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## 2014 Crime Statistics Continue To Show Decline in Greenbelt

by James Giese

Of recent, stories about Greenbelt crime statistics resemble a broken phonograph record (if you know or remember what they are). Remember how the needle would jump back on the track and continually repeat itself until you did something to stop it? Well the same is true in recent years of crime statistic reports. But, unlike the bad record, hopefully no one will do anything to stop the repetitive reports on the number of crimes being committed within the city. For over five years straight, crime has dropped in Greenbelt but who doesn't want to hear that again?

Overall the number of Class I crimes, which are the most serious kind, were more than seven percent fewer than in the previous year. That's just about the same rate of decrease that has occurred on average over the past five years. Better yet, crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated as-

sault) have dropped by over 13 percent, again pretty much on course with the five year average. That means that since 2009, the number of crimes against persons has been cut in half.

While not quite as good, the number of crimes against property (breaking and entering, larceny and motor vehicle theft) dropped by more than six percent in 2014 as compared to 2013 and by over 34 percent as compared to 2009.

Over the past five years, the number of robberies and aggravated assaults each decreased by 57 percent, breaking and enterings by 39 percent, larcenies by 30 percent and motor vehicle thefts by 49 percent. That's 72 fewer robberies, 34 fewer assaults, 82 fewer home and business incursions, 246 fewer larcenies and 82 fewer vehicles stolen in a year's time.

### Bad News

While the incidents of murder and rape are too small in

number to determine meaningful trends, the numbers for the past year were contrary to the general crime trend. The first reported murder in four years occurred in Greenbelt East. However, more than five years ago it was common to have more than one such incident each year. Of somewhat greater concern was the doubling in number of rapes from five to 10, comparing 2014 to 2013. The 2014 number was also the greatest since 2010 when there were 11 during the year. Eight of the rapes in 2014 occurred in Franklin Park and one each in Greenbelt Center and Greenbelt East.

Greenbelt West still accounts for almost half of all city crime, but for the past year the number of crimes dropped by nine percent, a better drop than the citywide average. Also, the number of crimes committed in the

See **CRIME**, page 9

## Plans for Goddard Campus Are For Net Zero Energy Status

by Rachel Kuipers

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) campus is undergoing updates to become more efficient and environmentally friendly, GSFC representatives told the Greenbelt City Council.

GSFC Director Chris Scolese and Deputy Director Ray Rubilotta joined council on March 2 for a worksession on plans they have for the campus and a discussion of current and future projects.

Rubilotta said GSFC is trying to reach a "net zero status," meaning they are aiming for a net energy consumption level of zero. They will do so by making buildings more energy efficient and increasing their usage of renewable energy resources. Current regulations require 35 percent of the energy used to be from renewable resources, he said.

The federal mandate now includes an initiative called Freeze the Footprint that looks at how many square feet an agency has and does not allow them to exceed that, Rubilotta said. "From here on out, any time we build new, we're going to have to also have a contingency plan to knock down old. That way we don't just keep growing all the way."

In addition to moving toward net zero with new buildings, the materials from structures GSFC demolishes are recycled. Only about 10 percent of materials from a recent demolition was not recy-

clable, Rubilotta said.

GSFC is also planning to keep vehicle use to a minimum, he said. "We believe that based on the number of people we have on Center and for the foreseeable future, we have adequate parking."

### Vibrant Program

GSFC has a vibrant bike program that complements the walking atmosphere of the campus, Rubilotta said. "We have about 45 bicycles that the Center maintains. They're located throughout the Center. There's a heavy cost initially but they're low maintenance; they have no chains and the tires are tubeless."

GSFC also offers a service called Goddard Taxi that will transport visitors and employees around the campus so they don't have to move their vehicles.

"It's really a robust time here right now and our construction is just about finished," said Rubilotta. GSFC shipping and receiving facility will be completed in March, allowing them to discontinue using their older warehouse.

He added that the new Flights Projects building will be completed between June and August and they will be able to demolish just under 300,000 gross square feet of older buildings to maintain their Freeze the Footprint requirements.

"One of the big projects that we did this year is we spent millions of dollars to re-stripe and

repave the roadway," Rubilotta said. "Since I have been in my position, it's been at least 15 years since we did such a major undertaking. About 30 percent of the Center, in dire need of repair, was actually repaved and restriped."

### Future Goals

Scolese emphasized the future of GSFC regarding goals as well as projects. "Today I have a

See **GODDARD**, page 6

## What Goes On

**Monday, March 23**

**8 p.m., Council Meeting and Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Presentation, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv**

**Tuesday, March 24**

**7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building**

**Wednesday, March 25**

**7 p.m., Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center**

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

**8 p.m., Council Worksession on Youth Sports, Community Center**

## Women's History Month

In observance of Women's History Month, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known.

The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

## Joanie Cohen-Mitchell Loves Her Job and Her Life Here

by Alexi Worley

Joanie Cohen-Mitchell, clasping a mug of warm tea between her hands, curled up on her cushion-covered living room couch in her home in Greenbelt beside her cat, Violet, who watched her intently, waiting to be petted. Cohen-Mitchell, however, didn't seem to notice. She was caught up in the past, recalling memories of learning to read with her Polish grandfather.

"He was an immigrant from Poland who never learned to read or write in English and I remember when I was a little girl reading children's books with him and we were both practicing our English," she said, tucking her feet up underneath her, sinking deeper into the couch. "Looking back, I wonder if that experience with him is kind of what propelled me into my work with literacy and development."

Most of her answers come with an anecdote, a story about one of the endless adventures she has had abroad, a side-effect of



Joanie Cohen-Mitchell and simian friend.

her wanderlust gene.

From her childhood in suburban Massachusetts to her countless travels abroad working in education, Cohen-Mitchell said these experiences have served her

See **HISTORY MONTH**, page 6

## Restaurant/Theater Combo Proposed for Beltway Mall

by Mary Moien

A 100-seat restaurant could be part of an eight-theater movie house at the Beltway Plaza shopping center if a liquor license can be obtained. This proposal was sent to the Greenbelt City Council at its March 9 meeting by Marc "Kap" Kapastin representing the mall. Also at that meeting council received an update on delays to the opening of the Greenbelt Theater at Roosevelt Center and held a wide-ranging discussion of proposed changes to truck parking regulations put forth in an ordinance for council consideration. ACE awards presented at the meeting and other council considerations will be reported in a future issue.

### Beltway Plaza

Kapastin briefed council on plans for the conversion of the Academy Stadium Theaters to a Studio Movie Grill. He is pursuing an amendment to current state regulations to allow the proposed facility to obtain a liquor license. Studio Movie Grill is a Dallas-based operator of 15 movie/restaurant locations across

the country. The company plans to expand to 10 new locations including one at Beltway Plaza.

Kapastin described how movie venues are changing and how locating a Studio Movie Grill in the plaza would enhance the whole mall. It would then be on the cutting edge of movie changes.

