

# CITY OF GREENBELT

**Date:** February 28, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
**From:** Michael McLaughlin, City Manager  
**Subject:** Weekly Report on Various Items

1. Attachment A is the Council Action Request (CAR) report.
2. Attachment B is the report on the State's Sound Barrier Policy that Senator Pinsky provided Wednesday evening.
3. Attachment C is a response from Schools CEO Maxwell to the city's letter on where students at Greenbelt Station will go to school.
4. Attachment D is a legislative update.



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Michael McLaughlin, City Manager

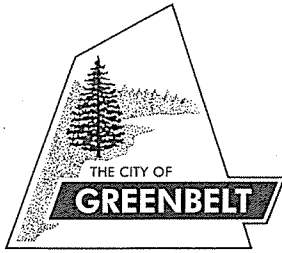


# March 2014

City of Greenbelt

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 8 pm – Work Session – Greenbelt Station South Core TIF – MB	4	5 8 pm – Executive Session – Economic Development RFP – MB Library	6 7:30 pm – Work Session – GEAC – Greenbriar CC	7	8
9	10 8 pm – Council Meeting – MB	11	12 8 pm – Work Session – BARC – CC	13	14	15
16	17 8 pm – Work Session – Organizational Study – MB	18	19 8 pm – Work Session – Transit Meeting – CC	20 7 pm – PGCMA – Greenbelt	21	22
23	24 8 pm – Council Meeting & FY 2015 Budget Presentation – MB	25	26 8 pm – Budget Work Session – Overview, Revenues & General Government – CC	27	28	29
30	31 8 pm – Budget Work Session – TBD – MB	MB – Municipal Building – 25 Crescent Road – 301.474.8000 CC – Community Center – 15 Crescent Road – 301.397.2208  Meetings subject to change Call 301.474.8000 for verification.				



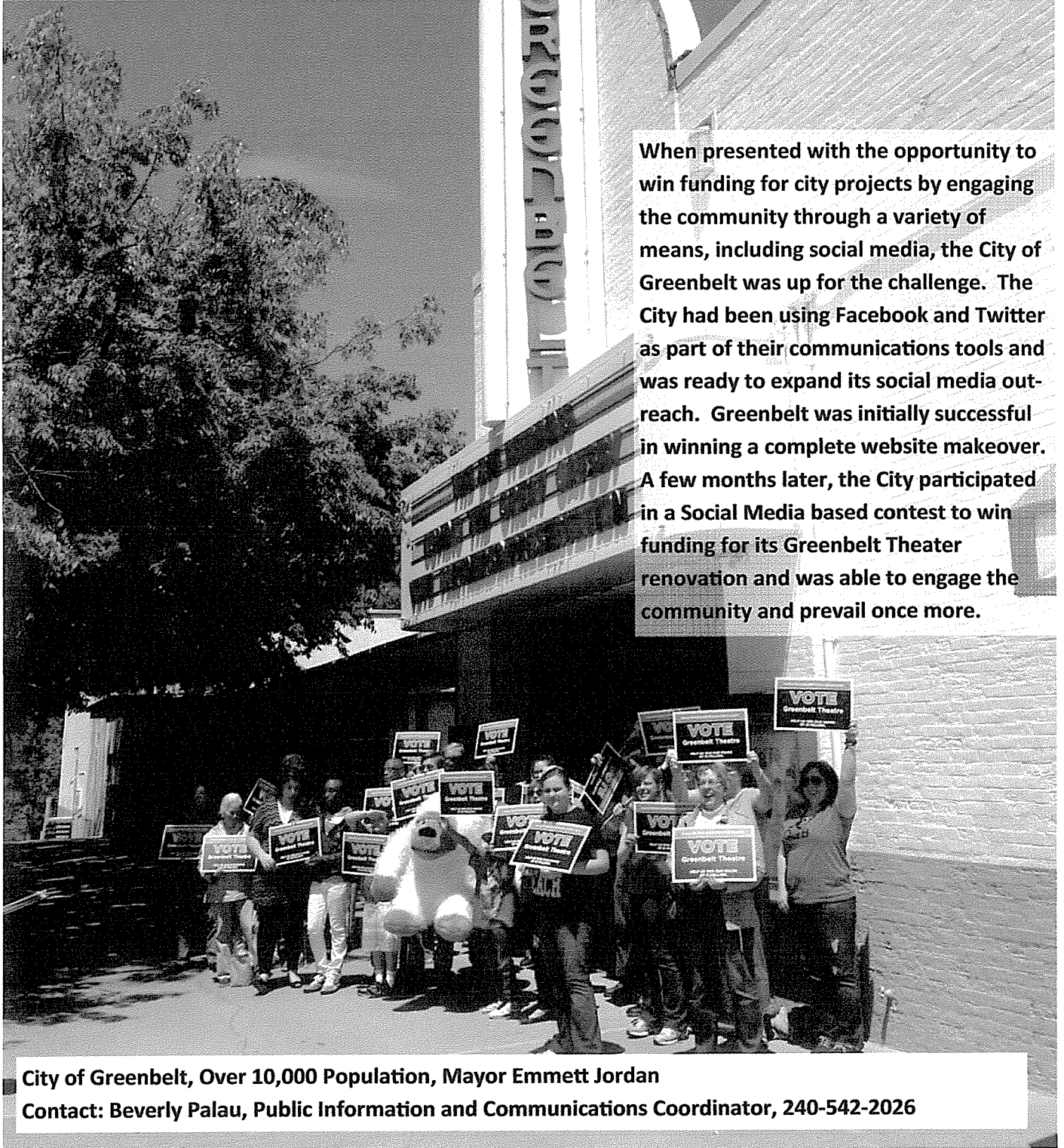
**City Manager's Office**  
**Week Ending February 28, 2014**

