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Volunteers celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up Indian Creek and working on planting projects. See story and more photos on page 12.

CERT Proposed 2018 Budget Expected to Hold Steady

by James Giese

The Greenbelt Police Department sponsors a citizen-based Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), whose members provide support to the department by performing non-law enforcement duties. Lisa Hegwood and Laura Kressler represented CERT before the city council at its April 5 budget worksession. Under Special Programs, the Police Department proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018 includes \$1,500 for the CERT program.

Kressler told council that the amount requested was the same as for the current year and that the program will spend \$1,341. Captain Tom Moreland is the police liaison officer for CERT. Kressler and Debbie Cooley undertook 174 hours of CERT training. In response to a question, Kressler said that CERT does not obtain outside funding. Mayor

Emmett Jordan suggested it consider seeking a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

CERT membership is open to all interested city residents, but has drawn predominantly from Old Greenbelt. Hegwood and Kressler would like to see more members from other parts of the community. Councilmember Edward Putens suggested that CERT set up tables at the city's various National Night Out gatherings. Councilmember Konrad Herling offered some names to contact who might help them find new members.

The two major city events for which CERT assists the police by helping direct traffic are the Independence Day Fireworks and the Labor Day Festival. For the latter, 12 members provided assistance.

Fraternal Order of Police Votes No Confidence in Acting Chief

by Amy Hansen

On April 19, 16 members of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #32 issued a vote of no confidence in Acting Chief of Police Thomas Kemp. The FOP, currently in collective bargaining with the city, published a press release on Facebook on April 24 that stated: "It is the Lodge's hope that upon hearing this outcry from its own police officers, the City of Greenbelt will expedite its hiring of a permanent Chief of Police."

In an interview with the News Review, FOP Executive Board Member Scott Kaiser asserted the city's force has been in a downward spiral for several years. "Staffing is real low," he said. "We've lost several officers to other agencies, and more are leaving."

According to the City's budget book, the police department has been operating about 20 percent below the authorized strength of 53 officers. In part, this is due to a half-dozen officers on light duty due to injuries or other issues.

Kemp was appointed acting chief in October 2016. In his reply to a Greenbelt News Review request for comment, Kemp said, "To my knowledge, the FOP has not formally notified the City of Greenbelt of the vote taken."

"This understood, I am certainly disappointed with the purported action taken and the circumstances related to it. I wish to be clear that I remain fully committed to continuing in my position, leading our outstanding Police Department and ensuring that the City of Greenbelt is

provided the very best police service possible. Working with the skilled and dedicated members of the Greenbelt Police Department in protecting the citizens of our City and their property has been and remains a constant source of pride. Our Agency will continue to meet the current challenges it faces and move forward resolutely and effectively."

The vote was not taken lightly, Kaiser said as he further explained the unusual move. He said that there was a buzz in the air about the vote, but the meeting on April 19 was not especially called for the purpose of the vote. Rather, he said, it was a regular membership meeting.

"I was surprised that Acting

See POLICE, page 12

Museum Challenges and Plans Discussed at Budget Worksession

by James Giese

During the past year, Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing-Young was faced with three major challenges, all of which are being satisfactorily resolved. Young reported on these issues as a part of her budget presentation to the Greenbelt City Council at its April 5 budget worksession. The Museum, an original government-built home, is a city operation that receives considerable support from a volunteer group, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM). The proposed city budget for the Museum's operation in Fiscal Year 2018 is \$121,800, an increase of \$10,700 from the current fiscal year.

With Young was Ennis Barbary Smith, temporary education and volunteer coordinator, who helped solve one of Young's challenges by filling in during the extended leave of absence of Sheila Maffay-Tuthill.

The most unexpected challenge for Young was the October 2 discovery of two inches of water covering the house Museum's first floor due to a water pipe leak. Moisture had condensed on the walls and ceilings of both floors of the museum and had dripped onto artifacts. While city and GHI crews quickly responded and a restoration company was brought in to dry the place out, it was found necessary to remove many collection items to a dry place and undertake special restoration on some, such as the Oriental carpet in the living room that had belonged to the original residents of the home. Fortunately, adjacent 10-A Crescent had been purchased by the city for a

Museum addition and was vacant.

The Museum has been repainted and an alarm system added to prevent a future occurrence. Meanwhile, the Museum volunteers temporarily offered Sunday walking tours of Greenbelt instead of house tours. A grand reopening is planned for Greenbelt Day weekend in early June, by which time Tuttle will have returned to work.

Young's third challenge was planning and funding for the conversion of 10-A into an education and visitor center with a research and reading room, after the city's purchase of the townhome when it was put up for sale. It will also house the Museum's offices, now located in the Community Center. Museum collections stored in the Community Center will have to be relocated to a storage facility, as the city intends to repurpose the space. Also, FOGM will be

supported by a new member relationship management system.

A capital fundraising campaign is planned with naming opportunities for large contributors. The Museum already has been awarded a Maryland Heritage Areas Program grant of \$50,000, a Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development grant of \$10,000 for expansion of staff support in 10-A, a Greenbelt Community Foundation grant of \$10,000 and a grant of \$2,500 from Prince George's County. The Heritage Areas grant requires a museum match of \$37,500.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked if there was a time frame yet for the Museum vacating its Community Center space and Young replied, "No." Jordan asked council if there were any comments concerning the Museum budget and again got "no" for an answer.

What Goes On

Saturday, April 29

9 a.m. to noon, Shredding Day and Paint Recycling, Centerway parking lot (behind the Credit Union)

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., National Prescription Take-Back Day, Greenbelt Police Station

10 a.m. to noon, Litter Cleanup Event, Schrom Hills Park (See city ad for details.)

Monday, May 1

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession on Greenbelt Cares and 8:30 p.m., Budget Worksession on Planning, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 998, and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, May 2

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center, Recap of Grant Review Panel Meetings.

