

## Why Explore Your Greenbelt?

by Carol Shaw

To decide how to celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) board started with a question. “How can we help people experience what we are doing? We don’t have a building to tour or direct services to show.” GCF supports projects that enhance the cultural, artistic, recreational, social or environmental quality of life in all parts of Greenbelt. In its first 10 years, GCF has disbursed \$150,000 in small grants for programs enabling local organizations to launch and carry out activities offering practical and creative ways to address problems and make improvements benefitting Greenbelt.

The answer is that understanding GCF’s accomplishments means experiencing the projects it has funded. Thus, Explore Your Greenbelt was born. This campaign, running from April to October, highlights 14

of the 50 projects funded to date. People can tour the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) with its new ADA-compliant bathrooms and automatic doors. They can bring food to the Labor Day Festival to support the Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh’s Food Pantry. They can see the flourishing wildlife – flora and fauna – by walking around the pond at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, courtesy of the Greenbelt Girls Scouts wetlands restoration project.

The 14 projects were chosen because the public can directly experience and participate in them and because they appeal to a broad audience, particularly young professionals, families and seniors. This criterion eliminated projects closed to the public or focused solely on young children. Many of the projects included in the Explore Your Greenbelt

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## Proposed General Government Budget Up by 1.3 Percent

by Diane Oberg

The General Government budget accounts for the city’s expenses not specific to any department such as city council, the city manager’s office, finance and administration, etc. The Greenbelt City Council reviewed this budget at a March 30 worksession.

### Overview

City Manager Michael McLaughlin’s proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget calls for spending \$2.9 million on General Government. This is up 1.3 percent from FY16’s adopted budget and accounts for 10.7 percent of the total proposed budget.

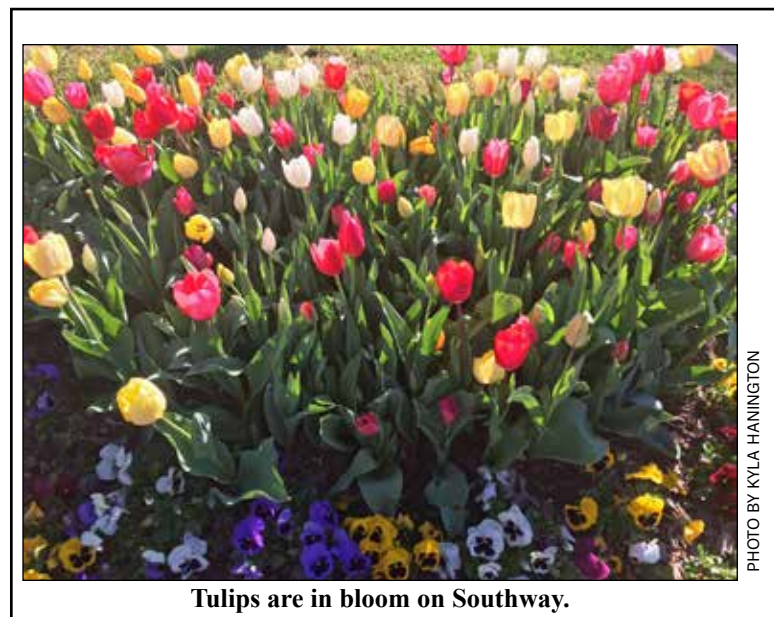
The largest expenditures are on finance and administrative services (31.1 percent), Administration (28 percent) and Information Technology (IT, 20.5 percent). The remaining expenditures are for city council (4.6 percent), legal counsel (3.4 percent), mu-

nicipal building (2.6 percent) public information and community promotion (8.1 percent) and membership dues to organizations such as the Maryland Municipal League, National League of Cities and the Council of Governments, (1.7 percent).

Staffing is unchanged from the prior budget although one position authorized during the past two fiscal years, a deputy city manager/management analyst, has never been classified or filled.

The main challenge facing the city, as in most recent years according to McLaughlin, is to continue to deal with a tight budget while maintaining quality city services. Although there is a small increase in total assessed valuation (2.9 percent) and some growth is anticipated as Greenbelt

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Tulips are in bloom on Southway.

PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

## Lakeside North Apts. Owner Proposes Luxury Highrise

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council has been looking for ways to obtain economic development to spur the city’s economy. The owner of the Lakeside North apartments has now put forth such a proposal to build a 25-story luxury highrise apartment building on an unused portion of that apartment property. At its April 4 worksession, the council listened to David Hillman, the president of Southern Management, the owner of Lakeside North, present this proposal. Councilmembers were generally receptive but didn’t say “yes,” with Rodney Roberts expressing opposition. Instead they agreed to consider the matter further.

Hillman attended the meeting with his zoning attorney, Arthur J. Horne. Also present was Brad Frome, assistant deputy chief administrative officer for infrastructure for Prince George’s County, who let the council know of County Executive Rushern Baker’s support of the project. Horne reported that Congressman Steny Hoyer had also been briefed on the plan and was supportive.

Preliminary site and building exterior renderings prepared by Architects Collaborative, Inc. were provided to councilmembers.

Three apartment buildings similar to that proposed, each named Palisades, have already been built by the developer. The first opened in 2003 in Bethesda and consists of 310 units. The next opened in 2010 in Towson with 357 units. The most recent is the Palisades of Arundel Preserve with 330 units located at the intersection of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Arundel Mills Boulevard.

### Proposal

The Greenbelt site is approximately five acres of wooded land at the northwest corner of the somewhat triangular Lakeside North property and is itself triangular. With existing apartments on one side and Kenilworth Avenue on the second, the third side will overlook the fields of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. A right-turn entrance to the new building from northbound Kenilworth Avenue and a three-way entrance at Kenilworth opposite Cherrywood Lane are proposed.

The existing Lakeside North garden apartments are clustered alongside Ridge Road, the only access road to them. The new access road opposite Cherrywood Lane would also provide a second point of access to the existing apartment road system.

All parking would be covered and located under the new building with an adjacent terraced area where a swimming pool would



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Conceptual Design looking south, Lakeside North Luxury Residences.

be located. At 25 stories, the 400-unit building would be the tallest building in Greenbelt, but because the land is at a lower elevation there, the building would not seem to be as tall as the Marriott Hotel when viewed from the Beltway.

Hillman told the council that he had acquired the Lakeside North property some 35 years ago. The apartments were originally built in 1963. The land is zoned R-30, a zoning category that the county is now phasing out. At the time, it permitted a maximum of 30 apartments to the acre. There are 271 three-bedroom units. These larger units have been attractive to university students and larger families, Hillman said. He also noted that the builder clustered the apartments together with the hope that one day he could obtain a rezoning to permit building more apartments on the same property. Apparently that day may have come.