Proposed are a 100-seat restaurant plus eight movie theaters updated with reclining seats, tables for food and beverages and assigned ticket seating. Patrons could eat in the restaurant either before or after a show or have food served to them at their seats. Each theater will have a waitstaff.

### Alcohol

Kapastin said that two theaters in Montgomery County now serve alcohol. The one most similar to the one being proposed in Greenbelt is the new IPic Theater located at the new Pike and Rose Center in North Bethesda.

See **COUNCIL**, page 7

## At the Library

Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m. Read to Rover, for ages 6 to 11, helps children build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the library at 301-345-5800 for more information.

### March Madness

Now through Monday, April 6. Based on the popular basketball tournament, teens (12 to 19) can register, receive their starting brackets and vote for their favorite literary characters. Participants who pick the most matchups correctly on their brackets will be entered in a drawing for a prize.

### Storytimes

Wednesday, March 25: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, March 26: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Laptime Storytime, 2:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

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

### Master Gardeners

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. Herbs to Grow and Cook – lecture with demonstration. Enjoy an easy way to garden that has a side benefit. Herbs are great for wherever you live and are low maintenance. Improve the look, smell and taste of your salads, main dishes and desserts with herbs from your garden. Presented by the Prince George's County Master Gardeners.

### Women in Aviation

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. The College Park Aviation Museum will be presenting a program at the library on women's involvement throughout the history of aviation. There will also be a hands-on activity accompanying this presentation. All ages are welcome.

### CURRENT Magazine

The March/April 2015 issue of PGCMLS' CURRENT Magazine provides information about library news and events. Patrons may view this issue online at [www.pgcmcls.info](http://www.pgcmcls.info).

### Going Green

The library has embraced new technology currently available for copying documents through its Library Document Station. The LDS has assumed the copier function by providing library patrons with the ability to scan their documents to: (1) send to a smartphone (when equipped with a QR reader app), (2) send to an email account, (3) save to a personal USB drive, (4) save to Google Drive (via a personal Google account) or (5) print to the public black and white printer (using a credit/debit card for payment @ \$0.15 per page). Except for printing, these options allow customers to take advantage of green alternatives to the copy process.

### Clandestine Corner

The Clandestine Corner in the Adult Services area of the library has many mysterious items to investigate. Come take a peek.

# 50 Years Ago . . . Policeman Delivers Baby

by Tom Jones

Excerpts selected from the News Review published on March 4, 1965.

"Thomas Galifaro, 14-C Crescent, of the Greenbelt Police Department, delivered a baby girl on Thursday night, February 25. Galifaro, who is also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, was at the firehouse when the emergency call came in. He responded immediately, and 'just barely had time to put on the rubber gloves.'"

In the same issue:

• "The city's recent appeal of the rezoning of the Jaeger Tract for high-rise apartments was rejected by the Court of Appeals on the grounds that the city was not an 'aggrieved party.'" Eventually the tract became the site of Westchester Park apartment and townhouse development.

• "The new [1965] Maryland license plates will be gold with black letters, and will cost Maryland car owners \$15 for cars weighing 3,700 pounds or less, or \$23 for cars weighing over 3,700 pounds."

• "City Manager James Giese reported to the council a communication from the State Roads Commission to the effect that no new traffic signals would be approved pending a statewide review of the payment arrangements for traffic signals. Several councilmen asked whether this

meant that installation of a left-turn signal at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road will be postponed." [That intersection has since been rebuilt into an overpass, where 10 lanes of Greenbelt Road cross over 6 lanes of Kenilworth Avenue.]

• "The Paint Branch Unitarian Church, which began ten years ago as a small group meeting in a University of Maryland building to hear services piped in from the downtown All Souls' Unitarian Church, will dedicate its new church building on Sunday, March 7th."

• "Wonder of Wonders: Public meetings are more often endured than enjoyed: all too often, speakers stray off their subjects into dull monologues that prolong the expected closing hour. It is therefore a great pleasure to point to an exception. The hearing conducted by the county's delegation to the Maryland State Assembly on February 24 was one of the best ever held in this area. There wasn't a dull moment all evening..."

See the entire March 4, 1965 News Review – including a full-page ad for Co-op Custom Hi-Level Passenger Car Tires – in the News Review archive at <http://GreenbeltNewsReview.com/archive>.



"TAKE IT TO THE LAKE  
AND FEED IT TO THE BEAVERS."

PETER REPPERT

## College Park Holds Book Festival

A community library book festival will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Rhode Island Avenue and Hollywood Road. Enjoy meeting local authors/illustrators, vision screenings, face painting, balloon creations by Lisa, crafts with College Park Arts Exchange, used book sale and more. This is a free event.

## MVA Online Schedule For Commercial Test

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) now offers an online solution for those seeking to schedule a commercial driver license (CDL) driving test. CDL applicants can now schedule an appointment online to take a road test.

For details visit [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov) and select online services and then central scheduling system (CSS).



### Are You Looking for Your Letter?

If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.

Our Swifty riddle is on vacation this week.

Last week's Swifty: "He ate all the dried venison. He is so inconsiderate," she complained JERKILY.

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM



### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Woodlands Committee Report to the Board
- Yard Line Certification for 53A-R Ridge Road
- Yard Line Certification for 10-U Southway
- Review Member Request to Construct a Serviceside Addition at 1E Northway
- Proposed Rules' Change for Control of Invasive Plants in Yards
- 2014/15 Community Beautification Program
- Review Draft Minutes of November 18th Special Membership Meeting
- Contract for Conversion of 10-U Southway Boiler Room to a Storage Room – 1st Reading
- Roof Repair Contract for 8 Woodland Way – 1st Reading
- 2015 Spring Concrete Repair Contract – 1st Reading
- Contract for Repairs to 60-K Crescent Rd – 1st Reading
- Contract for Repairs to 24-R Ridge Rd – 1st Reading
- Renewal of Information Technology Services Contract – 1st Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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# Community Events

## Arts Advisory Board Meets April 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The board will be meeting with community organizations seeking Contribution Group status and public funding for fiscal year 2016. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road.

For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

## Calling All Artists For Group Art Show

Artists are invited to submit entries for a group art show at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center, to accompany the annual Green Man Festival. This year's theme is Water, in all its forms. The show will be on display for the months of May and June. The reception will be Sunday, June 7 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Two-dimensional art work in all media is welcome for submission. A display case is available for three-dimensional art work, for pieces no larger than 10" by 10." All two-dimensional artwork must be hooked, wired, and ready to hang. This exhibit is limited to artists 18 years and over.

Interested artists should submit a digital image of each work they would like to have considered for the show to newdealcafeart@yahoo.com (up to four entries per artist). Please include the title and size of each artwork submitted. Deadline for submission for the show, Water, is Friday, April 24, 9 p.m. Artists will be notified about acceptance of their work by Monday, April 27. For questions or assistance, call 301-602-2769.

