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City Council Begins Markup Of Proposed 2018 Budget

by Diane Oberg

City Manager Nicole Ard's first proposed budget is set in a somewhat improving fiscal environment but with more uncertainties than usual: will federal grants be cut given the Trump administration's desire to severely trim domestic agencies' budgets? Will the General Services Administration choose Greenbelt as the new site of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's headquarters? Will drivers in Greenbelt get smart enough to slow down and not run red lights? Will collective bargaining between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police increase costs more than is expected? And, how much will state-mandated repairs to the dam at Greenbelt Lake cost taxpayers?

Nonetheless, it's budget time in Greenbelt for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) and the annual rite of budget worksessions has begun. Ard presented her proposed budget at the March 27 council meeting and the first worksession (overview, revenues, general fund

and other funds) was held on April 3. The first public hearing on the budget will be held at the April 24 council meeting. Council will turn the manager's proposed budget into their own at the May 17 final budget review, followed almost immediately by the second public hearing on Monday, May 22. Final adoption is expected to occur at the June 5 council meeting. All of these meetings are open to the public. A full schedule is available on the city's website (greenbeltmd.gov) and upcoming meetings are announced each week in What Goes On, printed on the front page of this paper.

The List

In accord with a longtime tradition, council made the first entry on the list of possible additions to the budget. This honor went to Councilmember Silke Pope, who requested consideration of adding a half-time person to the staff of the animal shelter.

Greenbelt Footage and Photos Sought

Producers of an 80th Anniversary documentary about the history of the Greenbelt News Review (originally called The Cooperator) are seeking photographs and film footage related to the city's origins, particularly to the newspaper and its early staff. If accepted for the film, producers will digitize relevant photos and footage free of charge and return contributions to owners in digitized versions. Much thanks in advance to all who may have contributions!

For more information, phone 301-466-9524 or contact lazyfilms@gmail.com.

What Goes On

Friday, April 14

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

Saturday, April 15

10 a.m., Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Park, ages 18 months to 6th grade

1 to 4 p.m., FY18 Grant Review Panel Meetings for Operating and Project Grants, Community Center

Monday, April 17

1 to 2 p.m., Web Design class (runs daily through Friday, April 21), Springhill Lake Recreation Center. See city ad for details.

Tuesday, April 18

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Public Works, 555 Crescent Road

Wednesday, April 19

6 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Center

8 p.m., Budget Worksession with Public Works/Capital Projects, Greenbriar Community Center

Thursday, April 20

7 to 9 p.m., FY18 Grant Review Panel Meetings for Operating and Project Grants, Community Center

Friday, April 21

5 to 7 p.m., Roller Skating (ages 6 to 14 and parents/guardians), Springhill Lake Recreation Center. See city ad for details.

Saturday, April 22

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics and Paint Recycling, Public Works, 555 Crescent Road

9 a.m. to noon, Earth Day, Watershed Cleanup, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Noon to 6 p.m., Family Fun Day, Franklin Park Leasing Center

Tuesday, April 25

12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Free Senior Law Day Event, Municipal Building

Hold the Line Budget Projected For Police Department in 2018

by James Giese

Public Safety expenditures comprise 37 percent of the Greenbelt City Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and nearly all of that goes to funding the Police Department. The proposed police budget at \$10,197,900 is essentially a "hold the line" budget, proposing an increase of only \$8,900 over the current year's budget. Rather than growing in numbers, the department has all it can do to maintain its current authorized strength due to retirements and vacancies. Fortunately, the crime rate continues to decrease within the city.

At an April 5 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council met with the police command staff led by Interim Chief Thomas Kemp, City Manager Nicole Ard and Finance Director Jeff Williams to review the police budget. Before this, council met with others to review the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Greenbelt Museum and other minor city budget proposals.

The meeting location was the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, selected to make it more convenient for residents of Greenbelt West to attend the meeting. While at one time there was a small crowd in the meeting room, by the time the council considered the Police Department budget, only a couple remained.

Councilmembers reviewed the

budget with interest and apparent general satisfaction with little indication of the need for making changes in it.

Vacancies

The budget reports that during the current year, the department has been operating about 20 percent below full strength, or about 12 officers short. In part, this is due to a half-dozen officers on light duty due to injuries or other issues. Of special note was the loss of three officers to larger departments.

While an issue a couple decades ago, this kind of force reduction has not been a recent problem until this year.

While vacancies reduce city payroll costs, the amount is partially offset by increased overtime pay for other officers. Kemp noted that covering the required work in spite of the manpower shortage placed added stress on police personnel as well.

Retirements

have been a continuing problem plaguing the department. A report presented by Kemp indicates that six officers, including Kemp himself, are eligible for retirement this calendar year, but only one in 2018. Being eligible for retirement does not necessarily mean an officer will retire. Recently retired Chief James Craze, with 45 years of service with the department, was eligible for retirement

See POLICE, page 10



ERHS students Audrey Rapport and Caleb Wheeler are part of the winning STEM team which has launched a Go Fund Me campaign to further their research. See article on page 8.

PHOTO BY DAVID EISENBERG

A Rainbow Connection for GNR

by Cathie Meetre

Today's paper is the first of a new era. Entirely in color, the paper was printed and delivered to us by our new printer, Engle Printing – a family firm in southern Pennsylvania. Their modern equipment and economies of scale produce a fairly priced and high-quality print job with excellent color saturation for a newsprint medium. The Engle team has worked with GNR effectively to make the transition go without a hitch. The Greenbelt Co-op has also worked closely with the paper to make its insert appear seamlessly. Kudos to all.

The alert reader has noticed, perhaps, that the paper has been issued with either four or eight color pages each week for well over a year now. This approach has met with praise from advertisers and readers, who enjoy the vivid color photos and livelier advertising. Alas, however, the cost of a full color paper was out of reach. The paper's many small advertisers and even their larger brethren would have quailed at the increase in charges needed to cover the costs. In fact, the only reason the paper was able to spring for any color

in the first place was incrementally increased efficiency in its overall production. But that seam was exhausted.

Making a Choice

While the News Review Board was engaged in examining its advertising structure, we were coincidentally approached by Engle and after some discussion, invited them and our former printer to provide bids on a range of papers. We requested bids on papers of 12 to 20 pages with varying amounts of color from 4 color pages to all pages in color. Based on this competition we viewed the Engle bid favorably, subsequently following up references and obtaining a limited sample printing of an earlier News Review. With positive due diligence results, we selected them as our new printer.

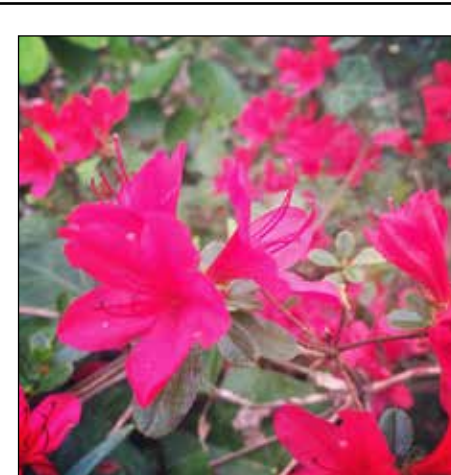
Adjusting

The paper took the opportunity to switch as quickly as possible to deliver a better product just as soon

as it could. We have not yet set our rates going forward. We will provide further information as we finalize our plans but do not expect color to substantially affect our rates.

We also want to say a fond farewell and thanks to our prior printer, Silver Communications, for the many years of good service we received.

So, relax and enjoy the first fully technicolor paper – with more to follow



Azaleas are starting to bloom in Greenbelt yards.

PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Letters to the Editor

Council Violated Open Meetings

This letter is a response to the article "State Compliance Board Finds Errors in City's Handling of Open Meetings" published in the April 6 issue of the News Review.

Council held a number of closed meetings from March to November 2016; we were concerned about the privacy surrounding council discussions about the hiring of a new city manager, and the search for and use of an executive search firm to find candidates. On November 28, 2016, we submitted a complaint to the board alleging that council violated provisions of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) that limit the circumstances under which a public body may close a meeting to the public.

In its Opinion, the board explained that eight of the meetings were subject to provisions of the OMA, only one of which fell within the personnel exception cited by council as justification for closing the meeting. The board found that for these eight meetings, the notice, the process for voting to close the meetings and the post-meeting disclosures violated the OMA; and that for seven of these eight meetings, the council cited inapplicable justification for closing the meetings.