Hillman told the council that this project was only workable at this location because he wouldn’t have to buy land for a site. In Prince George’s County, to buy

a site for this building would cost \$25 million. He said that the unit cost for this type of building would be \$250,000 to \$260,000 a unit as compared to \$200,000 for a stick-built walk-up apartment unit. It will take about a year for plans to be prepared and another two years to build. Hillman said that the building wouldn’t show a profit for ten years, “but I will have a tax shelter.”

### Southern Management

Southern Management is the largest owner/manager of apartment communities in the area, Hillman said, having 75 apartment communities of which 80 percent are in Maryland. The company also has hotels including the Cambria on Baltimore Boulevard (Route 1) and the large, new one being built at the corner of Paint Branch Parkway and Baltimore Boulevard across from the main entrance to the University of Maryland College Park campus.

When University of Maryland President Wallace Loh met with the council recently, he

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## What Goes On

### Friday, April 15

5 to 7 p.m., Free Friday Roller Skating, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, ages 6 to 12

### Saturday, April 16

1 to 4 p.m., Earth Day Watershed Clean-up, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

### Monday, April 18

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Recreation, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipalvtv

### Tuesday, April 19

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

### Wednesday, April 20

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot, Green Design, Community Center

### Saturday, April 23

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling

# Democracy Spring Marchers Arrive to Share their Stories

by Donna L. Hoffmeister

Sister Jun Yasuda, a 67-year-old Japanese Buddhist nun, tapped a gong Saturday, April 9, and its low drone filled the room where 40 people gathered to hear stories of people participating in the Democracy Spring protests. Yasuda has devoted the past 40 years to walking thousands of miles chanting the prayer for peace: Na Mu Myo Ho Ren Ge Kyo. Yasuda began walking in 1978, when she joined Native Americans in "The Longest Walk," from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. This time Yasuda joined the 300 marchers, who began April 2 in Philadelphia and arrived on April 10 in D.C., to begin a week of non-violent protests.



Sister Jun Yasuda

Brian Beihl of Open Democracy, a New Hampshire non-profit, explained that the 300 marchers, 15 of whom met up in Greenbelt Saturday evening, tired, sunburned but exhilarated, were not walking for the fun of it.

In the long term, they aimed to overturn Citizens United, the 2010 Supreme Court decision that allows unlimited election spending by individuals and corporations. In the short-term, they are calling on Congress to establish campaign finance transparency that would make public the names and the amount of money that political action committees (PACs) and America's wealthiest individuals contribute to election campaigns.

The 15 marchers who gathered in Greenbelt on their way to D.C. ranged in age from 20 to 75,

comprised of blue collar workers and professionals, and came from states as far away as New Mexico, California, Montana and Illinois. They were excited to be part of the largest demonstration in a generation. The walkers were glad for the chance to talk about the reasons they were on the walk. A variety of concerns motivated them: environmental issues such as climate change, pollution and pesticide use; economic inequities; police brutality; racial injustice; and mandatory sentencing. They were united above all by the desire that every American have an equal voice in free and fair elections. They will rally in front of the U.S. Capitol each day at noon through April 16 and will be joined by thousands of others on Sunday, April 17.

## Pepco-Exelon Credits To Appear on Bills

According to Jerry Pasternak, Pepco Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Maryland residential customers are receiving the first installment of \$100 in rate credits as a result of the merger between Pepco and Exelon. More than \$48 million in credits will be distributed in two \$50 installments for Pepco customers in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The second \$50 credit will be paid in one year.

The credits are applied to the bill balance, not as a rebate or check. Customers do not need to do anything to get their credit.

The Maryland Public Service Commission order approving the merger commits Pepco Holdings and Exelon to provide the \$100 bill credits as part of a package of direct customer benefits valued at \$78 million.

## City Notes

Public Works staff worked on a resolution for a negotiated purchase for the Community Center HVAC project.

Aquatic & Fitness Center staff offered training of the Cybex Bravo cable machine; approximately 20 people attended.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, April 20 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.



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Various walkers address the audience.  
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SHOWTIMES  
Apr 15 – Apr 21

EYE IN THE SKY (R) (102 m.) (CCAP)  
Fri. 3:00 PM, 5:15 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sat. 12:45 PM, 3:00 PM, 5:15 PM, 7:30 PM  
Sun. 12:45 PM (OC), 3:00 PM, 5:15 PM  
Tues. 5:15 PM, 7:30 PM  
Wed. 3:00 PM, 5:15 PM, 7:30 PM  
Thur. 5:15 PM, 7:30 PM

Stage on Screen:  
CONCERTO: A BEETHOVEN JOURNEY  
Sun. 8:00 PM  
Mon. 2:30 PM



EXPLORE YOUR GREENBELT  
GREENBELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In 10 Years

The Greenbelt Community Foundation  
Has given \$150,000 to 50 Projects

Come help us celebrate!

From April to October you can experience fourteen of these projects — like the Green Man Festival, May 7-8 and the Coop Food & Wine Tasting, May 21.

To help you enjoy your experience, you can win prizes at each event. No purchase is necessary.

For a full schedule and more information go to  
greenbeltfoundation.net/explore

# Community Events

## New Deal Farms Is Museum Lecture

The Museum's next lecture will take place April 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. During the 1930s the federal government oversaw construction of around one hundred housing communities across the United States. Farm villages were established in nearly every region of the U.S. Three were built in North Carolina: Pembroke Farms for Lumbee Indians, Tillery Farms for African Americans and Penderlea Homesteads, which was exclusively for whites. Join us as historian, Michael Verville, shares his research on two of the communities, Penderlea and Tillery Farms. He will discuss how they have changed over time and address contemporary issues around these historically significant though little understood communities. This lecture is offered in conjunction with the exhibit on New Deal artist Lenore Thomas Straus and is sponsored by FOGM, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, and the City of Greenbelt.

## TerraCycle Explained At Green Man Festival

The TerraCycle symbol looks like an incomplete infinity sign. It is the sign for an item that is not accepted in regular recycling, but nonetheless can have a second life. TerraCycle partners with over 30 companies to provide free shipping for a variety of waste products which are then broken down and "upcycled" into an even greater variety of useful items.

The Zero Waste Team table at the Green Man Festival, May 7 and 8, will have more information and bins. The team will have places to recycle such things as Brita filters, packaging and pitchers; any brand toothpaste tubes, caps, toothbrushes, packaging and floss containers; GoGo SqueeZ, Ella's and other snack or baby food pouches and caps; and Clif Bar, Lar-aBar, Cascadian Farm, and all foil lined energy bar wrappers.