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center, Security Camera Referral.

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Schrom Hills Park

Wednesday, May 3

5 p.m., Board of Elections, Municipal Building Library

Saturday, May 6

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Animal Shelter Open House, 550-A Crescent Road (behind police station). (See city ad for more information.)

6:30 p.m., Contra Dance, Community Center, Lesson at 6:30, dancing starts 7:30. (There is a fee.)

Sunday, May 7

9 to 11 a.m., Women's Bicycle Social Ride, New Deal Café

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



PHOTO BY TIM COHEN-MITCHELL

The BizKidz fine tune and taste-test smoothie recipes at Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse. See story on page 8.

Letters to the Editor

GHI Audit Committee Report

I read the Audit Committee's report, the minority objection and the majority response. In case you live in GHI but don't have the time or the interest in reading these, or need a reason to be interested in reading these or wonder why you should be interested in reading these, here is a quick analysis. The GHI Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing the management of the cooperative to "double check" that the board and the staff are acting as they should per the cooperative's bylaws and rules. It's more than making sure that the meetings are being conducted according to Robert's Rules. It's making sure that the entire co-op is functioning in a sound and healthy way now and for the future. The Audit Committee is like a constitutional check and balance: they don't report to staff or the board. They report to the membership. However, the only power that the Audit Committee has is to report. The power to make changes rests with the membership and their elected board. The Audit Committee's report indicates that there are issues that require fixing, and there are issues that require further investigation. One issue that needs fixing is that there are bank accounts that hold millions of dollars in GHI assets that can be freely accessed by five individuals. That's not good financial policy, or the way things are normally done. At least two signatures should be required for anyone to move money above a certain threshold out of those accounts. More troubling, perhaps, is that GHI's board and staff were made aware of this problem in January, and the only solution offered (publicly) is that they are keeping "a close eye on the accounts." There are other issues. All together, they indicate that there is a strong need for the membership to review what's going on with GHI management and decide what, if any, changes need to be made. The Audit Committee is doing its job when it reports problems. These reports are different from those of recent years, and potentially upsetting, but it will do more harm than good to ignore them. The goal is to correct errors, not rush to judgement or impugn the character of anyone who may have made a mistake or not known that there was a problem for whatever reason. I doubt that anyone with signatory privileges plans to withdraw \$5 million dollars and run away to Brazil, or that anyone is "borrowing" GHI money to pay for a new boat. However, not having financial controls in place exposes the co-op to unacceptable risk, and leaves those individuals with signature privileges vulnerable in ways that make me very uncomfortable. There is a lot going on with GHI right now, and we all have limited time, but this seems important.

I want to give my support to the Audit Committee members. It's not easy to tell people when there are problems, and then to persist in reporting when met with indifference or hostility is even harder. Thank you for doing this.

Leah Cohen

Please Vote No

If you are a member-owner of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) housing cooperative, I hope you will seriously consider voting "no" to one of the petitions being presented to the GHI membership at GHI's annual membership meeting on Thursday evening, May 11 at the Community Center.

The petition for which I am advocating a "no" vote would revise Article VII of GHI's bylaws so that the ability of any GHI elected or appointed committee or task force to hold their meeting at its regularly scheduled day and time would be prevented from doing so if just one of the committee/task force members informs the committee/task force chair of a "recurring obligation" (whether relevant to GHI or not) that conflicts with the committee's already existing schedule.

The petition's verbiage suggests that the bylaw change would "maximize attendance of committee members" at their committee meetings. Is meeting attendance actually maximized if all of the other members on the committee would be faced with the choice of either resigning from the committee or, if possible, changing their own schedules in order to conform to the personal schedule of just one other committee member? Clearly, this would be a case of "the tail wagging the dog."

To illustrate a potential scenario, suppose a particular GHI committee has been holding its monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month for years. If the proposed bylaw change is adopted, and a member of that committee chooses to enroll in a class that regularly meets on the same day at the same time as the GHI committee, that committee would be violating GHI's bylaws unless the committee agreed to re-schedule its monthly meetings in order to accommodate the personal schedule of only one committee member.

Please help prevent a situation like this from occurring by coming to GHI's annual membership meeting on May 11 and voting "no" to this proposed GHI bylaw change. (In the interests of full disclosure, I currently am a member of GHI's Audit Committee but the views expressed in this letter are my own.)

Henry Haslinger

County Genealogical Society Meets May 3

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

Omar Price will speak on Chasing the American Dream: The Formation and Legacy of Freedmen Schools in Prince George's County Maryland, 1866-1870. Price is a doctoral candidate in history at Morgan State University, where he is currently researching Freedmen schools in Prince George's County.

The event is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit the website pgcgs.org, call the society's library at 301-262-2063 or go to [facebook.com/pgcgs](https://www.facebook.com/pgcgs).

Correction

The T-Rex Corporation is longer established than we reported last week; it was founded in 1999.

City Notes

Public Works staff met with a contractor to finalize landscaping plans at the stream restoration project off Hanover Parkway.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 32.80 tons of refuse and 12.50 tons of recyclable material.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted a website design class for 10- to 14-year-olds during spring break. In partnership with Paradyme Management, a pilot program concluded this week and staff met with representatives from Paradyme to discuss options for additional STEM-related classes in Greenbelt.

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Peter Reppert

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Community Events

World Tai Chi And Qigong Day

On Saturday, April 29 join fellow Greenbelters and others as they join the worldwide celebration of World Tai Chi and Qigong day. Every year on the last Saturday in April (10 a.m. local time worldwide), in hundreds of cities spanning many countries, practitioners all over the world gather and celebrate the health and healing power of Tai Chi and Qigong.