More specifically, the board found council violated the OMA's notice requirement by providing vague notice of the closed sessions as "Executive Sessions." Further, these notices did not inform the public of its right to observe the vote to close the

meeting. Council also violated the OMA by voting in advance to close a future meeting; the vote must take place just prior to the meeting intended to be closed. Additionally, council violated OMA by failing to specify, on its written statements, the topics to be discussed and its reasons for excluding the public from the discussion (instead, council simply parroted generalized statutory language, which is insufficient). Lastly, council's post-meeting disclosures omitted the names of some of the persons present at two of the meetings; and none of the disclosures provided any information about the purpose of and topics discussed at the closed meetings.

We contend these violations by council – conducting government meetings without adequate notice, public vote, justification and post-meeting disclosures – do represent a big issue. For each of the seven meetings found by the board to have both procedural and substantive deficiencies, the presiding officer was Mayor Emmett Jordan; the motions to close the meetings were made by Councilmember Judith Davis; and, for five of the seven meetings, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Konrad Herling. The only councilmember to consistently vote to keep the meetings open to the public was Rodney Roberts. As a result, council improperly made major decisions for the city without public involvement.

*Brian and Donna Almquist
Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice*

Assemble Furniture

The News Review seeks volunteers, preferably familiar with assembling IKEA kitchen cabinets, to assemble three cabinets to replace rickety items in its kitchen. Contact editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

City Notes

Animal Control staff picked up an injured bird and an opossum and transported them for rehab, investigated one cruelty case and three neglect cases, picked up a stray cat and returned a dog to owner.

Street Maintenance crews lowered all three flags in honor of John Glenn.

Facilities Maintenance participated in the Museum restoration project.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 30.19 tons of refuse and 12.85 tons of recyclable material.

Recreation Department congratulates Karen Haseley, who won the 2017 MRPA Therapeutic Branch Practitioner Award, and Becky Sutfin, who completed the MRPA Leadership Institute.

Greenbelt CARES's ESOL class took a field trip to see the cherry blossoms and historic monuments.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted a Mother and Baby event coordinated by CARES staff.



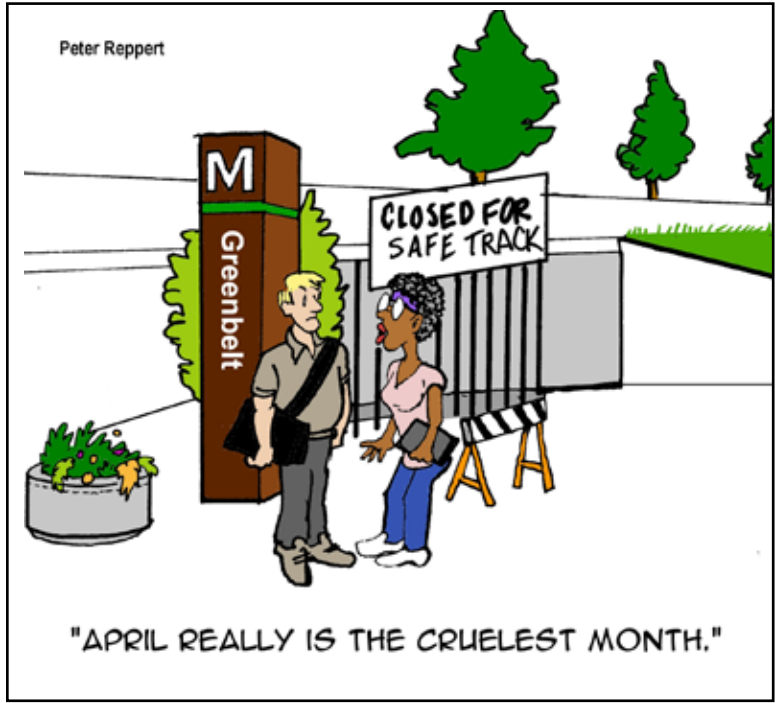
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Sun. 2:30 PM, 5:15, 7:45 PM
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Tues. 5:15, 7:45 PM
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Thurs. 5:15 PM

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At the Library

The Greenbelt Library's hours of service have changed, effective April 1. On Thursdays the Library is now open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. to better serve patrons.

Ready 2 Read

Monday, April 17: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Tuesday, April 18, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, April 19: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, April 20: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m. A New Day Begun: The Impact of the Emancipation Proclamation in D.C., Maryland and Virginia will be the next session of the Spring 2017 season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented on Tuesday evenings through May 2.

Reader's Theater

Wednesday, April 19, 4 p.m., ages 7 to 10. Children participate in fun reading activities that vary from performing skits, monologues, tongue twisters and poetry.

No Kids Open Mic This Sunday

The monthly kids open mic will not be held this Sunday because it is Easter.



New Deal Café

Monday, April 17, 7 to 9 p.m. Reel and Meal at the New Deal, a monthly film series exploring social, environmental and animal rights concerns.

Tuesday, April 18, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke. Come take the New Deal stage and sing your favorite songs, backed by the state of the art sound equipment. Hosted by Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, April 19, Pub Quiz, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft.

7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with Joe Harris.

Friday, April 21, noon to 2 p.m., Jeffrey Greenberg, piano jazz. 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Cold Hard Cash plays a tribute to the legendary Johnny Cash, featuring recreations of both the sound and spirit of the originals.

Saturday, April 22, 1 to 5 p.m., Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer. Bring on your jazz groove and join in this community jam session. 6:30 to 8 p.m. jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey.

The Roustabouts bring their original, upbeat take on the blues that wanders into the worlds of funk, R&B and rock, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



Community Events

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.



Democrats Meet, Discuss Refugees

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club once again features a current and stimulating topic Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m., at the Greenbriar Community Building. Guest speaker Helen Dandi Lou, a former employee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, is a passionate peace activist who is very familiar with the current refugee situation in the U.S.

The club has put together a series of interesting topics ranging from gun control to foreign policy to the future of the coal industry in West Virginia over the last year or so. April's program promises to generate a healthy discussion particularly since President Trump took office three months ago.

Bring a snack to share. For more information, call 202-321-4207, visit the club's website rooseveltclub.com or email president@rooseveltclub.com.

Women Architects Exhibit and Lecture

During April, the exhibit Early Women of Architecture in Maryland will be on display in the Community Center. As part of the Greenbelt Museum's quarterly lecture series, a free talk will be presented on Victorine Du Pont Homsey (1900-1998), one of the women featured in the exhibit. The talk is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Light refreshments will be served following the lecture.

The exhibit is now on view along the first floor hallways of the Community Center. The Women in Architecture Committee of AIA's Baltimore Chapter, in collaboration with the Baltimore Architecture Foundation, embarked on the project to assemble the stories of women pioneers in the profession.

Events at MakerSpace

It's Maker Festival time! Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., come see what we make!

Thursday, April 13: Minecraft Challenge, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Coding Club from 7 to 8 p.m., and Electronics Demo from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 14: Little Makers from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15: Maker Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 16: Rest, Clean up and Open Projects.

Tuesday, April 18: Chess Club (for all ages!) from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

Next Repair Cafe: Saturday, April 22. You bring it, we'll teach you how to repair it.

Exploring Reiki

Explorations Unlimited once again welcomes Nia MacMannon on Friday, April 14. She is a Reiki Master with over 20 years of experience. MacMannon is adept at distance healing and at manifestation. She has successfully used Reiki to help manifest her dreams of quitting her job, moving onto a sailboat and cruising the East Coast and of traveling to various exotic locations.

MacMannon has taught Reiki, Visualization and Energy work, and performed Reiki and Energy healing on both the East and West Coasts of the United States and in Mexico, Ireland, Portugal, England, Wales, both the British and U. S. Virgin Islands and Morocco. She taught her intuitive healing techniques in prison systems in both Oregon and Washington State for 13 years.

All participants coming to this presentation are encouraged to wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, blanket, or large towel to sit and lay on.

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

Volunteers Needed On Earth Day

Volunteers are sought to assist with a watershed clean-up event on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Bring work gloves and reusable water bottle. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes; expect to get them dirty.

Students should bring their forms to receive community service hours.

This event is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt in partnership with the Chesapeake Arts & Research Society (CHEARS), Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (ACES) and the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

For more information, contact Erin Josephitis at 240-542-2168 or ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on May 2

On Tuesday, May 2 the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 112 of the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov, 301-397-2208.

Franklin Park Holds Spring Fling Saturday

On Saturday, April 22 from noon to 6 p.m., join the Greenbelt Police Department for a family fun day, the Franklin Park Community Spring Fling.

The Franklin Park leasing center will be the site of games, performances and giveaways, as well as free food, information booths, Earth Day activities and more. Bring family and friends for a good time.