## MakerSpace Activities

Spring is really here: stop by to check out our tadpoles!

Thursday, April 14, a new class is forming – the LEGO Robotics Programming runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Class size is limited, some experience required. Coder Dojo continues from 7 to 8 p.m. where kids from 9 - 14 are working with game design programming.

Friday, April 15th is George's Birthday! At 7 p.m. we'll be showing Valentino's Ghost on the big t.v. Hosted by Jean Snyder.

Saturday, April 16, offers a new class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We host a LEGO Build class. This week we'll be working with zip lines and gravity.

Tuesday, April 19, Introduction to Micro-electronics begins anew with Rick Pries. Come find out how to make your own gadgets.

Wednesday, April 20, Junior LEGOs returns from 4 to 5 p.m. Class size is limited for 5 to 8 year-olds working on LEGO building challenges.

Knit Night, for knitters, crocheters and other fiber enthusiasts, is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., Special Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

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

Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, April 22, Office closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 25, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

## 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 18 are as follows:

Monday, April 18: Apple juice, baked chicken with apricot mustard sauce, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, wheat bread, sliced peaches.

Tuesday, April 19: Orange juice, veal parmesan with marinara sauce, garlic rotini, spinach, Italian bread, cherry fruited jello.

Wednesday, April 20: Pineapple juice, BBQ pork riblet, baked beans, collard greens, cornbread, tropical fruit.

Thursday, April 21: Cranberry juice, baked tilapia with Old Bay cream sauce, au gratin potatoes, asparagus, wheat roll, fresh fruit.

Friday, April 22: Grape juice, baked chicken with sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, Japanese vegetables, wheat roll, mandarin oranges and pineapple.

## Star Party to View Moon and Jupiter

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, April 16, at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. We'll start by looking at the moon and Jupiter, both of which will be high in the sky, and then turn to objects that are very difficult to see from our area, such as the Owl Nebula and a number of galaxies in the vicinity of the Big Dipper. Visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 9 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Greenbelt Features In PBS Show April 19

Greenbelt is one of 10 towns featured in the PBS program Ten Towns that Changed America, airing at 8 p.m. on April 19 on WGBH, WETA and MPT. The program highlights communities whose designers "believed in the power of our built environment to change the way we live," according to the program's PBS website. The WTTW crew from Chicago was in Greenbelt last June filming. Other communities featured include Philadelphia and Salt Lake City. You can also view the Greenbelt segment at [pbs.org/video/2365708926/](http://pbs.org/video/2365708926/).

## Tandem Captain Call

Interested in being a captain on a tandem bicycle? Do you already have previous experience? If so, volunteer to become a captain for the upcoming Tandem Cycling Experience. Captains lead the way. For more information, please contact [khasoley@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:khasoley@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Upcoming Events At the New Deal

On Sunday, April 17 musicians, singers and all performers are welcome to a Kids Open Mic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. This monthly event, held on the third Sunday of each month, gives children 17 years and younger access to a low-key, friendly place for families to gather and make music.

Performers may e-mail an introduction to their act at least one day ahead of the performance date to Rebecca Holober at [bbholober@comcast.net](mailto:bbholober@comcast.net). Include a brief bio (e.g. where the performer is from, title of songs presented, musical influences, fun personal facts, etc.). This is optional, however. Walk-ins are welcome.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Springhill Lake Stream Clean-up

Springhill Lake Elementary School is hosting an annual Stream Clean-up from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15. The 3rd through 5th grade students will clean up the stream behind the school. The school will collaborate with Greenbelt Public Works and the Alice Ferguson Foundation to protect the Potomac Watershed. The school has been documenting the process for the last six years and monitoring the health of the stream.



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### Week of April 15

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Zootopia, PG  
 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20  
 Criminal, R  
 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30  
 The Jungle Book, 3D\*\*, PG  
 11:45, 2:10  
 The Jungle Book, 2D, PG  
 11, 1:30, 4, 4:35, 6:30, 7:20, 9  
 Barbershop 3, PG13  
 11:10, 11:40, 1:45, 2:20, 4:20,  
 5, 6:55, 7:30, 9:30, 10  
 Batman vs. Superman, PG13  
 10:50, 1:15, 4:10, 6:40, 9:25  
 The Boss, R  
 10:55, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45  
 Hardcore Henry, R  
 9:45

#### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

Zootopia, PG  
 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50  
 Criminal, R  
 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10  
 The Jungle Book, 3D\*\*, PG  
 11:45, 2:10  
 The Jungle Book, 2D, PG  
 11, 1:30, 4, 4:35, 7  
 Barbershop 3, PG13  
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 5, 6:55, 7:30  
 Batman vs. Superman, PG13  
 10:50, 1:15, 4:10, 6:40  
 The Boss, R  
 10:55, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10  
 Hardcore Henry, R  
 7:10

#### THURSDAY

Preshow:  
 The Huntsman, PG13(!)  
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 Zootopia, PG  
 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50  
 Criminal, R  
 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10  
 The Jungle Book, 3D\*\*, PG  
 11:45, 2:10  
 The Jungle Book, 2D, PG  
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## Greenbelt Arts Center DON'T MISS!

### ENCHANTED APRIL



by Matthew Barber  
 directed by Pauline Griller-Michell  
 April 15 - 30

Friday and Saturday at 8:00  
 Sundays April 17 & 24 at 2:00  
 Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16  
 Students/Seniors/Military,  
 \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

#### COMING SOON

Celtic Concert – May 7  
 KinK – May 20 – 29  
 The Hollow – June 17 – 26  
 The Eaton Woman – July 8 – 17

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)

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
 Sunday, April 17th & Wednesday, April 20th  
 Beginning at 8 PM

“American Colony: Collapse of the Bees”

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



## Yard Sale & Bake Sale

April 16, 2016  
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 (Rain or Shine)



Come and shop and have lunch.

Greenbelt Community Church  
 Hillside and Crescent Road

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commended Hillman and Southern Management for being instrumental in revitalizing Baltimore Boulevard, Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin reminded council in a memorandum. Frome echoed those comments, saying he believed that the new hotel would upgrade rental rates throughout the area. The hotel and this proposed apartment building were the kind of development being sought for the county, he said. He thought that this project would be an inducement to the FBI coming to Greenbelt. "It demonstrates that there is a place for FBI employees to live in this county," he said, and the county government is most aggressive in getting the FBI to locate here.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked if this project was dependent on the FBI coming to the city. Hillman said no, he would proceed now and it could take ten years for the FBI to build something.

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze expressed concern with the zoning issue. Under current zoning, the proposed site offsets the density for the existing apartments. This proposal would raise the density to 80 units an acre. She is not aware of any existing zoning category that would permit this density. She noted that the other Palisades properties were in dense urban areas, and that this site is not compatible to those.

