

## Astronomy Picture of the Day Has Its Roots in Greenbelt

by Cathie Meetre

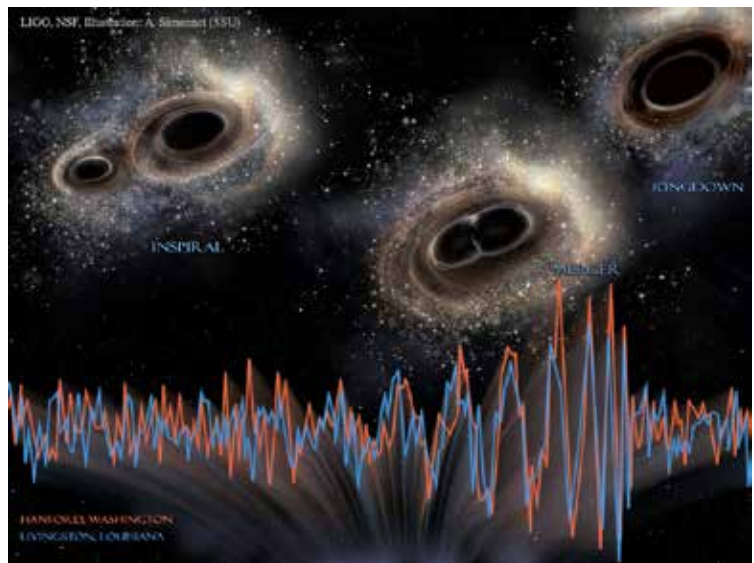


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The gravity wave APOD synchronizes data with graphics of black holes merging.

On February 18, the News Review featured Neil Gehrels, a former Greenbelt resident, a NASA physicist and a participant in the LIGO gravity wave experiment which recently detected gravitational waves. During the press conference on the announcement, an image and explanations of the LIGO science were cued for simultaneous release on Astronomy Picture of the Day's (APOD) website. The website is a favorite haunt of professional and amateur astrophotographers worldwide but what is perhaps less well-known is that one of the two soi-disant professional astronomers who started the website over 20 years ago is a Greenbelter, Dr. Jerry Bonnell. Bonnell, who works at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) for the University of Maryland, and his APOD colleague Dr. Robert Nemiroff, of Michigan Technical University, still curate all the images and provide the erudite and

compelling descriptions and links that lead viewers off on a sometimes amusing, occasionally wry but always fascinating quest to understand what they're seeing.

Bonnell, who has worked at GSFC since graduate school, and Nemiroff, who also earlier worked at GSFC, conceived of the page in 1995 when the worldwide web was still in its infancy and it was something of a lark to figure out what could be done with it. Without fail, they have produced five pages a week ever since and their readership has grown steadily to worldwide proportions – with over a million visitors a day. The site is hosted and supported by NASA and is, according to Google Analytics, the second-most visited NASA site overall. Additional support is provided by the non-profit Friends of the Astronomy Picture of the Day (FAPOD.org).

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## Public Hearing Held on Plans For Metro Station, Possibly FBI

by James Giese

Make the Greenbelt Metro Station more friendly to pedestrians, bicyclists and other public transit users. That was the gist of testimony at the February 23 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) public hearing on plans to reconstruct the station access facilities in conjunction with the development of most of the present parking lot into a multi-use development anchored by a major federal or private office complex.

Plans for reconstruction of the station access facilities were undertaken as a result of the joint efforts of WMATA and Prince George's County to obtain a transit-oriented development at the Greenbelt station. The Greenbelt City Council has supported these efforts.

Renard Development Company LLC has proposed constructing a mixed-use transit-oriented development on the western por-

tion of the Metro property now being used mostly as a parking lot. There the company proposes building hotel, office, retail and residential space and a parking garage.

The eastern portion of the property, also now a parking lot, is planned for development as a major government service agency or large private employer. Presently, the General Services Administration has designated that site as one of three possible sites for the new headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the hearing, Andy Scott, acting director of real estate and station planning for WMATA, emphasized that the hearing was not about whether or not the FBI should be located there, but what would need to be done to relocate Metro access roads and parking should that decision be made. He also noted that the Maryland State Highway Admin-

istration plans to reconfigure the Capital Beltway interchange in order to provide access from and egress to the east and south.

### Plan

Two levels of facilities are in the plan. The lower level would be at about the level of the Metro Station. It would be primarily for pedestrian, and some bicycle, use. A large mostly uncovered plaza is to extend from the station entrance eastward to a lower level walk-in entrance to the proposed FBI headquarters. To the north would be covered walkways to the Kiss and Ride parking area and Metrobus loop. These areas would also be covered and located beneath commercial buildings such as restaurants, offices or hotels and possibly apartments.

To the south at the plaza level would be a covered walkway to the Park and Ride garage building.

See WMATA, page 6

## City Council Holds Worksession About County and City Schools

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on February 17 with the Prince George's County Public Schools system. Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kevin Maxwell and Greenbelt's school board member Lupi Grady participated, as did the full city council. This was the first meeting since the fall of 2014. The worksession was relatively short as Maxwell had another commitment later in the evening.

Topics included budget, class size and having all Greenbelt students attend Eleanor Roosevelt High School and other schools located in the city. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked Grady if she had any information to present from the school board.

Grady described a project that Councilmember Leta Mach had asked about at the 2014 meeting – financial literacy training for students. Grady indicated that the project is now in place and about 9,000 eighth graders will participate this year. Grady also indicated that a "Terrapin Teacher" project will hopefully be pilot tested. This will involve students at the University of Maryland assisting county schools in science and other activities.

In April, a Youth Summit will involve about 60 ninth and tenth graders from Eleanor Roosevelt, Northwestern and Parkdale high schools. Participants will be selected by the schools and may include both student leaders and those "under the radar."

The mayor then asked Max-

well about his first years as CEO. He is halfway through his third year and expects to seek another four-year term. Regarding budget, Maxwell is asking for a greater investment in the county schools, just as he did last year. He stated, "We're not adequately funded" to do all the activities we're asked to do. He mentioned that the county schools, which have one of the worst graduation rates in Maryland, have been improving. They increased about 2.5 percent in his first year and another 2 percent or so last year. The graduation rate is now 78 percent compared to a state rate of 82 percent.

Councilmember Edward Putens mentioned that 38 new teachers are being added in order to lower class size in K-2 classes. He wondered how the 38 were being distributed among schools. Maxwell indicated he'd have to get the details for him, but commented that early childhood education is very important and that the whole northern part of the county has too many children for the space allotted.

The operating budget and the capital budget are inter-related. Even when funds have been set aside for a school to get an extra teacher, it's only possible to

do so if there is a classroom available for the extra teacher.

That brought up a discussion of using closed schools or empty buildings. Putens referred to an empty school building on Crescent Road (the former St. Hugh's school), but others chimed in that it is not up to code. When it was brought up again by Councilmember Silke Pope, Maxwell stated he will have "someone look into it."