GAC Presents The Play, Tribute

Opening April 21, Greenbelt Arts Center presents Tribute, written by Bernard Slade and directed by Gayle Negri. Scottie Templeton's a charming, irresponsible fellow. A sometime Broadway press agent and former scriptwriter, he's everyone's friend, nobody's hero and a great womanizer who's managed to live over 50 years without taking anything seriously including love, marriage and fatherhood. Life has been one continuous gag.

But at 51, he finds the script's been rewritten as a tragedy. His son Jud, alienated by years of neglect, comes to visit. Scottie's one concern is to make friends with his son, for everyone else adores Scottie, including his ex-wife, his friend and boss, and his doctor. Tribute is a warm, funny, touching play with wonderful characters.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, April 21, 22, 28 and 29, and May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on April 30 and May 7.

For tickets, contact boxgac@gmail.com.

Reel and Meal Features Health

On Monday, April 17, Reel and Meal will feature What The Health, at the New Deal Café. Chef's Jeremy Ehrenreich and Lisa Voith will offer a delicious optional vegan meal for a fee at 6:30 p.m., followed by the free screening beginning at 7 p.m.

What the Health is the groundbreaking follow-up film from the creators of the award-winning documentary COWSPIRACY. The film follows intrepid filmmaker Kip Andersen as he uncovers the secret to preventing and even reversing chronic diseases – and investigates why the nation's leading health organizations don't want us to know about it. With heart disease and cancer the leading causes of death in America, and diabetes at an all-time high, the film reveals possibly the largest health cover-up of our time. With the help of medical doctors, researchers and consumer advocates, What The Health exposes the collusion and corruption in government and big business that is costing trillions of healthcare dollars, and keeping us sick or ignored.

The film is a surprising, and at times hilarious, investigative documentary that will be an eye-opener for everyone concerned about our nation's health and how big business influences it.

Reel and Meal is a monthly dinner and documentary series sponsored by three organizations: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition and Green Vegan Networking. For more information, contact Cam MacQueen at worldisvegan@aol.com or Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465/susnbarn@earthlink.net or visit the New Deal Café's website. The Café is accessible from the Greenbelt Metro station by buses G-12 and -14.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Star Party Will View Galaxies

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, April 15, at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. The plan is to observe Jupiter first, and then move on to galaxies, of which there are many high overhead at this time of year, including the Whirlpool Galaxy (two colliding galaxies, actually), the Black Eye Galaxy and the Leo Triplet. As always, visitors are welcome to set up telescopes on the hill. The moon will not rise until midnight, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 9 p.m. and continue for at least 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.

Climate Change Symposium, April 22

The public is invited to a symposium on Earth Day, April 22, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. The aim is to inspire participants to help to create a new possibility: an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on the planet. A group called the Pachamama Alliance has been working on and improving this message for about 10 years. It includes participation and videos in a presentation about where we are now, how we got here, what is possible now and where we go from here. There have been media accounts about it under the name Awakening the Dreamer.

The symposium is sponsored by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network. The event is free, but contributions are welcome. Plan to attend the full four hours (there will be a break and a snack). Registration requested; email marjory.donn@verizon.net.

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 April 17 are as follows:

Monday, April 17: glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fluffy fruit salad, coconut cake, cranberry juice

Tuesday, April 18: crustless turkey pot pie, rosemary cannellini beans, broccoli and cauliflower, biscuit, fruit cocktail, grape juice

Wednesday, April 19: bruschetta beef, Delmonico potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice

Thursday, April 20: creamy paprika chicken, whipped potatoes, baby carrots, wheat bread, rosy pears, cranberry juice

Friday, April 21: breaded pollock, potato wedges, hot cinnamon applesauce, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, tartar sauce, orange juice

GHI Notes

Monday, April 17, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, April 21, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.



Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING NEXT WEEK

TRIBUTE



April 21, 22, 28, 29 & May 5, 6, 12 at 8:00pm

Matinees April 30 & May 7, 13 at 2:00pm

General Admission: Adults \$22, Senior/Student/Military \$20, Youth \$12

COMING SOON

Off the Cuff: A 48-Hour Play Project - May 27 - Production from Off the Quill
She Speaks - June 1 - 17 - Production from the Rude Mechanicals

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Obituaries

Robert Turner

Greenbelter Robert (Bobby) Turner died on Friday, April 7, 2017.

Mr. Turner was the maintenance engineer at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. He had joined the Co-op in the parcel pick-up position in June 2011. March 4 was his last day at work.

Mr. Turner and Marissa Fisher lived on Northway. He attended St. Hugh of Grenoble Church where he sang in the choir.

On its website, the Co-op said Mr. Turner "was a fixture especially in the early mornings at the Co-op. He took his job seriously. He was conscientious, courteous, quick with a joke and a smile. He talked often and lovingly about his family. All who knew him were better for it."



Robert Turner

PHOTO COURTESY OF CO-OP SUPERMARKET

In Facebook postings, the comments use words like: "recognize the smile, always making someone laugh, gentle, generous and thoughtful."

Mishkan Torah Jewelry Sale

The 14th annual antique and used Jewelry Sale of Mishkan Torah is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. This will be a good time for children and adults to find "treasures" for yourself or in time for Mother's Day gifts. Prices begin at less than a dollar, so there will be something there for everybody's budget.



Violets in bloom

PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS



Easter Sunrise Service Planned

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 16 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Rain location will be the Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads.

Local Citizens Annual CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, May 7, many Greenbelters will walk in the CROP Hunger Walk. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. It is a branch of the ecumenical Church World Service which has been helping the poor since World War II. The walk begins at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park, at the Linson Pool parking lot. Registration is between 1 and 2 p.m. Most walkers come from area churches, but also from the Roosevelt Democratic Club. Walkers must have a sponsor and they can sponsor themselves. The routes, short and long, are around Lake Artemesia.

Funds earned go to Church World Service which aids thousands of projects in the U.S. and the world. Locally 25 percent of funds earned go to Help by Phone of Prince George's County. The chairperson of the CROP Walk is Marty Folk. For more information or to sign up, call 301-552-9329. Or, show up between 1 and 2 p.m. on May 7 to have fun walking plus earning funds for the needy here in the U.S. and abroad.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Condolences to the friends and family of Robert (Bobby) Turner, who died on April 7, 2017.

St. Hugh's parishioners are mourning the death of former pastor Thomas F. Crowley on March 29, 2017, at the age of 66. Father Crowley served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington for more than 40 years. He was pastor at St. Hugh's from 1990 to 2004. His last post was as pastor of Saint Francis Xavier parish in Newtowne, Md., where he served from 2013 until going on medical leave in 2016. His funeral Mass and burial were held in his hometown of Susquehanna, Pa.

Congratulations to Neel Lakshman for making the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

Congratulations to Kristen Beauchamp, who was crowned the 26th Miss College Park on Saturday, April 8. She also received the Community Service Award for her work with Together Adoption, an organization that provides counseling to those who have been adopted and to pregnant young women considering adoption as an option.

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



Kristen Beauchamp

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GOOD Friday

April 14th 7:00 PM



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Easter Sunday Service
April 16th 11:00 AM

Greenbelt Baptist Church
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Please Join Us for Holy Week Services!

Holy Thursday - April 13th 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - April 14th 12:15 p.m.
Holy Saturday - April 15th Easter Vigil - 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday - April 16th - Sunrise 7:00 a.m.
(spoken, non-communion)
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 17-21

Monday, April 17: **NO MEETING** (Easter Monday)

Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Discussion on possibly increasing the size of the Advisory Committee on Trees, and Discussion of upcoming Significant Tree Tour to be held on May 20, 2017*

Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00pm, **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD** at Municipal Building-library, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Hearing Procedure*

Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Introduction & Discussion w/GEMZ, Inc. Vote on and make recommendation on Basic Certification status for FY 18, Grant Panel Review discussion/summary, Buddy Attick Park MasterPlan, Basic Certification explanation from staff, and Review of new application*

Wednesday, April 19 at 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/Public Works/ Capital Projects** at Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

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.

FY 18 Grant Review Panel Meetings for Operating and Project Grants

Saturday, April 15 from 1pm – 4pm

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112

Panelist will evaluate and score Project and Operating Grants submitted by recognized community groups.

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

PART TIME WORK AT GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

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**Friday, April 14
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For registration information call 301-397-2204.