The art show program is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

## Talk with Delegate

Delegate Alonzo Washington will visit constituents at the New Deal Café on Saturday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is part of a series of monthly Table Talks that Washington is conducting throughout District 22.

"As your elected official, it is my responsibility to be accessible and accountable to you. Though the legislative session has begun, you should still have the opportunity to talk to me about the important issues we are debating in Annapolis," said Washington. He will answer concerns about the state, county and city or questions about the legislative session.

## GHI Notes

Thursday March 19, 6:30 p.m.  
- Investment Committee Meeting  
- Board Room

Thursday March 19, 7:30 p.m.  
- Finance Committee Meeting  
- Board Room

Saturday March 20, 11:00 a.m.  
- Pre-purchase Orientation  
- Board Room

Monday March 23, 7:00 p.m.  
- Communications Committee Meeting  
- GHI Lobby

Wednesday March 25, 7:00 p.m.  
- Buildings Committee Meeting  
- Board Room

Thursday March 26, 7:30 p.m.  
- Board Of Directors Meeting (Open Session)  
- Board Room

Friday March 27, OFFICE CLOSED  
- Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Monday March 30, 7:00 p.m.  
- Pre-purchase Orientation  
- Board Room

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Writers Group to Meet

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All writers are welcome. Officers for the current year are being sought. Open readings will also be held if time allows.

For details, contact Mary Moien at mmoien@aol.com.

## Senior Softballers Seek New Teammates

The Greenbelters seeks new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, women at least 55. Spring training begins in March.

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

## Explore Maryland Trivia on March 27

Explorations Unlimited guest Greenbelt resident Betty Tinner will lead a Maryland Trivia game on March 27. The questions will range from easy to difficult. What are Maryland's nicknames? How did the Preakness get its name? Which Marylander was the first black U.S. Supreme Court Justice? What is the state's flower, bird, fish etc.? Enjoy the banter and stretch the brain in this game of trivia.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged.

Call 301-397-2208 for details.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff picked up an injured duck and transported it to a wildlife rehabilitation shelter. Twenty baby chickens and a goose were brought to the shelter after being delivered to the wrong address in another state. The chickens and goose were subsequently reunited with their owner.

Biodegradable tree fencing has been installed in several areas in Buddy Attkick Park. Public Works is testing this fencing option to see if it deters beavers from trees. The fencing is designed to disintegrate into soil after five years of usage.

Refuse/Recycling crews collected 26.12 tons of refuse and 39.31 tons of recyclable material.

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**CRAFT FAIR and GIRL TALK  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
at Greenbelt Middle School, 6301 Breezewood Drive

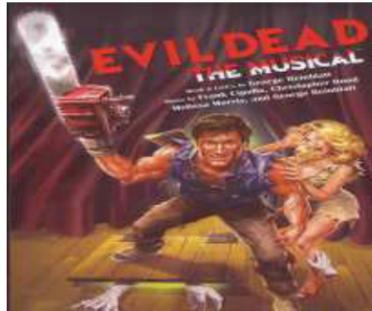
Please join us for the PTA-sponsored craft fair, with jewelry, treats, books, music, and more, and for the inaugural WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, "The Rebirth of Me: Celebrating Womanhood, Community, & Culture," with special presenters. Free admission.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, March 22nd & Wednesday, March 25th  
Beginning at 8 PM

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March 20-28  
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Sunday, March 22 at 2:00pm

Ticket prices: \$30 Splatter Zone, \$22 General Admission, \$18 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

**COMING SOON**

Choking Out the Kudzu - Apr. 10-26 - Directed by Billie Colombaro  
Celtic Concert by the Hometown Ceilidh Band - May 1

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)  
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**WEEK OF MARCH 20**

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY**  
The Gunman, R (!)  
11, 1:35, 4:10, 7, 9:40  
Divergent: Insurgent, PG-13 (!)  
10:45, 11:30, 1:20, 2:10, 4, 4:50, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10  
Run All Night, R (!!)  
11, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05  
Cinderella, PG (!!)  
11:30, 1:25, 2:05, 4:40, 6:40, 7:30, 9:40  
Chappie, R  
10:45, 4, 9:20  
Focus, R  
11:15, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50  
Kingsman, R  
1:20, 9  
Sponge Bob: Out of the Water, PG  
11, 4:10, 7

**SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY**  
The Gunman, R (!)  
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Divergent: Insurgent, PG-13 (!)  
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Run All Night, R (!!)  
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Kingsman, R  
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The Greenbelt Community Foundation's next deadline for grant applications is April 15th. We look forward to funding wonderful new ideas and projects that nourish all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods. We have from \$500 - \$5,000 to give to non-profit community groups and organizations. Applications are available on our website: [www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net)

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**Members Only**

**Open Editing Studio (FREE)**  
Mondays in March 23, 30, 7-9PM

**Canon Camera Class - \$\$**  
Saturday, March 21, 10-4PM

**Adobe Premiere Pro Basics Class \$\$**  
Tues.-Thurs., March 24-26, 7:30-10PM

**Free and Open to the Public**

**GATe Annual Meeting (FREE)**  
Sunday, March 22 from 3-5PM

Book a seat at [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

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

## Obituaries

### Robin Jean Corbin

Former Greenbelter Robin Jean Corbin, 58, of Tennis, Fla., died on February 16, 2015, at the home of her sister Terry in Luray, Va. Robin, who grew up in Greenbelt, graduated from Parkdale High School. Over 25 years ago she moved to Florida with her sons Bryan and Boyd Bethany.

The Corbin family lived in the same Southway Court that is home to the Earl Bailey family and pioneer Greenbelter Shirley Gray Bailey (Earl's mother). Other former residents of that court, like the Miller and Schultz families, still keep up with each other through Facebook, fondly remembering the "old days" of Greenbelt.

Ms. Corbin is survived by her sisters Terry Nebel and Pam Corbin, brother Mickey Corbin, sons Bryan and Boyd Bethany and six grandchildren.

### Band to Honor Keith Marshall on March 29

The Greenbelt Concert Band will present a memorial concert in honor of long-time tuba player and Greenbelt resident Keith Marshall on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion.

Marshall played in numerous bands around the Washington area during his lifetime. At one time he stated that he remembered having played for over 300 wedding receptions.

The Keith Marshall Memorial Concert Program will include musical pieces to commemorate many of Marshall's activities during his lifetime. Some pieces to be included are: Solo Pomposo, tuba solo performed by Norman Cary; Victory at Sea (symphonic scenario) by Richard Rodgers; Dixieland Jamboree by John Warrington; American Patrol, in the Glenn Miller Big Band style; and Armed Forces Salute by Bob Lowden. There is no charge for attendance.

Marshall loved music and was an avid tuba player, string bassist and all-around supporter of music in Greenbelt. He played tuba in many of Greenbelt's Labor Day Parades as a part of Rudy Adler's Dixieland Band.

