagues
have presented the proposal to
the school board and met with
the ERHS PTSA president who
reported the information to the
PTSA. The proposal has created
a great deal of discussion on the
Greenbelters Facebook page as
well as discussion at the school
board meeting.

A community meeting is set
for Tuesday, April 25 at the
Seabrook Seventh-Day Adventist
Church, 8900 Good Luck Road,
Seabrook, at 7 p.m. The website
with information about this proj-
et is RooseveltSWireless.com.

ERHS Hosts Walk To Cure Arthritis

On Saturday, May 6, volun-
teers and participants will get
out, get moving and raise funds
to find a cure for arthritis. Lo-
cated at Eleanor Roosevelt High
School, the Walk to Cure Arthri-
tis is the Arthritis Foundation’s
annual signature event that raises
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Learn how local people have
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T-Mobile and Milestone Com-
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installing a cell tower at Eleanor
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according to David Goldsmith,
company spokesperson for Mile-
stone Communication.

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April is Earth Month

by Erin Josephitis

April is Earth Month and it’s time to work together to clean up and green up our community. Don’t forget to pick up litter. Whether it’s recyclable, compostable or landfill waste, picking it up and taking it to the right bin will help keep our planet clean and safe. Consider participating in Greenbelt’s upcoming Earth Month volunteer events to help improve local watersheds.

First, celebrate Arbor Day and restore habitat for wildlife by planting and protecting trees on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at Buddy Attick Park. To volunteer for Arbor Day, RSVP at signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city1. Second, be a hero of the Anacostia and volunteer for the annual Earth Day Indian Creek Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. To volunteer for Earth Day, RSVP at signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city2. Bring a reusable mug for free coffee provided by Starbucks of Greenway Shopping Center. Volunteers will also enjoy free bagels thanks to Bagel Place Bakery.

Reduce your carbon footprint by walking, biking or carpooling with family, friends and neighbors to Greenbelt’s fun and educational Earth Month activities. Bring a reusable water bottle and wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. All training, tools and supplies will be provided by the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works, Alice Ferguson Foundation and Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). For additional green volunteer opportunities, check the City of Greenbelt website at greenbeltmd.gov/index.aspx?nid=638.

Finally, follow simple and easy zero waste steps to reduce, reuse and recycle so that materials don’t end up trapped in a landfill. Bring reusable shopping bags to the grocery store instead of using plastic or paper bags. Give materials a second chance by donating to thrift stores and shopping at them, too. Donate and shop for pre-loved treasures like apparel, accessories, books, electronics and more at Value Village in Hyattsville. If making home improvements, save money and protect the planet by shopping for building materials and architectural salvage at Community Forklift in Edmonton. Want to start backyard composting to help improve a garden? Purchase a discounted compost bin (while supplies last) thanks to a limited supply of funds from Greenbelt’s environmental protection division being contributed from a diverse set of organizations including municipalities like Greenbelt, natural resources departments, aquariums, zoos, marine museums and county parks.

Coming from as far as Delaware, Frostburg and Assateague, the ICCE community gathered for a day of learning and discussion on climate change. The theme for this meeting was sense of place. Members learned and discussed how people’s attachment to a place affects their local environmental beliefs and global climate-related actions. As the host, Greenbelt shared its history as a planned community during the New Deal era. The group experienced firsthand how the history continues to influence Greenbelt’s sustainable culture today. A tour by Susan Barnett, Greenbelt’s Environmental Coordinator in Greenbelt’s Department of Public Works.

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Greenbelt is proud to be an active participant in the ICCE MADE CLEAR community and its efforts to increase awareness and education of combating climate change issues.

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Attachment to Place Guides Climate Change Educators

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Annual GHI Plant Swap

by Erin Josephitis

Plants were up for grabs at the annual plant swap, sponsored by the GHI Woodlands Committee on April 2.

Photos by Susan Harris

Early daffodils

PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITIS
Council Talks Money, Money, Money at March 27 Meeting

by Diane Oberg

City Manager Nicole Ard presented her first budget to the Greenbelt City Council at its March 27 meeting. In addition, council modified the financial disclosure requirements for certain city staff and extended the contract for the city’s auditor.

Budget

Ard presented an overview of her proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget council, which will begin a series of work sessions to review budget departments by department starting with the budget overview and revenues work session on April 3.