Greenbelt Recreation Department

EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 15
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.**

ELECTRONICS AND PAINT RECYCLING

**Saturday, April 22 from 9am-12noon
Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road**

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6)

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DEMAND 5 @ 55

FREE SENIOR LAW DAY EVENT

Tuesday, April 25 from 12:30-2:30pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Led by Jackie Byrd, Elder Law Attorney, this 5@55 workshop is a guide to help you learn about the five essential legal tools everyone should have by the age of 55: Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, Living Will, Advance Medical Directive, and Digital Diary. **Please call 301-345-6660 to register.**

Following this workshop, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a free 1:1 consultation with a lawyer on Senior Law Day to complete your Advance Medical Directive free of charge. Attorneys will be on site on Monday, May 1, 2017 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and attendees will be given documents to review in advance to enable them to prepare specific questions for the attorney.

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Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday, April 29

10:00am-2:00pm



Greenbelt Police Station

550 Crescent Road

Drop off expired, unwanted and unused prescription medication.

- Help prevent prescription drug abuse
- Reduce the amount of these types of medications making their way into our water supply due to improper disposal.



For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 29 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website, https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_dispos.../index.html

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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, Community Relations 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.

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A City of Greenbelt application is required. To apply log onto www.greenbeltmd.gov.

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Invites you!

Free Friday Fun! Roller Skate!

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln. April 21, 2017 from 5-7pm Ages: 6-14 years and parents/guardians Roller skates provided free of charge or bring your own.

Call 301-397-2212 or 301-397-2200 for more info.

EARTH DAY

Watershed Cleanup Volunteers Needed!

**Saturday, April 22
9am-12pm**

**Springhill Lake
Recreation Center**

6101 Cherrywood Lane Bring your work gloves and reusable water bottle. Wear weather appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Students bring your Community Service Hours forms.

Info: Erin Josephitis at 240-542-2168 or erjosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov

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

City at Business Breakfast



Councilmember Leta Mach, County Councilmember Todd Turner, Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Konrad Herling meet at the Business Breakfast on March 30.

Photos by Joe Andrucyk



Greenbelt council and stakeholders met for a Business Breakfast on March 30 in council chambers.

Students Take Home Awards From NSBE

Local students attended the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) 42nd Annual Convention in Kansas City, Mo., held from March 28 to April 2. Teams from Future Innovative Rising Engineers and Greenbelt Space Chapter competed.

Local winners include Jabbar Adesada and Jeremiah Smith. Adesada, a sophomore at Eleanor Roosevelt High School was part of the winning team of the Try-Math-A-Lon.

Smith, who will be attending ERHS in the fall, won first place for poster presentation, research abstract paper as well as the overall middle school project award.

Herbs Exhibit At Montpelier

Rub the Oils and Strew the Powders: The Legacy of European Herbs in Early American Medicine and Cuisine is an exhibit now open at the Montpelier Mansion through Monday, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day but Wednesdays.

On display are illustrations from 17th, 18th and 19th century "herbals," instructional books on identifying and using herbs in medicine and cooking. The colors in these ancient prints are still vibrant, the lines graceful and elegant, and the shading almost 3-D in its effect. The images are copies from herbals in the Rare Book Division of the National Agricultural Library. There is a fee. For further information, visit montpeliermansion@pgparks.com.

Hanington Receives Recognition For Work on Turner Cemetery

by Amy Hansen

What started as an article for the News Review ended with writer Kyla Hanington receiving an award from the Prince George's County Historical Society on April 9.

At the St. George's Day celebration, which is held annually by the historical society, Society Librarian Susan Pearl officially thanked Hanington, giving her an award "in recognition for your research and restoration work on the Greenbelt Turner Cemetery."

The project started in August 2015 when Hanington accepted an assignment to write about the cemeteries of Greenbelt.

"I thought it would be a puff tourism piece," she said. [And so did the assigning editor who happens to be the author of this article.]

She was expected to cover the grave of the Revolutionary War soldier at Golden Triangle, the Hamilton Cemetery off of Hamilton Place and Greenbelt's Turner Cemetery (also known as Greenbelt Cemetery) on Ivy Lane.

Hanington went to the cemeteries and started researching. The first two were interesting but not complicated. The Turner Cemetery, however, was in bad shape. Gravestones were buried in brambles. Some gravestones were unmarked, but carefully placed.

Hanington contacted experts including Susan Pearl, the historical society librarian, and Alan Virta, a historian who specializes in Greenbelt. Hanington and her family cleared away enough of the brambles to see the graves clearly. "We literally bled for



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Kyla Hanington (left) holds the certificate she received from Susan Pearl at the Prince George's County Historical Society Annual St. George's Day Celebration. The event was held April 9 in the College Park Aviation Museum.

this story," she told the audience on Sunday. According to the historians she spoke with, these unmarked stones are very likely the gravesites of enslaved people connected to the Turner family.

The article ran October 15, 2015. But the work didn't stop there. She and her husband Daniel Hamlin started talking to the city about getting the cemetery cleaned up. This led to the 2016 National Public Lands Day cleanup of Turner Cemetery.

Coordinated by Erin Josephitis of the City of Greenbelt Public Works, the event was held in September of 2016. The day

drew volunteers as well as city councilmembers and a city work crew. People worked to help clear away the invasive species and erect a boundary marker along the perimeter of the site. Now the graves are clearly marked. The unmarked stones are free from brambles.

On Sunday, Hanington thanked Pearl for the recognition and named the many people involved in the project. "I was just a small part of it," she said, though her work made it clear that she provided the spark that got this work done.

Murasaki Duo Gives Concert at UMD

Music in Mind: Commissions and Classics is the title of a free concert on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. In preparation for its international tour to Europe and the Middle East, the Murasaki Duo performs beloved classics and newly commissioned pieces. The program includes British composer David Obson's frenetically energetic Sonata for Cello and Piano, as well as a new work by Ethan Haimo.



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Senior Globe Trotters Visit U.S. Botanic Gardens



Seniors enjoy their visit to the U.S. Botanic Gardens as part of the Senior Globe Trotting Trip.

Photos by Karen Haseley



Jeffphine Dawson enjoys the Gardens.



Ginny and Wayne Williams pose under the blossoms.

Greenbelt Station Residents Await Promised Path to Metro

by Matt Arbach

Residents of Greenbelt Station received welcome news at the worksession of the Greenbelt City Council on March 29. WMATA representatives Malcolm Augustine, Nina Albert and Charles Scott assured those present that plans for the construction of a hiker/biker trail connecting to the Greenbelt Metro station will at last be “moving forward.” Augustine, a board member of WMATA, stated, “I want this done.” Residents should expect a four- to five-month process, says Sherri Ly, manager of media relations, for WMATA to approve the plans submitted to them by the city; the plans must meet “safety, quality, ADA and other construction standards.”

The two areas involved which the trail will span are known as the South Core and the North Core. The South Core comprises the Greenbelt Station development and is owned by NVR MD Cavalier Greenbelt, LLC. The majority of the 83-acre wooded North Core is owned by WMATA, which has a joint development agreement with Renard Development Company, LLC. In addition, the State of Maryland controls most of the Indian Creek stream valley as well as state-protected wetlands, both of which reach into the two areas involved.

WMATA has experienced a financial struggle in recent years. Naggng safety issues requiring frequent shutdowns, as well as a diminution in funds from the Federal Transit Administration due to a federal audit that revealed monetary mismanagement, have all contributed. This has required WMATA to make significant budget cuts and reduce staff. Effective on or about July 1, peak rail fares will increase by 10 cents and off-peak by 25 cents; there will be a 25-cent increase in bus fares and a 10-cent increase in daily parking fees. At the meeting, Augustine quelled the “unlikely” rumors of a possible federal takeover; he stressed WMATA’s abiding goal to provide “safe and reliable service to its users.” He said that WMATA “is in a better place now (to give) attention to the trail.”

A path providing easy and direct access to the station has long been promised to Greenbelt

Station residents. According to Greenbelt Station resident Patricia Walters, the path was promised as early as 2014 and was part of the advertising and mentioned in the homebuilders’ website. She added that Metro access, according to a county council resolution, can be “provided via a shuttle service if necessary in lieu of the direct hiker/biker trail path.” Yet the shuttle service, which “costs thousands of dollars a week,” will discontinue once the developers complete Greenbelt Station in roughly two years. Though the shuttle service is “great,” says Walters, “it just does not run early or late enough during rush hour commute during the weekday. There is no weekend service.” Using the bus “would require walking all the way around the development to Cherrywood Lane, a circuitous route. Not the direct route called out for in the Prince George’s County conditions approved for the detailed site plan.” It was announced recently that the bus service, as of April 24, will provide service from the Greenbelt Station community to Greenbelt Metro station among other stops.