Davis wondered how planned new zoning revisions would affect this project. Craze said it would depend on timing. Horne said that the R-30 category would be phased out.

Frome noted that the county executive has no authority in planning and zoning matters; that is in the hands of the county council and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. However, the county executive has expressed his support for this project. The county has made progress in dealing with business, he continued. It now recognizes opportunities for economic development and will actively support those proposals that will further this progress.

Hillman said that Prince George's is the hottest place in the region for development. The government understands business. In Montgomery County it would take five years to get a permit.

### Council Comments

Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed concern over the impact of building lighting on the surrounding neighborhood. Hillman said his buildings are not floodlighted and shadow studies would be made as a part of site review. Jordan was also concerned about the impact upon schools, noting that Springhill Lake Elementary is already overcrowded. Hillman thought that few tenants would

have school age children.

Jordan did note that the project would bring considerable added taxes to the city.

Davis expressed concern that there would be a loss of woodland. She believes the building's footprint would be greater than the reported 20 percent because of the large terrace and pool area to be built over the underground garage. While the county may need more highrise apartments, she felt that Greenbelt did not because there would be plenty built at the Metro station. Councilmember Silke Pope said she liked the proposal. Noting the Marriott would be taller, she thought the site was a perfect spot. However, she felt the city would have to look more closely at the details.

However, Roberts disagreed, believing this to be an urban project not appropriate for Greenbelt and that the property would be overbuilt. He felt it was more appropriate to build at the Metro station.

Councilmember Konrad Herling said he was not concerned about the height, but was concerned about the impact of the building upon its less wealthy neighbors in the existing apartments and the ability to collect high rents in this area. He also advocated for construction of affordable housing.

Councilmember Ed Putens said he likes the idea. While there were issues, he felt they could be worked out. He thought that Charlestowne North, the city's current elevator apartment, had been a good asset to the community.

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed concern about the building casting shadows in Boxwood Village.

By the end of the meeting, most councilmembers were open to further consideration of the proposal and for additional staff study.

## In Memoriam

# Remembering Father Liston

by Kathleen McFarland

Rev. Paul F. Liston, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, died March 23, 2016, at the age of 84, after a long illness. He was the first assistant priest for Father Victor Dowgiallo, the founding pastor of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.

Father Liston arrived in Greenbelt in June 1958 as a young, newly ordained priest. This was his first assignment. The rectory where he lived was the end house in a row of four houses in 58 court Crescent Road. Father Dowgiallo had one bedroom and an office and Father Liston was assigned the "little room," usually meant for a nursery. The Sisters of the Holy Cross, who had come to staff St. Hugh's School, took up the other three houses in the row for their convent and chapel. A fundraising drive to build a "real" church was underway, since at that time Mass was held in the auditorium of the school that had opened in 1949, with folding chairs and metal kneeling benches serving for pews. In 1959, a true rectory was quickly erected next to the property meant for the new church. Father Liston commented in a memoir that moving to the new rectory was "real luxury" for him after his year of sleeping in the "baby's room" at the 58 Court residence. He said Father Dowgiallo had justified his decision to build the rectory first, before the church was built, by explaining to the congregation, "We've got to get some decent quarters for that boy."

Father Liston served at St. Hugh's for four years before being assigned to other parishes in the Archdiocese. He was a native Washingtonian, a graduate of St. Paul's High School, Catholic University and George-

town. After leaving Greenbelt, his long service in the Archdiocese included six years as pastor of Holy Face parish in St. Mary's County, teaching literature at Cathedral Latin School in Washington and co-authoring a book on the history of Southern Maryland Catholics in colonial times. He served as president of the Catholic Historical Society of Washington and was co-editor of the society's journal, Potomac Catholic Heritage.

Father Liston's memoir of his time in Greenbelt is published in the Spring 2009 issue of Potomac Catholic Heritage. It is titled "St. Hugh's, Greenbelt - The Pioneer Days." In the humorous six-page article, Father describes the new town of Greenbelt and how it came to be and talks about the life and events of the residents, in addition to his own duties and his relationship with Father Dowgiallo. He tells about working with the Teen Club and the Cana Club and has kind words for the "youngsters," the young-marrieds and the parishioners in general. He even includes some of the family names he remembers: "Kistler, Phillips, Downs,

Haslinger, Ditman, Feeney and Geiger." In closing, he says that St. Hugh's was "an ideal parish for a newly-minted priest" and refers to the four years he served here as his "apprenticeship in priestly ministry."

The funeral Mass for Father Liston took place on March 28 in the Chapel of Carroll Manor Nursing Home, where he had lived in his illness. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, was the principal celebrant. Interment was at historic Mount Olivet Cemetery in Northeast Washington.

## Obituaries

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

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

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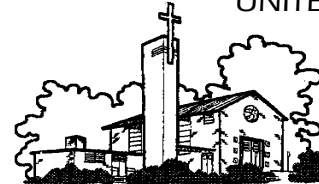
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ALL ARE WELCOME.



Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Naji Marshall and junior Octavia Wilson who were named to the 2015-16 Winter All-Met basketball teams (boys and girls first team) by the Washington Post.

More good news coming from ERHS: Senior Jan Knutson has been selected out of over 50 guitarists nationwide to be the only guitar player in the Jazz Band of America. He has performances this spring at the Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda and a new CD being released on the Patuxent Music label.

Long time (60+ years) Greenbelt resident Maxine Smith, aged 93 on May 6th, is presently a guest at Hillhaven in Adelphi receiving physical therapy after a brief illness. She would appreciate hearing from her many friends in the community. Anyone wishing to send a card or note may do so by addressing them to: Maxine V. Smith c/o Hillhaven, Room 138, 3210 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783-1029. Share your accomplishments, milestones and news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

**Reel & Meal April 18: For Love of Water**

Partnering with the Sierra Club's Water Team, the Monday, April 18 Reel & Meal at the New Deal Café will feature FLOW: For Love of Water. The optional vegan buffet begins at 6:30 p.m. and the free film screening starts at 7 p.m.

Director Irena Salina's award-winning documentary is an investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st century: the world water crisis. The discussion following the screening will be led by Tamara Toles-O'Laughlin, an environmentalist focused on equity, access and community issues.

Reel & Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues.

For more information contact Green Vegan Networking's Cam MacQueen at worldisvegan@aol.com or Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or visit the New Deal Café's e-calendar at newdealcafe.com/events/reelAndMeal.