1. Included in Council's packet is a submittal for Maryland Municipal League's Achievement Awards Competition on the theme of Community Engagement. Beverly Palau, Public Information Coordinator, put the application together based on the community engagement efforts which secured the PIP grant for the theater and the new website. Nice job Beverly! Cross your fingers!
2. Included is the application filed with Volunteer Maryland for another volunteer in partnership with CHEARS.
3. Met with Recreation, Public Works and IT staff on various budgets.
4. Assistant City Manager –
  - a. Prepared for Mid-Session Legislative Dinner.
  - b. Drafted recommendation on Phase II of renovation work (roof & windows) at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
  - c. Corresponded with GHI on HB 1328 (modifications to MD Cooperative Act).
  - d. Worked with Recreation Department & State Delegation staff on scheduling a Youth Advisory Committee "visit to Annapolis" tentatively set for March 10.
5. Information Technology
  - a. Hosted the Mid-Atlantic Users Group Meeting of New World Public Safety software which is the system used in Police Department
  - b. Met with City Manager and City Treasurer to discuss FY 2015 work plan and budget
  - c. Deployed Geographic Information System computer in Public Works
  - d. Deployed new Point of Sale computer to Community Center desk.
6. Prepared for Council meeting of 2/24, legislative dinner of 2/26, and work sessions of 3/3 and 5.

cc: Department Heads  
David Moran, Assistant City Manager  
Cindy Murray, City Clerk  
Mary Johnson, Human Resources Officer  
Robert Manzi, City Solicitor

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NETS GREENBELT OVER \$100,000 FOR ITS THEATER RENOVATION AND WEBSITE REDESIGN

When presented with the opportunity to win funding for city projects by engaging the community through a variety of means, including social media, the City of Greenbelt was up for the challenge. The City had been using Facebook and Twitter as part of their communications tools and was ready to expand its social media outreach. Greenbelt was initially successful in winning a complete website makeover. A few months later, the City participated in a Social Media based contest to win funding for its Greenbelt Theater renovation and was able to engage the community and prevail once more.



City of Greenbelt, Over 10,000 Population, Mayor Emmett Jordan

Contact: Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, 240-542-2026

Several years ago, it became evident to the City of Greenbelt, that the manner in which people got their information was changing rapidly and mobile communication was becoming more prevalent. To test the social media waters, the City created a Facebook Page in May 2009 to engage its citizens and provide opportunity for feedback. The Facebook page grew rapidly, with almost 2,000 followers. On it, the City shared information about events, weather emergencies, meetings, and posted pictures from numerous annual events. With the success of the Facebook page, Greenbelt soon followed that effort with a Twitter page, as yet another method to engage its residents. They became important tools of communication for the City and are used regularly, in addition to the other traditional methods.

In 2012, wanting to add to its community engagement toolbox, Greenbelt entered CivicPlus' "Extreme Website Makeover" contest. CivicPlus specializes in providing award winning community websites that engage the community by using a number of interactive modules. The contest involved getting citizens to fill out questionnaires about what they would like to see in its city's website. The City used Facebook, Twitter, its website, and the local newspaper to encourage citizens to fill out the questionnaire. The contest was based on how many people responded, and interviews on how you would use the site to engage the community. Through its efforts, the City won a complete website redesign and the services of CivicPlus for two years. The prize was valued at over \$38,000. The City was pleased to now have yet another avenue through which to engage its residents.

In 2013, the City of Greenbelt applied to the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) to have its Greenbelt Theater preservation project be considered for a Partners in Preservation (PIP) grant. Through a partnership with American Express, the NTHP looks to increase the public's

awareness of the importance of historic preservation in the United States and to preserve America's historic and cultural places. From over 100 applications submitted to the contest, the Greenbelt Theater was selected as a finalist to compete for a PIP grant along with 23 other historical sites in the Washington D.C. area.

Similar to the CivicPlus contest, the PIP contest was one where the public would help to decide which sites would receive grants. The top grant would be \$100,000, with additional grants awarded based on how well your site did in the contest. The contest was an exercise in community engagement, using social media outlets to generate votes for your location. Locations earned points daily by having people vote for their location via E-Mail, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Foursquare. Having been successful in the past, Greenbelt was excited about the opportunity to compete in this type of contest.

The kickoff event, which was covered by the media, was held in Washington, DC and the competing locations were introduced. For this event, the City sent representatives dressed in costumes from the 1930's with posters, magnets and information on the Greenbelt Theater. The challenge to engage the community and to get citizens to vote for the theater was on!

Greenbelt embarked on a multi-pronged community engagement process in support of its theater project. Large banners and yard signs reminding people to vote for the Greenbelt Theater, were placed throughout the City, as well as ads in the local newspaper, teasers on the City's website, and daily announcements and updates on Facebook and Twitter.

Local businesses and city facilities held registration stations at locations throughout Greenbelt to assist residents by using laptops to register them for the contest and enable them to vote daily. A

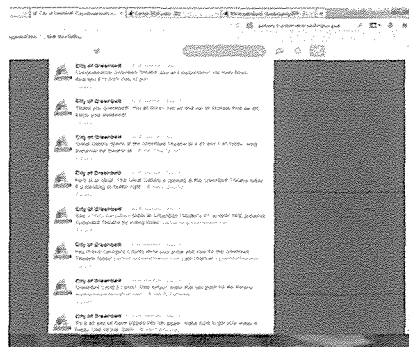
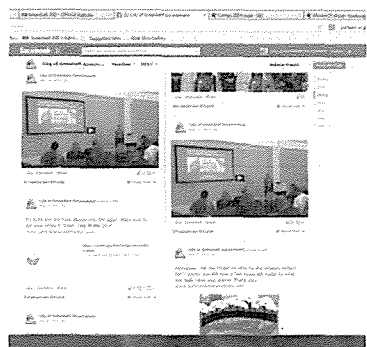
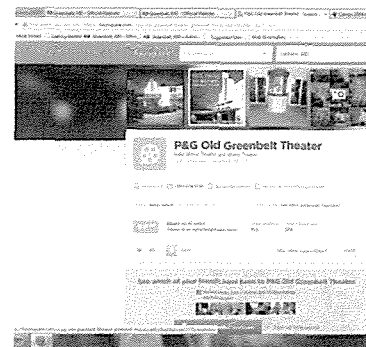
different Greenbelt organization was photographed daily holding a "Vote for Greenbelt Theatre!" banner. Those pictures were posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the City website. Two community listserves, Greenbelters.com and the Greenbelt Community Group, became involved and helped to remind the community to vote daily. City employees were even given daily e-mail reminders to vote. An open house was held at Roosevelt Center, where the theater is located, and voting information was handed out. The Greenbelt Theater changed its marquee for the voting period to encourage people to vote. In addition to the City's Facebook Page, other Facebook Pages such as the Animal Shelter, the Recreation Department, the Arts Page, and Old Greenbelt Days encouraged its fans to vote.