Marshall enlisted in the U.S. Navy after college and served aboard the USS Denebola, reaching the rank of lieutenant in the reserves. Marshall was also chief of Zoonosis Control for the Maryland Department of Health when he retired in 1989. He will be buried at sea, according to his wife, Martha. The two lived in Greenbelt for over 40 years. Martha still resides on Woodland Way.

### Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, March 19 Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic will be hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, March 20 John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Long Time Coming offers up multi-part harmonies and a rock-solid rhythm section from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 Table Talk with Maryland Delegate Alonzo Washington will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. and Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 7 to 8 p.m. A Rolling Stones tribute band, Just Stones, performs from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Please join the Deaf Brunch on Sunday, March 22 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Gliders play rock and soulful Americana music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, March 23 the monthly New Deal Café Board of Directors meeting will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, March 24 Poetry Night Open Mic will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25 the Cajun Music Jam will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Please bring an instrument and join in. Beginners welcome. Free.

Thursday, March 26 Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Songwriters' Association of Maryland Open Mic will be hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

### UMD to Host Free Dance Program

The Dance Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will be the site of a program titled Wake Up! on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 28 at 3 p.m. Come to a UMD house party, inspired by Spike Lee's film, School Daze (1988), the musically-driven film that chronicled the ins and outs of a fictitious, historically black college.

An original site-specific dance theatre work co-conceived by School of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies artists Meghan Bowden and Vaughn Midder, this performance challenges current students to engage in topics around race, gender, class and sexuality, as seen through the lens of the African American experience.

### Astronomical Society Talks Telescopes

The March meeting of the Astronomical Society will feature a presentation by Dr. Peter C. Chen on A New Way to Make Telescopes. He will discuss the development and current status of making mirrors and telescopes. The primary application is for future missions in space and on the Moon, but the technology also has unique capabilities for use in large ground-based observatories and for amateur astronomy.

This technology has all the right buzzwords, including nanotechnology, active optics, adaptive optics, 3D printing, smart materials, smart structures, low cost rapid fabrication, large and extremely large apertures, low areal density and super-smooth surfaces. Despite the fancy terms, this is basically a simple process that does not require exotic materials or equipment. Chen will explain how it is done, what is currently being done and what kind of exciting things can be done in the future.

Chen is an astrophysicist at the Goddard Space Flight Center and an adjunct research professor in the department of physics at the Catholic University of America. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto, Canada and a Ph.D. in astronomy from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

The meeting will be held Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium of the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd., Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. This presentation was originally scheduled for February. There is no charge. The meeting will be cancelled without notice if the Prince Georges County schools are closed.

### Teacher Open House At Aviation Museum

The College Park Aviation Museum will hold a teacher open house on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Teachers are invited to enjoy a variety of workshop sessions that focus on educational programming in museums, primary source and object-based learning in the classroom.

Guided tours and refreshments provided. This program is free for teachers with school ID and students in education training programs. Call 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544 for details.

## ERHS Kicks Off Japanese Sister School Exchange

On Monday, March 16 Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) held a welcome ceremony to kick off their new Japanese Sister Exchange Program with Atsugi High School located in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

Supervisor of the High School Education Division for the Kanagawa Prefectural Board of Education, Noboru Ukita, along with several other members of the Kanagawa Board of Education Group, joined ERHS staff, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) administrators, and Director of International Affairs for the Office of the Secretary of State, Anna Yankova, at a welcome ceremony for the new program. At the ceremony, PGCPS and

the Kanagawa Board of Education signed a letter of intent that will uphold a memorandum of understanding signed by former Governor of Maryland Martin O'Malley and Kanagawa Prefecture Governor Yuji Kuroiwa last year.

The Japanese Sister Exchange Program began this school year and was developed to encourage students to share their love of science globally. In February, students from Atsugi High School participated in ERHS's science fair. The hope is that the students participate in their sister school's annual science fair and have an opportunity to collaborate on research projects that focus on various world problems.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Come as you are.

### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Come worship God with us!

Sunday School 9:45AM

Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



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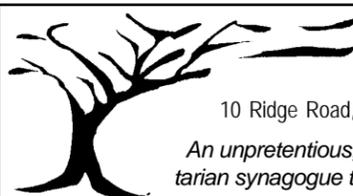


March 22, 10 a.m.

Questions of Ethics

Rev. Russ Savage with Worship Associate Van Summers

This is Signing Sunday



### Mishkan Torah Congregation

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Community  
of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, March 29  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM  
All are welcome.

**prod-i-gal** \prā-di-gəl\ *adj.* - characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure.

Greenbelt Baptist Church will be exploring the idea of a prodigal God by reading Timothy Keller's book *The Prodigal God* and how the gospel is not only for the sinner but also for those who trust in their damnable good works. Please write to [sjunthank@gmail.com](mailto:sjunthank@gmail.com) for more information.

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor





Condolences to the family and friends of Gary R. Stenhouse, who died March 12, 2015. He served in Greenbelt as assistant city manager to James Giese before leaving in 1971 to become city manager of Killingly, Conn. He had a distinguished career managing communities in four New England states. At the time of his death, he was semi-retired and serving as interim city manager of Berwick, Maine.

Sympathy to the Aichele and Fitzgerald families and their friends on the death on March 8, 2015, of Terrance F. ("Terry") Aichele, 72, of Prince Frederick, Md., after a long struggle with brain cancer. He was a retired 30-year Philadelphia firefighter and was the husband of former longtime Greenbelter Maureen Fitzgerald Aichele.

We were sorry to hear of the death from cancer of former Greenbelter Robin Corbin, 58, on February 16, 2015 in Luray, Va., where she was being cared for by her sister Terry. The sad news was sent to us from Florida by her lifelong friend Jo Anne Miller Streitmatter. The Corbin, Miller and Bailey families all grew up together in the 1 court of Southway and have remained close throughout the years.

**Congratulations to:**

After all the disruptions caused by snow and ice this winter, it's encouraging to hear about the Eleanor Roosevelt High School debate team's win in a national contest, and the fine season that the ERHS basketball teams – both boys and girls – have been having. And how about those Lady Terps! It seems that Spring is really coming at last.

Send in more good news – of awards, new babies and the like. Send information for Our Neighbors by email at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

**Audubon Bird Walk In Bowie March 21**

Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 a.m. is the next Prince George's Audubon Society bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area on Governor Bridge Road in Bowie.

Beginners and experts are welcome, with participants likely to see resident and migrating woodland and field birds, waterfowl and raptors at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Meet at the parking lot. No reservations are needed.

Contact Bill Sefton at kiwisuits@msn.com for more information.