The budget proposes expenditures of $28.4 million, a 4.3 percent increase over the current fiscal year. No change is proposed for either property taxes or waste collection/recycling fees. Ard is proposing to add one half-time public information specialist position to support community outreach and marketing but otherwise leave staffing unchanged. If council approves her proposal, city workers would receive a two percent cost of living adjustment and be eligible for merit increases for just the third time since Fiscal Year 2010. Nonclassified employees will see their compensation increase due to increases in the minimum wage. An anticipated cost of $97,000. Health insurance costs are projected to increase by $90,000, or roughly 4 percent. One unknown is the outcome of collective bargaining talks between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police, which could result in increased personnel expenditures.

The budget will again fund recruitment of a senior employee, this time the police chief. Former City Manager Michael McLaughlin delayed filing this position so that council could select the new chief.

The budget will now be discussed in great detail in a series of six public work sessions, with most meetings covering more than the budget category. There will be public hearings on the budget as part of the April 24 and May 22 regular council meetings. The final budget work session, where council modifies the city’s adopted budget to become their own, will be held on May 15. The budget will be adopted at council’s June 5 meeting.

For the first time, two of the work sessions will be held outside the city’s core: the Miscellaneous and Public Safety budgets will be discussed April 5 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Public Works/Capital Projects budgets will be discussed on April 19 starting at 8 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building.

For details of which budget will be discussed when and where, see the city’s website, greenbeltmd.gov.

Financial Reporting

On a 5 to 2 vote with Councilmember Rodney Roberts and Mayor Emmett Jordan opposed, council gave final approval to an ordinance modifying the financial reporting requirements for the assistant city manager, city clerk, assistant directors of city departments and police captains. These officials no longer have to report their home addresses; instead, they merely need to state whether they rent or own their residence. Attorney Karen Raff clarified that this change respects the privacy of employees who only to their primary residence. If these employees own other property, they must still report the address(es). In addition, the ordnance removes the requirement for these officials to report any family members employed by the city. The reporting requirements for elected officials, city manager and all directors of city department, including the police chief, remain unchanged.

Audit

On a 6 to 0 vote with Roberts opposed, council agreed to extend the city’s current contract with Cohn Reznick, LLC for two more years. Currently, the city has a policy of hiring auditors on a one-year contract with two optional years. City Treasurer Jef- frey Williams asked council for direction as to how to proceed. Cohn Reznick has completed the full three years of their contract. Williams said that any auditing firm is on a learning curve the first two years and only has the knowledge for a full review of city policies and procedures by the third year of their work with the city. Roberts moved that the city go to bid for a new auditor but that motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Jordan opposed, and City Administrator Edward Patens then moved that the city contract with Cohn Reznick be extended for two more years.

UMD Symphony Offers Free Concert

The UMD Symphony performs a free conductors’ concert on Wednesday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Dekelboum Concert Hall of The Clarice. Featured works are Samuel Barber’s Piano Concerto and Mendelssohn’s Symphony No. 4.

Marietta Holds Civil War Quilt Workshop

A free program on Civil War quilts will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marietta House Museum. During the war, materials were hard to come by. Join a discussion and learn about quilts during the Civil War and the stories they tell. There is a small fee. Call 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

Where is GHI Going?

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High Scores for Eleanor Roosevelt Orchestras

by David Yarbrough

This past Saturday, April 1, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) advanced string ensembles – the Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra – participated in the Countess Music Festival. This is a required event for all public school instrumental music teachers and they must have a band, string orchestra or choir perform. The ensembles are judged by music specialists on technical precision.

Upcoming Events at the New Deal Café

Sunday, April 9, Daffy Brunch, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Nost2Cool Jazz Trio, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Georgie Jessup & The Philosopher Dogs, a roots rock Americana band with multi-award winning singer-songwriter, soul-shaker, norm-breaker, and longtime social justice advocate. Georgie Jessup, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 13, Midday melodies with Amy C. Kraft, noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic with James and Martha, 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, April 14, Jeffrey Greenberg, piano, jazz, noon to 2 p.m. Jaz and blues piano by John Guerney, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Zydeco Jed, an East Coast roots band blending many influences from rock, jazz, funk, grateful delta and more through original material and kind covers, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Spring Grant Application Deadline

April 15, 2017

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Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held this Friday, April 7 in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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Join Outdoor Stewardship Activities at Greenbelt Park

Saturday, April 8, Potomac Watershed Cleanup. Join in the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s annual stewardship event as park volunteers help clean our portion of the Potomac watershed. Wear sturdy boots and clothes that can get dirty. Gloves and bags are supplied. Meet at the Sweetgreen Parking Lot, 7200 Old Branch Dr., 12:45 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, April 15.