A dozen Greenbelt Station residents were present at the meeting and expressed a common frustration with the current Metro access transit situation. Some, according to Walters, have made the decision to leave the community or rent their properties over this issue alone.

The primary hold-up on the trail construction is the uncertain decision by the GSA for the relocation of the new FBI headquarters. If Greenbelt is chosen, the headquarters would be built by one of three bidders who have responded to the GSA’s request for proposals and in the North Core, a private Transit Oriented Development would be built by Renard Development Company, LLC. This would greatly affect the construction of the trail.

In addition, according to WMATA CEO Paul Wiedefeld, “at this time, Metro is unable to contribute financially to the design, construction, maintenance or relocation of the trail and will require a commitment from the City of Greenbelt to fund those obligations.” The South Core

developers will thus work in concert with the city, with final approval by WMATA as owners of the land. WMATA and the city “will establish a legal agreement regarding the trail’s future operations,” says Jessica Bellah, Greenbelt community planner.

Another hold-up factor is the possible building of the new parking garage for the Greenbelt Metro. This will be contingent on the GSA’s FBI decision, says Ly. Consideration of a Detailed Site Plan of this and expected infrastructure in the North Core is scheduled to go before council on April 10, and a M-NCPPC Planning Board Hearing on April 27. If approved, Renard would handle the construction which will basically take the place of the current parking lot. All this development will have an effect on the trail construction.

The trail itself will cost at least \$450,000. It will be a mile and a half long and three-fourths of it will be asphalt. The span through the wetlands will be boardwalk in order to minimize impact, says Bellah.

WMATA is clearly sympathetic to the lengthy postponement of the trail and the frustration it has engendered. Despite a chance that the GSA will approve the FBI relocation to Greenbelt, thus prompting a “new conversation,” says Augustine, WMATA representatives were still quite adamant in their desire to proceed. Albert, director of Real Estate and Station Planning, advised that a “team was being assembled,” and to expect a “review within a month.” WMATA is “dedicated to progress,” she said and wants to “rebuild trust,” and to “accelerate (past) clear hurdles.”

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ERHS and Ghana Team Win STEM Competition in March

by Amy Hansen



The Eleanor Roosevelt High School STEM team and teacher David Eisenberg pose for a photo after winning the World Smarts STEM Challenge.

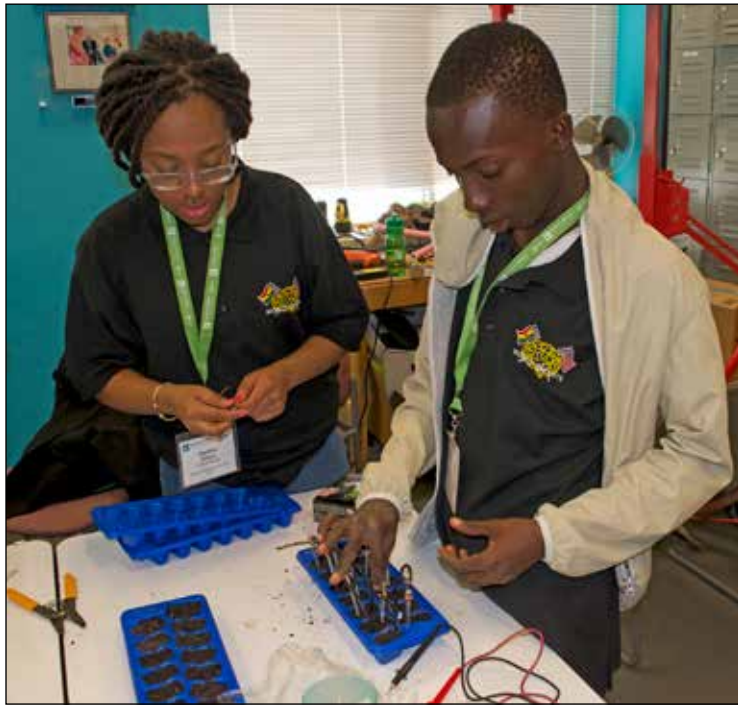
In its most basic form, a battery is a storage of chemical energy that can be converted to electrical energy. Turns out, some soil has this. So by putting electrodes and cathodes into soil (as well as a bit of citrus juice), energy from the wet earth can start to light the world.

This is the technology that students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Edinaman Senior High School in Elmina, Ghana, harvested to win the World Smarts STEM Challenge on March 21 in a competition sponsored by IREX and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Now the team "Big Bang Brains of the World" is trying to raise money to produce their winning design so that more people can use it.

ERHS sophomore Caleb Wheeler explained that when the team started out, they learned the infrastructure in Ghana is aimed at providing electricity for industry, but not necessarily for schools and homes. "We were challenged to see if we could cheaply solve the problem," he said.

Team manager, engineering teacher Dave Eisenberg, elaborated, "They were looking for a solution to blackouts in Ghana, so they wanted to find an alternative energy source." The team went through several iterations of their idea, he said. "Originally the team had discussed using dirty household water and a salt bridge to build a battery. After further research and testing the team decided an Earth Battery would offer better results."

Connecting with the Ghana team provided its own challenges, both because of the time differ-



Danielle Wilson of ERHS and Israel Amenyuie-Tamakloe (Edinaman Senior High School in Ghana) work at Virginia Tech's Qualcomm Thankabit Lab.

ence and the electronic connections. Skype didn't work. But other forms of electronic signals did. Both teams built an Earth Battery. Edinaman's team got their battery working first, but eventually both started working.

"So far our battery lights LED light bulbs," says ERHS sophomore Audrey Rapport. They are hoping to increase the power enough to provide more light. "The light will allow students to work later," she said.

The ERHS team, made up of eight members both female and male, has met weekly since September. Eisenberg said he put an application in for the process in March 2016 and then went for training in Ghana in June of

that year.

In March, they joined over 50 high school students from the United States and Ghana in the competition. Other teams created a natural water purifier, a sustainable exhaust filter and a kinetic piezo-electric mat.

Since the ERHS team won they are eligible to earn a matching grant from the Carnegie foundation. The money will be used to launch a prototype of the Earth Battery.

There is also a GoFundMe site GoFundMe.com/BigBangEarthBattery through the PTSA, also accessible at erhsptsa.weebly.com.

Recycle Plastic Bags and Film at the Co-op

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy participates in the Bag2Bag program whereby used plastic bags and plastic film is recycled into new plastic bags and kept out of the landfill. Look for the white barrels at each entrance to the store and deposit used shopping bags. Although shopping bags cannot be placed in curbside recycling, people can bring them to the Co-op and drop them off before they shop.

All the bags are collected and baled into a massive block, are periodically picked up by a vendor and shipped to a centralized processing plant. The plastic is then melted down into pellets and the process begins again.

The Co-op thanks those who support Greenbelt's member-owned supermarket and pharmacy. It is only through their patronage that the Co-op can continue to serve its members and the community.



White bins for plastic bag recycling are at each entrance to Co-op.

PHOTO BY JOE GARERI

ERHS Hosts Walk To Cure Arthritis

On Saturday, May 6, volunteers and participants will get out, get moving and raise funds to find a cure for arthritis. Located at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the Walk to Cure Arthritis is the Arthritis Foundation's annual signature event that raises funds to fight arthritis and help people affected by the disease achieve everyday victories.

Learn how local people have conquered the everyday battles of living with arthritis. The event adult honoree, Nik Snow, was diagnosed with severe rheumatoid arthritis at the age of 36. Nik is known by family and friends as being a natural leader with a positive outlook and drive. "Sometimes the worst things are the start of better things to come. Being diagnosed changed my life. I wouldn't change anything about this journey. Walk to Cure Arthritis provides people the opportunity to experience the power of standing together and giving back to the community. Together, Prince George's County can Walk to Cure Arthritis and help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000 to help find a cure for this disease."

Walkers and volunteers can register for the Prince George's County Walk to Cure Arthritis and learn more about the event by visiting walktocurearthritis.org/pgcounty or contacting Rachel Wissinger at 703-743-7532.



Mobile Cell Tower Proposed for ERHS

T-Mobile and Milestone Communication are working toward installing a new cell tower at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), according to David Goldsmith, company spokesperson for Milestone Communication.

The proposal is for a 105-foot marquee style tower and will include ground equipment required 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 School system.

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 project is RooseveltHSwireless.com

Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, April 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building. Call 301-324-4968 to register.

Spring Grant Application Deadline

April 15, 2017

Nonprofit organizations and cooperatives serving citizens of Greenbelt may apply for a grant up to \$5,000

The application is on our website www.greenbeltfoundation.net



Depression Glass Show

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Sunday, April 23 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

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Lanham, MD.