Council asked about the fact that the Greenbelt bus lot is still there. Maxwell indicated that a year ago it looked like the lot would be moved to Old Baltimore Pike in Beltsville, but the price for the land was too high and the deal fell apart. They are still looking for a location. Councilmember Judith Davis asked about the county leasing out school property space for cell

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, March 5

10:30 a.m. to Noon, Free Composting Workshop, Public Works Facility

7 p.m., Orlando Furioso, Youth Musical, Community Center

#### Sunday, March 6

1 to 3 p.m., Community Art Drop-in, Community Center

3 p.m., Orlando Furioso, Youth Musical, Community Center

#### Monday, March 7

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Advisory Group Chairs, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

#### Tuesday, March 8

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Municipal Building

#### Wednesday, March 9

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board meeting, Community Center

#### Thursday, March 10

7 p.m., District 4 Listening Session with County Councilmember Todd Turner, Municipal Building

#### Friday, March 11

1 to 3 p.m., Ice Cream Social, Community Center

#### Saturday, March 12

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Community Service to Protect Trees from Beavers and Invasive Species, Buddy Attick Park.

2 and 7 p.m., Orlando Furioso, Youth Musical, Community Center



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

The first spring crocuses appear around Greenbelt.

# Community Foundation Launches Trivia Test

The Greenbelt Community Foundation is launching Explore Your Greenbelt to celebrate 10 years of local philanthropy. This will help Greenbelters rediscover the community through new eyes. The goal is to spread the word about how local giving right here in Greenbelt can help nourish amazing ideas and serve the community.

Throughout our 10th anniversary year, selected local projects will be highlighted, with more made possible with community support. The selected grantees reach into all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods and have the power to engage new audiences in the work. For the next seven months, two organizations each month will have events and activities identified on the Facebook page and on our website. From a music concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to exploring the Greenbelt Farmers Market on weekends, people will be asking

to become part of the campaign by taking selfies and uploading them to the Facebook page. Individuals with the most selfies from various events will win fabulous prizes.

Now for the fun part. Help is needed. The 14 Days of Greenbelt Trivia Contest recently launched will encourage people to guess the identity of the organizations to be highlighted over the course of the year. Join in. Head on over to the Facebook page and try to guess the mystery grantee. Comment on the Facebook trivia post with an answer and then share it – don't forget to tag Greenbelt Community Foundation and use the hashtag #exploreyourgreenbelt to be eligible to win a prize. The more one plays and shares the content, the more new audiences can be reached.

Join in on the fun. The more the merrier!

## Library to Open On Sundays

The Greenbelt branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will be open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. effective March 6, 2016. The new hours will offset the impact of the New Carrollton branch's closure for renovations for approximately 18 months. Other library branches with Sunday hours are Fairmount Heights, Hillcrest Heights, Hyattsville, Oxon Hill, South Bowie and Spauldings.

## Ice Cream Social Friday, March 11

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an ice cream social on Friday, March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. This free senior event will take place in the Greenbelt Community Center Gym. The dynamic Retro Rockets will be performing live for this event.

Come out and enjoy tasty ice cream while listening to great live music. Many different types of ice cream and toppings will be available.



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### On Screen

## Hail, Caesar!

Coming this Friday March 4 to the Old Greenbelt Theater, Hail, Caesar! is a goofy send up of Hollywood's golden years, when MGM had more stars than were in the heavens.

Written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen, Hail, Caesar! features a kidnapped matinee idol (George Clooney), whom Hollywood "fixer" Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin) attempts to rescue. Farcical subplots include Scarlett Johansson as a pregnant unwed aquatic musical star who can't fit into her mermaid suit, a pair of twin gossip columnists both played by Tilda Swinton, and Channing Tatum as a male chorus line dancing sailor. Ralph Fiennes, Jonah Hill, Frances McDormand and Alison Pill also appear.

Packed with various pastiches of old movies, Hail, Caesar! is what one critic calls "the sweetest and sunniest film the Coens have ever made."

Rating PG-13

Running time - 1 hour, 46 minutes

- Jim Link



## Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Town Hall Meeting

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

At the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department  
 125 Crescent Road  
**2:00 – 4:00 PM**

The Board and senior staff will discuss some of the major challenges ahead and provide an update on the Homes Improvement Program. Members will be able to present questions and comments.

## Ageless Grace Seminar and Classes

Denise Medved, creator of the Ageless Grace exercise program, will be in Greenbelt from March 17 to 19 to certify new Ageless Grace educators. Ageless Grace is an exercise program that exercises both the body and the brain simultaneously. Based on the science of neuroplasticity, it is creative, imaginative and most of all fun and exhilarating.

Two free 30-minute sessions will be offered from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18, in the council room at the Municipal Building. Karen Haseley, certified Ageless Grace educator, will offer a preview of Ageless Grace on Friday, March 4 at 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

There will also be two workshops on Saturday, March 19. The first one is the KIDZ Playshop – teaching Ageless Grace to children, and the second is a two-hour workshop on marketing a personal health and wellness business. The marketing session is open to anyone interested. The KIDZ Playshop is open to Ageless Grace educators and those who have completed the Ageless Grace seminar.

For more information on Ageless Grace or to register for the certification classes, go to [agelessgrace.com](http://agelessgrace.com). For more information on the free sessions or Greenbelt Ageless Grace classes, call Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208.



Old Greenbelt Theatre  
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[www.greenbelttheatre.org](http://www.greenbelttheatre.org)

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 Senior/Student \$8, Kids \$6  
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 All shows before 5 PM:  
 Adults \$7, Kids \$5  
 OC = Open Captions  
 CC = Closed Captions

### SHOWTIMES Mar 4 – Mar 10

**HAIL, CAESAR!**  
 (PG-13) (CC) (106 m.)  
 Fri. 1:00, 8:00 PM  
 Sat. 1:00, 8:00 PM  
 Sun. 1:00 (OC), 8:30 PM  
 Mon. 8:00 PM  
 Tues. 8:00 PM  
 Wed. 1:00, 8:00 PM  
 Thurs. 8:00 PM

**THE LADY IN THE VAN**  
 (PG-13) (CC) (105 m.)  
 Fri. 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM  
 Sat. 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM  
 Sun. 6:00 PM  
 Mon. 5:30 PM,  
 Tues. 5:30 PM,  
 Wed. 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM  
 Thurs. 5:30 PM

Family Series:  
**HEIDI (1937)**  
 Sat. 11:00 AM  
 Presented on 35MM!

Noir Series:  
**BORDER INCIDENT (1949)**  
 Sun. 3:30 PM  
 Presented on 35MM!



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# Community Events

## Public Works Offers Compost Workshop

The Greenbelt Public Works Department is hosting a free introductory workshop on composting basics on Saturday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Public Works building. Everyone is welcome whether new to composting, have been composting for a while, or just looking to become more environmentally conscious. Greenbelt residents will have the opportunity to purchase a discounted compost bin while supplies last.