Greenbelt's version of this day will be held in front of the Greenbelt Library and will be led by Taj Johnson of Sky Valley Tai Ji (skyvalleytaiji.com). All are welcome, the event is free, participation is encouraged and no Tai Chi/Qigong experience is required. Arrive by 9:15 a.m. at the grassy area in front of the Library and next to the Community Center. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Community Center gym. For more information about World Tai Chi and Qigong Day, see worldtaichiday.org.

Clean Up, Green Up

On Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to noon, Clean Up, Green Up Prince George's County and the Department of Public Works are sponsoring a Litter Cleanup Event at Schrom Hills Park.

Gloves, bags and tools will be provided. Volunteers should wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes and bring a reusable water bottle. High school students should bring their service-learning forms to get credit for volunteer hours.

To RSVP, contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2150.

Join the Greenbelt Delegation to PCM

The Peoples Climate March (PCM) will take place on Saturday, April 29. The gathering location is the corner of 3rd St. S.W. and Jefferson Drive, S.W. – a short walk from the Federal Center SW Metro Station on the Orange and Blue Lines. A Greenbelt Delegation will line up between the 7th contingent ("Reshapers of Power," such as solar and wind) and the 8th contingent ("Many Struggles, One Home," including climate activists) at 4th and Jefferson.

Because the College Park and Greenbelt Metro stations are closed on April 29, we will take the Orange Line train from the New Carrollton Metro Station. The New Carrollton Station has over 3,500 all-day parking spaces that are free on weekends. Remember to get a Smart Card loaded with the proper fare ahead of April 29.

To limit the number of cars at the Metro, we will be carpooling (four to a car) from Roosevelt Center. Meet there at 9:30 a.m. if you would like to join our group (including Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Concerned Women of Greenbelt and Indivisible Greenbelt). Contact Jean Lee, jeanslee91467@yahoo.com, 301-277-3478H, 301-922-9902C by Thursday, April 27 with preference to be a driver or a rider and how many people fit in your car (in addition to yourself). Include email and phone number.

GCAN Discusses Energy Infrastructure

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet Wednesday, May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114.

GCAN will have two speakers, talking about: The Grid of The Future and Gas Infrastructure in Maryland.

Lyn Griffith Taylor is the energy democracy specialist at the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, a nonprofit organization in Takoma Park. As the coordinator for Marylanders for Energy Democracy and Affordability, she brings to bear several years of international experience consulting with civil society groups and public/private sector interests on energy efficiency and the transition to clean energy.

Tamara Toles O'Laughlin is the executive director of the Maryland Environmental Health Network (MdEHN) based in Baltimore. She is an environmental advocate focused on equity, access and justice issues.

O'Laughlin will speak about the Public Health Implications of Natural Gas Infrastructure. The network convenes the Community of Communities group which brings together members of communities facing health and safety impacts from pipelines, compressor stations and the infrastructure of natural gas. Fracking is banned in Maryland but the fight is far from over.

As always, the last portion of the evening will be used for announcements and updates on local and national issues we are following. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.



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Mamas and Papas Meet Wednesday

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas meet for Storytime on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The group does not meet in the summer or when schools are out. The stories are aimed at newborns through 4-year-olds, but older siblings are invited too. Playtime at the playground next to the Greenbelt Museum follows. Bring a bag lunch if desired.

Tree Planting Event Saturday, May 6

The Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project hosts a tree planting event on Saturday, May 6 along Breezewood Drive. Plant trees, restore soil and learn about the importance of street trees. The Department of Public Works will provide all training and materials.

Check in at 6220 Breezewood Drive. Volunteers are welcome between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wear weather-appropriate clothing; it will most likely get dirty.

For questions or to RSVP, contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2150.

Boxwood Civic Ass'n Offers Scholarship

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee, composed of five Boxwood Village residents, will choose this year's recipient. For further information and to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on May 2

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

Seniors Explore Insurance 101

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Patricia Dorn from the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) on Friday, April 28 at 1 p.m. Dorn will cover the basics of what MIA does, as well as information on auto, homeowners, renters, life and long-term care insurance, annuities and Medicare.

MIA is the state agency that regulates the business of insurance in Maryland. They provide assistance to consumers in all areas of insurance, produce consumer guides and make insurance rate comparisons. They can also investigate written allegations that an insurance entity has broken a Maryland state law.

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

Monday Meetups

Greenbelt Homeschoolers meet every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the playground next to the Greenbelt Museum. All ages are invited.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

GHI Notes

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

8 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., N&E Candidates Forum, City Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, Board Room

Thursday, May 4, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room;

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

Friday, May 5, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Youth Baseball Kickoff Rescheduled

Wet field conditions from rain earlier in the weekend forced Greenbelt Youth Baseball to postpone their opening day festivities this past Sunday, April 23. Although games are already being played when weather permits, the group will try again to hold their season opening festivities this coming Sunday, April 30. The annual parade from the Municipal Building to McDonald Field will be at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. rematch of the last two years' major league championship series: the defending champion Tigers will host the Indians, who were champions two years ago. The Cardinals will take on the Orioles in the second half of the day's double header.



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In Memoriam

Howard Chasanow

by Shalom Fisher

I lived a few blocks from Howard, who was two months younger than I was. I was a grade ahead of him at Greenbelt Center School, now the Greenbelt Community Center. Our parents were both members of the Greenbelt Jewish congregation, now known as Mishkan Torah. As youngsters in our early teens, we both worked on the construction of the current building at 10 Ridge Road. The building was partially built by the members, most of whom were struggling government employees. The management allowed Howard to lay bricks, which was the most prestigious job. I mixed concrete by hand since we had no gasoline-powered mixers in those days. I also carried the concrete in brick hods to the bricklayers.

Howard was the leader of a group of kids that hung out at his GHI townhouse on Ridge Road. He was quite popular, social and outgoing. There was always a crowd of teenagers around him. I was not a part of the group, partly because I was a grade ahead of most of them, and partly be-

cause I was quite shy at that age.