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Council Discusses Nonprofits Filling Empty Retail Spaces

by Tom Hart

The March 11 city council worksession included a discussion of the trend towards renting commercial space to nonprofit organizations, and the accompanying lack of taxable revenue. Councilmember Konrad Herling noted three organizations occupying space in Roosevelt Center and the Community Center. Iglesia Pentecostal Nueva Renacer in Beltway Plaza Mall was specifically mentioned.

Rusty Kerber, a leasing consultant for Quantum Companies, which manages business leasing at Beltway Plaza, said the biggest factor behind its leasing the space to Iglesia was that the mall is “not [Quantum’s] best retail space.”

Kerber and Quantum’s General Counsel, Mark Kapastin, estimated they get one or two calls monthly from religious organizations inquiring about leasing opportunities in Beltway Plaza.

City Treasurer Jeff Williams said commercial property has been on the decline and that trend is projected to continue in 2018. The current vacancy rate at the Capital Office Park is 40 percent, which is double the average for northern Prince George’s County, according to Kapastin.

A growing customer base aids business growth, but in 2015 to 2016 the business and real estate property taxes were among the highest in Prince George’s County at 1.72 and .81 percent respectively, according to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Still, the current residents seem to enjoy what those property taxes provide.

“I’m not seeing any outcry” in council budget meetings and community outreach, saying taxes are too high and city services need to be cut, Williams said.

Greenbelt also competes for new commerce with surrounding municipalities. College Park has been steadily attracting businesses, and Berwyn Heights has hired an economic development consultant to help do the same.

Although Herling acknowledged the city’s economy is “just not quite at full strength” since the crash of 2008, he said it would be worthwhile to commit funds to a strategy like Berwyn Heights’ and “take the plunge.”

Tom Hart is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

Robotics Team Competes In National Tournament

by Ben Clarke

Team 53C (five students) from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) robotics team competed in the U.S. Open VEX Robotics Championship in Council Bluffs, Iowa, from April 6 to 8. The VEX robotic competition is a yearly competition where students apply mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, coding and project management skills to design, build, program and drive a robot to complete a challenge.

This year’s challenge, Starstruck, required two robots per side to throw or dump star-shaped rubber objects and pillow-like cubes across an 18- to 24-inch high fence. The side that got the most objects across the fence onto the enemy’s side of the field won the match. Robots could gain additional points by “hanging” (elevating themselves) from a post at the corner of the ring at the end of the match. Each fast-paced match began with a 15-second robot autonomous mode followed by 1 minute and 45 seconds of driver control.

The 53C team (C, because there were a total of five teams on the ERHS robotics team this year, from A to E) won the Maryland state tournament to qualify for the national competition. This was the second time members of the team have qualified and traveled to the national event.

The 2017-18 robotics season will kick off with the new competition announcement in late April. There will be a meeting for interested students and their



PHOTO BY BEN CLARKE

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School VEX Robotics team 53C: Charlie Dawson, Tyler Clarke, Daniel Gurwah, Miles Campbell and Hunter Whaples, with one of their team robots

parents in late April or early May. Parents of interested students should contact the coach, Mark Campbell, at 301-474-7811 or mark.adm.campbell@gmail.

com. Rising ninth and tenth graders are especially welcomed. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn about robotics.



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Many varieties of daffodil can be seen in Greenbelt yards.

Tea Party For a Cause

A tea party to benefit the House of Ruth will be held at the 6100 Westchester Park Drive Party Room on Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m.

There will be sandwiches, desserts, a silent auction and door prizes and a guest speaker from the House of Ruth. Help bring an end to domestic violence.

All are welcome, but seating is limited. For further information or to reserve seats, call Kathy Miller at 240-447-8284 or Sherri Tibbs at 240-375-5550 by April 17.



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Snippets from the Past

Numbered Cards Speed Meat Counter Service

Greenbelt housewives who have not benefited by the recently installed system insuring prompt service at the meat counter of the Food Store should investigate the time-saving arrangement.

The idea is simple but is proving very effective. Numbered cards are drawn by the customers as they enter, and

the clerks have another set which they call in numerical order.

This system will make it easy for the customers to be served in their proper turn, which was previously difficult, especially at rush periods.

From the Greenbelt Cooperator, July 31, 1942, page 2.

Beltsville Garden Club Talk on Herbs

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville.

The meeting will feature a program titled Growing, Harvesting, and Preparing Therapeutic Herbs for Self-Care. In this talk, Donna Koczaja will share how herbs can be amazing healers and that herbal medicines are not too complicated to make at home. This lecture will highlight best methods of harvesting different plant parts and how to make simple preparations such as teas, syrups, and oils, as well as topical salves and poultices. Example herbs and their growing habits will also be highlighted for each preparation discussed.

Koczaja graduated from Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH), formerly Tai Sophia Institute, with a Master of Science in therapeutic herbalism and a Post-Master's Certificate in clinical herbalism. Now practicing as a clinical herbalist at MUIH in North Laurel, she combines the rigor of her original training as a mechanical engineer with the traditional healing art of herbal medicine to partner with her clients to uncover the root cause of their underlying health issues. Her primary interest is in inspiring others to improve their health and sense of wellbeing through the joys of gardening and the power of natural medicine. To learn more, visit greenhavenliving.com.

The public is welcome and admission is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring something to exchange: a plant, cutting or garden tool or magazine. Bring something, take something! Refreshments will be served after the talk. To learn more about the Beltsville Garden Club, visit beltsvillegardenclub.org or [facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub).

Mt. Rainier Fair Saturday, April 15

A spring greening fair will be held at the Mt. Rainier Nature Recreation Center on Saturday, April 15 from noon to 5 p.m. This fair is designed to educate the community about environmentally friendly practices and sustainable living. The program will feature children's activities, demonstrations, workshops and live entertainment. The fair is free and designed for all ages. Call 301-927-2163; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

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for a long time before he did so. The appointment of a new chief, however, could spur some officers to choose retirement now.

Ard has provided in the police budget \$3,000 to cover the expense of a national search for Craze's replacement. In a subsequent interview, Ard said if the funding was approved, it was her intent to either utilize the services of the International Chiefs of Police or a private search firm. She also said that the Maryland Police Chiefs Association would be involved in the process and that she would seek feedback from residents and departmental employees. Ard said that the recruitment process would be open to all persons who meet the qualifications for the position.

Two days before the work-session four new officers took their oaths of office. Each had undergone required training at an approved law enforcement academy and all possessed bachelor degrees. Two were Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduates. So, while the city lost three officers to other departments last year, it gained four from other departments this year. Kemp noted that these officers still need to undertake city on-the-job training before they will be fully functional officers.

Kemp told council that at one time the number of officers was down to 30. The complement now is 44. The proposed budget

will authorize 53, the same number as has been authorized the past two years.

Councilmember Edward Putens said that he would propose increasing the authorization for officers by three persons. There was also some council discussion about allowing the department to hire above the authorized strength, recognizing that such overage would most probably be offset by new vacancies as a result of retirements or resignations.

Body Cameras

When Kemp and his staff sat down before council, members quickly spotted small black boxes, about the size of a deck of cards, at the front center of their uniform shirts. They were the new body cameras issued to officers. Kemp detached his and passed it around for the councilmembers to see.

While the department's experience with them is still quite limited, Kemp did note that at a recent traffic check, a citizen made complaint of inappropriate conduct by one of the officers. The officer was most appreciative of having the camera after it indicated him, Kemp reported.

Other cameras have been utilized for four years to help enforce speed limits on roads within the city. Revenue from speeding violation fine has declined by 20 percent since 2015. Councilmembers thought the loss of revenue

was a good thing because that indicated reduction in speeding occurrences.



PHOTO COURTESY DEL-MAR-VA GLASS CLUB

The annual show will include glassware from the early 1920s through the mid 1980s.

American pottery companies then jumped on the reamer bandwagon through the early 1930s.

The show will include treasures from the early 1920s through the mid-1980s. Many of the veteran dealers at the show have interesting stories to tell of how the original owners acquired the glass, and delight in sharing the owners' stories with custom-

ers.

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A budget objective for the coming fiscal year is the implementation of four additional cameras along Greenbelt Road. Speeders beware.

Still other cameras are used to record motorists who enter a controlled intersection during a red-light cycle. During 2015 that enforcement program held steady with only a one percent drop in the number of violators.

Councilmember Judith Davis expressed concern that cameras were not catching left-turn violators exiting south-bound Hanover Parkway onto Greenbelt Road.