There are many agricultural, horticultural and environmental benefits to composting. For one, composting improves soil structure by making the soil more friable. Crumbly textured soil allows air, water and energy to move more freely through the soil. The increased amounts of microorganisms contribute to higher nutrient uptake and resistance to plant diseases. Moreover, composting improves water-retention in soils, allowing plants to stay healthier longer in dry conditions. Lastly, composting reduces the amount of organic wastes that end up in landfills. RSVP to [ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2168.

## Church to Host Sustainability Event

The Green Team of the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, invites all to share information on taking care of the Earth on Sunday, March 6 from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. There will be recycling and timeline decomposition games, samples of sustainable products, some giveaways such as cloth bags and information about recycling, reducing plastic use, basic composting, wind energy and Greenbelt's time bank. Materials will be available for writing letters to legislators encouraging bills to promote sustainable practices.

Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles will be there to answer questions. Coffee and tea will be available. Bring suggestions for actions or educational materials that can be used to support sustainability efforts to share with others.

The church is located at the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads. The table will be downstairs in the Social Hall. For more information, contact Jane Young at [gccjane@aol.com](mailto:gccjane@aol.com) or 301-507-6765.

## Community Drop-in Art, Spring Musical

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to a Community Art Drop-In on Sunday, March 6. Herald the approach of spring with a free egg decorating workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Reservations are not required and materials will be provided while supplies last. This event takes place at the Greenbelt Community Center.

A matinee performance of this year's Winter Youth Musical will follow the workshop at 3 p.m. Advance tickets are available for a fee through the Greenbelt Community Center business office. A large cast of talented middle and high school students will present Chris Cherry's original show *The School for Superheroes* presents *Orlando Furioso, the Musical*.

Enjoy the current show in the Community Center art gallery at your leisure. The exhibit features costumes, props and puppets from previous Winter Youth Musical and other Recreation Department performing arts program productions.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, call 301-397-2208 or visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts). See the online Spring Activity Guide for information about visual and performing arts classes for all ages starting in March as well as the spring and summer camp brochure. All Recreation Department programs are open to both residents and non-residents of the city. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## GIVES Quarterly Meeting March 12

The GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

It is at the quarterly meetings that residents of Greenbelt, looking for a way to give or receive service from fellow residents, can learn about this 20-year-old organization that continues to work in the spirit in which Greenbelt was founded: one of sharing service and helping to make Greenbelt great.

New members are always welcome and can come to meetings or stop in the office in the Community Center Senior Lounge. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

## Democrats Sponsor Senate Forum

by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is the place to be Friday evening, March 18 at 7 p.m. as the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, along with the South County Democratic Club and the Prince George's County Young Democrats, provide a forum featuring the two major Democratic candidates for Maryland's U.S. Senate seat held for 30 years by Barbara Mikulski. They are Representatives Donna Edwards and Chris Van Hollen. The issues are anticipated to range from the four "e's" – economy, energy, environment and education – to transportation, community and police relations, foreign policy and the challenging battle with ISIS.

Check the News Review next week to find what link one should access to secure a seat for the forum.

For further information call 202-321-4207.

## Senior Softballers Seek New Teammates

The Greenbelters seek new players with a desire to play competitive softball. Men must be 60 and older, women at least 50. Spring training begins in March.

For details, call Manager George Harrison at 301-538-3636 or Deputy Manager Jasper Pendegrass at 202-321-0909.

## Events at MakerSpace

Spring into something new this week at the MakerSpace.

Friday, March 4: First Friday Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Join friends and neighbors in playing games of strategy like *Settlers of Catan*, *Fluxx*, and *Dominion*.

Saturday, March 5: The MakerSpace is closed as the First Lego League Team R5 competes in the Maryland State Tournament. Regular hours will resume on Sunday.

Sunday, March 6: Animation Workshop from 2 to 4 p.m., taught by local artist Ola Betiku. Those interested in participating can just drop in and see what is happening. This will be the third class.

Tuesday, March 8: First Lego League Post-season Training from 6 to 7 p.m. From 7:30 to 9 p.m. the Arduinos class will introduce participants (ages 12 and up) to the fundamentals of Arduino programming.

Wednesday, March 9: Junior Legos begins again. From 4 to 5 p.m., 5- to 8-year-olds will be working on LEGO building challenges. Knit Night, for knitters, crocheters and other fiber enthusiasts, is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 10: Coder Dojo Kids, from 7 to 8 p.m., will be working in Scratch. Coder Dojo Adults meets from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

## All Bands Concert At ERHS March 4

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School All Bands concert will be held on March 4 at 7 p.m. in the ERHS Auditorium. The concert features the Roosevelt, Concert and Symphonic Bands and the Wind Ensemble. Each group will play the pieces prepared for the county music festival.

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### Week of February 26

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Deadpool, R  
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 Gods of Egypt, PG-13  
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 Zootopia, in 3D, PG\*\*  
 4, 9:15  
 Zootopia, in 2D, PG  
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 7:10, 9:35  
 London Has Fallen, R  
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 Risen, PG-13  
 11, 1:40, 4:35, 7, 9:45  
 Triple 9, R  
 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40  
 Race, PG-13  
 11, 4, 6:50, 9:40  
 Kung Fu Panda 3, PG  
 11:10, 1:50

#### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

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 Kung Fu Panda 3, PG  
 11:10 (except on Mon.), 1:50

#### THURSDAY

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 The Perfect Match, R  
 (preshow)  
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More Community Events  
 are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
 Sunday, Feb. 28th & Wednesday, March 2nd  
 Beginning at 8 PM

“The Milagro Man (2014)”,  
 “The Human Factor”, and “Kevin’s Friend”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)  
 Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

## Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING THIS WEEK



Written By Joshua Harmon  
 Directed by Bob Kleinberg  
 March 4 – 20, 2016  
 Fri Mar 4, 11, 18 & Sat Mar 5, 12, 19 at 8:00PM  
 Sunday Mar 6, 13, 20 at 2:00pm  
 Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,  
 \$16 Students/Seniors/Military  
 Note: Mature Subject Matter Not Advised For Minors

### COMING SOON

Enchanted April - April 8 – 30 - Directed by Pauline Griller-Mitchell

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or  
 email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
 BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

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### Free and Open to the Public Orientation Class

Saturday, March 5th from 10 -12Noon  
 Come and find out if GATe is right for you!

### GATe's Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 13th from 3 – 5PM  
 Mark your calendars!

### Members Only

Canon Camera Class - \$\$  
 Saturday, March 12th, 10-4PM  
 Reserve a seat at [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 by visiting  
[www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) and click on "Channel"

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PHOTO BY JAMES BONNELL

Dr. Jerry Bonnell.