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**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 18-22**

Monday, April 18 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Recreation** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.*

Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30pm, **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRAB)** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, April 20 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot-Green Redesign** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

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

**EARTH DAY 2016**  
 Annual Watershed Cleanup  
 Volunteers Needed  
 Saturday, April 16 from 1-4pm  
 Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
 6101 Cherrywood Lane  
 Bring your work gloves and reusable water bottle  
 Wear weather-appropriate clothing & closed-toe shoes  
 High School Students: Bring Service Forms.  
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 Questions? Contact Volunteer@CHEARS.org

**DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**  
 April 30, 2016  
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
**GREENBELT POLICE STATION**  
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[www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback)

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 23 from 9am- 12 noon**  
**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road**

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, or food trays.

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS, IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE STYROFOAM PIECES, OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**  
 Info: Greenbelt Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

Greenbelt Recreation Department  
**TRAFFIC SKILLS 101**  
 Activity # 259501-01 Fee: R: \$30; NR \$35  
**Friday, April 22 from 5-9pm and Saturday, April 23 from 9am-3pm**  
**Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway**

Traffic Skill 101 provides instructions on the basic principles of vehicular bicycling as developed by the League of American Bicyclists. This course meets for the classroom portion on Friday and skills training on Saturday. Course is taught by League Certified Instructors: Alison Longworth and Laurie Lemieux.

*Course Description: Classroom and Hands on Instruction, Certified Instructors, Parking lot Activities, On-Road Skills, Crash Avoidance, Confident Riding, Bike Fit, Basic Bicycle Maintenance, and Bike Operation.*

Friday night bring brown bag dinner, light breakfast served Saturday morning. Saturday lunch not provided but we will eat together.

*Registration Required. For information contact Alison Longworth at [alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov) or 301-397-2200*

**NEW SUNDAY METROBUS SERVICE**

WMATA has just extended its bus service to Sundays! This is a long awaited service that many have been waiting for. To access a listing of the new Sunday Routes, visit: [http://www.wmata.com/rider\\_tools/metro\\_service\\_status/advisories.cfm?AID=5455&t=bus](http://www.wmata.com/rider_tools/metro_service_status/advisories.cfm?AID=5455&t=bus)

**SHREDDING DAY**  
 Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union  
 Saturday, April 30th from 9 am to 12 pm  
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 Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
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 April 15, 2016 from 5-7pm  
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 Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own.

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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
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**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**CHILDREN & ANIMALS SAFETY WORKSHOP**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 23 FROM 2-3pm**  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**  
**6101 Cherrywood Lane**

**FREE workshop for children 5-10. Taught by WAGS volunteers, dog trainer and Greenbelt Animal Control Officer.**

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- When NOT to approach a dog or cat

Call (301) 312-9603 or email [wagsbas@gmail.com](mailto:wagsbas@gmail.com) to register. Specify number of children/adults attending and ages of children. Funded by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and sponsored by

**WELCOME PACKETS**  
 The City of Greenbelt is now collecting materials for the next round of Welcome Packets! All businesses, organizations, etc are invited to participate. We will need 300 flyers, coupons, brochures or anything else that you would like to have included by Friday, May 6th at 5pm. Please deliver your materials to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.  
**Info: 240-542-2026**

**PACKET STUFFING PARTY**  
**Thursday, May 12 from 6-8pm at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road**  
 Come out and help stuff 300 new Welcome Packets for new residents. Light Refreshments will be served!

## BUDGET continued from page 1

Station continues to develop, the decline in the assessments on apartments and commercial properties will keep the budget tight. Meanwhile, other revenue sources remain flat.

### Economic Development

Economic development has been a major focus of council during the past two fiscal years. In FY15, the Sage Policy Group developed an economic development strategy for the city. During the current fiscal year (FY16) the city hired the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation to conduct a “next steps” study including development of an economic development “tool kit.” In FY 17, the city will consider both sets of recommendations. The budget provides \$102,000 toward implementation of any recommendations approved by council.

McLaughlin’s budget comments also provide a hint of possible future costs as he notes that “becoming more active in economic development will have an impact on staff workload, so resources should be provided.”

At the worksession, Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed displeasure that more new money was not set aside for economic development but there was little further discussion of this point.

Other priorities under Administration (the city manager’s and city clerk’s offices) include expanding use of performance measures, as recommended by the organization assessment, and continuing to work on issues related to the possible relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters to Greenbelt.

The total proposed budget for Administration is \$816,000, an increase of 4.7 percent (or roughly 3.7 percent after accounting for transfer of business outreach activities from the council budget to the Administration budget).

### Finance and Administrative Services

Total expenditures of \$905,100 are proposed, an increase of 1.9 percent from the current year’s adopted budget. Roughly a third of the increase is for computer expenses to support the upgraded financial system that was implemented in September 2015. Priorities for FY17 include reviewing the city’s personnel structure, and reviewing the city’s purchasing/bidding limits.

### Information Technology (IT)

Expenditures for IT are proposed to increase five percent to \$597,900. Priorities for FY17 include implementing Next Gen 911 for the police department, participating in the cable television negotiations and working on the county-wide Institutional Network and the COG and MML IT groups. The Next Gen 911 will allow residents to text messages to 911. The city is currently waiting for the county to implement this system prior to installing its own, which must communicate with the county’s.

In addition, the department will explore document management systems with an emphasis on improving workflow in areas such as human resources and procurement.

This section of the budget was the focus of much of council’s discussion at the worksession. Jordan noted the increased incidence of hacking and ransomware reported in the news while Councilmember Judith Davis noted the many warnings about

use of public networks and questioned whether the city should expand its wi-fi services beyond the council chambers and the multipurpose rooms in the Community Center and police station. Michael Hartmann called on council to provide wi-fi to all meeting rooms in the community center.

Another objective for this staff is to look into outsourcing the recording and storage of the city’s security camera footage. When concerns about the city not controlling access to this information were voiced, McLaughlin noted that confidence in this type of cloud approach is growing and it will be used for the city’s body camera footage. Cloud approaches allow the city to have a continuously updated system for roughly the same cost over time of owning a system that will not be updated until the end of its useful life.

IT Director Dale Worley reported that the staff is in the process of replacing some of the aging infrastructure (both hardware and software), and that the city has “just about gotten all of the XP out of the system.” The next step will be to begin the transition to Windows 10.

He reported that his multi-year technology plan looks 12 to 36 months out to identify big items to be kept on the radar. When asked if he has sufficient staff, he replied that his staff is sufficient for what they do. If the city wants to do more, however, he will need more staff.

Jordan pointed out that the budget does not provide for the IT staff to report to a deputy city manager as recommended in the organizational assessment. There was little further discussion of this point.

### Legal Counsel

The proposed budget for legal counsel increases 6.5 percent to \$98,000, in part reflecting the upcoming negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32.