The community engagement and involvement for the Greenbelt Theater was over whelming! Of the 24 sites, including very large and well known sites such as the National Cathedral and Mount Vernon, the Greenbelt Theater volleyed between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place throughout the entire contest. With over 1,000,000 votes, the Greenbelt Theater was presented with a \$75,000 grant!

Greenbelt's two recent Community Engagement campaigns, using traditional methods of communication along with many new millennium methods have cost the city less than \$1,000 and netted it more than \$105,000 in funding.

For more information, contact Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator at 240-542-2026 or [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov)





Reference: <http://partnersinpreservation.com/dc-metro/#.UvEIDLTzgyI>



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Maryland Community News

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**Old Greenbelt Theatre awarded \$75,000 in competition** *by Jamie Anfenson-Comeau Staff writer*

The Old Greenbelt Theatre has received a \$75,000 boost to its renovation efforts, thanks to a Partners in Preservation online competition.

American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced Monday that the theatre would be one of seven sites in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area to receive grants of \$75,000 or more.

"We're very excited, happy, pleased and yes, honored, to have just been asked to participate. To actually receive this grant is just amazing," said Celia Craze, Greenbelt's director of planning and community development, who is overseeing renovations to the city-owned historic theater.

The grant, one of the largest awarded, will be combined with state bond money and city capital funds to renovate the theater's 1930s art deco lobby, bathrooms, concession stand and ticket booth and improving handicap accessibility, Craze said.

Since 2006, Partners in Preservation chooses a different metropolitan area and through a screening process, selects historic sites to compete for grant money, said Robert Nieweg, field director of the National Trust's Washington, D.C., office.

The Old Greenbelt Theatre was one of only three Maryland sites out of 24 in the District metro area to be selected to compete for up to \$100,000 in grants through an online voting public process. Greenbelt's project finished fifth in the competition.

The Washington National Cathedral and Mount Vernon (Va.) were the top winners, each receiving \$100,000 in funding.

"I was so pleased," said Barbara Simon, president of the nonprofit Greenbelt Community Development Corp., which has formed a committee, Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, to assist with preservation and fund raising efforts for the historic theater.

Simon's group helped get the word out through email, social media and fliers to distribute at the library, the community center and other locations.

"We had an awful lot of people rooting for us. I think everyone in Greenbelt was telling their friends to go vote for us," Simon said. "This was a real community effort."

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis credited strong community involvement and support as well as the dedication of city staff that helped get the word out.

"It was fun to be a part of it and to watch us competing with the 'big boys' — some really nationally known sites," Davis said.

The grant announcements were made Monday during a press conference at the Decatur House in Washington, D.C.

"We were the only big winner in Maryland," Simon said. The two other Maryland sites, the Darby Store in Beallsville and The Historic Kennel Building at Aspin Hill Memorial Park in Silver Spring each received \$5,000 participation grants. "We have a lot to crow about, and I think we deserve it."

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Workers rappel down Washington National Cathedral in October. It won \$100,000 to repair damage caused by an earthquake.

God works in mysterious ways. On the one hand, His earthquake shook little bits off of Washington National Cathedral. On the other, He allowed the gothic-style house of worship

to take top honors in the Partners in Preservation fundraising contest and win \$100,000 from American Express to repair some of the seismic damage He had wrought. The Lord taketh away, and the Lord giveth.

For weeks, 24 historic sites in the District, Maryland and Virginia have been competing for Facebook likes, tweets, FourSquare check-ins and Instagram tags. The results of the competition were announced Monday morning at Decatur House, a historic property in its own right.

"I couldn't sleep last night," said National Park Service ranger Joy Kinard, who oversees the Carter G. Woodson Home in Shaw.

"It was worse than Christmas Eve as a kid," said Mike Henry of Colvin Run Mill.

"At 10 [on the night voting closed], I just shut my computer off and said, 'It's over,'" said Gelfa Craze of the Greenbelt Theatre.

Monday turned out to be a happy day for them. In addition to the cathedral, 12 entrants were awarded funds by a panel of experts. Among them were the Woodson House (\$75,000 to rebuild the facade), Colvin Run Mill (\$75,000 to repair the grain elevator) and the Greenbelt Theatre (\$75,000 to restore the art deco lobby).

Other winners: All Souls Unitarian Church (\$50,000 to repair the historic bell tower), Congressional Cemetery (\$50,000 to reconstruct mausoleum vault roofs), Dumbarton Oaks Park (\$50,000 to repair original garden structures), GALA Hispanic Theatre (\$25,000 to restore three ornate domes), LAMB at Military Road School (\$60,000 to repair columns and the cupola), Meridian Hill Park (\$50,000 to repair an exposed aggregate concrete grotto), Metropolitan

## In preservation competition, winners all



The Greenbelt Theatre received \$75,000 to restore its art deco lobby in the Partners in Preservation competition.

AME Church (\$90,000 to restore stained-glass windows), Mount Vernon (\$100,000 to restore the large dining room) and the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue (\$75,000 to repair stained-glass windows).

The other 11 entrants each received \$5,000: the Abner Cloud House on the C&O Canal, Arlington House, the Athenaeum, Clara Barton's

Missing Soldiers Office, the Darby Store, the George Mason Memorial, the Hayden Observatory, the Kennel at Aspin Hill Memorial Park, Living Classrooms of the National Capitol Area (an outfit that takes schoolchildren out on the river), the National Museum of Women in the Arts and the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. Living Classrooms, Arlington

House and the LAMB school each received an additional \$20,000 for the high percentage of votes that came from various social media.

Social media were the only way people could vote in the contest, which was co-sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. That distressed Alexandria reader Carol Cooke, who wrote to me that she found it "ironic that an organization whose mission is to prevent the destruction of the past in the name of what is 'new' would so cavalierly dismiss the value and input of those of us who linger a little longer in the past."