The site publishes images from all over the world and NASA's own images are put through the same selection process applied to all other entries. Criteria for inclusion of an image are wide-ranging and sometimes even whimsical, so a trip back through the APOD archive reveals everything from needlecraft (APOD: A Solar Eclipse Quilt, November 13, 2012) to achingly beautiful cosmic compositions. Bonnell remarks on the selection process, "So many spectacular images are submitted it's just difficult to choose to feature only one a day. I wish there were more than 365 days in a year." Bonnell and Nemiroff receive many images each day sent to them by those keen to have their work accepted to this prestigious site. Mirror sites around the world daily translate APOD into their local languages – covering over 24 countries and 23 languages.

But APOD is only a part time job. In real life, Bonnell studies gamma ray bursts using data from the Fermi spacecraft and is one of the spacecraft's observational schedulers. He was a key part of the team that finally settled whether gamma ray bursts are very large explosions far away or smaller explosions nearby (right answer: big and

far, far away). So he is every inch the professional astronomer the website claims. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Oklahoma and his graduate work at the University of Maryland in College Park. He moved his young family from graduate student housing in College Park to their present home in Greenbelt in 1991. Bonnell and Nemiroff also won the 2015 Klumpke-Roberts Award of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for their "outstanding contributions to public understanding and appreciation of astronomy."

Of the LIGO result (APOD for February 11), Bonnell notes that the results are wonderfully exact in validating what Einstein's work predicted a century ago and are just what you'd expect if two black holes, one with a mass 29 times our sun and one with a mass of 36 of our suns were to get together 1.3 billion years ago in a galaxy far, far away to make a new black hole of 62 solar masses. Where did the other three solar masses go, one might ask (if one is familiar with the principle of conservation)? Why, it was transformed into energy sufficient to propagate a wiggle and a ring in the space-time continuum all the way to us, 1.3 billion years in its future. APOD for February 12 contains an addictive slow motion simulation of the black holes merging.

Bonnell, a dedicated swimmer, fixer of bikes and budding snow sports expert, lives in Greenbelt with his wife, Letty – a professor of art history at Loyola University in Baltimore, and their two sons, James and Christopher. This is not his debut in the News Review. He made a cameo appearance several years ago as the chef who prepared a toothsome dish of 17-year cicadas for the Lakeside Ladies Literary group.

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towers. Maxwell said he was not aware of any Greenbelt school land that was involved. Davis said that the city had sent a letter asking to be notified if any Greenbelt school property was under consideration. Maxwell said he would look into it.

A very important topic came up late in the meeting when Mach wanted to discuss the schools that Greenbelt students attend. This was not a new topic and a letter to discuss Greenbelt students attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School had been sent to Maxwell in October 2014. One part of the response discussed overcrowding.

But Mach pointed out that the schools that new residents in Greenbelt Station will attend are also overcrowded. Several councilmembers described the "sense of community" that students experience when they attend schools in their own city.

Overcrowding at Springhill Lake Elementary was mentioned; the school has a large special education wing. Maybe some of those students could be moved to schools closer to where those students live. The mayor asked Maxwell how the city can move forward on this issue.

Maxwell's reply was firm: the school system is a county system and not a municipal system. The county cannot promise that every municipality will have its own schools. He said that if home buyers were told that the children were to attend certain schools, they might have been told incorrect information.

Davis added that Greenbelt is very fortunate to have a number of schools within its boundaries and that Greenbelt helps these schools with the Advisory Committee on Education, police protection and other assets. There is a possibility that a separate meeting may be held for this topic.

As the meeting wound down,

other topics were quickly brought up. Montgomery County schools are adding new holidays; Maxwell said that Prince George's has no plans on changing holidays "at this juncture." The question of artificial turf at Eleanor Roosevelt was mentioned. Maxwell said that artificial turf can cost \$1 million per school. He is not going to use school money for fields.

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 margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 7 are as follows:

Monday, March 7: Grape juice, sloppy joe, ranch beans, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, apple fruit treat.

Tuesday, March 8: Apple juice, chicken cacciatore, whole grain penne pasta, spinach, Italian bread, diced pears.

Wednesday, March 9: Orange juice, baked potato with beef chili, shredded cheese, sour cream, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

Thursday, March 10: Cranberry juice, beef barley soup with crackers, open-faced hot turkey sandwich, mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, fresh fruit.

Friday, March 11: Pineapple juice, baked pollock with pesto sauce, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, apple sauce.



Congratulations to the Greenbelt Lady Raiders Cheerleaders who were awarded third place at the Ultimate Cheerstarz competition at North County High School in Glen Burnie. They head to the next Cheerstarz competition this weekend, March 5, at Bowie State University. Go, Lady Raiders!

Share your accomplishments, milestones, and news for the next "Our Neighbors" column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

Events at Greenbelt Community Church

Greenbelt residents are invited to participate in Lenten and Easter observances at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. Agape Meals will be held Wednesdays, March 9 and 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. This is a time of fellowship with a short spiritual devotion and a simple meal of soup and salad.

On Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday worship takes place at 10:15 a.m. Maundy Thursday is observed on March 24 with a special service at 7:30 p.m. The church will be open on Good Friday, March 25, from noon to 3 p.m. for guided or silent meditation. On Sunday, March 27, an Easter celebration in worship will be held at 10:15 a.m. followed by an egg hunt for children on the lawn of the church (weather permitting).



PHOTO BY REBECCA GARDNER

St. Joseph's Holds Open House March 5

St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School will have an open house on Saturday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The school is religiously oriented for pre-K to 8th graders. The school is open for tours at most times throughout the school year; call 301-937-7154 or see stjoscrcs.org for more information.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
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 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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Greenbelt Computer Club to Meet

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 105. Everyone is welcome to discussions of the latest in consumer electronics, computers, tablets and basic troubleshooting of Windows computers.

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 Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
 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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Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
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**Upcoming Events At the New Deal**

Thursday, March 3, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, March 4, Ishtar offers up unique versions of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean folk music fusion called BellyRock from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Reservations recommended.

Saturday, March 5, the TV John Variety Show from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Psychedelic jam band, The Wharf Rats, play original songs and groovalicious rock classics from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 6, please join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. In the evening, Rock N Roll Hall of Famer Tom Constanten and Anthem String Quartet perform a beautiful mix of songs and styles from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, Tongue In Cheek offers up Tin Pan Alley, Hot Club of France and New Orleans jazz music from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, singer/songwriter Tom Kelly performs soulful songs from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 10, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, March 11, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Split 2nd plays classic rock, Motown, country and pop music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Billy Coulter Band rocks the house with original music and classic roots rock and power pop tunes from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



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# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7-11**

Monday, March 7 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Advisory Group Chairs** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv).

Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at Municipal Building, Council Room, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm. 114. *On the Agenda: Economic Assessment - Stuart Eisenberg, Executive Director of the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation will attend to lead a discussion on economic climate in Greenbelt.*

Wednesday, March 9 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL** (see below)

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

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and 3-305(b)(4) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider: 1) a personnel matter; and 2) a matter that concerns a proposal for a business to locate in the State.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

**GREENBELT CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY FREE 8-Week Program**

**Tuesdays from 7-9pm from April 5-May 24 Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road**

The Greenbelt Citizen's Police Academy is designed to increase communication and understanding between members of the Greenbelt community and the Greenbelt Police Department. It combines classroom and hands-on instructions on a wide variety of police functions.