Outreach

Kemp said he was encouraging officers to be more interactive

with citizens and merchants. He himself has been calling upon merchants and have found them to be visibly pleased to have him visit. He also said that it was an indication that patrol officers were not doing enough visitations.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that he felt there was a lot more the department could do in community policing and that there wasn't sufficient police presence in the community except for patrol cars just driving by. However, Davis gave the department kudos for doing as much community policing as it has, considering the number of vacancies.

Davis asked if there was a See **POLICE**, page 11



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 20, 2017
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. **GDC Open Session- Begins at 7:30 p.m.**
 - Review 2016 Year-end Financial Statements
2. **GHI Open Session – Begins at 7:30 p.m.**
 - Presentation of 2016 External Audit Report
 - Request for Exception to GHI's Rules to Install a Shed at 60-A Crescent Road
 - Certification of Yardlines for 9A-T Research Rd
 - Review 2016 Year-end Financial Statements
 - Presentation of the Legislative & Government Affairs Committee's Report to the Board of Directors
 - Audit Committee's Recommendation to the Board of Directors to Clarify GHI's Parking Rules
 - Optional Maintenance & Replacement Costs of HVAC Mini-split systems



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

March 31, 10:17 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Three men entered an apartment by way of the balcony, robbed two people inside at gunpoint and struck one of them in the face with a handgun. They then took two video game players and fled. Each of the three men are described as being black, 19 to 29 years old, 5'9" to 5'10" tall, 160 to 190 pounds. In addition, one is described as having a light complexion, wearing a denim jacket over a green jacket, wearing gray New Balance sneakers and jeans; another is described as having a dark complexion, wearing a black jacket, white shoes and gray sweatpants; and the third man is described as wearing a black jacket, black sneakers and gray sweatpants. The injured person was transported to Doctor's Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Assault

April 5, 11:45 a.m., Ora Glen Drive near Morrison Drive. A man approached a woman walking down a footpath and began flirting with her. She rejected his advances and continued on her way, at which time she heard a popping noise and felt pain in her hand. She later noticed her hand was bleeding. She went to Doctor's Community Hospital, where it was discovered that she had been shot with a BB gun. The suspected person is possibly a black man, 20 to 26 years old, 5'4" tall, 150 pounds, with brownish hazel eyes, hair in long dreadlocks with blonde tips, wearing a black shirt, dark blue jeans and black and white Jordan sneakers.

Burglary

April 1, 11:06 a.m., 7400 block Morrison Drive. A woman went to check a vacant house she owned and discovered the locks had been changed and two people were inside. They told police that they have been renting the home from someone after seeing an ad on Craigslist. The two people were identified and escorted from the property by police pending further investigation.

April 4, 9 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Jewelry was taken after a residence was entered possibly after a contractor left the front door unsecured.

April 5, 12:13 a.m., 200 block Lastner Lane. A person inside a home heard a loud noise outside and saw a man wearing camouflage in the back yard. He fled. Investigation revealed that a ladder had been placed against the back of the house below an open window.

Theft

March 31, 1 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended handbag was taken from a cart at Marshalls.

March 31, 4 p.m., 5900 block Springhill Lane. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on March 28.

April 1, 11:26 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken at Academy 8 Theaters.

April 2, 3:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. The contents of a package were removed from the front stoop of a residence.

April 2, 3:50 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A wallet was taken from an unsecured locker at LA Fitness. Credit cards in the wallet were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

Disorderly Conduct

April 3, 11:40 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 25-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after officers responded to a report of a loud disturbance inside an apartment building. She was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

A white 2015 Suzuki motorcycle reported stolen to the Prince George's County police was recovered on April 4 on Greenbelt Road near Mandan Road after a witness reported a single vehicle and motorcycle accident in which the motorcycle driver fled on foot.

Three thefts from vehicles occurred after windows were broken out in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (laptop computer, two notebook-type computers and in-dash touchscreen), 9100 block Springhill Lane (pair of two-way radios and two pillows) and 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (iPod, cologne and in-dash stereo).

A tire and rim were taken in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

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problem with human trafficking in Greenbelt. Kemp said the department was working with a Metropolitan Task Force and that local hotel managers have been cooperative. While there is indication of some prostitution occurring, there is no indication of human trafficking taking place here, he reported.

From the audience, resident Colin Byrd asked what the police were doing concerning illegal immigrants. Kemp said that the department was not engaged with federal enforcement activities and that Greenbelt was "essentially a sanctuary city."

Budget Tidbits

The nearly 25,000 requests for service calls to the department in 2016 was 10 percent less than in 2015.

In 2015, approximately 70 percent of reported crime took place during daytime hours, partially reflecting Greenbelt's large daytime population.

Greenbelt officers cleared 27 percent of crime reports compared to 21 percent for the Maryland Washington region and 24 percent for all state agencies in 2015.

Communications Specialist Jessica Houle and Police Officer Konetta Brown were commended for their handling of a report of gunshots fired in the vicinity of Springhill Lake Elementary School that resulted in the apprehension of two suspects. And Communications Specialist Maria Auchter received a letter of commendation for her handling of a complaint with a suicidal subject.

Sergeant Tim White, who was present at the meeting, became a certified National Crime Information Center instructor and has trained 94 officers in that field from this and other police jurisdictions in 2016.

Records Unit staff member Robert Wilttrout installed 186 child safety seats in 2016 and served on the Maryland Child Safety Advisory Board.

The 4,052 traffic stops in 2016 by police yielded 211 traffic arrests, 11 criminal arrests and 44 warrant arrests.

Patrol Division traffic stops resulted in removing 114 impaired drivers from city roads last year, while Officer Gerald Potts' 20 arrests in 2016 will earn him a Mothers Against Drunk Driving/Maryland Highway Safety Office Performance Award.

Officers conducted 140 inspections of commercial vehicles and issued 398 citations, warnings and equipment repair orders in 2016.

Last year's single homicide occurred within a residence without witnesses, but police investigation identified a suspect who has been charged with the crime.

An attempted 2016 murder involved several members of the Mara Salvatrucha gang (MS-13) and, working closely with county and federal officers, city officers were able to charge three persons with the crime.

The 169 searches in 2016 conducted by the K-9 Unit resulted in seizure of over two kilograms of cocaine and 42 kilograms of marijuana. The unit also found four suspects in hiding and were deployed 17 times to prevent the escape of suspects.

The Citizen Academy was reinstated and held two training sessions for 34 residents.

The Crisis Intervention Unit has eight members, two of which speak Spanish. The unit assisted with the active shooter incident in Franklin Park.

The budget proposes a civilian personnel complement of 18.5 employees, the same number as currently authorized.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

The second week in April is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. At its April 10 meeting the city council recognized the critical role of communications personnel in the Greenbelt Police Department. Present to receive the proclamation were, front row from left: Communications Specialists Jordan Ford, Reashawn Prince and Marcia Brown; Communications Supervisor Alicia Williams and Sergeant Tim White. Back row from left: Councilmember Edward Putens, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Silke Pope, Judith Davis, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts. Unable to attend because they were busy communicating were Communications Specialists Jessica Houle, Maria Auchter, Michael Halpert, Sarah Gignac and Samantha Loncon.

The Clarice Holds Opera al Fresco

Opera al Fresco (abridged scenes) will be performed on Thursday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Grand Pavilion of The Clarice. This will be a casual free preview of the Maryland Opera Studio's Scene Study Performances.

Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. Send us no more than five photos at a time.

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Arbor Day Brings Volunteers To Plant Trees and Shrubs

by Connor Roessler



Volunteers gathered to plant trees near the Buddy Attick Park playground on April 8.

- Photos by Chris Sherman

The Department of Public Works, the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) and the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project sponsored the Annual Arbor Day tree planting volunteer event in Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, April 8. A group of 60 volunteers and seven Public Works employees commemorated the annual event by planting native trees and shrubs under the power lines next to the playground at Buddy Attick Park. This service-learning opportunity brought individuals, families and volunteer groups of all ages and backgrounds together to make a positive impact on the environment by planting trees beneficial for wildlife and protecting trees from English ivy takeover.

The event began with the reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan and the planting of the first tree by councilmembers. The Environmental Coordinator Erin Josephitis provided information on the importance of trees to the Greenbelt community and introduced Ethel Dutky of the ACT Committee. Dutky described the benefits of the trees that were being planted. Public Work's Horticultural Supervisor, Brian Townsend, provided an orientation on tree planting techniques.

