

## Council Proclaims Earth Day; Code Changes Are Introduced

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council's April 10 meeting featured proclamations for Earth Day and National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. First readings took place of two ordinances to revise Chapter 4 of the Greenbelt City Code, "Buildings and Building Regulations," with requirements for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as window guards to protect young children from falling. Another item, review and approval of a revised Detailed Site Plan (DSP-16063) for the Metro garage at Greenbelt Station North, will be reported separately.

If there is an official declaration of spring in Greenbelt, it may be the reading of the annual

Earth Day proclamation, which sets in motion so many of the city's recreational, environmental and arts events for the season. Mayor Emmett Jordan read the proclamation celebrating the 47th anniversary of Earth Day and announcing that in Greenbelt the event would be held on Saturday, April 22. Jordan presented the proclamation to Erin Josephitis, the city's environmental coordinator. After adding that April is also Earth Month, she provided an overview of watershed cleanup and other events planned for Earth Day this year.

Since 1991, the second week of April has been designated as

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## T-Rex Corporation Fosters Skills Training Program for Employees

by James Giese

Courtney Jacobs of Silver Spring is an operations manager for the T-Rex Corporation located on Ora Glen Drive in Greenbelt. He is responsible for ensuring that the metrics (performance standards) are met for document conversion contracts the firm has with the Department of Veterans Affairs, which seeks to assist veterans in the processing of disability claims and receiving benefits. Jacobs oversees the processing and seeks to assure that the backlog is being reduced.

### Opening Day Sunday For Youth Baseball

This coming Sunday, April 23, will be opening day for Greenbelt Youth Baseball's 2017 season. The annual parade from the Municipal Building to McDonald Field will be at noon. The first game of the day is scheduled for 1 p.m. and features a rematch of the last two years' major league championship series: the Indians will take on the defending champion Tigers. The second half of the day's double header will see the Cardinals take on the Orioles.

### What Goes On

**Friday, April 21**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**, Free Friday Roller Skate Fun, Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
**Saturday, April 22**  
**9 a.m. to noon**, Earth Day Watershed Cleanup, Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
**9 a.m. to noon**, Electronics and Paint Recycling, Public Works Yard  
**Noon to 6 p.m.**, Franklin Park Community Spring Fling, Franklin Park Leasing Center  
**Monday, April 24**  
**7:30 p.m.**, CERT Meeting, Police Station  
**8 p.m.**, City Council Meeting, including Public Hearing on FY 2018 Proposed Budget, Municipal Building  
**Tuesday, April 25**  
**3:30 p.m.**, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center  
**7 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building  
**7 p.m.**, Public Meeting Concerning Proposed Cell Tower at ERHS, Seabrook Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 8900 Good Luck Road  
**12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**, Free Senior Law Day Event, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, April 26**  
**7 p.m.**, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Municipal Building  
**7:30 p.m.**, Four Cities Meeting, New Carrollton City Hall

Queen Chambliss of Hyattsville is an operations manager for T-Rex at its headquarter offices on Hanover Drive in Greenbelt. She oversees project schedules for a five-year, \$900 million company contract with the U.S. Census Bureau to develop an interactive information technology process for the 2020 census to place on the worldwide web.

Chambliss and Jacobs began work with T-Rex on the same day in July 2014 at its College Park facility as basic-level, hourly-paid data entry clerks. As employees, they were first participants in a company-initiated skills training program that has enabled them to advance within the company to their current positions.

Both were selected, in part, because they live in a Small Business Administration designated HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone). A part of Greenbelt West is designated a HUBZone, as is much of the Route 1 Corridor. Areas are designated HUBZones if their residents have low-medium income or high unemployment or both.

### HUBZone

The HUBZone program is designed to help small businesses in these areas gain access to federal contract opportunities. There are about 5,000 small business firms certified in the program which requires, generally, that at least 35 percent of a company's employees are residents of HUBZones, that its principal office is located within a HUBZone and that it is owned and controlled by at least 51 percent U.S. citizens.

T-Rex is a dedicated small-business participant in the program with HUBZone locations in College Park and in Jack-

sonville, Fla., and engages with community-minded organizations in Baltimore, Washington and Jacksonville. Although the company's Greenbelt locations are not within a HUBZone, T-Rex Chief Operating Officer Sean Murphy believes many of the new Greenbelt employees will live within HUBZones.

### Skills Training Program

Chambliss and Jacobs are examples of the company's success in its skills training program, which it offers in partnership with StreetWise Partners, a New York- and Washington-based organization.

According to its website, "StreetWise Partners was founded in 1997 when young professionals recognized that many low-income individuals were often hindered by their lack of role models and professional networks within their communities. Born out of the corporate responsibility movement, the founders launched an innovative mentoring model that became StreetWise Partners."

According to information provided by T-Rex, the goal of StreetWise Partners is to harness the mentoring resources of working professionals to reduce unemployment within the low-income communities of New York City and Washington by pairing professionals with trainees who are unemployed and underemployed, to provide them with the skills, resources and access to networks they need to secure and maintain employment. This unique career mentoring program delivers high-impact professional development services with two mentors to one trainee in corporate settings.

Further, StreetWise Partners'

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Talulah Kress enjoys her hoard of eggs at the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt on Friday.

## Proposed Fire Department Budget Reviewed by Council

by James Giese

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad was represented by President John Wynkoop and Deputy Chief Greg Gigliotti when the Greenbelt City Council reviewed the city manager's proposed budget for the next fiscal year at its April 5 worksession. The proposed budget is unchanged from the current year's budget. Contributions of \$5,000 are to be made to the Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills volunteer departments in recognition of their emergency responses to parts of Greenbelt and \$88,000 is proposed to be put in a reserve fund to assist the Greenbelt department in the purchase of major equipment as old equipment needs replacement.

In Prince George's County there are many local volunteer fire companies. They are under the supervision and coordination of the county fire service, have county-provided paid personnel to supplement the local volunteers and receive county

financial support. While the county will purchase equipment for the department, the Greenbelt department and others prefer to buy and own their own.

The city has been supportive of the Greenbelt department and built and owns the fire station building. Council has also supported the department financially in its purchase of equipment in recent years.

### Operating Budget

The department's new operating budget is \$46,700. For 2016 it was \$51,528. Expenses were higher then because the department undertook a bathroom renovation project and had some other extraordinary expenses. About \$36,000 is provided by the county each year toward the department's operating budget. The county helps to maintain equipment and the building. The department also raises funds from annual fund drives and fundraisers.