Interested persons meeting the below criteria are encouraged to apply for admission.

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- Live, work, or attend school in Greenbelt.
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- Have no misdemeanor arrest within 1 year prior to the first class of the GCPA.

GCPA candidates should inquire about applications by contacting Mr. George Mathews at 240-542-2116 or [gmathews@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:gmathews@greenbeltmd.gov). Download flyer at [greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3119](http://greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3119)

**COMMUNITY ART DROP-IN SUNDAY, MARCH 6 FROM 1-3pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.** Get ready to welcome the spring with a FREE egg decorating workshop. Materials provided while supplies last.

Matinee performance of "The School for Super Heroes present Orlando Furioso" this year's youth musical. Ticket are \$5.

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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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

For information call 301-474-8000.



Council Member **TODD M. TURNER**  
Prince George's County Council, District 4  
[www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/District4](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/District4)

**DISTRICT 4 Listening Sessions**

**Thursday March 3, 2016 7:00 PM**

**Kenhill Center Multi-purpose Room**  
2614 Kenhill Drive  
Bowie, MD 20715

**Thursday March 10, 2016 7:00 PM**

**Greenbelt Municipal Building**  
25 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

The "Listening Session" will provide an opportunity for me to provide an update on the District 4 priorities, an overview on the County's fiscal situation heading into the Fiscal Year '17 budget, and discuss issues that are important to you and your community".

If you have any questions, contact Tomeka C. Bumbry at (301) 952-3094 or [tcbumbry@co.pg.md.us](mailto:tcbumbry@co.pg.md.us).

**FREE COMPOSTING WORKSHOP**

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**COEXISTING WITH BEAVERS**

Be part of a community service-learning event to protect trees from beavers and invasive species.



**Presidents' Day of Community Service**

Rescheduled to Saturday, March 12 from 10:30am-1:00pm

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**Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project**



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## Upper Level

In the vicinity of the station and plaza, automobile roads would be at an upper level with ramps accessing the Kiss and Ride lot and bus loop. Entrances to the commercial buildings would be at both levels. Road access to the FBI facility would be at the street level.

The new Metro facilities would be located alongside the tracks at the station. Furthest north and near the Beltway would be a layover bus parking lot having 26 spaces to be used for private buses bringing people to the station to attend major events, such as demonstrations on the Mall in Washington.

Next along the tracks to the south at the lower level would be a bus loop with 12 bus bays for Metro buses to pick up and discharge passengers transferring from or to Metrorail. It would also have 14 bus layover bays. Road access would be from the north on a bus-only roadway beginning at the intersection of Greenbelt Metro Drive with the new north-south connector road, Greenbelt Station Parkway. The south end of the bus loop will be at the station entrance and plaza.

On the southern side of the station entrance and plaza will be Kiss and Ride parking. It would have 48 metered driver-attended short-term spaces, 11 handicap spaces and pickup and drop-off space for 15 taxis, four shuttle buses and nine standard vehicles. Entrance and exit ramps at the southern end would provide vehicle access to this facility from the upper level roads.

The new Park and Ride eight-story garage would accommodate 3,669 vehicles of which 47 spaces would be for the disabled. It would be to the south-east of the station and connected to it by a covered pedestrian walk at the lower level. At street level, sidewalks would connect the garage to other facilities with grade crossings of streets. At a third level, an uncovered pedestrian sky-walk would bridge the multi-lane road from the Beltway and connect to the commercial buildings and plaza.

## Road Access

The two entrance ramps from the Beltway will merge and become a one-way partially elevated road paralleling the tracks and running between the tracks and commercial buildings located above the bus loop and Kiss and Ride facilities. The one-way road will cross over the station entrance from the plaza. Beyond the Kiss and Ride, the access road will bend left, at which point are the ramps to the parking garage on the right and to the Kiss and Ride on the left. Other ramps will enable Kiss and Ride users to return to this road. The one-

way road ends at Greenbelt Station Parkway at a signalized intersection beside the garage with one of three FBI road entrances across the intersection.

## Main Road

Greenbelt Station Parkway is the main road traversing both the north and south cores of the Greenbelt Station development, with its southern terminus at Greenbelt Road. Its northern terminus will be a signalized intersection with Greenbelt Metro Drive that runs eastward to Cherrywood Lane. Straight ahead will be one of the on-ramps to the Beltway with the other ramp close by. To the left will be the entrance to the bus lots.

There is to be a second entrance to the parking garage from Greenbelt Station Parkway on the south side of the building. These will be used by most Greenbelters who can approach the station and FBI site from Cherrywood Lane on Greenbelt Metro Drive and from Greenbelt Road on Greenbelt Station Parkway.

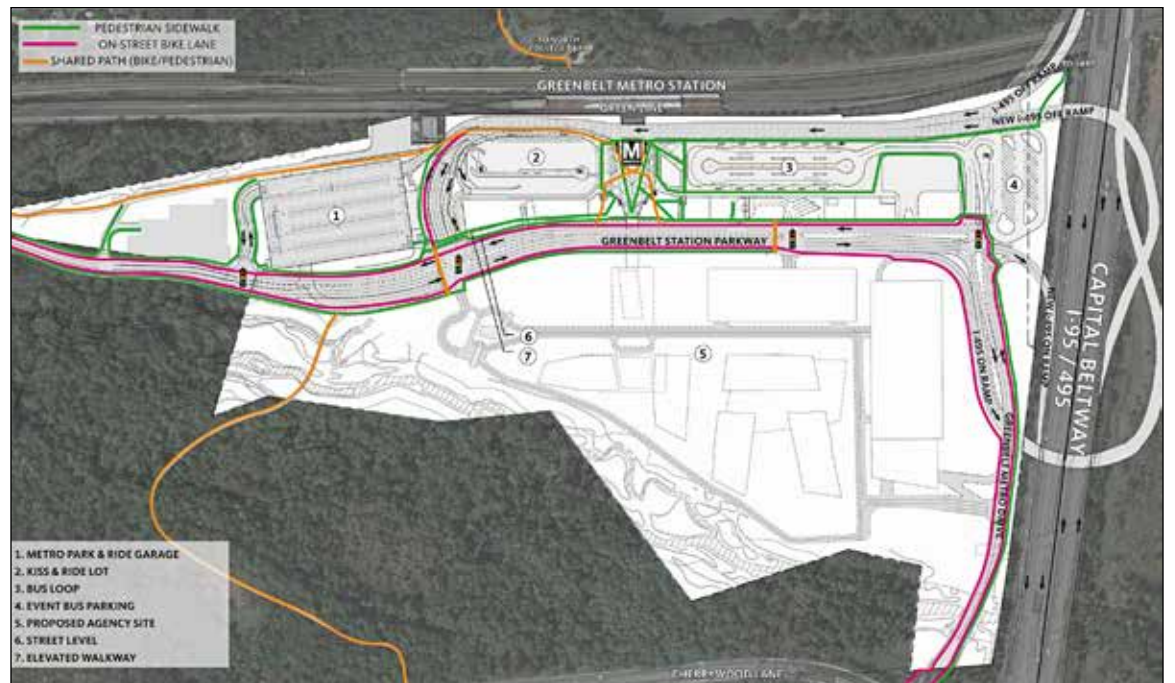
Also at this location will be the only vehicle exits from the garage. They will be at two levels, the lower level having merge ramps onto Greenbelt Station Parkway in either direction and no traffic signal. The upper level will be at a signalized grade-level intersection. Exiters will go right to reach the south core and Greenbelt Road and to the left to reach the Beltway, Greenbelt Metro Drive and Cherrywood Lane.