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 Every Thursday  
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# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING  
 Municipal Building, March 23, 2015 – 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
  - Arbor Day Proclamation
  - Proposed FY 2016 City Budget
- 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

**LEGISLATION**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article II "Operation of Vehicles" and Article III "Stopping, Standing and Parking" of the Greenbelt City Code, 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Change Orders on Theater Renovation Project
- State Legislation
- Council Reports

**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@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK  
 OF MARCH 23-27**

Monday, March 23 at 8pm, **Regular City Council Meeting and FY2016 Budget Presentation**, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm, **Advisory Committee on Education** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30pm, **Advisory Planning Board Meeting** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Economic Development Strategy – Scope Discussion Update and Update on Various Planning Projects

Wednesday, March 25 at 8pm, **Council Work Session re: Youth Sports**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm, **Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm. 111.

Thursday, March 26 at 7pm, **Forest Preserve Advisory Board**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the agenda: Review RFP suggestions, Discussion on FPAB woods clean ups, Assignments for review of Management and Maintenance Guidelines, Review Pumpkin Walk Reports, Approve minutes of October 2014

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

**FIT 'N' FUN CARDIO**

Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10-11:15 am.  
 Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
 Drop-In available for \$4 resident/\$5 non-residents  
 Enjoy a variety of cardio including weights, dance, boot camp and floor work. Bring weights, water and mat.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**Greenbelt Animal Shelter**

**550-A Crescent Road 301-474-6124**

Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm



**Buddy** is a 15 year old Beagle who was brought to the shelter because his older owner could no longer care for him. He is a happy-go-lucky dog who likes short walks, dog treats (he's a Beagle, of course!), afternoon naps and getting attention. Buddy's blood test results were good, but he has some trouble walking up and down a long flight of stairs. Otherwise, Buddy is looking for a wonderful place to retire and give someone all his love and happy affection!



**Macy** was surrendered at the shelter when her owners moved back to their native country. At 3 years old, Macy is a friendly but quiet cat with a gorgeous, smooth coat and bright green eyes. Macy does well with other cats, but would be okay by herself, too. She likes to give nose kisses and enjoys being petted.

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**

See pets at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter)

**OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR GREENBELT CARES FAMILY COUNSELING**

Greenbelt CARES offers a Family Counseling Clinic on Wednesday evenings, 6pm to 9pm. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has no waiting list, so immediate appointments are available. Families who are in need of parenting support to effectively manage academic, behavioral, or other issues impacting their young children or teens can contact the agency at 301-345-6660. In addition to CARES usual Family Clinic, two staff counselors are also offering Parent Child Interaction Therapy, which specifically addresses the needs of children ages two through six.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GREENBELT CARES AT 301-345-6660**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Green Ridge House Service Coordinator is seeking qualified community volunteers to teach:  
 (a) **Beginners / Advanced Computer class:** Time commitment at least twice a month. Skills requested: basic computer skills, Word, Publisher, Navigating email and internet, and additional items as requested.  
 (b) **Beginners Art Class:** Time commitment at least once a month. Skills requested: Basics of art, drawing, painting, etc. Participating residents will provide their own materials if needed.

For more information please contact Green Ridge House Service Coordinator, Sharon Johnson, at 301-412-2480 or via email at [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov)

**Registration for Bike to Work Day 2015**



is now open!

Join over 10,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. The Greenbelt Pit Stop will be in front of GAFC from 6:30am-8:30am.

Refreshments, swag bags and raffle prizes will be given away for those registered and arriving by bicycle. Please register at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/) and remember the first 14,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt. **Greenbelt Pit Stop is pleased to announce the current 2015 sponsors: Anacostia Trail Heritage Area, Proteus Bicycles, Arrow Bicycle, Greenbelt COOP**

**STAY INFORMED!**

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well, giving her the skills necessary to take on her current position as chief of programming and evaluation for the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C.

She manages a staff of 25, working closely with a variety of sector specialists in areas such as education to develop, manage and guide numerous Peace Corps programs.

"I love my staff, I love my job," Cohen-Mitchell said. "Going to work every day is such a pleasure."

"Joanie and I have worked together for two years now. It's been a pleasure to work with someone who is as dynamic a thinker and as collaborative a colleague as Joanie," Lisa Cohen, chief of training at the Peace Corps, said. "Besides significant experience in international development, she brings to her work creativity, knowledge, energy and a real commitment to the mission of the Peace Corps."

### Collaborative

Cohen-Mitchell is currently working on a collaborative initiative with the Peace Corps that Michelle Obama called Let Girls Learn, which aims to expand access to education for girls around the world. Cohen-Mitchell, however, said she doesn't measure success based on the size of the program.

"We do these big projects, like Let Girls Learn, that are incredible, but I try not to only think about that stuff," she said. "It's about the small changes. That's what members of the Peace Corps do every day; they go out and they help kids read. That's what it's all about, helping that one kid learn to read."

Though she went into college as an engineering major, she quickly switched to education. "My professors called me by my number, not my name," she said. That's when I realized it was not the place for me."

She earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood development from the University of Vermont and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Massachusetts. She began working with the Peace Corps when she was 22 as a volunteer sent to Haiti.

"I didn't know anything of the world," Cohen-Mitchell said. "But I loved it. I actually helped deliver a baby while I was there who is my godchild now."

After being evacuated from Haiti after 14 months, Cohen-Mitchell extended her service to Paraguay, where she served for three years. It was an unexpected choice for someone who grew up in a family that didn't travel and who was not exposed to a variety of careers, she said.

"The possibilities of what you could be in my little Jewish community in Massachusetts were kind of limited. You were a doctor, you were a lawyer, you were an accountant, you were a dentist. I remember when I went to university finding out there were so many choices. There was this whole other way to live."

Before returning to the Peace Corps in 2012 as a literacy specialist, Cohen-Mitchell furthered her work in International Development by coordinating programs both abroad and in the U.S.

### Literacy Training

Among this work was development of a training program for disabled women in Central and South America with the Literacy Training Institute, creation of literacy programs to be used in areas in the Caribbean for the Bernard Van Leer Foundation's Caribbean Child Support Initiative, and planning a social services agency called The Gray House that offers things such as a food pantry and adult education courses in low-income areas in Springfield, Mass.

In addition to her consulting work, she taught undergraduate and graduate courses at universities in Massachusetts and Vermont and has been published nine times.

Cohen-Mitchell said her secret to managing a tricky work-life balance is the unwavering support of a husband willing to do more than scrub the occasional dish.

She met Tim Cohen-Mitchell (they took each other's names) during graduate school. Soon after, they had their son, 12-year-old Noah, and started a life together. Wanting their child to grow up with a strong parental presence, she slowed down her career for roughly 10 years to focus on raising her son.

"I had this sort of smattering of work, but for someone like me who really associates herself with work, it was hard," she

said. "I would definitely say this was the most unexciting part of my life. I mean the parenting part was great but the professional part was hard. Not traveling, not being anywhere else."

She was then offered a position at the Peace Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. It was an opportunity worth leaving the home they had created in Massachusetts, she said.

"When I was offered the Peace Corps job, we decided Tim would be the one to work part-time. We decided it was my turn to work that main job," she said. "He is really great. He cooks, cleans, sees Noah off to school; he is just unwaveringly supportive."