Council was interested in

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HUBZone employee Courtney Jacobs in the T-Rex Greenbelt office.

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# Letters to the Editor

## GHI Audit Committee Key Findings Report

The 2016-2017 Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) Audit Committee has submitted its report on Key Findings for inclusion in the GHI Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the Audit Committee's Key Findings prior to the distribution of the GHI Annual Report in early May, contact me via email at echoglengarden@yahoo.com. Please put "Audit Committee Report" in the subject line.

The Audit Committee's report focuses on three key findings relating to:

- (i) financial management oversight
- (ii) internal controls
- (iii) cooperative principle of membership control

In addition to the Audit Committee's report, a member of the 2016-2017 Audit Committee has submitted a minority report. These two reports will offer different conclusions to the findings of the committee. We encourage GHI members to read these reports and the majority's response to the minority statement. We further encourage members to attend the Annual Meeting in May.

The Audit Committee will also be preparing a more in-depth report on the committee's findings and activities for the 2016-2017 term. This report will follow up on issues identified in the Audit Committee's interim report and will be ready for distribution in May.

Molly Lester

GHI Audit Committee Chair

## THANKS

We want to thank you for your contributions to the Greenbelt Pantry. We thank you for the support you give for those who struggle for their daily bread.

Thank you Father Walter Tappe. Thank you Mishkan Torah. Thank you Co-op shoppers. Thank you "J" Davis. Thank you "Anonymous," donor of precious dollars. Thank you Mike McAndrew. Thank you Hung Le. Thank you Mike Holt and Billy Holt who serve SOME with Vicki Focht. Thank you Friends of Greenbelt Theatre. Thank you.

"I was hungry and You fed me..." not in whispers but in shouts from the roof tops. Our heartfelt thanks.

Solange Hess  
Chair, Greenbelt Pantry

## Correction

The photo of ERHS STEM students on the front page of the April 13 paper incorrectly identified the young man. His name is Kelechi Nwanna, an ERHS junior.

## Riversdale Offers Free Concert Sunday

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society will host a free concert on Sunday, April 23 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Come to the final performance of the season as UMD School of Music faculty and staff explore the theme Images! Enjoy the sounds of Igor Stravinsky's Soldiers Tale set against a film complete with narration. Mingle with the performers at a reception after the concert. Registration is not required; seating is first come, first served. The site is the Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park.

Call 301-864-0420; TTY: 301-699-2544 or visit riversdale@pg-parks.com for more information.

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## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, May 3 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.

## 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. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov, 301-397-2208.

## On Screen

### Beautiful Magic? Or Just a Magic Trick?

The new remake of Beauty and the Beast, coming to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, April 21, is live action, yet animated; simmering with lust, yet chirpily chaste (Hey, it's Disney!); magically wonderful, yet without the edginess of Jean Cocteau's 1946 template version.

It has Emma Watson as Belle, Dan Stevens as her Beast and Bill Condon as director. It has plenty of bells and whistles and star power.

Be prepared to see Kevin Kline as Belle's father, Ian McKellan as a clock, Ewan McGregor as a candlestick, Audra McDonald as a wardrobe, Stanley Tucci as a piano, Gugu Mbatha-Raw as a feather duster and Emma Thompson as a teapot.

Is beastliness only skin deep? And is it really a woman's job to tame a man's inner animal? Come listen to guest speaker Paul Cote after the 8 p.m. Friday show.

Rating: PG

Running time: 2 hours 9 minutes

- Jim Link



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OC = Open Captions  
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### SHOWTIMES Apr. 21st - 27th

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST  
(PG) (CC) (139 mins)  
Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00  
(with guest speaker) PM  
Sat. 3:00, 5:45, 8:15 PM  
Sun. 2:30 PM (OC), 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM  
Mon. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM  
Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM  
Thurs. 5:15, 8:00 PM

Family Series:  
APRIL & THE  
EXTRAORDINARY WORLD  
(PG) (105 mins)  
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# Community Events

## Scholarship Fund Deadline April 30

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) application deadline is Sunday, April 30. Applicants must mail their candidate packet to P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768, with a postmark no later than April 30, 2017, to be accepted for review.

This local scholarship is available to all Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors. One recipient has been selected each year since its inception in 1986.

The current scholarship, valued at \$10,000, is paid over a four-year period. The current recipients are attending the University of Maryland, Towson University and the University of Maryland at Baltimore County. This year's recipient will be presented the first payment of \$2,500 at the ERHS senior awards ceremony in May in the school's auditorium.

The Craig Scholarship tradition began in 1986 as a tribute and memorial to David Craig, a 1979 ERHS graduate whose tragic death in 1984 sparked a desire by his family and friends for a lasting memorial and a rewarding education by helping others with education expenses.

The DCMSF is totally funded by private donations and gifts and is a nonprofit organization recognized by the State of Maryland.

To apply or to learn more about the fund, visit davidcraigmsf@blogspot.com or call 301-474-7874.

## Free, Anonymous Drug Disposal April 29

The Greenbelt Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are teaming up again this year to give the public an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. This event will take place at the Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road, on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The police can accept only pills, while the DEA will accept pills and patches. No liquids, needles or sharps will be accepted by either group. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

The public is reminded that flushing drugs down the toilet or throwing them in the trash pose potential safety and health hazards.

During last April's Drug Take Back campaign, the DEA and over 4,200 state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners collected 893,498 pounds of unwanted medicines – about 447 tons – at almost 5,400 sites in all 50 states. This beat the previous high of 390 tons.

For more information call the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or visit the DEA Diversion Control Division website.

## Events at MakerSpace

Repair Cafe is Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Let's fix things and keep them out of the landfill.

Tuesday, April 25: Chess Club (for all ages) from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

## At the Library

### Ready 2 Read

Monday, April 24: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, April 26, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, April 27, ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

### Crazy 8s! Season 4

Tuesday, April 25, 4:30 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. This after-school math club is designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers will engage in activities where they may race across the country, make music with their hands and feet or train to be a firefighter, all while bonding with new friends over math.

### Monthly Storytime

Tuesday, April 25, Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. This is an opportunity for children under 3 with special needs, along with their family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities.

### Lecture Series

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m. The Electoral College (Affirmative Action for White Supremacy), presented by Asa Gordon, will be the next session of the Spring 2017 season in this audiovisual lecture series organized by historian C.R. Gibbs.