While residents of Franklin Park and users of Capital Office Park, as well as other Greenbelters, will be able to use the new Beltway-Metro interchange as a point of access to or exit from the Beltway, for the most part they will find that way to be inconvenient and complicated as compared to the Kenilworth Avenue interchange. It should be useful, however, for residents of the South Core and Berwyn Heights.

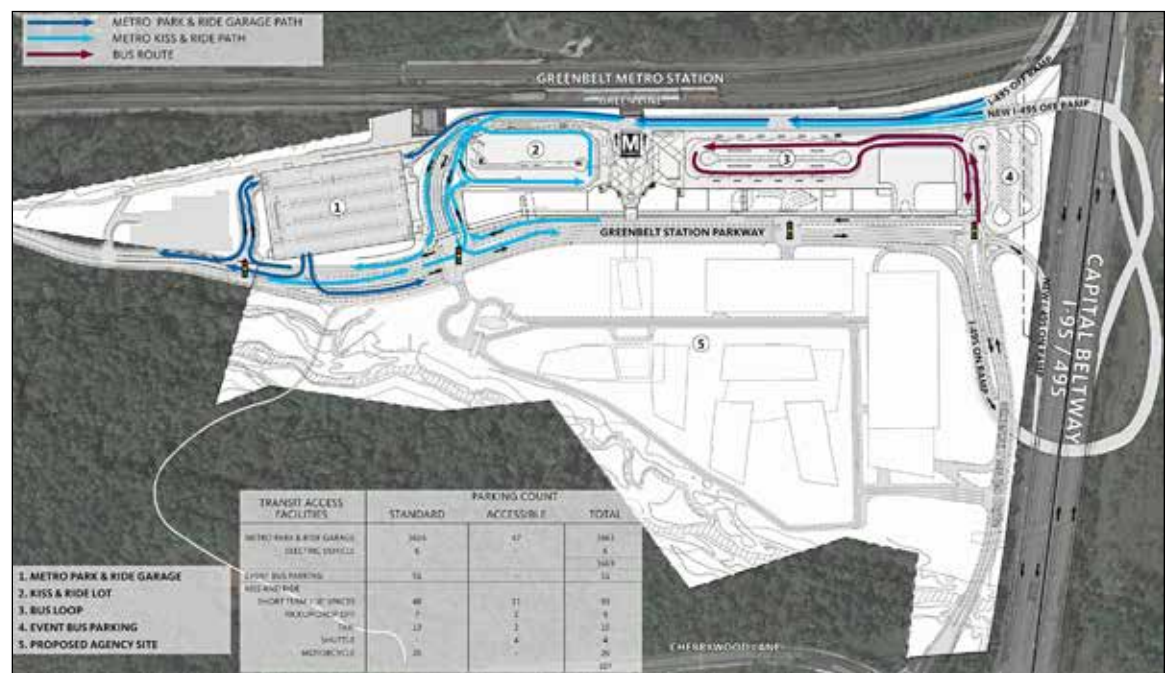
## Bike or Walk

Pedestrian and bicycle access is complicated. A pedestrian/bicycle path is to be built from the station to the southern point of the station property for south core residents to use. A proposed second combined path, strongly supported by council, would extend from Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Lane at Franklin Park to Greenbelt Station Parkway across from the new parking garage. There are many hurdles to overcome prior to that route becoming a reality, including possible FBI objections. It must cross the dedicated Maryland-controlled greenspace and wetlands of Indian Creek.

In the vicinity of the station plaza and station entrance there is a mix of combined pathways



These maps show the circulation path for pedestrians and bicycles (above) and for vehicles (below). Maps by Gensler.



and single use pedestrian walks. Ramps, as well as stairs, will go from the lower level plaza to the upper level Greenbelt Station Parkway. Elevators will probably connect the two levels and the skywalk level, although the renderings are not clear on this.

There will be bicycle lanes in both directions in the roadway on Greenbelt Station Parkway and Greenbelt Metro Drive, but not on the one-way road. These roads will also have sidewalks on both sides for the most part, the exception being the southern side of Greenbelt Metro Drive and the east side of the northern section of Greenbelt Station Parkway adjacent to the FBI. Other sidewalks will connect the commercial buildings to the various parking areas.

## Testimony

About 60 people attended the public hearing at the Greenbelt Marriott, but only 10 spoke. Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan called the proposed reconstruction overdue with the station

having now been around quite a while. The plan will offer a better footprint for parking, thereby improving water quality. The proposed development will enable the Green Line to operate at full capacity going both ways, helping to improve Metro finances, he said.

## Multi-modal

Jordan urged a multi-modal transportation approach, calling for Metro to work together with MARC trains and express bus services between Washington and New York City that also use the station area as a pick-up, drop-off point. The existing pedestrian/bicycle tunnel that connects the station with the MARC train station and College Park needs to be kept open for all hours, not just when the station is open. Jordan also expressed concern that a proposed parking fee of \$14.50 for non-Metro users would discourage use by users of other transportation modes.

Dean Carlyle urged officials to consider the surrounding com-

munity as well as the FBI. He wants the station area to become a "sense of place" for area residents, a place for them to get a cup of coffee. He urged better connection to adjacent communities and supported the need to keep the tunnel open. Carlyle also advocated that Metro integrate its facility with the College Park Airport and the future Purple Line light rail.

Matt Johnson expressed concern about how the plan failed to separate walkers and bikers from traffic. He noted bikers would have to share and cross roadways having up to eight lanes of traffic and that these roads also had pedestrian crosswalks. He thought the eight-lane roadways were not needed and understood they were to be built only to enable the parking garage to empty within an hour, something that was not possible, considering the capacity of arriving trains. He also urged better accommodations for bicycles, noting that they should

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In Greenbelt Park

# A Cleaner Still Creek Will Mean a Cleaner Chesapeake

by Jack Chavez



PHOTO BY JACK CHAVEZ

Volunteer Bill Walmsley, center, carries back a large chunk of litter to other volunteers to be properly disposed.