Last week, I asked the trust's president, Stephanie Weeks, about that. "The National Trust and organizations that represent the sites in this year's competition are in an interesting place," she said. "We're working hard to continue to communicate and cultivate a traditional base, but that base is getting older. We have to be testing new tools and strategies for bringing membership along!"

Americans in the 25-to-35-year-old range have not developed strong associations with nonprofits, Stephanie said. "We see Partners in Preservation and social media as one of the ways of being able to reach out to that group. We're trying to keep a foot in both camps."

Joy said that during the contest, Facebook likes for the Woodson House went from five to 2,000, coming from as far away as Italy and South Africa. Her hope is that they can be converted into something more tangible, such as financial donations.

Even if you didn't vote — even if you don't donate money — may not resolve to take the time this summer to visit some of the lesser-known of these two-dozen historic places? It's easy to forget the Greenbelt Theatre in an area that has Ford's Theatre. It's easy to bypass the National Museum of Women in the Arts in a town that has the National Gallery of Art. Our area is full of hidden gems that should be hidden no more.

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### THE DISTRICT

## Council nears decision requiring small firm health insurance

Groups debate whether a mandate is needed for marketplace to succeed

BY ELLIEN DEBONIS

The D.C. Council could decide as soon as next week whether to require small-business owners to purchase their employee health insurance through a city-run exchange, highlighting a special implication of the federal health-care overhaul that has been strongly opposed by some business interests.

Council member Evette M. Alexander (D-Ward 7) said she planned to introduce emergency legislation to be taken up at a May 23 meeting authorizing key policy aspects of the city's health insurance exchange, which is set to open Oct. 1.

Exchanges are a key feature of the federal health overhaul enacted in 2010, under which states were required to create their own centralized electronic marketplaces or participate in a federally designed exchange.

The District has been aggressive in developing and testing its own exchange, even though the city is relatively small and boasts a relatively high rate of insurance coverage. Those facts have officials involved in setting up the exchange fearful that it could fail unless lawmakers move to require the use of the exchange for individuals and businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

At a hearing Monday at the John A. Wilson Building, dozens of witnesses debated whether the "closed" or "unified" small-business market is necessary to ensure the D.C. exchange's success.

Several representatives from insurance groups and other business concerns urged the council to extend the transition period from an open market to a closed exchange from one year to as many as three. They also asked the council to require an independent study of the District's health insurance market under the new exchange before requiring insurance buyers to use it.

"You can't guess at the outset how it's going to work out," said Wayne McCown, executive director of the D.C. Insurance Federation, who said the one-year transition currently proposed by the exchange authority and supported by Mayor Vincent C. Gray (D) is too short to determine whether the exchange will be effective.

But Alice M. Rivlin, a former presidential budget director who is now a Brookings Institution fellow, testified that the city's "small and highly concentrated"

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### MARYLAND

## High interest in Prince George's

BY OVIETA WIGGINS

About 160 Prince George's County residents have applied for appointment to four newly created positions on the Board of Education, county officials said Monday.

The positions are the result of a law that takes effect June 1 that expands the nine-member elected board and gives County Executive Rushern L. Baker III (D) the power to select the new schools chief.

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**VOLUNTEER MARYLAND  
SERVICE SITE PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION - CONTINUATION  
2014 - 2015**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Please type all requested information in 12 point font or larger.
2. Answer all questions completely and in the order and format in which they appear. If you would like to receive the application as a Word document, please email your request to [volunteer.maryland@maryland.gov](mailto:volunteer.maryland@maryland.gov). You may also find this at [www.volunteermaryland.org](http://www.volunteermaryland.org).
3. Be sure to include all requested signatures and materials. The complete application packet includes:
  - a) **Narrative and Organizational Chart:** 1 signed original and 5 signed copies of the application narrative and organizational chart (to include position titles and names),
  - b) **Budget:** 1 copy of your current fiscal year operating budget (to include revenue and expenditures), and
  - c) **Financial Statement:** 1 copy of your agency's most recent audit report, 990 form, Profit and Loss Statement, or other statement of financial position.
4. Please provide two-sided copies of your application packet and **staple each narrative and organizational chart together**. Do not bind them or enclose them in pocket folders.
5. All application packets must arrive **no later than 5:00 pm on February 21, 2014**. Send to:

Volunteer Maryland  
301 West Preston Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410-767-6203 (phone)

6. Volunteer Maryland does not accept Service Site applications via fax or email.

**THREE TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR APPLICATION**

- Be sure to explain any agency jargon or acronyms.
- Have someone read your application who has not been involved in developing it. Can they explain the “who, what, where, when, why?” of your project after reading it?
- Remember: Reviewers may not know anything about your agency or proposed volunteer program prior to reading your application. Please help the reviewers fully assess your application by being as clear and complete as possible.

**VOLUNTEER MARYLAND  
SERVICE SITE PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION - Continuation  
2014 - 2015**

**Submission Deadline: February 21, 2014**

The purposes of the site partnership application are to determine an agency's eligibility to partner with Volunteer Maryland (VM), assess the feasibility of the proposed volunteer program within the VM program model, define the scope of the partnership, and determine the role of the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator (VMC) at the partner agency (Service Site).

Before you complete this application, be sure to review all available site application development documents at [www.volunteermaryland.org](http://www.volunteermaryland.org). Here you will find application instructions along with examples of community need statements and direct service activities that apply to VM's program model.