### Rockin 2 Rhythm

Wednesday, April 26, 11 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Come experience this musical story program that uses books, songs, manipulatives, free dance and following directions to encourage early literacy.

### STEM-tastic!

Wednesday, April 26, 4 p.m. Explore science, engineering, technology and math concepts through a variety of fun activities.

### Math Fair

Saturday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. Join the PGCPs Elementary Mathematics Department and library staff for fun hands-on math activities, math fact challenges, story time and prizes.

## Organizing Happy Neighborhoods

On Sunday, April 23, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center, join Edwin John, a community organizer from India, for training for all who live, work or play in Greenbelt.

During a recent Greenbelt presentation, John shared his successes in India, organizing and empowering more than 100,000 neighborhoods. This get-together will focus on bringing powerful neighborhoods to Greenbelt. He has been recognized by the United Nations and invited to share his experience with bottom-up government with them on five occasions.

John opts for small-sized, face-to-face neighborhoods of about 30 families each so that every neighbor has a better "we-feeling," better sense of belonging and inclusion, better affirmation, better relationships and a better possibility to reach out to those in need, able to work together on common projects and make meaningful contributions to the wider world.

John hopes that Greenbelt will become a demonstration site for a new concept in neighborhoods, the first in the United States.

Come be a part of this opportunity. Hosted by the Center for Dynamic Community Governance, the event is free and no registration is required.

## Earth Day Hike On April 23

The Greenbelt Forest Preserve committee is hosting an Earth Day hike into the Forest Preserve on Sunday, April 23 starting at 11 a.m. The hike will introduce the history of the Forest Preserve and share some of the favorite pathways and stories. The hike will take about 90 minutes and will be at a moderate pace. Dress for possible light rain, rough terrain and ticks. Bring water and snacks. Meet on Northway extended near the Greenbelt Forest Preserve sign. Parking is available by the Northway ballfields. In the event of heavy rain or severe wind the hike will be cancelled. For questions or more information contact Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or email greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com.

## Tasting Time at Co-op

It's going to be a busy week around the Co-op.

Friday, April 21, there's a free wine tasting from 4 to 7 p.m. The wine tasting will feature some new additions to the store's ever expanding wine selection. As always, a discount off all tasting wines will be offered.

Wednesday, April 26 is Patron Appreciation Day with 5-percent discounts for all shoppers all day long. From 4 to 7 p.m. Patron day delectable tasting features bake-at-home soft pretzels in celebration of National Pretzel Day. Along with the food, there is a wine tasting.

Friday, April 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. will feature a beer tasting showcasing all the organic ales from Peak Organic Brewery of Portland, Maine. A brewery representative will be present and there will be sampling of their new seasonal brew as well as some perennial standards. Also offered is food paired with the beer as well as one dollar off all tasting 6 packs.

On Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon is a sampling of the new line of Chameleon Cold Brewed Coffee. Cold brew coffee is all the rage for its satisfying rich taste without bitterness. A representative from Chameleon Cold Brew will be on hand with lots of samples, discounts and giveaways.

Remember to always look in the store entrances, follow the store on Twitter, Google+ or Facebook to keep up to date on all the many events, activities and specials.

## 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 24 are as follows:

Monday, April 24: pepper beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed baby carrots, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice

Tuesday, April 25: baked diced potatoes, diced turkey, shredded cheese and sour cream, mixed green salad with 1000 Island dressing, fresh fruit, orange juice

Wednesday, April 26: chicken Marsala, whipped potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, sliced peaches, cranberry juice

Thursday, April 27: cured turkey with pineapple glaze, black-eyed peas, mixed greens, cornbread muffin, diced pears, orange juice

Friday, April 28: pesto chicken, brown rice, stewed tomatoes with okra and corn, wheat bread, Mandarin oranges, apple juice

## Fire Department Seeks Volunteers

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is seeking volunteers. Visit them during a recruitment open house on Sunday, April 23 from noon to 4 p.m. Find out what it takes to give back and be part of something bigger.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
**Sunday, April 23, Wed., Apr. 26, & Fri., Apr. 28**  
**Beginning at 8 PM**

“Taking the High Road to Madrid,”  
 “The Doggie Drill Team,” and “Ley Ley”

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**OPENING FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

**TRIBUTE**



April 21, 22, 28, 29 & May 5, 6, 12 at 8:00pm  
 Matinees April 30 & May 7, 13 at 2:00pm

**COME TO OUR OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION APRIL 21st!**

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

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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](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
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 are located throughout the paper.

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**Free and Open to the Public**  
**Orientation Class**  
 Saturday, May 6th, 10-12Noon in the GATe Studio  
 Come and find out if GATe is right for you!

**Members Only**  
**Canon Camera Class**  
 Tuesday, May 9th, and Thursday, May 11th  
 From 7:30-10PM in the GATe Studio  
 Reservation required at [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

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# Community Church Hosts Forum on Anacostia's Health

by Carol Griffith

Last November the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, was the first house of worship in Prince George's County to receive a grant to install a cistern to help manage the church's stormwater runoff. On Sunday, April 23 at 11:45 a.m., the granting organizations, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and the Anacostia Riverkeepers, will present an outreach event at the church. All are invited. Waters in the central and western portions of Greenbelt drain into Indian Creek which drains into the Anacostia.

Changes in rainfall patterns due to climate change and the increasing development of streets, parking lots and buildings in the Anacostia watershed have made stormwater runoff an increasing concern. Anacostia Riverkeepers will explain how toxins, waste and nutrients are polluting the Anacostia and what citizens can do to alleviate the damages from such runoff.

Biologist Trey Sherard will discuss in particular a measure

that can be undertaken in homes, houses of worship and businesses: the installation of a rain barrel or cistern. The church's cistern, which holds 650 gallons, is designed to hold the runoff of a one-inch rain from the roof of the church after diverting the water from a storm drain. The cistern can then be emptied slowly so the water can seep slowly into the ground or, by the use of hoses, can be used to water the gardens.

The Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake will talk about the interconnected, interdependent webs on Earth and how caring for the Earth is an expression of religious faith. Kolya Braun-Greiner, a religious educator, will discuss how the faith community can lead efforts to care for the Earth and describe the many projects the advocacy group is undertaking.

The event will be held in the Social Hall in the basement of the church on Hillside Road.

## 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.



PHOTO BY CAROL GRIFFITH

The cistern at Greenbelt Community Church, funded by a grant, is decreasing the church's stormwater runoff.