We were also in the Boy Scouts together. I remember that Howard and I were the only ones of the whole troop who could pull ourselves up by a rope tossed over a limb. I was a skinny kid, whereas Howard was short and agile. We started in the Boy Scouts at the same time, and I remember that Howard made second class boy scout, while I was still a tenderfoot. Later, at the University of Maryland, I majored in physics while Howard was in pre-law. He made all A's and I had a very good GPA. However, we both kept our grade record quiet because within the Jewish fraternity to which we both belonged, most members were more interested in socializing than they were in academics.

Later, Howard went to law school and ultimately was the first Jewish person appointed to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

I used to see Howard and his lovely wife Deborah at religious services. I was shocked at his unexpected death. I wish his family the best.

Mishkan Torah Hosts Plants, Climate Talk

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

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

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

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

Mishkan Torah Jewelry Sale

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



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Congratulations to the three Greenbelters who were recognized by the Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund Forty Under 40 list: Anee Korme, education; Alonzo Washington, public service; and Tami Watkins, business.

Congratulations to the Greenbelters who graduated from Grantham University's online degree programs: Linda Mapp, AA general studies; Isaac Peterson, AS electronic & computer engineering; Phnomkone Phengsavath, MBA project management; and Moses Robinson, MBA project management.

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

Local Citizens Annual CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, May 7, many Greenbelters will walk in a local CROP Hunger Walk. Organized by local groups, CROP walks support the hunger-fighting development work of the ecumenical Church World Service, which has been helping the poor since World War II. The walk begins at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park, at the Linson Pool parking lot. Registration is between 1 and 2 p.m. Walkers come from area churches, as well as the Roosevelt Democratic Club. Walkers must have a sponsor or sponsor themselves. The routes, both short and long, are around Lake Artemesia.

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

Golden Agers and the Beast



PHOTO BY DONNA PETERSON

The Greenbelt Golden Agers went to Toby's Dinner Theater on Wednesday, April 19 to see Beauty and the Beast. Pictured are Sandy Hamlin (left), the Beast and Mary Hooper.

This Week's Events At Greenbelt Park

Friday, April 28, Meet the Beaver: Join a park ranger to learn about the beavers of Greenbelt, including distinct characteristics of the species and interesting facts about their habitat. Ages 5 to 12. Information at pgrc.org. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 29, Nature and Fitness Walk: Join a park ranger on a one-mile nature hike on the Azalea Trail. Discover this natural habitat while learning how to get fit in the park. Beginner friendly. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 2 p.m.



Saturday, April 29, Greenbelt, Hub of Communication, Conservation and Commerce: Join a ranger for a description of the wheel of transportation and communication whose spokes join at a hub near Greenbelt. Since 1749, when the construction of a road nearby connected the Patapsco River to the Potomac River (now U.S. Route 1), roads, rails and even airways have crossed the land between Greenbelt and College Park. Throughout history, commerce, communication and conservation have flourished in the area. Meet at the Campfire Circle at 8 p.m.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10 a.m.
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April 30 10 a.m.
"We Respond (Part 1)"
The PBUUC Worship Associate team; with Carla Miller, DMRE; and the Children's Choir.
Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism has issued a call to participate in a teach-in on racism and white supremacy (http://blacklivesuu.com/teachin). This is how we respond to that call.

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

Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield
Friday evening services 8:00 PM, except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM
Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.
For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

At the Library

Storytimes

Monday, May 1, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Tuesday, May 2, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, May 3, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, May 4, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

With Pen in Hand

Monday, May 1, 7 p.m., All novice writers are invited to find their creative voice through writing, share ideas, be inspired and participate in group critiques. All genres welcome.

Crazy 8s! Season 4

Tuesday, May 2, 4:30 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. This after-school math club is designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers will engage in activities where they may race across the country, make music with their hands and feet or train to be a firefighter, all while bonding with new friends over math.

Reading Makes Cents

Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12 (Elementary), limit 20 people. Learn basic money management concepts and practice skills through a multi-week series on the history of money, saving money, and borrowing and lending money. Advance registration is required. This seven-week program will be conducted on Tuesday evenings through June 13. Contact the branch information staff for event details and/or to register, either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. Great Queens of the Nile: From Kemet to Kush will be the last session of the Spring 2017 season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs.

Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In May 7

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

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

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Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 1-5

Monday, May 1 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt CARES**, and at 8:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Planning**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 998, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Recap of Grant Review Panel meetings on 4/15.*

Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Security Camera Referral.*

Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** in the Meeting Room at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Lower voting age referral, Plan police/community relations forum on May 23, Set date for forum in June and Establish a Regular Meeting date for CRAB. This agenda is subject to change.*

Wednesday, May 3 at 5pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS** at the Municipal Building Library, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: 2017 Election, Election Day procedures and precinct staffing.*

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



**Women's Bicycle Social Ride
New Deal Café, 113 Centerway
Sunday, May 7, 9am-11am, FREE!**

You must provide your own bike and helmet. All Participants will sign a liability waiver prior to joining. Contact Alison Longworth for more information 240-542-2198, alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov



National Prescription Drug
TAKE-BACK DAY
Saturday, April 29
10am-2pm
Greenbelt Police Station
550 Crescent Road

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



**CLEAN UP,
GREEN UP**
Litter Clean Up Event
Saturday, April 29
10am-12pm
Schrom Hills Park
6915 Hanover Pkwy.

- Gloves, bags and tools will be provided.
 - Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes.
 - Bring a reusable water bottle.
 - High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!
- To RSVP croessler@greenbeltmd.gov or (240)-542-2150
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Public Works and Clean Up, Green Up Prince George's County



**Community Art Drop-In
Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Road
Sunday, May 7**
All ages welcome.

No reservations required.
1:00-3:00 pm: FREE art workshop – make paper flowers with Artist in Residence Sherill Gross. Various techniques demonstrated for different ages/abilities. Keep some blooms, and contribute to a collaborative hanging garden!



**ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN
HOUSE**
SATURDAY MAY 6 from 9am-3pm
550-A Crescent Road
(Behind Police Station)

- Come Check out our newly renovated cat rooms & and back yard
- Meet the Staff & Volunteers
- Free Micro chipping for Greenbelt Residents
- Adoption Fee's waved for cats
- Light Refreshments & Pizza!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education (effective July 1st), Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

Summer Help Public Works

Salary \$10.75/hr.

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

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



Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 19, 2017

Greenbelt Pit Stop

Aquatic & Fitness Center

101 Centerway from 6:30-8:30am

Please register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Remember the first 16,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt.

SHREDDING DAY AND PAINT RECYCLING

Saturday, April 29 from 9am-12noon

Centerway Parking Lot behind Credit Union

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

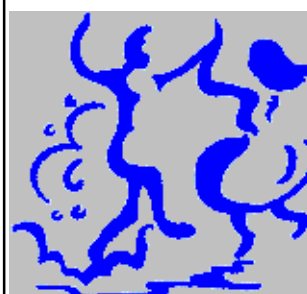
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PAINT RECYCLING: Done by Yuck Old Paint. Cost is \$5 per container. Visit www.yuckoldpaint.com for more information.



Egg Hunt- Golden Egg Winners 2017:

Back row- L-R: Nicole Ard (City Manager), J Davis (Mayor Pro-tem), Emmett Jordan (Mayor), Silke Pope (Councilmember) and Konrad Herling (Councilmember)
Front row- L-R: Sophia Barrowman (1st-2nd grade), Leyna Zhou (18mon-3 yrs), Samantha Dutton (5th-6th grade), Lucy Bindel (4yrs-Kindergarten) and Katherine Jones (3rd-4th grade).



CONTRA DANCE

Greenbelt Community Ctr.
Saturday, May 6

Lesson: 6:30 pm. Dancing:
7:00 – 9:45 pm.

Kappy Laning calling to Transatlantic Crossing
\$10 at the door (cash only)
for all dancers 18 and over

A Review

Tribute: Magnificent Seven Light Up Greenbelt Arts Center

by Jim Link

Tribute, the excellent new production at the Greenbelt Arts Center, is a hilariously funny, yet deeply serious, achingly touching dissection of Scottie Templeton's midlife crisis.

On the brink of his 51st birthday – “over half a century old!” – anticipating a rapprochement with his estranged son Jud, semi-employed publicity agent and Johannes Factotum Scottie cannot desist from firing off one liners, reducing everything to a gag, sacrificing real intimacy for a punchline or a pun.

Son Jud is Scottie's polar opposite. Inarticulate, socially maladroit, serious about his graduate work and career goals and bitter about paternal neglect, Jud harbors a deep jealousy of his dad's gift for joy, for giving pleasure to myriads of friends.

After Scottie discovers he has a terminal blood disease, friends rally around to pay tribute to him. A gradual, subtle shift takes place in the second act as the audience realizes that Scottie is not the sole focus of the play. The wonderful dueling between father and son raises the question: Who really needs to grow up? The irresponsible Peter Pan dad with a radiant gift for madcap joy? Or Jud, the eternal victim who holds a grudge, whose every activity is planned ultra-precisely, who lives life strictly by the book?

“Have you ever done one crazy spontaneous thing in your whole life?” Scottie asks Jud.

It's a great credit to Carlos Olivi (Jud) that he more than holds his own, blow by blow with larger than life Larry LaRose (Scottie). LaRose recently dazzled GAC patrons as Truman Capote; he can play a drama queen or a Shakespearean king. In Tribute he's the hateful guy you have to love.

But Olivi and LaRose are not acting in a vacuum. Veteran director Gayle Negri and her producer husband Andy have gathered a magnificent cast. Not only has director Gayle coaxed wonderful performances from them, she and Jeane Binney have costumed them sumptuously.

Bob Kleinberg as Scottie's faithful long-time buddy Lou Daniels, looks great in a tux. Barbara Lambert as Maggie Stratton, Scottie's ex-wife, is wonderfully droll, sympathetic, forgiving and wary by turns.

Edye Smith is Scottie's devoted martinet doctor Gladys Petrelli, whose orders Scottie defies at every moment. Elizabeth Dapo is Scottie's worldly friend Sally Haines, who is willingly fixed up with Jud. She's the first to see that Jud is a “project” as challenging as his father.



Larry LaRose (left) as Scottie Templeton shares a moment with his ex-wife Maggie (played by Barbara Lambert) during a scene from Tribute.

Photos by Gayle Negri



Carlos Olivi as Jud Templeton has an indoor picnic with Sally Haines (played by Liz Dapo).

Last in this list of magnificent seven is the redoubtable Mary Rogers as Hilary, the semi-retired agile hustler and good time gal who gives Scottie a delicious tribute indeed.

Award winning Roy Peterson dressed the set and collected all those 70s circa tchotchkes. Randy Barth deserves kudos for the

photographic montage of Scottie mugging, laughing and crying in the hospital with his friends.

Spontaneous or phlegmatic, puritanical or Dionysian, you will be delighted by Tribute. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through May 13.

Human-powered amphibious art!

Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race

May 6, 2017

KineticBaltimore.com

Photo by Andy Carruthers

City Council at Worksession Listens to Washington Ear

by James Giese

Neely Oplinger, executive director of Washington Ear, met with the Greenbelt City Council at its April 5 budget worksession to report on the activities of her organization and discuss its financial needs. Washington Ear is supported by local jurisdictions throughout the Washington metropolitan region and received a Greenbelt contribution of \$1,000 this fiscal year. It will get the same amount next year if the proposed city budget for Fiscal Year 2018 is approved without change.

