



THE GREENBELT BULLETIN

CITY WELCOMES NICOLE ARD



City Manager Nicole Ard poses with City Council.

At the City Council meeting of Monday, January 23, Nicole Ard was sworn in as Greenbelt's City Manager. Ms. Ard was appointed to the position after a nationwide search, community input and City Council interviews.

Ms. Ard has over 20 years of experience in local government management and is an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Credentialed

Manager. She has worked in Phoenix, AZ; Leesburg, VA.; Hillsborough, NC; Dayton, OH; Dublin, OH and as City Manager in Sandusky, OH. She has her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Howard University and her graduate degree in Public Administration from Ohio State University.

"I am excited to work with the City Council, community and staff. It is an honor to serve Greenbelt – such a historic, friendly and welcoming community. I look forward to working with retiring City Manager Mike McLaughlin and Greenbelt's incredible staff."

Greenbelt's long standing City Manager, Michael McLaughlin recently retired, but stayed on for a few weeks to ensure a smooth transition. Mr. McLaughlin was well loved by the city staff who all wish Mr. McLaughlin a long, happy and adventurous retirement.

Of Ms. Ard, Mayor Emmett Jordan stated, "She is a seasoned manager with over 2 decades of municipal government experience with several jurisdictions. We felt that her skills and experience are the 'right fit' for Greenbelt going forward."

The City of Greenbelt welcomes Ms. Ard and is eager to work with her in continuing the Greenbelt tradition of providing services to its residents and the community.



FY 2018 BUDGET PREVIEW

The City's annual budget process is underway. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 revenues and expenditures are on target with the FY 2017 Adopted Budget, and the City is expecting the FY 2018 budget to be positive as well. On the revenue side, the values of detached homes, town homes and condos were higher, but apartments and commercial values were lower. The value of all residential properties are expected to be higher in FY 2018.

Hotel/motel taxes have increased by 4.6%, but no change is expected in Highway User Revenue. Over all it is expected that FY 2017 revenues will reach the budgeted amount of \$27.2 million.

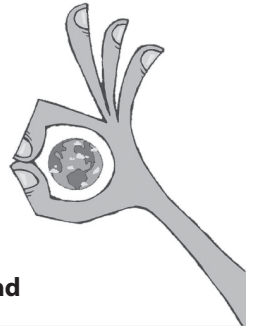
On the expenditure side, there has been low inflation and fuel costs have remained low as well. The retirement of some personnel has resulted in lower salary and benefit costs. Some of these savings have been offset by higher health care costs and increased Workers Compensation costs.

Taking all that into account, the City Departments have been asked to prepare their budgets to cover existing services, but to look and identify any savings, efficiencies, different ways to "do business," etc. that could be considered without impacting services.

The City Manager will present her Proposed FY 2018 Budget to City Council on Monday, March 27. The public will have the opportunity to comment throughout the months of April and May at the various work sessions. Two public hearings on the budget will also be held. Meeting dates will be advertised in the *Greenbelt News Review* and at www.greenbeltmd.gov. The Proposed Budget document will be available for download at www.greenbeltmd.gov after it is presented to City Council.

GREEN STEPS

Stepping Together Towards a Sustainable Society



RAIN BARREL DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITY

Deadline to order online:

Saturday, March 18

Installation Demo and Pick Up:

Saturday, April 1 from 9 am – 12 pm

Plumbers & Gasfitters Training Facility

5000 Forbes Blvd, Lanham, MD 20706

Hurry – March 18 will be the last day to order

your discounted rain barrel online at www.rainbarrelprogram.org/greenbelt. After the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate, your only cost is for the gutter attachment. For more information contact Erin Josephitis, 240-542-2168, erjosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov.