## Biology, Climate Change and Health

On Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m., Lewis H. Ziska, Ph.D., a plant physiologist with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Beltsville, will present a talk entitled Nexus of Plant Biology, Climate Change and Human Health, at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road.

According to Ziska, "As carbon dioxide increases in the atmosphere, and as the climate changes, there are a number of secondary effects on plant biology that will, in turn, impact a number of aspects of public health. These include direct effects, such as allergies, and indirect effects, such as nutrition, plant-based pharmaceuticals and pesticide use." In this overview, he will present evidence regarding these impacts and their respective consequences in regard to public health.

This will be Ziska's second presentation at Mishkan Torah. Last year he spoke about the impact of carbon dioxide and climate change on food security.

Hosted by Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee, this talk is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.



Kudos to Rebekah Sutfin with the Greenbelt Recreation Department, who graduated from the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Leadership Institute last week at the annual conference in Ocean City.

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Greenbelt Recreation Department's Rebekah Sutfin, flanked by Dris Mervine and Dr. Maureen Dougherty of the MRPA Leadership Institute.

## Meeting Cancelled

A meeting of the city's grant review panel that was previously scheduled to take place Thursday, April 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center has been cancelled.

## Local Citizens Annual CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, May 7, many Greenbelters will walk in a local CROP Hunger Walk. Organized by local groups, CROP walk supports the hunger-fighting development work 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. Walkers come from area churches, as well as the Roosevelt Democratic Club. Walkers must have a sponsor or sponsor themselves. The routes, both short and long, are around Lake Artemesia.

Funds raised support a range of programs from direct food relief to wells and water systems, to micro enterprises and loans worldwide. Twenty-five percent of funds will stay local, going to Help by Phone of Prince George's County. CROP Walk chairperson is Marty Folk. For more information, call 301-552-9329.

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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
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# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING/ PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2018 BUDGET Municipal Building, April 24, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
  - Older Americans Month Proclamation
  - Petitions and Requests
 (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- \* Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports
  - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Report #2017-1 (2016 Open Forum)

### LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 4 “Buildings and Building Regulations,” Article III “Property Maintenance Code,” Division 7 “Fire Safety Requirements” to Amend Section 4-266 “Smoke Alarms” to Incorporate State Law Requirements and to Add Subdivision 8 “Carbon Monoxide Detectors” to Require Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Certain Dwelling Units, -2nd Reading, Adoption
- An Ordinance to Amend Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 4 “Buildings and Building Regulations,” Article III “Property Maintenance Code,” to Add Section 4-149-5 “Window Guards” - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- An Ordinance to Amend Article 3 “Public Parks, Playgrounds, Etc., Generally” of Chapter 12 “Parks and Recreation” of the Greenbelt City Code to Allow the Sale and Sampling of Beer and Hard Cider at the Greenbelt Farmers Market between May 1st and December 24th of Each Year, - 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Cell Tower at Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Community Center – Greenbelt Arts Center Lease
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- \* - Reappointment to Advisory Group
- \* - Resignation from Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.*

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a

### PUBLIC HEARING

To be held during the Regular Meeting of Council  
Monday, April 24, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

### CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

**Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk**

### Public Meeting Concerning Proposed Cell Tower at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00pm Seabrook Seventh-Day Adventist Church 8900 Good Luck Road, Seabrook, MD 20706

The meeting is set up for the members of the school and community to ask questions and gain more information about the project. Milestone Communications has set up an informational website about the project at [www.RooseveltHSwireless.com](http://www.RooseveltHSwireless.com)

### DEMAND 5 @ 55 FREE SENIOR LAW DAY EVENT Tuesday, April 25 from 12:30-2:30pm

**Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road**  
Learn about the five essential legal tools everyone should have by the age of 55. **Please call 301-345-6660 to register.**

### MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 24-28

Monday, April 24 at 7:30pm, **CERT MEETING** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Voting on definition of membership categories and Training: Preparedness: Building a Kit*

Monday, April 24 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 998, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Tuesday, April 25 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Old Business: FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Not For Seniors Only and New Business*

Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Planning for Student Awards, 2018 Budget, Updates – Clubs, Grants, and AOB*

Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at New Carrollton City Hall.

Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Review and approval of report to Council on AMT Forest Health Assessment, Discussion on AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment – Goals and Recommendations – Section 12 (Forest Health), Policy Statement, Section 1 (Introduction), Section 5 (Invasive Species), and more, time permitting. Discussion of Greenman event – volunteers needed, Discussion of clean-up event*  
**Detailed agendas are posted on the calendar at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

### FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY SPRING FLING Sponsored by Greenbelt Police Department

**Saturday, April 22 from 12-6pm**  
**Franklin Park Leasing Center, 6220 Springhill Drive**  
**Meet and Greet your Greenbelt Police Team! Free Food! Games! Performances and Giveaways!**  
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### EARTH DAY WATERSHED CLEANUP

Volunteers Needed!

**Saturday, April 22 from 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/240-542-2168/[erjosephitis@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:erjosephitis@greenbeltnmd.gov)

### 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) NO Cups, egg cartons or food trays.

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. For more info: 240-542-2153**

**PAINT RECYCLING:** Done by Yuck Old Paint. Cost is \$5 per container. Visit [www.yuckoldpaint.com](http://www.yuckoldpaint.com) for more information.

### SHREDDING DAY AND PAINT RECYCLING

**Saturday, April 29 from 9am-12noon**  
**Centerway Parking Lot behind Credit Union**

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash. Personal records only (no businesses). No contaminants accepted. No Batteries. No plastic binders or sheets.

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### Bike to Work Day

**Friday, May 19, 2017**

Greenbelt Pit Stop

Aquatic & Fitness Center

101 Centerway from 6:30-8:30am

**Please register at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org). Remember the first 16,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt.**

### 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.**

### Summer Help Public Works

**Salary \$10.75/hr.**

Performs a variety of tasks requiring manual labor. May perform basic landscaping tasks such as mowing lawns, raking leaves, planting shrubbery, leveling playing fields, cutting and pruning trees, maintaining playgrounds and clearing dead wood. May perform traffic safety tasks such as the maintenance of traffic signs, street painting, and patching streets by pouring and shoveling asphalt and concrete. A High School diploma or equivalent is required. Must possess a Maryland State Driver's License in good standing.

A City of Greenbelt application is required. To apply log onto [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/jobs).