Saturday, April 8, Learn about the bumble bees that pollinate inside Greenbelt Park with a presentation on the natural chemistry that causes the leaves to return to Greenbelt’s forest. Look at leaves under the magnification of a microscope to see sap flowing and the green of chlorophyll. Meet at Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

April 15 to 23, National Park Week. Junior Ranger Weekend is Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16. Come to the Ranger Station for a new free Greenbelt Park Junior Ranger booklet and earn a Junior Ranger badge.

Saturday, April 15, Volunteer Trail Crew. Join the Greenbelt volunteer corps to improve the park through stewardship projects. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors and pay it forward while working on a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Ranger Station at 8:45 a.m. (3 hours)

Saturday, April 15, “Who’s That? The Big Garden’” talk. Join the garden walker who will host a discussion about the red foxes that live in Greenbelt Park. Learn about foxes’ characteristics and habitat. Presentation appropriate for children ages 6 to 12. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Virginia Beauchamp Scholarship Fund
The University of Maryland’s network for women, the Campus Club, has begun a fundraising appeal to endow a graduate scholarship at the University of Maryland in honor of Dr. Virginia Beauchamp.

A resident of Greenbelt, Beauchamp served as editor, copy editor and art editor for the Greenbelt News Review from 1957 to 2016.

Friends and admirers of Beauchamp contributed to the scholarship named for her by writing a check to the University of Maryland College Park Foundation, which hosts “Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship” in the memo line. The mailing address is 4603 Calvert Road, College Park, MD 20740. Online payment may be made at go.umd.edu/wb/vfund. Contact Chris Garcia at Garcia@umd.edu for more information.

Del-Mt-Va Depression Glass Show April 22
The Del-Mt-Va Depression Glass Club’s 82nd Show and Sale will be held Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Historic Hostel, next to I-95 on the way between the pair of exit ramps. The show and sale will feature antique and vintage glass of all varieties, including Depression glass,伤痕 of the 1930s period. The show will feature 42 vendors from all sections of the Del-Mt-Va states of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale. The show is open to the general public and there is no admission fee. The show will offer antique and vintage glass for sale.
The Greenbelt Marriott invites you for brunch on Easter Sunday. With items from omelets to Marsala Rubbed Leg of Lamb, blackened Cod Fillet to mouth-watering desserts, there is something for everyone. Adults $39, Children (5-12) $18.50 Children 4 and under free. BRUNCH IS SERVED FROM 11 AM – 1 PM Reservations are strongly encouraged by calling 301.441.3700 Add on a deluxe guestroom at the Greenbelt Marriott and make it a holiday to remember.

The Greenbelt Police Department presents a police dog demonstration at the Spring Fair.

Greenbelt Elementary Spring Fair

Women in Science Article
Features Courtney Ritz

Greenbelters Courtney Ritz, an information technology specialist at Goddard Space Flight Center, was recently featured in an article profiling women in science on the International Business Times website. In her role as a web accessibility coordinator, Ritz applies her technical skills and experience as an individual who is blind and uses assistive technology.

“Ever since I was a child I was very interested in the Space Program, and the thought of working at NASA indeed struck a chord with me,” said Ritz.

In the summer of 2001, while studying at Mississippi State University, Ritz got the opportunity to intern at NASA headquarters in the Office of Space Flight. She was offered a job as an IT specialist at Goddard in 2002.

“I’ve always been a space enthusiast,” she says. “Although my day-to-day job isn’t directly connected to the Space Program, working at Goddard gives me the chance to support NASA’s overall mission through the IT services.”

“Never be afraid to follow your dreams, even if they take you in directions that others around you haven’t gone,” Ritz advises. “And no matter what career you choose to pursue, always stay alert to opportunities to incorporate your dreams.”

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