### Professional Success

In addition to a strong support system, she attributes her professional success to hard work and openness. "Most people don't know this, but I am actually a huge introvert. I'm kind of proof that you don't have to be the loud, flashy person to be successful. You can keep your head down, be open to new things and just work hard," she said.

When she's not in the office, Cohen-Mitchell loves yoga, cooking and biking. "I bike 19 miles each way to work every day; it's why I don't look fifty," she said with a laugh.

She is also passionate about community, something she said she found in Greenbelt.

"When we were first looking for a place near D.C., we looked all over until a friend of mine suggested Greenbelt," Cohen-Mitchell said. "The second I was here I just thought 'this is it.' We love our neighbors and how close everything is. It really does have everything."

While she said she would love to live abroad again in the future, perhaps in Africa, for now she has finally found her dream job.

"The Peace Corps changed the trajectory of my life," Cohen-Mitchell said, a warm smile etching its way across her face as she picks up Violet, pulling the purring cat close to her chest. "So to be working with them again after all this time, it really is like coming home."

*Alexi Worley is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.*

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group of people that are looking out to 2035 and 2050," Scolese said. "Where do we want to be? What kind of missions do we want to do, what kind of science is out there?"

"And that's far enough away that you can be really looking at very complex and interesting questions. But that isn't the whole story. I want them to also look at what we need to do today, in the next five years, to prepare us for 2035," he said.

Last September, for the first time, a GSFC space craft, MAVEN, went into orbit around Mars Scolese said. "We've had a lot of instruments go to Mars, but this is the first spacecraft that's gone to Mars and it's doing something really different – it actually dips into the atmosphere. It did its first dip about a week ago."

GSFC also works with satellites. One such satellite, DSCOVR, is valuable to Earth because of its solar storm-detecting capabilities.

DSCOVR, like other satellites designed to detect solar storms, is about a million miles from Earth. Because solar storm energetic particles travel slower than the speed of light, Scolese said, these satellites allow scientists to see the storm about an hour before it reaches Earth. They can then

tell power and communications companies to expect and prepare for the storm.

### Earth Image

"DSCOVR also is going to look at the Earth and, for the first time in 40 years, is going to give us an image of the Earth like the Apollo astronauts saw. So we'll see the whole Earth disc. And unlike the Apollo astronauts, we'll every once in a while get to see the moon cross in front of the Earth."

Scolese said construction of the James Webb Space Telescope, a successor to the Hubble Space telescope, is in progress in Greenbelt and will be virtually complete this year.

Despite sequestration, a cap on the federal budget that cuts spending, Scolese said NASA and Goddard have not been hit too harshly, although they did notice the change. "The impact to us, however, is it creates a lot of uncertainty for us. So it's very difficult for us to plan our missions and activities."

GSFC will also host its first open house since 2011 on Saturday, September 19. That date coincides with International Observe the Moon Night.

*Rachel Kuipers is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.*

### Greenbelt Concert Band

#### Free Performance

Sunday, March 29, 2015

2:00 PM



**Greenbelt American Legion Post 136  
6900 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
in the Sam Hofberg Banquet Hall**

The Greenbelt Community is cordially invited to this concert that will honor the military service of Keith Marshall who was a Navy veteran and long-time tuba player in the Greenbelt Concert Band.

The show will feature patriotic and military tunes.



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# Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Achieves Non-profit Status

by Barbara Simon

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee has now completed the process of becoming a non-profit organization. The committee believes this new status will enable it to seek grants helping fund community activities that complement the carnival, professional music acts on stage, food concessions and other booths managed by local groups.

These include events that have been part of the Festival since its beginning, such as the parade and art and photo shows, as well as more recent initiatives like the crafts fair, the Rising Stars featuring teen bands and the Greenbelt Museum's Retro Fair. The Festival will also be able

to encourage contributions from individuals and businesses by assuring that their donations will be tax-deductible.

A special thank you goes to past Labor Day Festival Treasurer Jon Gardner for his work and dedication in obtaining the 501(c) (3) status.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival has always been produced by an all-volunteer committee. For information on how to serve, visit [www.greenbeltlaborday.com](http://www.greenbeltlaborday.com) or attend the group's meetings held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The committee is currently looking for volunteers to be part of the Grants Committee.

## NAMI Support Group

The National Alliance on Mental Illness will host a family support group on Saturday, March 28 for family, friends and caregivers of individuals suffering from mental illness. NAMI will provide a facilitator. The meeting will be held at the Hanco Building, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton from noon to 1:30 p.m.

For more information telephone 301-429-0970 or go to [namipg.org](http://namipg.org).

## Free First Fridays At Montpelier

Enjoy Montpelier Mansion's First Friday offerings each month starting in March and running through October. Preceded by Pocketful of Stories, a preschool story and activity session scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m., First Friday events will begin at 11 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. Attendees can take self-guided tours of Montpelier and play old-fashioned tavern games. For details call 301-377-7817, TTY: 301-699-2544 or visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com).

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The Studio Movie Grill company indicates that the Greenbelt area has the demographics they seek including a high median income. Kapastin said the company is set to sign a lease as soon as the liquor license is obtained. An amendment to the liquor license regulations to add this specific location has already been submitted.

Councilmembers had a number of comments. Councilmember Judith Davis reminded Kapastin that the size of signs facing Greenbelt Road has been a continuing issue with the council. He responded that he recognizes that any leases are subject to the permit process.

A question arose about the age of staff if alcohol is served. The sense of the discussion was that those under 21 can serve alcohol in restaurants even if they cannot consume it. Another issue put on the table was carding for alcohol, indicating that carding of everyone is preferred. Also mentioned was the desire to hire local residents.

Council took no action on the proposal at the meeting.

### Greenbelt Theater

City Manager Michael McLaughlin provided a brief status update on reopening the Greenbelt theater. He said that a few more issues (sink and popcorn machine) have arisen and that the soft opening of the theater will probably be pushed back two weeks making the opening date possibly the second week

in April.

### Parking, Vehicle

Council had directed staff to evaluate Chapter 11 of the Greenbelt City Code as it relates to parking regulations, particularly parking restrictions based on vehicle size, weight and class. In addition (since the code was being reviewed) city staff recommended increased fines and strengthening enforcement regulations for vehicles that are unregistered, disabled, out-of-state or have been the subject of multiple violations.

The staff recommendations had been put forth in an amending ordinance introduced at the previous council meeting and now before council for second reading and final passage. Also proposed was new language to regulate parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones and the operation of curbstoning (vehicle sales from residential locations). Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, presented information about the proposal.

Much discussion surrounded this topic. Mayor Emmett Jordan summarized the issues that had originally brought this topic to the fore. A resident who was moving had parked a moving van on the street overnight and had received a citation. He petitioned to be allowed to park overnight. Craze said that in reviewing the code and the various classes of vehicles, it was decided to align the city code

with state code.