### Public Information

The budget for this area is proposed to increase by 3.3 percent to \$235,900 although this cost is offset by an anticipated \$420,000 in cable television franchise fees. Public Information and Communication Coordinator Beverly Palau is responsible for communications to the public using the city’s municipal access channels Comcast 71 and Verizon

21, news articles, press releases, the city’s website and quarterly newsletter and social media.

Objectives for FY17 include increasing the use of the Greenbelt Alert system to include different types of alerts, overseeing the upgrade to the cablecasting capabilities in the council room and the Greenbelt Municipal Access studio and highlighting city activities and events with short videos for use on social media and the city’s electronic bulletin board.

## Children, Animals Safety Workshop

Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) is holding a free Children and Animals Safety Workshop on Saturday, April 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center clubhouse.

Volunteers and professional dog trainers will teach children ages 5 to 10 and parents about dogs and cats, with particular emphasis on identifying an animal’s stress signals, how to approach unfamiliar animals, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off leash, and how to supervise and monitor children and dogs to avoid dog bites.

The workshop is made possible by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and in partnership with Your Dog’s Friend (a non-profit organization with the mission of keeping dogs out of shelters by offering workshops and training) and the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Register by sending an email to wags-gbas@gmail.com or calling 301-312-9603. Specify the number of children and adults attending and the ages of the children. Additional workshops are scheduled on Sunday, May 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park and Sunday, June 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

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[www.greenbelttheatre.org](http://www.greenbelttheatre.org)

Please note new date! This film was originally scheduled to be shown April 16, but has been rescheduled to June 15.

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, the filmmaker is unable to attend the screening, as previously planned.

## High School to Get Murals With Eco-friendly Theme

by Jack Chavez



PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA STERN

Students attend a workshop on April 7 to create mural designs to be used on the temporary classrooms.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School may have a new look this summer. Teachers and students are partnering with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to paint environmentally-themed murals on the sides of the temporary classrooms.

NDC and the school held a competition for students to create mural designs. The competition did not focus on having a winner per se, but of the dozens of designs submitted, 20 were selected to use as source material for the murals.

“The goal of this workshop was to get students to understand how art can act as a catalyst for social and environmental change so that they can work together to improve their community and let their voices be heard,” NDC Project Implementation Coach Natalia Bezerra said.

“We looked for designs that were well thought out and complete, but also chose several designs because we saw a similar theme among them,” Roosevelt art teacher Kelly Holland said. “The idea being that we could use as many students’ designs as possible by combining designs with similar themes.”

NDC has been instrumental in seeing the project to fruition and has helped the school create a budget, apply for two different grants, and create a panel of artists to help narrow the students’ submissions down and put their ideas onto the temporary classrooms’ walls.

“We are so grateful to be working on such a wonderful project with Roosevelt and I couldn’t imagine working with a better group of people,” Bezerra said. “Our team at NDC and our professional volunteers have been so passionate and supportive throughout the process and it’s great to see things moving forward.”

NDC and a panel of artists from Mount Rainier-based non-profit organization Art Works Now and Hyattsville-based art studio Studio SoHy worked with students in a workshop held on April 7 to keep the progress moving. NDC presented a powerpoint that highlighted some of the environmental issues that are most relevant in our area, “specifically in regards to the Anacostia [River] and larger Chesapeake Bay watersheds,” Holland said. At the workshop, students identified proper themes and used copies of the chosen student designs to combine and rework them into mural designs.

“It was a wonderfully collaborative process, and from the workshop we were able to see an overall message start to form,” Holland said. “It was a great way to involve many students in the design process.”

The school hopes to have another workshop meeting in the near future to present the overall themes and finalize some of the designs.

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# Maryland's New Voting Equipment Beams Voters Back to the Future

by Kathleen Gallagher

The last time the State of Maryland changed voting systems was for the 2002 gubernatorial election, when Bob Ehrlich defeated Kathleen Kennedy Townsend to become the first Republican governor since Spiro Agnew. In 2002 the change was from the old, familiar lever machines to touch-screen electronic voting, and over \$2 million was budgeted for public outreach about the change.

In 2016 the change is from the electronic voting machine to a paper ballot system that will be in use for early voting, as well as on Election Day. For this transition the Maryland Board of Elections had budgeted somewhat less for voter outreach and education than in 2002, but almost all of the funding proposed was eliminated by the Board of Public Works last summer, undoubtedly in a demonstration of great faith that voters were smart enough to figure it out.

Representatives of the League of Women Voters and of the Prince George's County Board of Elections held demonstration meetings hosted by a number of organizations throughout the county. Having missed the one held in Greenbelt, this reporter ventured to Lanham and attended a presentation there.

In 2007 as the electronic system began to age and concerns about the security of electronic voting began to rise in some quarters, the General Assembly passed a law requiring the state to change to a voting system with a voter-verifiable paper ballot. With the interruption of the financial troubles of 2008-2009, funding was not made available to implement the law until 2014.

Under the new system, which is leased from Election Systems and Software (ES&S), a pre-printed paper ballot will be filled out by hand with a black pen and then be carried by the voter to an electronic scanner for reading, tabulation and storing, thus establishing the so-called paper trail. Greenbelt city election wonks may remember ES&S as the vendor that provided the electronic units for the 2001 city council election, the year following the decertification of the lever machines. Additional equipment will be provided to make voting accessible under the Americans with Disability Act for individuals who would not be able to vote using a paper ballot.

### How It Works

So what exactly does the voter have to do? Voters will check in as usual and then be given

a black ballpoint pen and the appropriate ballot for either the Democratic or Republican primary. They will then select a screened privacy booth (some designed for sitting, some for standing) to fill out a two-sided paper ballot. Voters will use the black pens to fill in small ovals next to the names of their candidates of choice.

### Follow the Rules

Voters must be careful to follow the rules lest the scanner reject their ballots. Fill in the little ovals completely. Do not mark outside the oval. Do not cross anything out. Do not try to erase anything. Do not fold the ballot. Do not use a check-mark or an X to select the oval. Undervoting is permitted but overvoting will cause the ballot to be rejected. In other words, it is perfectly acceptable to leave blanks, skip sections or vote for one or two candidates when the instruction says "vote for up to three." But filling in four ovals in that situation is not allowed.

### Oops – Do-overs

Voters who realize they have made a mistake while filling out a ballot or who have their ballot rejected for errors may get a new one and start over. At the time of the demonstration in Lanham, county staff said in response to questions that some procedures had not yet been fully decided. For example, would one have to get back in line again for a clean ballot or would some allowance be made for a do-over?