A half mile's walk into Greenbelt Park off Good Luck Road, volunteers from the Friends of Still Creek gathered Sunday to pick up trash along Still Creek and the woods surrounding it. The volunteer group meets annually to clean up this section of the Still Creek watershed, which is intersected by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The Still Creek watershed covers more than 2,500 acres of land and is home to 12,000 residents, according to the volunteer group's website. It crosses under the Beltway travelling through the Sunrise property where it suffers from run off from road and commercial development.

"Any [trash] along Good Luck Road ends up in the creek," park ranger Kevin Barry said.

The effort to clean local waterways is an overall effort to educate residents about the importance of waterways. Barry, who offers his help to the Friends of Still Creek, pointed out a worrisome sequence where trash in Still Creek eventually finds its way to the Anacostia River, then to the Potomac River and finally to the Chesapeake Bay. "Better jobs cleaning watersheds lead to better bays and rivers," Barry said.

The pollution cycle doesn't necessarily start at a large body of water, either. To the south, Parkdale High School's watershed also leads directly into Still

Creek. Large rains can easily pick up trash and push it into gutters and small, sometimes inches-deep streams that lead to the creek.

Volunteers felt a sense of purpose and duty in cleaning up Still Creek, which originates about a mile east of Greenbelt Park. "I hate to see trash in such a beautiful place," Bowie resident Adam Joy said.

The work is always incomplete, though.

"There's always something," Friends of Still Creek Vice President Michele Touchet said. "People are always dumping trash."

Touchet says that Friends of Still Creek have been doing the annual clean-up for seven years now, and that volunteers have been terrific. But with limited help and resources, trying to keep up with the volume of trash can be overwhelming. "It takes a couple seasons," volunteer Bill Walmsley said. "Once you've done it a couple times, you start noticing a difference."

Walmsley, who volunteers for trail maintenance in the park, stressed how bad the littering problem in the area is. In 2015 alone, he picked up 679 pounds of trash on his daily walks with his dog, a 13.4 percent increase from 2014.

Discouraging the constant littering that pollutes Still Creek and other watersheds may come down to simply educating people about how watersheds work.

"Find out what watershed you live in," Barry said. "Find out what effect you have on it."

The effort to clean up local watersheds will continue on Saturday, April 16 when the Alice Ferguson Foundation will hold its 28th annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Anyone interested in the event can find more information on the foundation's website, [fergusonfoundation.org](http://fergusonfoundation.org).

Jack Chavez is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.



PHOTO BY JACK CHAVEZ

Still Creek, located inside Greenbelt Park, was the site of Sunday's cleanup.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, March 8, 8:30 a.m., Yard Lines Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, March 11, office closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

## At the Library

Wednesday, March 9, Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, March 10, Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime for ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage a child to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program includes a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

### Monthly Storytimes

Tuesday, March 8, Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages birth to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. This is an opportunity for children under three with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the Information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. (This will continue monthly through Tuesday, June 14.)

### Pins and Needles

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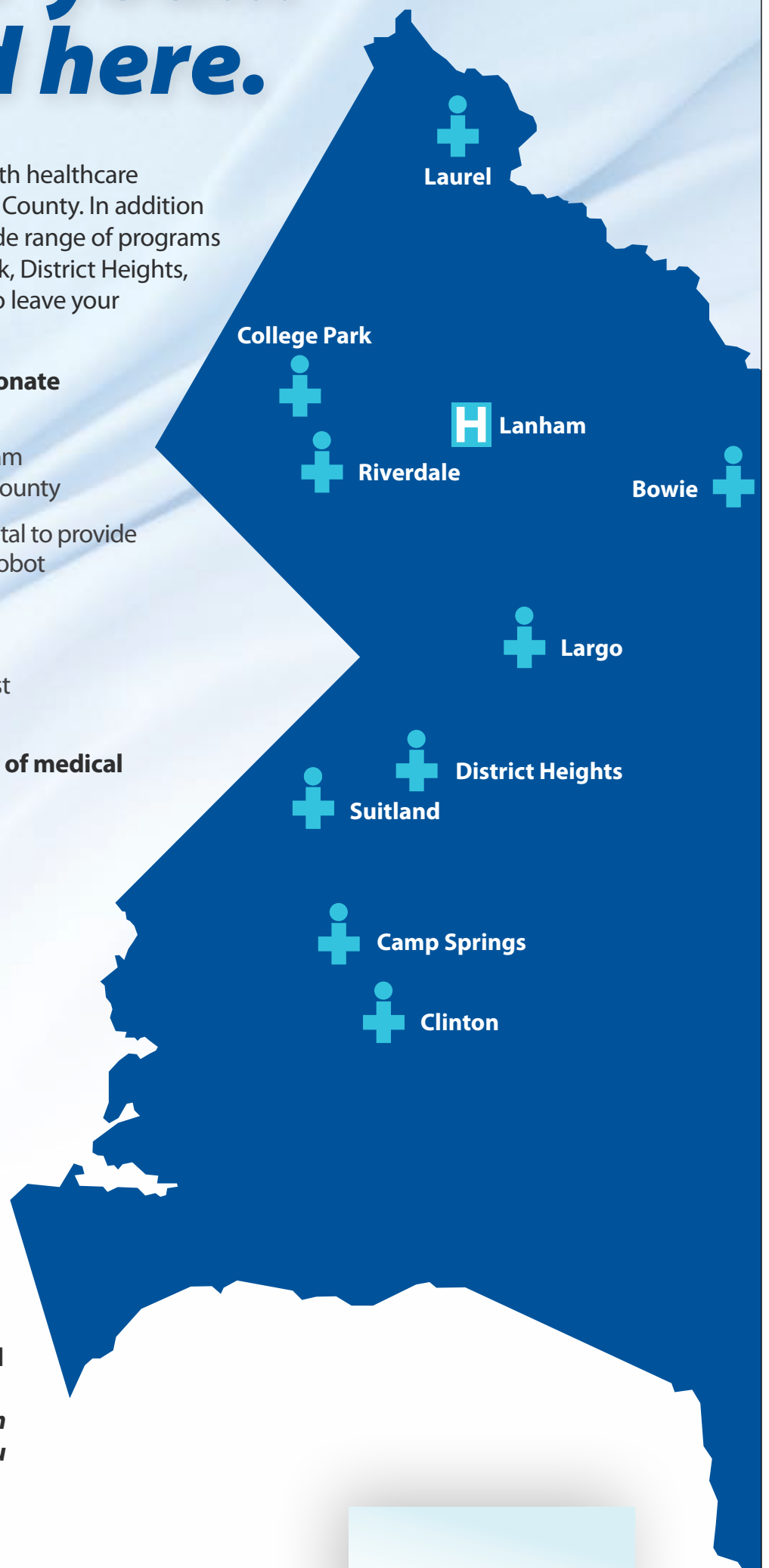
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)

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

## DWI/DUI

February 24, 1:44 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 39-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Assault

February 20, 6:30 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. A 12-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for second-degree assault after she allegedly kicked and pulled the hair of another youth. She was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Theft

February 17, 8:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A credit card taken from an unattended coat at H&R Block was later used to make unauthorized purchases.