**1. Applicant Information**

Name of Organization/Legal Applicant:	Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS)
Street Address:	P.O. Box 1841
City/State/Zip:	Greenbelt, MD 20768
County:	Prince George's
Main Telephone:	301-458-0241
Main Fax:	
Web Page:	<a href="http://www.chears.org">www.chears.org</a>
Facebook Page (if applicable):	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/chearsorg">https://www.facebook.com/chearsorg</a>
Twitter Handle (if applicable):	<a href="https://twitter.com/chearsorg">https://twitter.com/chearsorg</a>
Legal Applicant Federal I.D. Number:	06-1767460
State Legislative District:	22
U.S. Congressional District:	District 5
Executive Director:	Kimberly L. Walsh
Executive Director's Telephone:	301-458-0241
Name of Application Writer/Initial Contact:	Kimberly L. Walsh
Contact's Title:	Executive Director
Contact's Telephone:	301-458-0241
Contact's Email:	<a href="mailto:kim@chears.org">kim@chears.org</a>
Name of Site Supervisor for Volunteer Maryland Coordinator:	Kimberly L. Walsh Luisa Robles
Site Supervisor's Title:	Executive Director Sustainability Coordinator of Greenbelt Public Works
Site Supervisor's Telephone:	301-458-0241 301-474-8004

Site Supervisor's Email:	kim@chears.org lrobes@greenbeltmd.gov
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**Type of Organization: (all VM Service Sites must be one of the following)**

\* Government agency (*specify only one type*):

Federal     State     County     City     School

OR

\* Nonprofit (501c3) (*specify only one type*):

Local     State     National     International

**2. Cash Match for 2014 - 2015: (please select only one)**

Organization/Legal Applicant's

<i><b>Total Operating Budget</b></i>	<i><b>Amount of Cash Match</b></i>
\$100,000 or less	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$4,750
\$100,001 - \$300,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,750
\$300,001 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6,750
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7,750
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8,750
\$2,000,001 or more	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9,750

The cash match is due in full on **September 30, 2014**.

PLEASE NOTE: If the cash match is paid from federal funds, the Service Site must provide all of the following:

The name of the federal agency \_\_\_\_\_

The federal agency grant or contract number \_\_\_\_\_

The CFDA number (or n/a if a contract) \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation that the federal agency approved the use of its funds as match for AmeriCorps.

*(Attach to application or provide with cash match.)*

**3. History with Volunteer Maryland and AmeriCorps**

Is your organization a past Volunteer Maryland Service Site?	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes/year(s)	2012-2013
Is your organization a current Volunteer Maryland Service Site?	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	2013-2014
Has your organization been a Service/Host Site for any other AmeriCorps program(s)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	

If yes, what program(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Volunteer Maryland?	<input type="checkbox"/> VM Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current or former VM Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Networking and Information Session	<input type="checkbox"/> Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Current or former VM Service Site

**4. Agency Overview**

**What is your agency's mission? When was your agency founded?**

CHEARS is a 501(c)3 non-profit founded in 2006 with a mission of restoring and promoting the health of all life in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed through arts, education and action projects organized & implemented by volunteers.

The following statements describe the goals of the organization.

Goal 1: "To restore, steward, and enhance the physical health of our Chesapeake Watershed, in its multiple dimensions, as expressed by its diversity of air, land, water, plants, animals, and natural and managed ecosystems."

Goal 2: "To share knowledge of our watershed, with education projects that effectively engage us in learning about our diverse bioregion."

Goal 3: "To foster artistic expression related to our watershed's human, natural and environmental issues."

Goal 4: "To engage in research directed towards innovative problem solving in stewardship of our bioregion and planet."

Goal 5: "To work towards creating a sustainable, equitable, and nurturing society within our bioregion, recognizing our linkages in space between rural, suburban and urban life--and in time between our bioregion's past, current and future generations. We seek to foster egalitarian modes of organization to achieve our goals, promoting community among our members."

**What are your current programs and services?**

CHEARS currently has nine active inter-related projects. They include:

- 1) Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens & Food Forests
- 2) Greenbelt Green Man Festival
- 3) Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN)
- 4) Stone Soup/ Harvest Festival
- 5) Permaculture Education
- 6) Chestory: Center for the Chesapeake Story
- 7) CHEL: Chesapeake Environmental Literacy
- 8) Home Salons: Environmental Films, Potluck & Discussion



9) Forest Stewardship Project: Providing knowledge and care of our remnant woods

**How are direct service volunteers currently involved in fulfilling your mission and providing your programs and services?**

All of the projects are organized & implemented by volunteer project coordinators. Each project coordinator recruits volunteers and collaborates with other agencies such as the City of Greenbelt Public Works, City of Greenbelt Parks and Recreation, Greenbelt Middle School, University of Maryland, Forested Inc, Concerned Citizens to Restore Indian Creek, Calvert Marine Museum, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, alight dance theater, and other community based organizations that have a similar mission of environmental literacy education, earth stewardship and media and performance arts. Half of the projects are on-going throughout the year and the other half are once a year community events. Many of the volunteers work with each other to mutually support project implementation by coordinating event dates and locations. All volunteer project coordinators hold other forms of employment, both full and part time throughout the DC Metro area and in southern MD.

**The VMC will work in which program(s) or service(s)?**

The VMC will work with both CHEARS and the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department. The first section consists of CHEARS projects, which most take place on City property managed by the Department of Public Works.

All of CHEARS projects are administered/organized by volunteer project coordinators. The project coordinators work with each other on scheduling event dates/times and integrate the other project's topics into their activities. This blended approach leads to many of the project volunteers assisting each other in coordination and educational programming efforts. Since we are a small organization, the VMC will work directly with all of the project coordinators to assist in creating an organization-wide volunteer program. The following is a short description of specific duties for each of the projects.

- 1) Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens & Food Forests - volunteer coordination of workshop topics on seed starting, biointensive gardening, forest gardening, water quality monitoring, permaculture design, invasive removal, vertical growing and more take place at all three garden sites in Greenbelt, MD. Continuing the work of the VMC predecessor in building a core group of garden volunteers that collaboratively manages the three sites, as a whole. Workshops are free and open to the public and service opportunities for learning and maintenance days are coordinated in formal partnerships with the University of Maryland, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School, as well as open community service days for seniors, families and community members at large.
- 2) Permaculture Education-this course spans the duration of 8 months with six intensive weekends and geared toward homeowners in designing edible landscapes for their personal residences. It also incorporates the organic land care standards created by the Northeast Organic Farm Association (NOFA). Volunteer coordination of set-up/clean-up and organization of materials and communications.
- 3) Green Man Festival is an annual Spring celebration of local music, crafts, and arts featuring educational workshops in the gardens behind the Greenbelt Community Center and information about energy alternatives. Volunteer coordination of assisting music stage set-up, performance support, informational tables and activities geared toward children.
- 4) Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) – educational events connected to creating a more resilient community through presentations on climate change, films, discussion circles on voluntary simplicity and ecological economics. Volunteer coordination of tabling events,

attendance collection at presentations and discussion circles.