Washington Ear is a reader service for the blind. Initially volunteers would read newspapers, periodicals and other material over a special radio broadcast band to which visually impaired persons could listen. The Ear now also provides reader services over the telephone, which enables listeners to select what they wish to hear. Oplinger said that 14 residents now benefit from the service, of which 10 use the telephone. She reported that there are also four dedicated volunteers from Greenbelt. One, Glenn Harris, reads the Greenbelt News Review each week among other things, including its advertisements.

Oplinger reported that the Ear covered live the recent Women's March on Washington, the coverage lasting for 10 hours. She said

the organization also planned to cover the March for Science.

Asked if Washington Ear might be affected by federal proposed budget cuts, Oplinger said that the Ear does not directly receive any federal funding. However, the service is a sub-carrier of public radio station WETA-FM and could possibly be affected by cutbacks of public radio funding.

For more information about Washington Ear services go to its website, washear.org.

ERHS Hosts Walk To Cure Arthritis

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

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



Chef Lou's Desserts

Celebrating "17 years of business" in Old Greenbelt on April 18

Chef Lou is rolling back prices on cookies (\$.50), Mini Carrot Cakes (\$3.25) and small ice cream cones (\$2.00/limited flavors).

While items are available

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Chef Lou's Desserts 103B Centerway, Greenbelt MD 20770
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Filming in Greenbelt



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

On Tuesday, April 25, Story House Production crew used umbrellas to protect the camera and actors from the rain as they shot an episode of CopyCat Killers on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt Community Center. CopyCat Killers is a true crime television series. It can be seen on Direct TV or DISH Network.

Greenbelters Attend March for Science

Greenbelt resident Candy Madigan (center) and her friends march in the March For Science on Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 22.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES RIORDEN

James Riorden said: "Marching for science with Bandit, who wouldn't be around today if not for veterinary science."



PHOTO BY SIEGLINDE PETERSON

Will and Sieglinde Peterson joined in the March for Science.

Meals on Wheels May Need A Bigger Slice of the Pie

by James Giese

It pays to bring a dessert treat when asking for financial support from the Greenbelt City Council. At least, Jim Hautsck of the local area Meals on Wheels got to be first on the list of organizations and city departments to make a pitch for funds being included in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018 at the city council's April 5 budget worksession. And no councilmember expressed lack of support for the city again contributing \$2,000 to the organization, while one councilmember suggested that even more might be necessary for the city to provide. But then again, every other group that night making a budget presentation was warmly received by the council.

The Meals on Wheels nationwide program provides meals to homebound handicapped and

senior citizens. It is mostly federally funded, but additional support is received from both the county and local area municipalities. Volunteers assist in the distribution of the food to individual homes and Hautsck said that there were eight to 10 volunteers from Greenbelt.

There have been press reports of possible substantial cutbacks in funding to this program by the federal government. Councilmember Judith Davis said that the city may have to increase its contribution to help make up for the loss of these funds.

Sometime after Hautsck's departure, plates, forks and the chocolate treat were passed around for not only councilmembers, but staff, citizens present and even this lowly reporter to sample.



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Sarah, Katherine and Mary Larkin take a break at the March for Science.

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Bike Blender Powers New Co-op BizKidz Smoothies

by Matt Arbach

Today's smoothie flavors are strawberry, banana and peach. Add the fruit to milk or coconut milk, and add some white grape juice. Then turn on the blender. But the blender isn't just operated with a switch, it is a bike blender. One of the young members of BizKidz whirrs and hops on the pedals of a modified bike and creates the power for the smoothie.

BizKidz is one of the latest co-ops in Greenbelt. Made up of two dozen elementary school students from Greenbelt West, the group started August 31, 2016 and met through March 26, 2017. They learned to develop and implement their own co-op smoothie business, using "bicycles to blend the smoothies," said their mentor and project creator Tim Cohen-Mitchell.

BizKidz members also sourced their ingredients locally, Cohen-Mitchell added. The participants were able to "learn about nutrition, local food systems, sustainable transportation, co-ops, dynamic governance, entrepreneurship and finance," he said.

BizKidz came about through a partnership with Carolyn Lambright-Davis, a board member of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and the coordinator of Earth Squad. Earth Squad was created in 2006 and is now centered at Springhill Lake Elementary School. All grades are represented and its mandate includes creating "young environmentalists," says Lambright-Davis, as well as fostering a zeal for "volunteerism and healthy living."

Cohen-Mitchell received a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation for the BizKidz project.

The seven-month process for BizKidz included weekly training sessions at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and resulted in three sales events: one each at Schrom Hills Park, Franklin Park's fall festival and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

In addition to learning all the details and skills involved in the smoothie operation, there were lessons in consent decision-making, where emphasis was put on general, if not perfect, satisfaction for all. The participants were placed into rotating groups, each assigned a particular task. By the end, each youngster had experience in every aspect of the business, from food preparation to finances. This kept their interest and developed flexibility.

Cohen-Mitchell said he was impressed by the remarkable ability of the participants to take in and implement the copious and detailed requirements asked of them. Cohen-Mitchell said they learned that "this is your business," that the responsibility lay with them and "they had to do the work." The participants proudly rose to the challenge, mastering the intricacies of things such as bookkeeping, marketing and publicity.

The students, many of whom are part of Earth Squad, placed an emphasis on eco-friendly products. The proceeds from sales went mainly into providing ingredients and supplies.

Cohen-Mitchell received training through the Center for Dy-



Blender crew members, Baboucarr and Jai, work on making smoothies for customers at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

- Photos by Tim Cohen-Mitchell



The clean-up crew takes care of the dishes.

amic Community Governance (CDCG) and was inspired by its governance strategies for this project.