### PART TIME WORK AT GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

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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.

### National Prescription Drug TAKE-BACK DAY

**Saturday, April 29 10am-2pm**

**Greenbelt Police Station**

**550 Crescent Road**

Turn in you unused, unwanted or expired medication for safe disposal. Help prevent drug abuse and reduce the amount of medications making their way into our water supply due to improper disposal.







Damien Ossi creates a spoon out of wood.



### Maker Faire Brings Creative Energy

The Mini Maker Faire, sponsored by Greenbelt MakerSpace, was a day to try. On April 15, 28 exhibitors set up tables and tents in Roosevelt Center to show off their type of making. While musicians played on the stage, people tried weaving and watched Damien Ossi create wooden spoons with a hatchet. Others decorated eggs or took apart a non-working electronic device to see what was inside. There were tables of Legos and robots, writers and fabric artists, scientists from NASA and the University of Maryland, and more Legos.

The bright sun didn't arrive until the afternoon, but the center was busy, if not crowded, even while it was overcast.



Delyah Mimor became a tiger at the MakerFaire.



Valentina Fuentes sits next to her father Luis and plays with Legos.



Above, Sandro Fouche and his daughters Alexandra Ozga and Sabrina Fouche show how 3-D printing can build fun stuff.

Photos by Amy Hansen



Right, Misty Cole holds a quilt she is finishing for the Southern Comforters Quilt Guild of Bowie. The quilt will be donated to the Georgetown Pediatric Oncology Department.

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## Smell Gas?

(Sulfur or rotten eggs)

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April 30 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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objectives include eliminating the gap between an individual's potential and current position; exposing individuals to people from different cultures and backgrounds; developing leaders in the private sector who have a keen understanding of and commitment to service to their community; and equipping trainees to move into better, higher paying jobs with opportunities for advancement.



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**Queen Chambliss of T-Rex, a HUBZone employee**

T-Rex has partnered with StreetWise Partners for some time, according to company-provided information, and in July 2014 they launched the College Park office skills training program – Jacobs and Chambliss being early enrollees. The program is four-months long, three days per week, five hours per day. Program training elements include introduction to computers and associated equipment, IT security and confidentiality, keying (data entry), word processing and spreadsheets, scanning/document conversion, transcription and teamwork and leadership.

**Good Jobs**

With the company growing, Murphy expects to find good jobs for its training graduates. However, T-Rex will provide job-search support and references to help qualified candidates become successfully employed elsewhere if need be.

To date, T-Rex has provided three training classes and employed over 15 people.

**Growth**

According to Murphy, the company began in 1999 with 25 employees and is now a \$30,000,000 company with 300 employees doing contract work for nine federal agencies, Anne Arundel County and a variety of corporations. Currently, it employs four Greenbelt residents and another 23 from nearby communities. Over 40 percent of current employees live in HUB-Zones, Murphy says.

The company won an almost \$900,000,000 contract with the Census Bureau last year to develop an IT process for the 2020 Census that will be interactive and on the web. The contract is for five years with a two-year

extension. It expects to employ from 500 to 650 people at its recently opened Ora Glen facility alone. Also working there will be contract workers from the Boston area commuting home on weekends and Census Bureau employees.

The company is very supportive of the HUBZone program and is committed to exceeding the minimum program requirements, according to Murphy. In addition, the company not only seeks to hire from HUBZones, but to offer training so that unskilled candidates receive needed training to advance to higher skilled jobs.

In spite of the uncertainty of federal funding for many programs, Murphy is optimistic about the company's future. He believes the HUBZone program, originally fostered by conservative Republican Jack Kemp, has bi-partisan support. Government support is limited to allocating a portion of its

small business contracts to it; otherwise there is no federal funding. The Census contract is long-term and the need for the project is also strongly supported.

Murphy believes the HUBZone program is a good way to support both small businesses and low-income communities – one in which citizens can take pride. T-Rex is committed to its investment in the program and to “doing it the right way,” he said.

The company posts employment information on its website, [trexcorporation.com](http://trexcorporation.com).

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National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to recognize the critical role played by communications personnel in police and safety departments. Sergeant Tim White introduced Alicia Williams, Marcia Brown, Reashawn Prince and Jordan Ford, who received the proclamation from the mayor. Communications staff who were working or otherwise not able to attend included Jessica Houle, Maria Auchter, Michael Halpert, Sarah Gignac and Samantha Loncon. (For the photo, see last week's paper, p. 11.)

**Legislation**

Two ordinances to amend the city's code on buildings and building regulations were introduced for first reading. They will return on the agenda of the April 24 meeting for second reading, discussion and action by council.

The first ordinance would make two changes. It would bring the city code into compliance with law adopted by the State of Maryland requiring that all homes be equipped with 10-year, sealed smoke detectors that also have silence/hush controls. Hard-wired systems must also be upgraded to current standards. This legislation will take effect

on January 1, 2018.

Several years ago, Prince George's County adopted legislation requiring that certain residences install carbon monoxide detectors. The city proposes to adopt similar legislation that would require dwellings with gas-fired furnaces to install carbon monoxide detectors. Detectors would also be required in homes with attached garages, wood burning stoves or fireplaces. Though not under obligation to adopt this legislation, city planning staff have advised that these detectors are inexpensive and valuable safeguards in homes with combustible heat sources.

The second ordinance would require the use of window guards or window-opening limiters in situations where the design of the window presents a danger of children being able to fall out. This danger has been a cause for concern with the city council for many years. The ordinance would require protective devices on windows if the sill height is 24 inches or less from the floor and the window is more than 72 inches above the exterior ground level. A period of a year would be allowed for compliance.

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getting some of the fire company's members trained as EMTs. About 70 to 80 percent of the department's calls are for ambulances. The Branchville department has five or six paramedics. Only an EMT can administer medication. There are some members who would like to take the training. It costs \$15,000 to \$17,000 for the training and takes about three years to complete, but the state will reimburse trainees for courses completed. Councilmember Konrad Herling felt the state should pay costs in advance.

Wynkoop noted that the department makes more runs outside the city than within. Gigliotti said that the standard is for the ambulance to be out of the station in four minutes and to be

at the hospital in seven minutes. There is a problem, however, in the ambulance crew having to wait at the hospital for an hour or more for a police officer to release it. During that time it is out of service.

The next equipment items to be replaced, according to Gigliotti, are an ambulance and a utility truck.