- 5) Other events are tabling at symposiums, conferences, and outdoor gatherings throughout the year, volunteer outreach throughout the Chesapeake bioregion network.

**City of Greenbelt Public Works Department-Forest Stewardship & Stormwater Management**

This is a continuation of the development of a Master Plan for Greenbelt City Trees with assistance from citizen science volunteers. The main goal of the Forest Stewardship Project is to assist the City of Greenbelt in creating a comprehensive tree inventory while citizens/volunteers gain experience in tree identification and knowledge of forest ecosystems and health. In true Greenbelt fashion, where social and environmental stewardship are one in the same, the volunteers who are part of this program must make a commitment to attend orientation and field data trainings. This grassroots approach to data collection not only educates the volunteer participants but also engages them in the task of collecting accurate data, which will be used along with the overhead geospatial mapping technology. Learning will extend beyond basic tree knowledge, it will also touch on local watershed issues such as stormwater runoff, stream restoration, water quality monitoring, air pollution, urban heat traps, and development policies. This data collection, assessment and analysis of the environmental health of Greenbelt's forests is the first step in informing residents and policy makers to make long-term decisions that will go beyond generations.

**Does your agency currently have general liability insurance for its volunteers? (This is a VM partnership requirement.)**

  X   yes             no

**5. First Year Highlights and Continuation Goals**

**Please provide a description of the progress made during the current partnership year and your goals for a second, continuation partnership.**

In our current partnership year, Alex Palmer, has continued to cultivate the formalized partnerships that Kristen Wharton, 2012-2013 VMC coordinated. He completed the volunteer coordination of the Street Tree Inventory with twenty-five repeat volunteers, who documented and geolocated 2,764 trees in October-November 2013. He also facilitated ten University of Maryland freshman students to complete their service work with Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens and Food Forests sites along with a community partnership event with Community Forklift, titled *Upcycle Your Life: Linking Health to Food*. In February 2014, he organized two successful Beaver Tree Protection workshops with 50+ volunteers and provided volunteer orientations. Recently, he presented at a Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to formalize a partnership for students to complete their service hours with CHEARS and Greenbelt Public Works. Alex has also met with existing volunteer project coordinators of the Greenman Festival, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, and Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens to assist with volunteer recruitment and coordination.

The goals for continuation is to develop a master plan for sustaining volunteer coordination, evaluation, and to generate data that can be used to inform the public of the impact of their volunteer time and efforts. The collective impact on environmental health as well as a change in social behavior and attitudes will influence local government officials to see the importance of volunteer coordination as a key element in civic engagement and community investment.

**What were the program challenges? What is the plan to overcome them?**

Since this is our second year with Volunteer Maryland, there are no program challenges to date.

**How will a second VM partnership continue to build your organizational capacity to recruit and manage community volunteers?**

The continuation of the VM partnership would support both agencies to develop formalized partnerships with schools, after school groups, universities, corporations, and non-profits within our communities, linking our common goals and build upon the foundation that was started by Kristen Wharton. This will aid us in sustaining volunteer engagement, evaluation and generate new volunteer membership.

**6. Volunteer Program Focus Area and Performance Measures**

Each Volunteer Maryland Service Site must address one or more of the AmeriCorps focus areas (disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families). *Priority will be given to Service Sites that address the areas of economic opportunity, education, and healthy futures.* Though the proposed volunteer program may work across multiple issues, provide a variety of services, and/or serve a number of different client groups, volunteer activity must work toward at least one of the focus area performance measures below.

Select the focus area(s) and performance measure(s) that your agency’s volunteer program will address and *fill in the sections for anticipated number and measurement tool.*

Please note that *outputs and outcomes that are provided may not be altered* from the language specified in the performance measures. You must determine the anticipated number and the measurement tool. If the outcome is to be developed by the Service Site, please include an outcome that aligns with the output that is provided.

**PRIORITY Focus Area: Economic Opportunity**

<b>Output:</b>	# of economically disadvantaged individuals, including homeless individuals, receiving housing services
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	# of economically disadvantaged individuals, including homeless individuals, transitioned into safe, healthy, affordable housing
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	

**PRIORITY Focus Area: Education**

<b>Output:</b>	# of students that completed participation in K-12 education programs (includes tutoring programs)
Anticipated Number:	100
Measurement Tool:	Sign-up Sheet
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	# of students with improved academic performance in literacy and/or math
Anticipated Number:	75
Measurement Tool:	Evaluation Survey

**PRIORITY Focus Area: Healthy Futures** (Select and complete at least one of the three measures.)

**Measure #1:**

**Output:** # of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities receiving food, transportation, or other services that allow them to live independently

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

**Intermediate Outcome:** # of homebound or older adults and individuals with disabilities who reported having increased social ties/perceived social support

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

**Measure #2:**

**Output:** # of individuals receiving emergency food from food banks, food pantries, or other nonprofit organizations

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

**Intermediate Outcome:** # of individuals that reported increased food security of themselves and their children

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

**Measure #3:**

**Output:** # of individuals receiving support, services, education, and/or referrals to alleviate long-term hunger

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

**Intermediate Outcome:** # of individuals that reported increased food security of themselves and their children

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

**Focus Area: Environmental Stewardship** (Select and complete at least one of the two measures.)

**Measure #1:**

**Output:** # of acres of national parks, state parks, city parks, county parks, or other public and tribal lands that are improved.