In another instance, the county website indicates that a voter would be allowed only two replacement ballots – or three in total, which sounds a bit like "three strikes and you're out." County staff at the presentation explained there was no intention to stop someone from trying to vote. Beyond three ballots, however, it is likely that an election judge may step in and suggest that the voter accept some assistance in filling out the ballot.

### On to the Scanner

After completing the ballot and reviewing it, the voter will take it to one of the ballot scanners (also referred to as tabulators) and put it through, much like putting a piece of paper through a feeder on a copy machine. If all is well, the scanner will read the ballot, thank the voter and automatically drop the paper ballot into an attached lock box. Although under this method, voters are not given a receipt or copy of their vote, they witness the capturing of their paper ballot by the machine for storage in

case it is needed for a recount.

On the other hand, unlike a voting machine that can stop a voter from making errors in the first place (for example by not allowing votes for five candidates where only four are permitted) the scanner will reject ballots that are over-voted or improperly marked. It will also stop and ask the voter if undervotes or skipped areas are intentional. If they are, the voter simply has to push a button telling the scanner to accept the ballot as is. If not, the voter can take the ballot back to complete and resubmit it.

### Accessibility

An optional touchscreen ballot marker will also be available for early voting and on Election Day to accommodate voters with disabilities. This system lets a voter make selections using an audio headset and a keypad with Braille-embossed navigation buttons. A voter can also choose to make words larger and change the level of contrast on the screen. The ballot-marking device can also be used with other assistive devices.

Initially there was concern because the names of only seven candidates can appear at once on the touchscreen, potentially giving an advantage to some candidates if the voter could not see that there were multiple screens. The solution is that the device will be programmed so that users will be forced to scroll through the names of all the candidates for a given race before being able to vote on that item. When the voter's selections have been made, the ballot is printed and then placed into the same electronic scanner for reading, counting and storage as the ballots filled out by hand.

At the Lanham demonstration, the county staff said there would be two scanners at each polling place for the primary election. When asked if two would really be adequate, they stated with assurance that two would be enough. Nonetheless, it appears that if one were looking for a potential bottleneck in the process at the polling place, having only two scanners might be a good place to begin. While ballots with no hitches can be scanned in a matter of seconds, others may take much longer.



## MD Voting Equipment



Ballot Marking Device

Photos by Kathleen Gallagher



Scanner-Tabulator



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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. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

### DWI/DUI

April 1, 4:51 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 46-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

### Sex Offense

April 4, 2:09 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A juvenile reported that sometime in January he was touched inappropriately while inside the mens locker room at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center by a youth 11 to 14 years old, 5'4" to 5'6" tall, with freckles. An investigation is ongoing.

### Theft

April 1, 9 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Power tools were removed from the basement storage area of condominium building.

April 3, 4:56 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. A cell phone was taken from a gym bag at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

### Fraud

April 5, 1:17 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A teller at Capital One Bank reported that a man and woman entered the bank and attempted to withdraw money

from an account using a fake Maryland license as identification. They both fled when the teller became suspicious.

### Trespass

April 1, 3:34 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 47-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

April 1, 8 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. The living room window of a residence was broken out.

### Vehicle Crime

A blue 2003 Dodge Caravan with N. Car. tags TXP7593 was stolen from the 7200 block Hanover Drive on April 1.

A 2008 Honda Civic Del Sol was stolen from the 9100 block Springhill Lane on April 2 and recovered later the same day by Montgomery County police in the Silver Spring area. The vehicle had been burned.

On April 3 the rear passenger window of a vehicle was broken out on Mandan Road near Mandan Court.

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campaign are outdoors.

Each project is implemented by its parent organization. For example, CHEARS organizes and implements the two-day Green Man Festival in May.

GCF helps promote the event and provides education about itself at each event so more people in Greenbelt become aware of the depth and breadth of GCF's accomplishments.

Explore the many events and activities supported by GCF that make Greenbelt a special place to live. The full schedule is available at [greenbeltfoundation.net/explore](http://greenbeltfoundation.net/explore) or people can email [explore@greenbeltfoundation.net](mailto:explore@greenbeltfoundation.net) and request a copy.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Joe Wall helps Judith Davis and Melissa Ehrenreich learn how to use a frame to take a selfie at the GAC Open House.

### At the Library

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Wednesday, April 20, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Thursday, April 21, ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Crazy8! Season 2: Tuesday, April 19, 4 p.m., for grades K to 2; 5 p.m., for grades 3 to 5.

Spring 2016 African History and Culture Lecture Series: Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m. Our Bodies, Our Lives: Self Defense for Technicians, Scientists and Engineers, presented by Sam El Amin, will be the next session of the Spring 2016 season in this audio-visual lecture series arranged by C.R. Gibbs, renowned historian of the African diaspora.

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### In Memory

### Pumpkin

May 1992 - March 23, 2005

### Mr. Stripes

May 1995 - April 12, 2015

## Physician's Fraud in Clinic Billing Reaps Jail Sentence

by Kyla Hanington

Physician Paramjit Singh Ajrawat was sentenced on April 11 to 111 months in prison and ordered to pay over \$3,000,000 in restitution for a number of crimes including healthcare fraud and identity theft, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's office.

Ajrawat owned and operated Greenbelt's Washington Pain

Management Clinic along with his wife, Sukhveen Kaur Ajrawat, who died earlier this year. The Ajrawats billed Medicare, Medicaid and other organizations for procedures they did not perform and also claimed to have performed expensive procedures while providing lower-cost treatments to their patients.

## Alvin Hargrave Killer Receives 16 Year Sentence for Murder

by Stan Zirkin

On Sunday, December 14, 2014, 77-year-old Alvin (Al) Hargrave, a longtime Greenbelt resident, was killed by Sebastian Isaksen who, after assaulting an ambulance attendant, hijacked an ambulance and crashed into Hargrave's car in Beltway Plaza. A pregnant woman who was a passenger in the car was also injured. The high speed chase also resulted in property damage to several vehicles. (see articles in December 18 and 25, 2014, News Review).

Isaksen was arrested and charged with 28 criminal counts, including murder in the first degree (felony murder), carjacking and driving while intoxicated by alcohol and/or drugs. He was held without bail. Initially he pled not guilty to all counts.

On November 4, 2015, after numerous preliminary and procedural hearings, Isaksen withdrew his plea and pled guilty to negligent manslaughter, carjacking and driving under the influence

(DUI). It was determined that Isaksen's blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit during the incident.