Formed in 2014, CDCG "empowers Greenbelt community groups," says co-president Aileen Kroll, through the use of their Dynamic Community Governance approach. Both Cohen-Mitchell and Lambright-Davis participated in a foundations-level CDCG training course. In addition to CHEARS, CDCG has also trained representatives of several Green-

belt community groups including the Old Greenbelt Theatre, New Deal Café, Public Works and environmental advocacy groups. In 2015, CDCG acquired non-profit status.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation will be at the 13th Annual Green Man Festival on May 13. For over 10 years the foundation has funded community projects like BizKidz that enhance learning, social development and entrepreneurship.

BizKidz Rap

The BizKidz club developed a rap for their product. Mentor Tim Cohen-Mitchell said that when shouting "BizKidz," draw a double dollar sign "\$" with hands; for "Money" make a "J" or downward slash down middle.

Smoothies sweet as honey,
Feel good in your tummy,
Help us kids make money.

BizKidz Money!
BizKidz Money!

Just one smoothie won't do
So buy yourself two!

BizKidz Money!
BizKidz Money!



BizKidz members take orders for smoothies.

Mishkan Torah Sisterhood's 14th Annual Vintage and Costume Jewelry Sale

April 30 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Find Your Own Treasures!
In time for Mother's Day Gifts
Priced from \$1



Mishkan Torah Synagogue
10 Ridge Road
Greenbelt, MD
301-474-4223

GHI Candidates Forum

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7:30pm Tuesday May 2
Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road

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Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

5pm Tuesday May 2
Final deadline to declare your candidacy

7:30pm Thursday May 11
Annual Membership Meeting
Community Center Gymnasium
Voting begins!

May 11 & 12
Submit your Board & Audit votes!

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Visit www.ghi.coop/election
email GHI.NominationsAndElections@gmail.com
or call N&E Chair Tom Jones: 301-474-6001



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 4, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. GHI Open Session – Begins at 7:30 p.m.

- Approve Minutes for the GHI Special Open Meeting Held on April 6, 2017
- Approve Minutes for the GHI Regular Open Session Meeting Held on April 6, 2017
- Request to Remove Two Trees at 4-K Gardenway to Enable the Installation of a Deck
- Request for an Exception to GHI's Rules to Install an Oversized Shed at 2-B Ridge Rd
- Request for an Exception to GHI's Rules to Install an Unapproved Rain Barrel at 59-G Ridge Rd
- Request from the Member of 4-E Ridge Rd to Modify the Yard lines for the Unit
- Review a Member Complaint re: Effects of Non-Smoking Restrictions on Campus of Green Ridge House
- Consider Costs that Pilot Members should Pay for Optional Items Installed during the Pilot Program
- Finance Committee's Recommendation re: Refinancing Loans for GHI Units
- Proposed New Restriction Language in Documents re: Transfer of Investment Funds



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Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website: www.ghi.coop

Police Blotter

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

Robbery

April 17, 6:39 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man reported he was assaulted and robbed by an acquaintance and four other people, one of whom attempted to use a stun gun on him. They punched and kicked him several times and took his cell phone, which was recovered later nearby. The injured man was transported to Prince George's County Hospital Center for treatment. Several suspects have been identified and arrest warrants are pending.

April 18, 10 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A warrant was used on April 19 to charge a Greenbelt man with strong arm robbery, second degree assault and theft after he forcibly took money from a woman, who knew him, during a verbal dispute.

Unattended Child

April 16, 2:04 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended after officers responded to a report of an unattended child in a vehicle. The individual returned to the vehicle and was released on citation pending trial. Ambulance personnel checked the child at the scene.

Burglary

April 16, 6 a.m. to 10:59 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Four burglaries were reported, two in each location. In each case entry was gained by way of a broken balcony door. Items stolen include a purse; wallets and jewelry; car keys; cigarettes; camera, notebook-type computer and video game player.

April 16, 4 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A woman inside her residence saw a man tamper with the handle of the sliding glass door in an apparent attempt to break into her home. She screamed. He fled on foot.

April 16, 11:39 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. The front door of a residence was tampered with in an apparent attempt to break into the home.

Vandalism

April 14, 10 p.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace. The lid of a mailbox was broken off.

April 15, 3:25 p.m., 101 Centerway. A rock was used to shatter a window at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.

April 16, 4 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. The sliding glass door of a residence was broken out.

Trespass

April 17, 3:46 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 48-year-old nonresident man 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.

April 18, 2:30 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Two nonresident men and one nonresident youth were arrested for trespass after a maintenance worker found them walking out of a vacant apartment. They ran from the area but were detained a short time later and positively identified. The adults were released on citation pending trial and the juvenile was released pending

action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Fraud Arrest

April 17, 2:06 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 38-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with fraud, possession of fraudulent identification and false statement after officers responded to a report that a man at Capital One Bank attempted to withdraw money using a fraudulent driver's license. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Counterfeit

April 17, 10:59 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. Counterfeit money was passed at the Greenbelt Marriott. A person possibly involved is described as a black man, 45 to 50 years old, 5'7" to 6'2" tall, 170 to 210 pounds, bald, wearing a brown suit.

Vehicle Crime

A 2013 Nissan Altima reported stolen April 13 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace was recovered April 17 by Bristol Township (Pennsylvania) police at an undisclosed location. Tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Md. 1AW5444, were not recovered and are still out as stolen.

A 2-door 2004 Toyota Celica taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace on April 16 was recovered the next day by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 1900 block Bladensburg Road, N.E.

A 2014 Lincoln MKT reportedly stolen on March 16 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway was found to have been repossessed, not stolen.

Seven thefts from vehicles occurred by way of windows, six of which were broken out and one when a window had been left open. Two were broken out of two vehicles in the 100 block Westway, where a coat and Kindle tablet were taken from one vehicle but nothing from the other. Three were reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Road, where an in-dash stereo was taken from one and power tools from two. A watch, cell phone and jewelry were taken on Hanover Parkway near Mandan Road. Clothing, sneakers and a wallet were taken after entry was gained by way of an open window in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.