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

**Intermediate Outcome:** (developed by Service Site)

Anticipated Number:

Measurement Tool:

25 acres

GIS Mapping

15 acres

GIS Mapping

**Measure #2:**

<b>Output:</b>	# of miles of trails or waterways (owned/maintained by national, state, county, city, or tribal governments) that are improved and/or created
Anticipated Number:	5 acres
Measurement Tool:	GIS Mapping
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	(developed by Service Site)
Anticipated Number:	3 acres
Measurement Tool:	GIS Mapping

**Focus Area: Disaster Services**

<b>Output:</b>	# of individuals that received support in disaster preparedness, response, recovery, or mitigation
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	(developed by Service Site)
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	

**Focus Area: Veterans and Military Families** (Select and complete at least one of the three measures.)

**Measure #1:**

<b>Output:</b>	# of veterans that received assistance
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	(developed by Service Site)
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	

**Measure #2:**

<b>Output:</b>	# of veterans' family members that received assistance
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	(developed by Service Site)
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	

**Measure #3:**

<b>Output:</b>	# of active duty military service members that received assistance
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b>	(developed by Service Site)
Anticipated Number:	
Measurement Tool:	

## **7. Community Need**

**Site applicants must demonstrate a clear and demonstrable community and client need for direct service volunteers and the VM partnership. The community need must address the AmeriCorps priority focus area(s) selected above (economic opportunity, education, healthy futures) and be cited from local, state, or national sources. Check out the site application development documents at [www.volunteermaryland.org](http://www.volunteermaryland.org) to help you fully answer this question.**

### **Education Community Need Statement:**

Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHL) is a comprehensive Title I funded school that serves 687 students in grades K-5 with 85% of the student population receiving free or reduced meals for breakfast and lunch. More than ninety-percent of students are able to walk to school. Major components of the population include students in the Comprehensive Special Education Program (CSEP), Community Reference Instructional (CRI) Program, ESOL. The student body consists of 52% African American, 43 % Hispanic, 30% ESOL, and 22% of Special Education students. SHL for school year 2010-2011 did not meet the Adequate Yearly Progress. Currently, the school has been placed in Year 2 of School Improvement. (Source: Prince George's County Public Schools Executive Summary, Springhill Lake Elementary School, School Improvement Plan; 2011– 2012).

CHEARS and Greenbelt Public Works aim to work with students, providing service-learning opportunities in environmental literacy education. Our joint collaborative purpose is to utilize the Three Sisters Demonstration Garden and Food Forest sites and parks (Buddy Attick and Schrom Hills), located on public lands as outdoor classrooms for science education and environmental stewardship focused on natural resource management, plant and soil biology, organic sustainable agriculture, agroforestry, and landscape design. Other public schools that we have worked with or outreached to are Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School, and Greenbelt Elementary School.

### **Environmental Stewardship Community Need Statement:**

In 2010, the Federal government required states to meet new standards under the Clean Water Act to address stormwater runoff pollution from impervious areas such as rooftops, sidewalks, driveways, roadways, and parking lots. To meet this mandate, Maryland's governor signed a law in 2012 requiring nine Maryland counties and the City of Baltimore to collect a fee from property owners to implement a program to help clean up stormwater runoff pollution from impervious areas. In 2013, in response to this mandate, the Prince George's County Council passed two pieces of legislation. The **FIRST BILL** is an act that establishes a Clean Water Program, as required by state law; and provides for the setting, collection, and deposit of a Clean Water Act Fee into a local fund. (Source: Prince George's County Government [Website](#), 2014).

CHEARS and Public Works aim to engage local residents to volunteer on stream and wetland restoration projects as well as outreach and educate about stormwater best practices, such as planting rain gardens and trees, installing rain barrels and cisterns and restoring meadows and stream banks along with an annual streets to streams trash pick-up.

**What is the *critical unmet need in your community* or client population that will be addressed by direct service volunteers during the VM partnership year? This question applies to the community you serve—not your internal organizational need for volunteers or a volunteer program. To answer this question, summarize or quote relevant demographic data or other research to support your community need; be sure to cite your sources. Please be specific about**

the need itself (e.g., the number of children at your school reading below grade level or the number of homeless individuals in your county) and about how the need was determined (e.g., test scores, surveys, or focus groups).

## **8. Volunteer Service**

**Below, please fully describe the types of volunteer services and number of volunteers that apply to the VM application and partnership. Please answer each question fully.**

- (a) Types of Volunteer Service(s): Describe the *service activities* the volunteers will perform in order to address the community need you identified above. Please be specific and remember that volunteers recruited by the VMC are prohibited from political advocacy, religious instruction, and certain types of fund raising. For example, “volunteers will tutor students in grades six and seven in reading skills in an after-school program three days each week...”**

### On-going Project Service Activities

- Volunteers meet, design and plan out the crop succession, order seeds, and plan workshop topics.
- Volunteers instruct on organic gardening and bay-friendly practices connected to rain water harvesting (stormwater management) by providing community workshops.
- Volunteers plant, maintain, & harvest, from the gardens and provide educational tours.
- Volunteers attend other workshops and programs (Prince George’s County Master Gardener’s Program, Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick, ect) to learn best practices and organic land care standards and network throughout the Chesapeake bioregion.
- Volunteers participate in annual stream clean up & water-quality monitoring workshops.
- Volunteers plant trees and organize community celebrations with schools, City and other non-profits.
- Volunteers work with teachers and students to organize garden performance art events.
- Volunteers work with GIS professionals and PW staff to collect data on the following points (Significant Trees, Adopt a Tree, Adopt a Bench) to add to the Master Plan for Greenbelt City Trees using a mobile device.
- Volunteers work with GIS professionals and PW staff to collect data on citywide stormwater management practices on the following points (rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, green roofs, green streets of pervious pavers, newly planted trees, and restoration areas).
- Volunteers work with GIS professionals and PW staff to collect data on citywide transportation options on the following points (bus stops, hiker/biker trails, and sidewalks).

### Episodic Service Activities

- Volunteers assist vendors to set-up tents for Green Man Festival.
- Volunteers table at the Labor Day Festival to provide information about recycling practices
- Volunteers meet with volunteer project coordinators for information on special events.

- (b) Number of Volunteers: If applicable, how many existing volunteers do you have performing these types of volunteer services? How many new volunteers are needed for each activity proposed? What is the total number of new volunteers needed? Will the VMC manage all existing volunteers? If not, who will manage these volunteers?**

For CHEARS projects, we have ten core volunteer project coordinators who need support in igniting new interest of taking a leadership role within each of the projects. Through the work of the former



VMCs, we have formalized annual volunteer partnerships: (1) University of Maryland Integrated Life Sciences Program; (2) Greenbelt Middle School; (3) CampFire USA; and (4) community members passing by on an event day.