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**EDC, Council Discuss City's Development**

On Wednesday, April 12, Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President and CEO Jim Coleman, along with his business development team, sat down with Mayor Emmett Jordan and members of the Greenbelt City Council for an open discussion about the re-visioning of Greenbelt. This brainstorming strategy session also included more than 25 Greenbelt residents and business owners.

“We are always happy to exchange powerful ideas on how to make every community in Prince George's County a thriving powerhouse of economic development,” said Coleman. “The EDC has the resources to attract more businesses to Greenbelt and to provide a great workforce and the City of Greenbelt has a storied history that has helped change this country. We're your partners in taking Greenbelt to the next level, maintaining its integrity while, at the same time, thrusting its economy into the 21st century.”

Jordan thanked the EDC for coming out and participating in the discussion. “I look forward to continuing the conversation and working together to enhance the economic footprint of Greenbelt and move it forward toward the greatness we already see,” he said.

Also representing EDC at the meeting were Executive Vice President Pradeep Ganguly, Business Development Director John Mason, Business Development Director Mayank Kapur and Marc ‘Kap’ Kapastin, general counsel for Quantum Companies, the owners of Beltway Plaza.

- Lori Valentine, EDC



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**From left, EDC President & CEO Jim Coleman and EDC Executive Vice President Pradeep Ganguly talking to council.**



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# Searching for Greenbelt Eggs

by Jill Connor

Kids searching for eggs in Greenbelt were not disappointed if they attended the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center or the Easter Egg Hunt at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday.

At the indoor pool, kids scrambled around the shallow end scooping empty eggs into their baskets as fast as they could.



Kids gather the eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday.

Their filled baskets were then dumped into giant tubs on the sides of the pool, where assistants dumped the egg-filled tubs back into the pool for kids to scoop up again. The younger ones didn't see the trick and kept the action going. Each hour a progressively older age group of kids came into the pool, starting the hunt all over again.

The egg hunt at Greenbelt Lake was more traditional and over very quickly. Additional events made up for the short hunt. While a magician, Don Juan, entertained the crowd, the Easter Bunny posed for photos with the children and adults. The playground was very popular among those waiting for a photo opportunity.



Adelaide Baker swims for eggs at the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt on Friday.

Photos by Beverly Palau

## T-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](http://RooseveltHSwireless.com)

## City Notes

Planning Staff responded to traffic control and illegal parking complaints at the Greenbelt Station South Core Development.

Facilities Maintenance staff coordinated and supervised the final stages of the Museum restoration project.

Refuse/recycling/sustainability crews collected 29.34 tons of refuse and 13.02 tons of recyclable material.

Recreation Staff met with Public Works environmental coordinator to discuss various locations for Electric Vehicle Institute charging stations.

CARES staff has begun groups for ESOL students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The goal is to help students improve school performance and attendance by addressing issues impacting these two areas.

## Weight Loss Lecture

Doctors Community Hospital will present a lecture on Weight Loss and Bariatric Surgery on Friday, April 28 from 9 to 10 a.m. at 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 5th Floor, Lanham. For the free lecture registration is required. Call 301-324-4968 or 240-965-4405.

## Patuxent Refuge Has Earth Day Program

On Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge will celebrate Earth Day. Those ages 3 and older can learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle to benefit wildlife and the planet. The program also includes hands-on activities, games and crafts for all ages. This is a casual drop-in program; come and go at one's leisure. No registration is required for this event.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free. For more information call 301-497-5887 or visit the website at [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

## Montpelier Marks Earth Day Activity

Celebrate Earth Day at Montpelier on Saturday, April 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. Appreciate the beauty of Montpelier's grounds while creating a fun and educational Earth Day activity for the whole family. Come to this free event at the Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel. Call 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

# Inpatient Hospice Center Opens on Greenbelt Road

Capital Caring, the largest and oldest hospice provider in the mid-Atlantic region, recently opened the Capital Caring Center Greenbelt, an inpatient acute care center that provides round-the-clock attention for individuals with advanced illnesses whose needs cannot be met at home, and the first-ever such facility in Prince George's County.

The new Capital Caring Center is located in a private wing of the Arbor Terrace Senior Living facility on Greenbelt Road. "The more than 200 moms, dads and kids we care for every day in Prince George's County need this center," said Altonia Garrett, the executive director of Capital Caring's Prince George's County region. "While more than 95 percent of our patients are cared

for wherever they call home – in private residences, long-term care facilities, nursing homes or assisted-living facilities – we know there are some people whose conditions require care that cannot be provided at home, and I am happy to open our doors today to those special individuals and their families," she said.

"At Capital Caring, we treat those who welcome us into their homes as if they were our own families," said Malene Davis, Capital Caring's president and CEO. "It is with open arms that we welcome our families into this brand new state-of-the-art facility where everyone will receive the individualized attention that addresses what matters most to them."

## Climate Change Symposium April 22

The public is invited to a symposium on Earth Day, April 22. 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 will occur Saturday, April 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114, 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](mailto:marjory.donn@verizon.net).

## Beltsville Garden Club Talk on Herbs

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose 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.

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](http://beltsvillegardenclub.org) or [facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/beltsvillegardenclub).



## Adventure Scavenger Hunt at Refuge

Families and groups will follow clues around the trails and grounds of the Patuxent Research Refuge finding and photographing animals and plants on the North Tract on Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Advance registration is required. Public programs are free; to register, call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit the website at [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent).

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## 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.

Bring a snack to share. For more information, call 202-321-4207, visit the club's website [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com) or email [president@rooseveltclub.com](mailto:president@rooseveltclub.com).

## View Galaxies At Star Party

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, April 22 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. Visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. The moon will not be up, 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.

## GHI Notes

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.

Tuesday, April 25, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., HIP Financing with Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, GHI Lobby

Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board, Board Room

Thursday, April 27, 8 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

## Botanic Garden Holds Earth Day Festival

Come to a festival to celebrate Earth Day at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Friday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Engage in hands-on activities and meet with representatives of environmental organizations from throughout the region. Drop by and learn all the ways that everyone can make the planet a healthier place and become a more active steward of the plants that support life on earth. This festival is free; no pre-registration is required.

## UMD Orchestra Plays Free Concert

A UMD Repertoire Orchestra concert will take place on Wednesday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in DeKelbourn Concert Hall of The Clarice. The University of Maryland Repertoire Orchestra is a unique all-campus orchestra that is open to music majors, non-music majors and members of the University of Maryland community. Led by graduate conducting students at UMD, the orchestra prides itself on a wide range of projects, collaborations and repertoire. This concert is free.