Also in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, a witness reported a window was broken out of

a vehicle and a man possibly involved left the area in a grey 2010 Hyundai Sonata with Md. tags FA8688. A computer check revealed this vehicle has been reported stolen to Prince George's County police.

One act of vandalism occurred in the 7900 block Mandan Road, where paint on a vehicle was scratched.

Dispose of Rx Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department will accept expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The DEA accepts only pills and patches and cannot take liquids, needles or sharps. For more information about drug disposal or the annual Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

City's Website Introduces New Information Wall

The new Greenbelt Info Wall, at greenbeltmd.gov/infowall, features current information on Greenbelt events. Posts from the City of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt police, Greenbelt Animal Shelter, Greenbelt Recreation, Greenbelt Arts and the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will appear on the wall as well as the city's Twitter and Instagram feeds.

"The City currently administers six different Facebook pages. The Info Wall makes it easier to access the postings from all the sites," stated Public Information Coordinator Beverly Palau.

The new wall has the look and feel of the popular Pinterest site, where pictures and short paragraphs invite exploration.

"Several different hosts were considered," Palau explained. The host company, Flockler, is based in England. "Flockler offered a very affordable way to try out the wall concept with very little risk. It is hosted on a month by month basis," she said.

The Info Wall also features an events board, informational videos, press releases, environmental posts and a Municipal Minutes area highlighting city employees. Additional boards are planned for the future.

For more information, suggestions or comments, contact Beverly Palau at palau@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2026.

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Indian Creek Watershed Cleanup At SHL Rec Center for Earth Day

by Connor Roessler

The Annual Earth Day Indian Creek Watershed Cleanup was held at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, April 22. A group of 42 volunteers, dedicated organizers from community groups and five Public Works employees commemorated the event by picking up litter from Indian Creek and working on gardening and planting projects in the CHEARS Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens and Greenbelt Food Forest. This service-learning opportunity brought individuals, families and volunteer groups of all ages and backgrounds together to make a positive impact on the environment by clearing litter from the creek banks and planting Chesapeake Bay-friendly native plants.

The event began with the reading of the Earth Day Proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan. Afterwards, the City of Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator, Erin Josephitis, provided information on the many stormwater best management practices at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, including permeable pavement, rain gardens, a rain cistern, organic community gardens and a food forest. Maggie Cahalan, the founder of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), was presented with an award for her continued volunteer contributions to the City of Greenbelt. Kim Walsh, volunteer with CHEARS, and Lincoln Smith of Forested LLC led a tour while sharing the history and goals of the Greenbelt Food Forest to provide edible plantings for current and future generations. Carolyn Lambright-Davis and the Earth Squad led the volunteer group in the CHEARS chant to kick off the volunteer projects.

Once the orientation was over, volunteers were split into two groups. One group helped with planting projects in the Greenbelt Food Forest and Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens while another group walked to Indian Creek to pick up litter. Over 385 pounds of litter were removed from the Indian Creek watershed including plastic bags, plastic water bottles, chip bags, Styrofoam, metal cans, a tire and a basketball. An estimated total of 150 pounds of litter was sorted and recycled. The City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Alice Ferguson Foundation and CHEARS sponsored the event.

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Earth Squad members help to clear litter from Indian Creek.

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Volunteers work on a planting project.

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bagels and to Starbucks of Greenway Center for donating coffee. Special thanks to individuals from Forested and Greenbelt Biota for volunteering and to Kris White of the GHI Companion Animal Committee for educating the public on proper pet waste removal during the event. The importance of volunteers cannot be overstated as they play a key role in protecting the environment.

Earth Month continues with the City of Greenbelt's Spring Clean Up Green Up Volunteer

Event on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at Schrom Hills Park. Remember to wear closed-toed shoes and clothes to get dirty. Bring a reusable water bottle. Register at signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-greenbelt1. Questions? Contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2150.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.

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Chief Kemp didn't show up," Kaiser said. "He is a member."

Kaiser said the Lodge has 84 members total, but that number includes retired members. The number of active police officers who are members is 39, and, of those, 20 attended the quarterly meeting during which a motion was tendered from the floor and seconded – spurring a vote.

"It (the motion) was discussed for quite a while," Kaiser remarked. The vote was 16 in favor of the vote of no confidence, two against and two abstaining. Kaiser said he and another officer met with Kemp directly afterward to let him know.

"We know it is devastating. We don't want to hurt the guy," Kaiser said. "But we needed to do something drastic to get some results before we don't have a department anymore."

Kaiser said the department has had to drop several special units and is working "an unbelievable amount of overtime." Kaiser also stated that morale is low because of overtime and because of perceived slights to officers who have not received recognition for their work in apprehending armed robbers. He also attributed morale issues to criticism received by officers for not doing more when they already feel stretched thin.

The FOP issued a press release on April 24 stating that the

vote took place. The press release said that the Lodge intends to provide additional information to city officials in the immediate future regarding this vote in order to make clear the areas to be addressed by new leadership.

City Manager Nicole Ard said that she could not comment on complaints without seeing them in writing. "Since I have only received anecdotal comments from staff, I defer to the FOP to provide information on the FOP vote and press release," she said.

"Acting Chief Kemp is receiving considerable feedback from FOP members who did not participate in the vote and who express their support for Acting Chief Tom Kemp. I too have received such comment," she added.

"I have confidence in Acting Chief Tom Kemp," said Ard. "Tom has worked hard to take over a department following retirement of a long-serving chief and other officers. I am also confident in the many Greenbelt officers who, like Tom, demonstrate professionalism, pride, passion and dedication to continual improvement in service. I look forward to working with Acting Chief Kemp and the FOP as we serve our community."

Ard also said the collective bargaining process continues to move forward and noted that she "cannot discuss the details of negotiations at this time."



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