TREE PROTECTION WORKDAYS

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 20 from 10:30 am – 1 pm

INTERNATIONAL FOREST DAY

Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 am – 1 pm

The City of Greenbelt will be celebrating Presidents' Day (Feb. 20) and International Forest Day (Mar. 25) with a tree protection volunteer opportunity. We will be protecting trees from beaver herbivory and English ivy takeover at Buddy Attick Park. Meet inside of Public Works (555 Crescent Road) for orientation. For more information contact Connor Roessler, 240-542-2150, croessler@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREEN YARDS AND GARDENS WORKSHOP

Department of Public Works, 555 Crescent Road

Saturday, March 11 from 10 am – 12 pm

Learn best practices for environmentally-friendly lawn and garden care. Topics include landscaping with native plants, composting, water conservation, and organic pest control. After the presentation, Greenbelt residents have an opportunity to purchase a compost bin for \$30 from N.I.E. institute. For more information contact Connor Roessler, 240-542-2150, croessler@greenbeltmd.gov.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

April 8, 2017, 10am-12pm

The City of Greenbelt will be celebrating Arbor Day with a wildlife-friendly tree restoration planting volunteer opportunity. We will be planting native fruit and nut-bearing trees and shrubs for wildlife at Buddy Attick Park. For more information contact Brian Townsend, 240-542-2158, btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln.

April 22 from 9am-12pm

Save the date and join the City of Greenbelt, CHEARS, Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES), and the Alice Ferguson Foundation for a community watershed cleanup, gardening and food forest planting opportunity at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

For more information contact Erin Josephitis, 240-542-2168, erjosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov

Greenbelt Youth Musical

BURIED TREASURE

By Chris Cherry

Greenbelt Community Center Gym

15 Crescent Road

Saturday, March 4, 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 5, 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 11, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Join us for this wonderful original musical featuring forty talented teenagers!

Tickets: \$5; advance sales and more information at 301-397-2208.



REGISTER FOR SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is now open to all for Greenbelt's popular camp programs for children ages 3^{1/2}-14. Spring Camp, Spring Circus Camp and Fast Break Basketball Clinic are available during Spring Break.

Choose from Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Youth on the Go, Creative Kids Camp, Performance Camp, Camp Encore, and Circus Camp in the Summer. Also available are Before and After Care, and a variety of After Care Classes.

Download brochure at www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps.

**Stay informed on City Services, Activities, Events and more!
Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov**

2017 IS A CITY COUNCIL ELECTION YEAR

The next Greenbelt City Election of City Council will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Every 2 years, the City elects its 7 member City Council at large. There are no election precincts and all candidates run for Council with the highest vote getter traditionally being appointed as Mayor. All candidates for City Council must be at least 18 years old and reside within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt.

The Election Calendar for 2017, highlighting important candidate and voter deadlines, has now been posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections. Visit that site often for updated information.



ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Have you ever thought of getting involved in your City government but you just weren't quite ready to commit all that time? Why

don't you get your feet wet and serve on a City Advisory Board or Committee. These volunteer committees meet anywhere from one to two times a month, provide advice on a very large variety of topics to City Council and are very important to the workings of our city government.

Greenbelt has 15 different Advisory Boards and Committees and there are always openings on several different ones at one time. Openings are advertised in the *Greenbelt News Review* every week. You can find out more information on boards and committees and fill out an on-line application at www.greenbeltmd.gov. You may also call the city clerk at 301-474-8000 if you have any questions.



CONTRA DANCES

Community Center Gym
15 Crescent Road
7:00pm-9:45pm \$10 per person (cash at door)
for all dancers 18 and over

Co-sponsored by the City of Greenbelt

and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW). Contra dance is fun, fun, fun! It is danced to live music which can have an array of instruments depending on the band. At the beginning of each evening dance, there is a 30-minute lesson to go over all the basic steps that will be called. Once you get the moves for the dance, the pattern just repeats itself. Easy!

Saturday, April 1: Perry Shafan, calling to Organic Family Band: Jakob Raitzyk (fiddle/foot percussion), Rebekah Geller (fiddle), Michael Raitzyk (guitar), and Judith Geller (french horn)

Saturday, May 6: Kappy Laning calling to Transatlantic Crossing

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TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS



The tax preparation services at the locations below are provided through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Prince George's County and

Montgomery County, MD. Services are provided for filers with a household income of less than \$54,000.

A full listing of all the sites is available at: www.unitedwaynca.org/pages/maryland-vita-sites Some locations require appointments. Below are the two locations closest to Greenbelt.