At the sentencing hearing on April 8 the Prince George's County States Attorney's office asked for a sentence of 20 years noting, among other things, that Isaksen had previously been convicted of a DUI violation. Attorneys for Isaksen asked for a 6-year sentence. The sentencing judge agreed with the prosecution that Isaksen was a danger to the community and sentenced him to 16 years in prison. According to an April 9 article in the Washington Post, John Erzen, a spokesman for the state's attorney's office, commented that the sentence would be a "deterrent to anyone who thinks they can use a dependence issue on alcohol or drugs to not be held accountable for their actions." However, under Maryland law, Isaksen will be eligible to apply for parole after eight years of confinement.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL OPEN MEETING  
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, April 14, 2016  
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:00 PM

#### Agenda Items:

1. Review Report from Reserve Advisor re: Proposed Replacement and Maintenance Costs of HIP Optional Items
2. Review Draft MOC Addendum for Maintenance and Replacement of HIP Optional Items

#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA for REGULAR MEETING

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, April 21, 2016

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

#### Key Agenda Items:

- Review 2015 External Audit Report
- Proposed Revision of Occupancy Rules
- Post-audit Investment Committee Report for 2015
- Contract for 2016 HIP Attic Improvements, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Review Member Petitions for Annual Membership Meeting
- 2016 Spring Concrete Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Contract for Repairs to 1C Laurel Hill Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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Inspections begin on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 1 Court Ridge. The inspector will leave a report and further instructions, if needed, on serviceside door knobs.  
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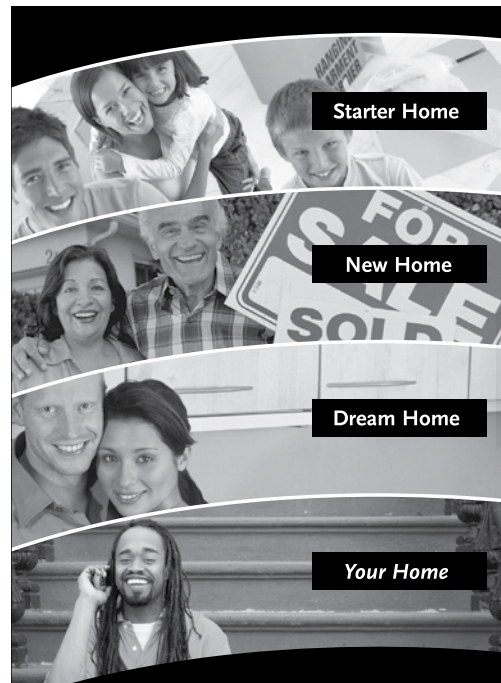


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On Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m., join Every Kid in a Park. Celebrate National Park Week and Junior Ranger Day weekend. Fourth graders can learn about various national parks and how to get a free pass to the parks. Meet at the Ranger Station.


On Sunday, April 17 there will be a special campfire program to celebrate National Park Week and Junior Ranger Day weekend. Through Every Kid in a Park, fourth graders can come and learn how to get a free pass to the national parks as we learn about the different ones. Campground guests and the public are welcome to join in for a traditional NPS campfire program at the Campfire Circle at 7:30 p.m.

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A Review

# Enchanted April

by Jim Link



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Rose Arnott (Caity Brown) kisses her husband, Frederick (Tom McGrath), while Costanza (Carleigh Jones) looks on in surprise.

April is the cruellest month for Lotty Wilson and Rose Arnott in rainy, bleak, gloomy London until they make the life-changing decision to rent a castle in magical sun-drenched San Salvatore, Italy. Leaving their self-absorbed, controlling husbands Mellersh and Frederick behind, Lotty and Rose bloom exquisitely, shed inhibitions and live intensely (though not sybaritically).

Their sensual rejuvenation and heightened awareness are abetted by two ladies who join them – Mrs. Graves, a widow, and Lady Caroline Bramble, a socialite, who defray expenses and have their own secrets and burdens to escape.

Throw in the charming artist and castle owner Antony Wilding and warm, earthy Costanza, the shrewd peasant cook, and you have a delightful combination of marriage farce, comedy of manners and female liberation, circa 1922.

Award winning director Pauline Griller Mitchell has again brought a top notch cast to the Greenbelt Arts Center. Thanks to her directorial touch their innate ability, or both, the cast is intelligent, deft and satisfying. Griller Mitchell rightly gives kudos to “the amazing and fantastic cast, and especially to our brilliant producer and woman of many talents, Malca Giblin.”

Laurie Simonds shines as the ditzy, optimistic, Pollyanna-ish, risk-taking Lotty. Caity Brown is excellent as the mousy, timid, reluctant Rose who is eventually cajoled and coerced by Lotty to take the big leap. Jason Damaso is a skillful Mellersh – earnest, narrow, clueless at first, but tender and affectionate at last.

Tom McGrath is quite solid as Frederick, who gets his comeuppance and accepts it gracefully. Pamela Northrup is spot on as

the rigid, snooty, elitist Mrs. Graves, who melts under the influence of male attention and all that “wisteria and sunshine.”

Jenn Robinson superbly plays pulchritudinous Lady Caroline Bramble with feline hauteur and brooding ambiguity. Carleigh Jones is a natural – quite captivating as the beleaguered Costanza, who refuses to be Mrs. Graves’s doormat.

Rich Koster is poised, smooth and gallant as Antony Wilding; you can’t tell that he was called in as a replacement after rehearsals had begun.

Another dazzling component in this production of Enchanted April is the costumes and setting. Costume designer Linda Swann outdoes herself with the characters’ numerous glamorous, stylish clothes changes. Merely a glimpse of Lady Caroline’s bare midriff and Mellersh’s beautiful figure are memorable indeed.

Set designer Maggie Modig brilliantly moves us from dark to light, from wetness to sunshine, from gloomy London to floral Italy, from Act I to Act II. The production runs two hours with a 15 minute intermission.

You too should succumb to the lure of Italy and get enchanted up to April 30, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays on April 17 and 24 at 2 p.m.

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## Greenbelt Tree City on Arbor Day



Greenbelt received a Tree City banner on Arbor Day, April 2. Citizens, councilmembers and city employees celebrated by planting trees in Schrom Hills Park.

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## Student Artwork Featured In Community Center

Greenbelt Community Center celebrates student artwork with a show that runs through April 27. The paintings, drawings and paper folding feature sixth grade artists from Greenbelt Middle School and artists from Greenbelt Elementary School.

Right: Artwork by 2nd grader Vicky Chen, Greenbelt Elementary.



Left: Artwork by Kelly Rosales Rodriguez, 6th Grade, Greenbelt Middle School. My picture represents my culture. Almost every day me and my family go to church, so I decided to show my church.

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Below: Artwork by Milvian Gonzalez, 6th grade, Greenbelt Middle School. My picture represents the first time I went to Florida with my sisters swimming at the beach.



Artist Milvian Gonzalez



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