## Writers Group To meet April 21

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All writers are invited to attend and participate in setting plans for an anthology. Open readings will be held. Everyone's input is needed. Current and new members are invited. Review Amazon's Create Space prior to meeting. Bring anthology submissions if available. Contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713 for more information.



Around 50 community members gathered at Buddy Attick Park for an ecumenical sunrise service on Easter Sunday.

## Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. From 6 to 9 p.m., The Oklahoma Twisters, D.C.'s premier Western Swing band.

Tuesday, April 25, 8 to 10 p.m., The New Deal Laugh-In. Claw Comedy Productions presents the New Deal Laugh-In Showcase featuring some of the area's funniest comics. Parental guidance suggested.

Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Scarlet Begonias. Women's voices front and center to the Grateful Dead's American Roots music experience.

Thursday, April 27, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. From 7:30 to 10 p.m., Songwriters' Association of Washington Open Mic with host Lynn Hollyfield.

Friday, April 28, noon to 2 p.m., Jeffrey Greenberg, piano jazz. From 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Bad Influence Band, a four-piece blues and roots group that breathes new life and fresh energy into their music.

Saturday, April 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m., John Guernsey, jazz and blues piano. From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Hayley Fahey Band and Friends. A prolific songwriter with a powerful, multi-octave voice, Hayley is backed by a band of seasoned professionals that continually wow audiences with captivating original songs.

## Franklin Park Spring Fling

On Saturday, April 22 from noon to 6 p.m., join the Greenbelt Police Department staff 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.

## Cleanup Opportunities on Earth Day

There are two upcoming opportunities to help clean up Greenbelt. First, on Earth Day, April 22, there is the City of Greenbelt Annual Earth Day Watershed Cleanup. Orientation for this cleanup starts at 9 a.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The cleanup is from 10 a.m. to noon. Sign up for this event at [signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city2](http://signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city2). Second, on April 29, there will be a Clean Up, Green Up event at Schrom Hills Park.

For either event, bring work gloves and a reusable water bottle. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toed shoes. Students should bring their community service forms to get credit.

The Earth Day event is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt in partnership with the Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS), Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (ACES) and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. The Schrom Hills event is sponsored by the Department of Public Works and Clean Up, Green Up Prince George's County.

For more information about Earth Day, contact Erin Josephitis at 240-542-2168 or [ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov). For more information about the Schrom Hills Park Litter Cleanup Event, contact Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltmd.gov) or 249-542-2150.

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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.

### Arrest

April 12, 2:49 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 19-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with trespass and two counts of possession of controlled prescription drugs by officers responding to a report of a person acting suspiciously and refusing to leave Beltway Plaza after violating mall rules. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Fraud

April 7, 2:27 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. On April 1, a man approached an individual and asked that person to cash a check a relative had given him. The man with the check said he could not cash it because he did not have a bank account. He told the individual he had approached that if he would deposit the check into his account, he, the check holder, would give him some money. The individual agreed and gave him the money. It was later discovered that the check was counterfeit. The man who passed the check is described as black with a dark complexion, a muscular upper body and hair in dreadlocks dyed red.

### Theft

April 5, 12:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken at Five Below. Credit cards in the purse were used later to make purchases at various locations.

April 8, 9:30 p.m., 2 Court Eastway. A garden tool was taken from the backyard of a residence.

### Burglary

April 7, 5:23 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A laptop computer and video game player were taken from a residence.

April 7, 8 p.m., 30 block Crescent Road. The door to a basement office under construc-

tion was forced open. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

April 10, noon, 9100 block Springhill Lane. A person inspecting a vacant apartment observed two men run out of the dwelling. Further inspection revealed the apartment had been vandalized. One of the men is described as Latino, 20 to 25 years old with long straight hair, wearing a white shirt, and second man as black, 20 to 25 years old, with hair in short dreadlocks, wearing all black clothing and a black backpack.

### Vandalism

April 8, 9:47 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A witness observed two individuals approach an apartment residence and throw an object at the sliding glass door, shattering it. They then fled on foot. Both are described as Latino males, one 5'8" tall with a thin build, wearing a hat and glasses and the other 5'5" tall with a medium build.

April 10, 8:15 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A woman heard a verbal altercation coming from outside and a short time later the kitchen window of her residence was broken.

### Vehicle Crime

A 2005 Acura TL taken from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace on April 5 was recovered the same day by Prince George's County police in the 8500 block Edgeworth Drive in Capitol Heights.

Five thefts from vehicles were reported. Handicap placards were taken in the 7800 and 7900 blocks Hanover Parkway from two vehicles on April 7 after windows were broken.

On April 11 two sets of four tires and rims were taken in the 7800 and 8000 blocks Mandan Road and money was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 7800 block Jacobs Drive.

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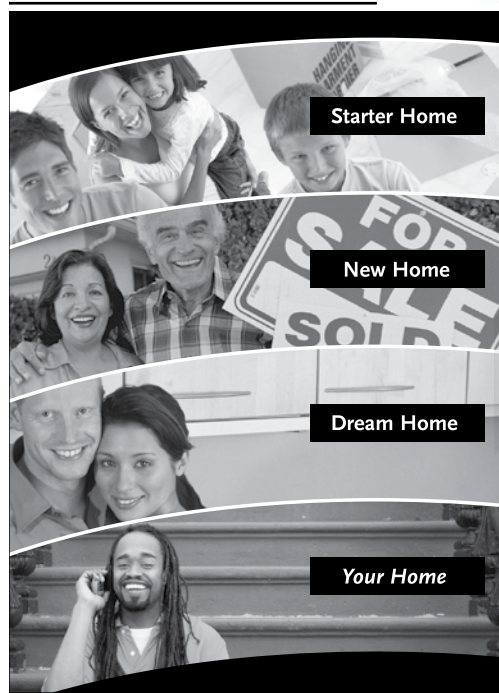
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**High Winds Disrupt Service in Center**

by Judy Bell

Greenbelt, along with many other communities, experienced a spring noreaster, with 2-1/2 inches of rain on Sunday, April 15 and winds up to 50-60 miles an hour Monday, April 16 resulting in power outages, downed trees and the closing of Crescent Road.

Electric power was disrupted in the Center area and the south end of old Greenbelt for approximately three hours in the morning. A telephone call to Pepco resulted in a recorded message stating that the wait for an operator would be one hour and 45 minutes.