February 21, 6:46 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 28-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with theft after a customer dispute at Aurora Braiding. She was released on citation pending trial.

February 27, 8:30 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A credit card taken from the wallet of a man at Chipotle Restaurant was later used to make an unauthorized purchase.

## Stolen Property

February 18, 4:52 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for trespass and theft after she was located on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property and was found to be in possession of stolen property. She was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Counterfeit Money

February 23, 2:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man who placed an online ad to sell a cell phone met at Beltway Plaza

with a woman who wanted to purchase it. After the transaction she handed the phone to a man accompanying her. When the seller determined she paid for it with counterfeit currency, the man holding the phone fled on foot. The woman then also left.

## Burglary

February 22, 7:25 a.m., 100 block Centerway. Entry was made into Generous Joe's Deli but nothing appeared to have been taken.

## Update

February 19, 8 a.m. A cell phone reported stolen February 17 from an unsecured locker at Eleanor Roosevelt High School was turned in February 19 and returned to the owner.

## Vehicle Crime

A black 4-door Honda Accord with Md. tags 6CC9185 was taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Tires and rims were taken in the 200 block Lakeside Drive and both Md. tags 1BX2794 were taken from a vehicle in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

A vehicle was entered and ransacked in the 9100 block Edmonston Court, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

## Sobriety Checkpoint Saturday, March 19

On Saturday, March 19 the Greenbelt Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in the area of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The objectives of this checkpoint are both to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired.

For further information, please contact MPO Scott Yankowy at 240-542-2114 or [syankowy@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:syankowy@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Saturday Evening Star Party Event

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, March 5 at the observatory at Northway Fields. Participants will look at galaxies and double stars in the constellation Leo through the observatory telescope. Visitors may also set up their own telescopes on the hill. Pleiades, the Orion Nebula and Jupiter will be visible. Later in the evening, if there is general interest, there will be a demonstration of advanced imaging techniques such as registering and stacking images to pull out detail on some coming attractions in and around Ursa Major. These include the Cigar Galaxy, the Whirlpool Galaxy (M51) and the Owl Nebula. The Moon rises well after the star party, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 7 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Golden Age Club

At the meeting on March 9, Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio will hold a question-and-answer session. Members are asked to bring their medical questions, written down ahead of time. Guests are welcome. Dr. Trifoglio has been our guest speaker many times and has agreed to come again, by popular demand.

We are happy to hear that Bunny Fitzgerald, longtime secretary of the club, got through her heart surgery with flying colors and is making a good recovery. After rehab, she will spend a few weeks recuperating at her daughter's home.

The Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Community Center. The only requirements for membership are that a person be a resident of Greenbelt and 60 years of age or older. New members are always welcome.

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not have to be walked or placed on an elevator to reach a parking area. The plans presented do not detail how bicycles will be parked by Metro riders.

Patricia Walters noted that the South Core of Greenbelt Station is rapidly filling up with new townhomes and apartments. She advocated the need for pedestrian/bicycle ways.

## High Fee

Judith Rubenstein, a resident of Franklin Park, also believed the \$14.50 non-user fee to be restrictive for persons taking MARC trains or express buses. She also noted the difficulty of running a path from Breezewood Drive to the station because of the woods, open water and swampy areas.

Larry Webb, also concerned about eight lanes of traffic, noted the skywalk was uncovered.

"This is Maryland, it should be covered," he said.

Robert Barnes, a director of the Anacostia Watershed Society, urged Metro to "save some green." People get excited about progress and everything, he continued, but "we need green to survive."

Other testimony concerned parking facilities. It was suggested that the parking garage could be built over the Kiss and Ride facility, bringing that structure closer to the station. A heated and air-conditioned area for persons waiting to be picked-up was also proposed. Concern was expressed that the number of spaces for event bus parking was not enough.

A suggestion was also made that Metro could do some of the construction over the tracks.



## The Greenbelt Grasshopper

Have a joke, riddle or work of art you want to share? Email [sfits7@gmail.com](mailto:sfits7@gmail.com) (Must be between the ages of 2 to 16).

## This Week's Activity:

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Students come ready to work to the Afterschool Homework Help Club and Tutoring Program at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The program, headed by Judye Hering, Greenbelt CARES Vocational/Educational Counselor, meets on

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. The free program uses the center's computer lab with internet access and tutors. For more information, contact Judye at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or [jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov).

## Winter Youth Musical Opens Saturday & Sunday, March 5, 6

The Winter Youth Musical, Orlando Furioso featuring 40 local teenagers, opens this weekend at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Performance dates are Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

All performances are in the Community Center gymnasium/auditorium. Advance ticket purchase is advised, as the youth musical regularly sells out. Contact the Community Center business office (301-397-2208) for tickets and more information.



Marfisa (Maeve Ballentine), Rodomont (Finlay McNabb), Mandricardo (Julian Pitts), Ruggiero (Jack Brittan-Powell) raise their swords.



The company sings Serenade.

Photos by Rebekah Sutfin

## Turner to Hold Listening Session at Greenbelt Municipal Building

Todd Turner, Prince George's County Council Member for District 4, will hold a series of Listening Sessions, including one in Greenbelt. The Session will provide an opportunity for Turner to provide citizens with an update on the District 4 priorities and an overview on the county's fiscal situation heading into the FY17 budget and to discuss issues that are important to the community.

The Greenbelt Session will be held Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Contact Tomeka C. Bumbry at 301-952-3094 or [tcbumbry@co.pg.md.us](mailto:tcbumbry@co.pg.md.us) with questions.

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## 2015 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) CHALLENGE FOR SELF-FILERS

Even if you are a capable self-filer, you may want to consider seeking our help this year. IRS has Staff Action responsibility for the entire U.S. GOVERNMENT collection portion of fees relative to the ACA implementation, including taxpayer reporting, tax assessment, and tax collection procedures. In order to fulfill their responsibility, IRS depends on information made available to them from three sources.

1. The market place, i.e. individual insurance companies provide information to IRS in a regimented format about your health care insurance.
2. The insurance exchanges.
3. Completed forms coming to IRS from individual taxpayers such as yourself as part of the annual tax season reporting activities.

If the information going to the IRS on your health care from the three sources does not reconcile, you and as many as half the tax return filers, even those assisted by paid preparers, may get correspondence from the IRS. This is partially because of errors in reporting by the market place or insurance exchanges and the trial-run basis of the IRS forms that taxpayers are completing. In addition, your tax information may bounce back and forth between IRS and the state to get further exchange information or other clarification. Consequently, in a large majority of tax filings, it may be mission impossible to get all the information to reconcile due to the fickle finger of fate. Please consider, though, that someone who prepares tax returns full-time may be slightly better able to avoid correspondence-causing presentations to the IRS. Never the less, responding to correspondence can be time consuming and it could be handled for you by your paid tax preparer.

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