Once the orientation was over, volunteers were split into groups to help plant more than 30 new trees and shrubs. After the planting projects, volunteers worked together to protect about 15 trees from invasive English ivy using hand shears. Participants reflected that they enjoyed the opportunity to plant trees and protect nature in order to help beautify Buddy Attick Park.

Bagel Place of College Park donated bagels. Special thanks to individuals from Girl Scout Troop 3251, Cub Scout Pack 200, The Lady Brigade and the University of Maryland Charles R. Drew Pre-Health Group provided volunteers. Volunteers play a key role in protecting our environment.

Earth Month continues with the Annual Earth Day Watershed Cleanup Volunteer Event on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Remember to wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Bring a reusable water bottle and coffee mug for coffee and bagels. RSVP at signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city2.



Volunteers put in trees to provide a windbreak near Greenbelt Lake.



Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope plant a tree on Arbor Day.

PHOTO BY KARINA GULANES

National Park Week Events

Greenbelt Park hosts a variety of activities to celebrate April 15 to 23 as National Park Week.

Junior Ranger Weekend is Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 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 Fox?" A Park Ranger will host a discussion about the red fox that lives in Greenbelt Park. Learn about the characteristics and interesting facts about their habitat life. Presentation appropriate for children ages 6 to 12. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 15, Campfire program: Powder Mills of Beltsville and Bladensburg. Learn about the history of powder mills nearby that manufactured black gunpowder in the 1800s from chemicals, including charcoal from the Greenbelt woods. Warmed by a campfire, learn about the dangerous business of milling gunpowder. A flintlock musket will be fired with blank cartridge to show the use of the precious commodity mixed with much risk. Meet at the Campfire Circle at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16, Every Kid in a Park: Celebrate National Park Week and Junior Ranger Day weekend. Come and get a free pass to National Parks for 4th graders as we play Guess Your National Parks. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19, Campfire program. Mission 66: The Birth of the Greenbelt Campground. Let's go back in time to 1966 and celebrate the 50th birthday of the National Park Service and the first year of the campground. Campground guests and the public are welcome to join us under

the stars at the Campfire Circle for a traditional NPS campfire program at 8 p.m.

Friday, April 21, The Urban Forest Wildlife: Greenbelt Park is a home for a wide variety of animals in the midst of this urban forest. This presentation will discuss the characteristics and needs of birds and small animals. Meet at the Ranger Station at 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 23, National Park Rx Day: The best prescription for better health is a walk in the park. Join us for a group exercise walk through the park at 9 a.m. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. Join us for a second walk through the beauty of a spring forest at 1 p.m. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area.


Patuxent Seeking YCC Applicants for Summer

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer employment program for young men and women, ages 15 through 18, from all segments of society, who work, earn and learn together doing outdoor conservation projects at Patuxent Research Refuge. Applicants must be citizens or legal residents of the United States. Participants work full time for 8 weeks and earn minimum wage.

If interested, request an application while visiting the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent's North Tract Contact Station or by calling 301-497-5701 or 301-497-5611. Applications will be postmarked by May 1. Learn more about the YCC and download an application by visiting fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.

New Music Group Performs at UMD

A free performance of the TEMPO concert will be held on Monday, April 17 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. TEMPO, the graduate student-led new music ensemble at UMD, presents a wide variety of recent works that use the human voice in fresh and creative ways.



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April 2017

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Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past, as well as your continued support during our *General Fund Drive*.

Regards,


John R. Wynkoop
President
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Greenbelt History in Photos

Winter Woes Delay Construction

by James Giese



Frozen pond during the winter of 1935-1936



Flooded and frozen foundations during the winter of 1935-1936



Supply trucks had trouble during the winter of 1935-1936.



Alternative methods to bring in supplies were needed during the winter of 1935-1936.

(This is the 17th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.)

The winter of 1935-36 was considered an unusually bad one. Fortunately, the following winter was milder. The first two photos show flooded foundations, with one in which ice is being broken up and removed possibly the same foundation excavation as was shown neatly dug in a photo in the previous installment of this series. Obviously, there had been a lot of rain followed by freezing temperatures and some snow. Workmen had to break out and remove the ice before the water could be pumped out of the foundation excavations.

Not only did the bad weather create muddy and icy conditions that halted foundation work, but it hindered bringing in supplies. In the next photo a bulldozer is being hooked up to a truck with its rear wheel sunk deep in a pothole.

The last photo shows an alternate way of bringing supplies to the site, using a big sled hauled by a bulldozer.

Barely visible past the evergreen tree behind the bulldozer is the Oldham farm house. A part of the road to the farm has become Hamilton Place. The house was located in or near what is now the right-of-way for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and would be close to where first settler Samuel Hamilton built his home. Jasper Oldham was a long-time Greenbelt Public Works employee.

(Some information for this article was taken from Greenbelt, History of a New Town: 1937-1987, Chapter 2, Constructing the New Town by Leta Mach. Mark Hanyok also provided information and assistance in finding photos. Photos are from the Library of Congress photo files, available on line at loc.gov/pictures)

- Photos by Carl Mydans

Nature Around Greenbelt



PHOTO BY MARY MURCHISON-EDWARDS

Two black vultures perch above Greenbelt Road.



PHOTO BY GEOFFREY WALTERS

Belted Kingfisher at Greenbelt Lake



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Sunset over Greenbelt, near Eleanor Roosevelt High School



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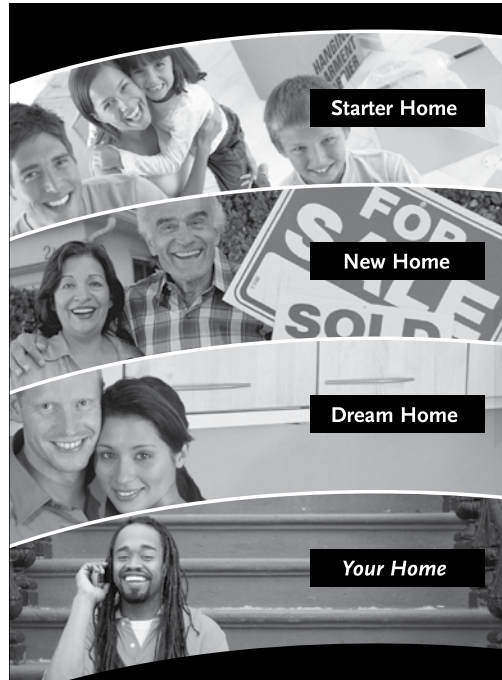
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Spring Breaks Out on April 6 At SHL Elementary Egg Hunt

by Anne Wallace

On Saturday, April 8, Maranatha Fellowship of College Park in collaboration with Springhill Lake Elementary School, hosted an Easter egg hunt for over 500 children and adults.

The event featured moon-bounces, balloons, hot dogs, bubble soap, sidewalk chalk, face painting and 9,200 candy-filled eggs. The community turned out for a fine time.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, City Manager Nicole Ard, the district's Board of Education member, Lupi Quinteros-Grady and many members of the Greenbelt Rotary Club came out to greet the crowd and pitch in. In addition, about a dozen members of the staff at SLES also volunteered. Special thanks go out to Morris Powell, the building supervisor, whose cooperation was essential to the event.

The Maranatha Fellowship is a small community church located at the corner of Route 193 and Metzert Road in College Park. Maranatha Fellowship is part of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) denomination headquartered in Oklahoma, and part of their Mid-Atlantic Conference.

According to Katie Eckenrode, chief organizer of the event and children's ministry director, "At our leadership retreat last year we decided to host an Easter egg hunt for the community. The idea was that it would be absolutely free, open to families and their children, and it would give us a chance to show our community how much we love them. We are a beautiful multicultural family with our arms and our hearts open wide to our neighbors."

Springhill Lake Elementary School serves approximately 850



SHLES students and friends cluster enthusiastically around the bounce.

- Photos by Anne Wallace

K-5 students and prides itself on the diversity of the student body. The students come from over 20 different countries on four different continents. The school is situated within the community of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station.

Franklin Park is a community of approximately 2900 families in Greenbelt West.



A student shows a nifty pair of bunny slippers all set for spring.

Greenbelt Station Celebrates Spring

Greenbelt residents in the growing community of Greenbelt Station celebrated spring on April 9 with festivities that included an egg hunt and face painting. As the neighborhood grows, new families are moving in and the festivities are a great opportunity for children and parents to mingle with each other and welcome the newest residents.



Greenbelt Station residents Brooklyn Talbird, left, and Juliet Talbird, search for eggs to fill their bags at the celebration.

Photos by Lina Tullinger



Kids count their eggs and have the numbers recorded, prior to receiving a bag of candy as a prize.



These violas were happy all winter.

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