A tree fell on power lines near the firehouse, with electricity going through the tree and splitting the base, which then caught on fire, causing Crescent Road to be closed for 4-1/2 hours, according to Public Works' Brian Townsend. At least three large trees, including a white pine on Gardenway near the playground, blew over causing substantial damage, according to Matt Berres at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). No landmark trees were impacted and there was no major damage to property.

A tree fell across the sidewalk leading up to the overpass after the B-W Parkway. There were a number of smaller trees, mostly maples, that were either damaged or destroyed. Berres advises that if members notice tree limbs hanging or touching the house to let GHI know. "Be careful about not building up mulch around trees; keep it at a two or three inch level," he added. Too much mulch on top of the roots can cause trees to rot at the base, he said.

From the Greenbelt News Review, April 19, 2007.

**See Early Spring Migrants at Patuxent**

The Patuxent Research Refuge offers a bird walk on Sunday, April 23 from 8 to 10 a.m. Those 6 and older can search for early spring migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike; binoculars are recommended. Walk begins at the Visitor Center entrance.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at [fws.gov/refuge/patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/patuxent). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

**Garden Workshop Features Tree Care**

The U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) hosts a special event, Trees at Home, led by Alexandra Torres, USBG education specialist, on Thursday, April 27 at 5 p.m.

From enhancing curb appeal to saving money through energy efficiency, trees can offer a wealth of benefits around the home. Following a short discussion, venture into the outdoor gardens to discover some amazing trees.

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**Brick Townhome** - Estate Sale - 2 BR GHI home. Completely remodeled top to bottom. New appls, cabs, ceramic tile, refin. flrs... Priced to sell at \$149,900

**Brick Townhome** 3 bedroom GHI townhome with fenced backyard. Washer and dryer on bedroom level for easy access. Asking \$159,000!

**1 BR - Lower Level - Corner Lot** - Raised brick home with protected woodland. Forested yard with fire pit & large seating area. Shed, too!

**HONEYMOON COTTAGE** Very Rare floorplan! Remodeled kitchen, walk-in ceramic-tiled shower & glass doors. Large, fenced corner lot with shed.

**Brick Townhome on Corner Lot** 3 Bedrooms with one of the largest yards in the coop! Brand new kitchen, bath, paint and refinished hardwood floors.

**3 Bedroom GHI Townhome** - Oak hardwood floors throughout. Fenced backyard with deck and brick patio. Nearby playground, friendly neighbors!

**Large Corner Lot** - 2 Bedroom GHI home - Freshly painted GHI! New sliding windows and doors. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Ready!

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# Using Permeable Pavements Combats Stormwater Pollution

by Erin Josephitis

April showers bring May flowers, but that's not all. When rain hits the ground or a building, it's called stormwater. Not all surfaces respond to stormwater in the same way. Stormwater either soaks in becoming groundwater or flows over the surface of the ground. Impervious surfaces

entire driveway or patio, consider replacing these surfaces with the Chesapeake Bay-friendly alternative called permeable pavement. Permeable pavement is an alternative for walkways, patios, plazas, driveways and parking areas. Even if one only installs a small portion of permeable pavement,

A wide variety of permeable pavements are available. Grass pavers improve site appearance by providing vegetation where there would otherwise be only pavement. Other examples of permeable pavement can be found at Buddy Attick Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center. With



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Permeable pavement at Springhill Lake Recreation Center is a stormwater best management practice.

(rooftops, driveways, patios, parking lots, roads, suburban lawns and other hard surfaces like compacted soils) do not allow water to soak into the ground, which means more water flows over the surface to the nearest storm drain, river, stream and lake.

As stormwater flows along, it picks up pollutants and carries them along to storm drains, rivers, stream and lakes. Drinking water, fishing and recreational waters are threatened when stormwater washes over impervious surfaces while transporting pollutants. During periods of high flow, erosion of stream banks muddies the water, which degrades habitat for plants and animals that depend on clear water.

Thankfully, there are many opportunities for property owners to combat stormwater pollution. Whether one plants native trees, installs a rain garden or rain barrel, these efforts serve to capture and slow down the rate and volume of stormwater pollution from entering storm drains, rivers, streams and lakes. These small individual actions lead to big community impacts that ultimately protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Another way to alleviate stormwater runoff is by removing impervious surfaces like underutilized sections of driveway or patio and replacing these areas with native vegetation. However, for those who already use the



Close up of permeable parking lot at Springhill Lake Recreation Center

one is making a positive impact on the local watersheds that drain to the Chesapeake Bay.

The installation of any type permeable pavement should be completed by a qualified contractor. To alleviate costs, the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program provides a rebate of \$12 per square foot up to \$4,000 for residential properties, and up to \$20,000 for commercial businesses, homeowner associations, condominium associations, civic associations, multi-family dwellings and nonprofit or not-for-profit organizations.

Not only do permeable pavers reduce the amount of polluted stormwater runoff, they look nice.

proper maintenance, the longevity of permeable pavements typically exceeds that of conventional systems.

Learn more about the permeable parking lot and walkway at Springhill Lake Recreation Center during orientation for the City of Greenbelt Annual Earth Day Watershed Cleanup Saturday, April 22 at 9 a.m. Get an up-close view of even more watershed protection practices including the City of Greenbelt's rain cistern, rain gardens, CHEARS Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens and Greenbelt Food Forest. To RSVP for Earth Day, sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city2](http://signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city2).

## Climate Rally Bikers Discussion

All are invited to the sanctuary of the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, at 1 Hillside Drive (the corner of Crescent and Hillside) on Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Climate Rally bikers who will bike here from Massachusetts will lead a discussion about the growing movements for climate justice and share stories of resistance. Plan to join the People's Climate March on Sunday, April 29. Phone Jane Young at 301-507-6765 with questions.



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Flower workshop

## Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In May 7

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program invites guests of all ages to attend a free Community Art Drop-In workshop on Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. Make beautiful paper flowers with Artist-in-residence Sherill Gross and contribute to a collaborative "hanging garden." A variety of techniques suitable for different age and skill levels will be introduced. This program takes place in Room 113 of the Community Center. All materials will be provided. No reservations are needed.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) and follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## On the Lookout For a Truffula Tree

On Saturday, April 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, children ages 5 to 7 can learn how important it is to protect our natural environment through Dr. Seuss's story, *The Lorax*.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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