Various councilmembers disagreed with the proposed code revisions. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that the truck in question would still receive a citation due to its size. Councilmember Ed Putens commented that moving can take a few days; why not just issue a warning?

Craze said the city must be fair and staff does not have the time to investigate why trucks are parked and for how long. Overnight parking of commercial vehicles is forbidden on residential streets, she said.

Jordan said he thought the standardization with the state code was a good move. However, he didn't like increasing fees.

This is a "horrible ordinance" with regard to commercial vehicles, Roberts said. The new codes would decrease the weight of trucks allowed on a residential street.

Greenbelt resident Frank Gervasi expressed concern about one segment of the new code relating to half-ton trucks. In his opinion, he said, it will prevent many residents who own and use half-ton trucks for business purposes from parking them on city streets. He recommended instead that all of Section 11-42.1 of the code that provides for restrictions on half-ton trucks be deleted.

After more discussion, councilmembers agreed that sections would be rewritten and brought back for reconsideration at a future meeting.

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# Seniors Flock to Rock at City's 18th Annual Ice Cream Social

by Naema Ahmed

Over 60 people came to the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, March 13 for the annual senior ice cream social featuring oldies rock and roll band Retro-Rockets. "I think we broke my attendance record today," said Karen Haseley, the event's organizer.

The event was hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. It was initiated to inform people about classes and programs offered, but since then it's evolved into an annual social event, said Haseley.

Haseley has been organizing this event every year since it started about 18 years ago. This is the third year the social has featured the Retro-Rockets for entertainment. "Everybody loved them so much I thought we'd invite them back again," said Haseley.

The band played an hour-long set with a variety of hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, including Stevie Wonder and Dion's Run-around Sue.

About seven years ago, two founding members of the Retro-Rockets were told to make a rock and roll band while they were part of a church praise band. Since then members have changed over time through personal connections and ads on Craigslist.

"We always love playing here because it's always a great audience," said Iris Hirsch, who sings



PHOTO BY NAEMA AHMED

**Seniors enjoy ice cream while listening to the Retro-Rockets on Friday, March 13. A few people took to the dance floor.**

lead vocals in the Retro-Rockets.

Wanda Banks of New Carrollton came by the Community Center to sign her nephew up for a music program and decided to check out the social after one of the guests invited her in.

"I loved the band, I sang along and it was wonderful," said Banks. She said she picked up a book of programs at the Community Center and looks forward to future events.

"It was fun to dance to their music, which makes every song a favorite," said Emily Norton Martinez de Brace, who is new to Greenbelt. She said she enjoyed meeting new people.

JoAnne Pritchard and Anna Pritchard were guests who at-

tended last year as well and came because they heard the Retro-Rockets were playing again.

"Even though I've lived here for 20 years, this is the first time I've been here but not the last," said Barbara Bjanas. "Now I want them to have this more often."

*Naema Ahmed is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.*

## Arboretum Gives Lawn Care Workshop

On Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon, the U.S. National Arboretum will hold a free lawn care workshop, Five Most Important Practices. Learn to implement the five most important lawn care principles: reducing weeds, pests and diseases, creating a healthy and attractive lawn using less time, energy and money.

Registration is recommended; call 202-245-5965 to register. See usna.usda.gov for more information.

## Arboretum to Offer Cherry Blossom Tour

The U.S. National Arboretum offers a free, self-guided tour, Beyond the Tidal Basin: Introducing Other Great Flowering Cherries now through April 12, Fridays through Mondays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

March 9, 7:45 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A person playing at the playground was thrown to the ground by another person, who then took his orange and black winter coat and fled.

### Theft

March 4, 11:58 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A man reported that after seeing an ad on Craigslist for concert tickets, he agreed to purchase them and meet the seller at the Greenbelt Metro Station. After purchasing them, they later were found to be counterfeit.

March 6, 3 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A parcel package was removed from the front door area of a residence.

March 7, 8 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Clothing was removed from the Beltway Plaza Laundromat.

### Counterfeit Money

March 5, 10:24 a.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A man attempted to pass counterfeit

money at Target but when the cashier recognized the bills as counterfeit, he fled. He is described as a black man wearing a red Miami Heat ball cap, a black winter coat, blue jeans and black and white Nike basketball shoes.

### Burglary

March 7, 9 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A black mountain bike, clothing and four car wheels and rims were taken after a storage unit was forced open.

### Vehicle Crime

A 2004 Nissan Armada SUV, reported stolen during a carjacking January 15 in the 7500 block of Hanover Parkway, was recovered March 10 in the area of Woodberry Drive and Arbor Lane in Bryans Road, Md., by the Charles County Sheriff's Department. No arrests were made.

A tire and rim were taken from a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Two tires were slashed on a vehicle in the 5900 block Springhill Drive.

## Beltway Plaza Mall Wall of Fame Induction Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7 – 8 PM

Honoring local residents who reflect excellence and compassion and improve our community, Beltway Plaza Mall will induct the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) into the Wall of Fame. Refreshments will be served.

**Location: West Side Mall Entrance Hallway (TJ Maxx Entrance)**

### Our Inductees



*Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) envisions a world in which young people make positive decisions that advance their health and safety. SADD's mission is to empower young people to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them in their daily lives. The purpose of SADD is to make people rethink harmful choices like drinking and driving or bullying and these students to make a positive impact in the lives of their fellow students.*

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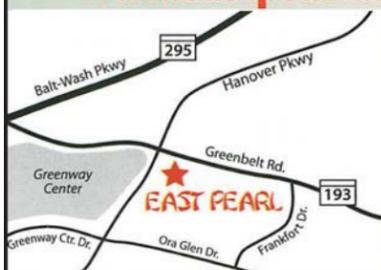
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Franklin Park apartment complex dropped by a very significant 24 percent. Crime in Greenbelt Center also dropped by more than 26 percent and accounted for only 15 percent of all crimes in 2014. That smaller percent may be due in part to that sector not having any major retail facilities.

Conversely, in Greenbelt East there was an eight percent increase in the number of crimes committed in 2014 as compared to 2013. While the number of crimes against persons remained about the same, there were significant increases in the numbers of breaking and enterings and motor vehicle thefts. Overall, 25 percent of all city crimes against persons and 37 percent of the property crimes were committed in Greenbelt East in 2014.

**Camera Violations**

In its monthly Statistical Report, which is accessible on the city website, greenbeltmd.gov, statistics are available for a wide variety of other police and enforcement related activities. For the year 2014, all but one of these measures is down from the previous year. Speed camera violations, at 12,599, were up 55 percent, but that is primarily due to some of the cameras not being operational for the entire 2013 year.