**Prince George's Community College
Center for Advanced Technology
301 Largo Rd., Largo, MD 20774
301-546-5254**

Dates: Jan 31 - April 15, Appointment: Required

**CTA - New Carrollton VITA Site
6016 Princess Garden Parkway
New Carrollton, MD 20784**

Dates: Feb 4 - April 17, 2017 (Not open 2/20)

Appointment: Not Required

Partners for this program include the Community Financial Center and the Financial Empowerment Center at Prince George's Community College, CAFE Montgomery, the Montgomery County Community Action Agency, and Family Services, Inc.

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City of Greenbelt on YouTube



PAWS FOR A CAUSE



Help support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter by purchasing a Paw for \$2 or more. Write your name on the Paw and decorate the walls.

Visit the shelter at 550-A Crescent Road

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Emmett V. Jordan - ejordan@greenbeltmd.gov, Mayor Pro Tem Judith "J" Davis - jdavis@greenbeltmd.gov, Konrad Herling - kherling@greenbeltmd.gov, Leta Mach - lmach@greenbeltmd.gov, Silke I. Pope - spope@greenbeltmd.gov, Edward V. J. Putens - eputens@greenbeltmd.gov, and Rodney Roberts - rroberts@greenbeltmd.gov

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING POPULAR CITY EVENTS!

UNDERWATER EGG HUNT: Friday, April 14

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

A fun new twist on the traditional Egg Hunt! This is always a very popular event. Limited to 30 children per section.

PH: \$1; RNPH: \$2; NRNPH: \$3

231101-1: 10am - Ages 6 months-5years

231101-2: 11am - Ages 4-10 years

231101-3: 12pm - Ages 6-15 years

231101-4: 1pm - Ages 6-15 years

For more information and to register call 301-397-2204.

ANNUAL EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 15

Begins at 10am (promptly), 18 months-6th grade Buddy Attick Park (Greenbelt Lake)

A tisket, a tasket be sure to bring your basket and help find the eggs that the Easter Bunny and his helpers have hidden. Immediately following the Egg Hunt, join us in welcoming Don Juan, the magician with his fantastic show of magic and illusion. Come join us for this fun-filled family show! Don't forget to bring your cameras! For event status the day of, call the weather hotline, 301-474-0646.

SPRING SKATE SERIES: Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Fridays: March 31, April 21, and May 19;

5-7pm, Ages 6-12

Bring the family and join your friends at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center gymnasium. Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own. For more information call 301-397-2212.

WOMEN'S BICYCLE SOCIAL RIDE: Sunday, May 7, from 9-11am, New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway

Come out and enjoy this fun social ride with fellow women cyclists! This is a group lead ride through beautiful Greenbelt and Lake Artemesia. We will begin and end at the New Deal Cafe in Roosevelt Center. You must provide your own bike and helmet. All participants will sign a liability waiver prior to joining. For event status the day of, call the weather hotline, 301-474-0646. For more information contact Alison Longworth, 240-542-2198, alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov - FREE!

BIKE TO WORK DAY 2017: Friday, May 19

6:30am-8:30am, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot, 101 Centerway

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 17,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. The Greenbelt Pit Stop will be one of 80+ Pit Stops in the regional area. Refreshments will be provided to registered participants arriving by bike. Register at biketoworkmetrodc.org; Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn-Reno, 240-542-2053.

CELEBRATION OF SPRING: Saturday, May 20 2-6pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

6101 Cherrywood Lane

Come enjoy arts & crafts, activities, performances, food, and music with Greenbelt Recreation Department and your neighbors and friends. Children and parents alike will be delighted on this fun-filled day. This will be the perfect family event to help shake off the cold days of winter as we spring into action during our Celebration of Spring. Please call the weather information hotline, 301-474-0646, the morning of the event for updated event status.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, May 20 10:30am-1:30pm, Public Works Facility

555 Crescent Road, 301-474-8004

Come out to this favorite family event and see all we do at Public Works! Ride the Bucket Truck, Climb on Work Trucks, Demonstrations, Environmental and Sustainability Information & Games, Tours, Hot Dogs and Drinks. Fun for kids of all ages! There will be a guided tree tour of Greenbelt's Significant Trees led by the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) starting at 1:00pm. For more information on the tour contact Luisa Robles, 240-542-2153, lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov. Sponsored by City of Greenbelt, Green ACES and the Green Team.

**FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER UPCOMING CITY
EVENTS VISIT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV,
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CITYOFGREENBELT, AND
WATCH VERIZON 21 OR COMCAST 71.**