The worst spot for speeding and conversely the best money-making spot for the city is the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane where 4,615 motorists were photographed speeding north (to catch a Metro train?) and 1,973 were caught heading south. The downhill slope on Greenbelt Road in front of Eleanor Roosevelt High School was another good spot for photographing speeders with 3,112 being caught in 2014. Conversely, only 278 were caught speeding up the hill. Another lucrative spot for the city to photograph speeders in 2014 was going north on Mandan Road in the 7700 block, yielding 1,490 citations. Other camera locations are on Crescent Road near Northway, westbound Hanover Parkway in the 7700 block and northbound in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road.

Red light camera violations are on the decline with the 5,022 citations issued in 2014 being five percent fewer than in 2013. The prime locations for scofflaws are westbound Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane (1,342), Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road (1,270 for both directions) and northbound Kenilworth Avenue at the two I-95 off ramps (1,452 combined). Also be wary of the light at Cherrywood Lane if you are headed north on Kenilworth where 958 revenue-producing photographs were taken.

**Other Data**

Many of the other statistical data provided by the police department were down significantly (see Crime Statistics table). For some of these, the cause may be fewer law violators. For others, it may be due to less police enforcement activity. Significantly lower numbers were reported for calls for police service, traffic stops, arrests, traffic and parking tickets as well as driving under the influence of alcohol and other substances and other traffic arrests. Down about seven percent were the number of traffic accidents and injuries resulting from accidents – unfortunately, one accident in 2014 resulted in a fatality.

**GREENBELT CRIME STATISTICAL ANALYSIS BY AREA**

Source: Greenbelt Police Department Statistical Report for December 2014 revised and for December 2013

CLASS I CRIME	EAST	CENTER	FRANKLIN PARK	BELTWAY PLAZA	ALL WEST
Murder	1				
Percent of total	100				
Rape	1	1	8		8
Percent of total	10	10	80		80
Robbery	15	6	23	9	34
Percent of total	27	11	42	16	62
Crimes Against Persons	23	9	47	11	60
Percent of total	25	10	51	12	65
Breaking or Entering	33	21	73		76
Percent of total	25	16	56		58
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	11	34	3	42
Percent of total	37	13	40		50
Crimes Against Property	293	124	224	138	374
Percent of total	37	16	28		47
Total Class I Crime	315	133	273	149	436
Percent of total	36	15	31		49
Total 2013 Class I Crime	291	179	357	107	478
2014 vs 2013 % +/-	8	-26	-24	39	-9

Notes: Adjustments for two cases determined to be unfounded has resulted in slightly different citywide totals as compared with sector totals. All West includes Franklin Park, Beltway Plaza, the Greenbelt Metro Station and the new development in the South Core of Greenbelt Station.

**Workshop Examines Writing About Race**

The University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center is sponsoring a special program at Busboys & Poets in Hyattsville entitled, Living in Color: Writing Through the Lens of Race. This free discussion and workshop with award-winning poet Tim Seibles will take place on Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m.

The workshop will briefly examine a few poems that address the experience of living with skin color in this society, after which participants will discuss the need for and potential of such writing. This will be followed by writing exercises that will facilitate honest engagement with the subject from many perspectives. Because everyone is affected by racialized thinking, it is Seibles' hope that people from all across the color spectrum will attend.



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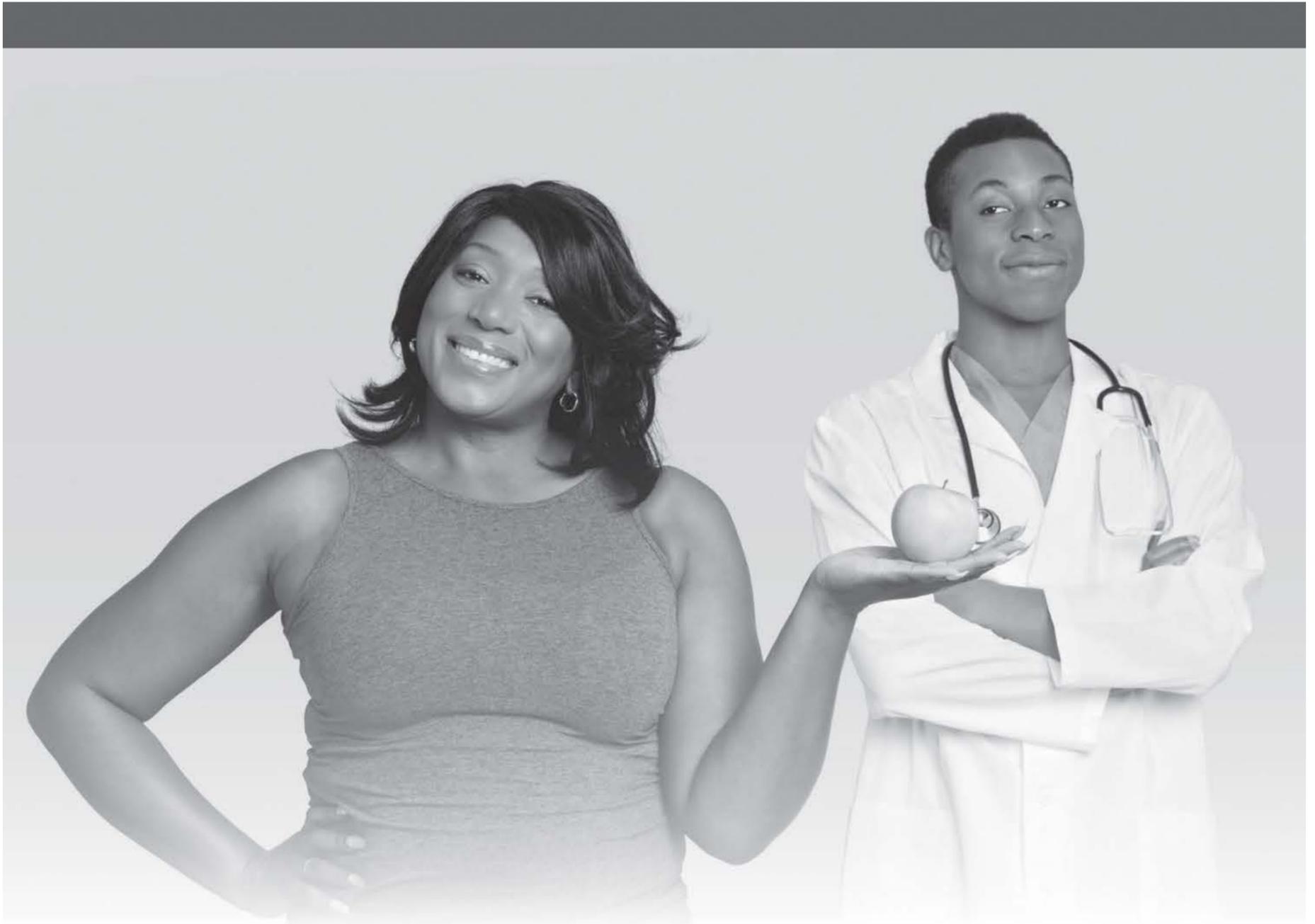
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