There are three sites (Shrom Hills Park, Greenbelt Community Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center) in Greenbelt with the gardens that need 12-15 core volunteers to coordinate the various events and activities at each of the sites from March-November. In the last five years, people and youth show up for a one time volunteer event, usually associated with a workshop, festival, and community service. Our challenge has been maintaining the gardens on a weekly basis with limited volunteers. The VMC would manage all the volunteers, which totals to 20 for CHEARS projects.

For Public Works projects of Forest Stewardship and Stormwater Management, volunteers will work with existing staff. Currently, there are three volunteers working on these projects and the VMC will be responsible to recruit and train volunteers (30 total) on using the mobile device app to collect data on city trees and stormwater management practices. A partnership with University of Maryland students, who earn credit or service learning points, will continue since it was a success this past fall. The volunteers for these projects are episodic with the intent of creating a leadership position for a returning community volunteer.

#### **9. Key Players**

**Of the staff members identified on your organizational chart, who will work most closely with the VMC? What roles and responsibilities will these key players have in supporting the development of the volunteer program? It is likely that these staff members will be asked to attend the Volunteer Maryland site visit.**

Luisa Robles, Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator of Greenbelt Public Works, and Kimberly Walsh, Executive Director of CHEARS, will co-supervise and check-in weekly with the work of the VMC as well as attend joint training sessions. Since many of the projects are collaborative and take place on City managed properties, both supervisors will provide guidance in program development and will focus our third year partnership on evaluation and generating an analysis of the data collected by volunteers as well as report on the impact of volunteers on environmental stewardship measures and for the City of Greenbelt.

Brian Townsend (Horticultural Supervisor at Public Works) and Jim Sterling (Assistant Director of Public Works) will work with the VMC on specific events and technical aspects of the Forest Stewardship and Stormwater Management projects to integrate volunteer assistance in data collection. CHEARS key volunteer mentors, Margaret Cahalan & Lucy Duff, (project coordinators of Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens), Lore Rosenthal (project coordinator of GCAN) will also work in co-organizing event specific volunteer meetings.

**PLEASE NOTE: Per AmeriCorps regulations, the designated Site Supervisor must undergo a National Sex Offender Public Registry Check and State Criminal Registry Check. If the Site Supervisor has recurring access to vulnerable populations, s/he must also undergo a national search by submitting fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Verification of the completed background check is required as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between Volunteer Maryland and the Service Site. If these checks have not been previously conducted by the Service Site, Volunteer Maryland will cover the cost of the screenings.**

**10. Volunteer Program Budget**

Please complete the chart below. Indicate estimated amounts for the volunteer program and if the items will be cash or in-kind contributions.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cash or In-kind?</i>
<b>Volunteer training supplies</b>	\$300	Cash & In-kind
<b>Postage</b>	\$100	Cash
<b>Printing</b>	\$200	Cash & In-kind
<b>Recognition materials/events</b>	\$200	Cash & In-kind
<b>Other</b>	\$200	

*For the in-kind items you indicated, will the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator be responsible for obtaining these donations? If not, who will have that responsibility?*

Yes, the VMC will be responsible for in-kind food donations from local businesses for volunteer events. Kimberly Walsh, Executive Director of CHEARS, will take responsibility for obtaining in-kind donations of printing and recognition materials/events.

**Coordinator Parking and Mileage**

**The Volunteer Maryland Coordinator will need access to free or reimbursed parking while on-site. Volunteer Maryland requires that the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator be reimbursed for travel costs incurred for site-related travel (i.e. travels to volunteer fairs or multiple sites). There is no set amount for this item, but should reflect the anticipated amount of travel expected for the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator. This must be cash, not in-kind.**

On-Site Parking is FREE and VMC will have access to Public Works vehicles for site specific travel to the garden plots and forest parcel areas.

*Reimbursed (indicate monthly cost) \$*  
*Site –Related Travel Cost Reimbursement Amount \$*

**11. Coordinator Work Space Requirement**

**Volunteer Maryland Coordinators will need a professional space to do their work. This space needs to include a computer with access to the Internet to post volunteer opportunities and communicate with Volunteer Maryland to submit reports. Please verify that your organization will be able to provide the following:**

The VMC will have access to all the items below.  
 (Desk    (Computer    (Phone  
 (Internet access    (Printer Access

**12. Partnership Application Signatures**

**In submitting this partnership application to become a Volunteer Maryland (VM) Service Site, we attest that all information provided is true to the best of our knowledge.**

Signature of Legal Applicant Director

Date

Signature of the Site Partnership Application Writer

Date

Signature of the Service Site Supervisors

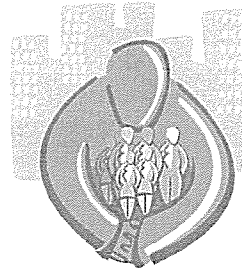
Date

*Thank you for applying to become a Volunteer Maryland Service Site!*

## CITY NOTES

### Greenbelt CARES

Week Ending February 28



Judye Hering met with students from Dr. Carolyn Molden Fink's Disability and Community course on Thursday, February 20 and gave a presentation describing the services provided by the vocational/educational program. Students will use experiential learning to better understand coping skills and strategies in overcoming a variety of disabilities, leading towards a better life. Students are required to perform community service and CARES is one of the selected agencies from which to choose.

On Monday, Christal Batey participated in the White House Affordable Care Act Local Government Affordable Care Act Teleconference on behalf of Mayor Jordan. The conference call, in which the President participated, was geared toward assisting municipal government leaders in enrolling their citizens in a health care plan by March 31, 2014 with March 8, 2014 being a Day of Action. The Day of Action is a national effort for municipalities to hold enrollment events to help uninsured Americans enroll in some form of health insurance. The GAIL Program held one event on February 20, 2014 and is scheduled to hold a second event on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 with an emphasis on the Medicaid expansion.

Judye Hering began teaching the ESOL program for the parents of students attending Springhill Lake Elementary School on Tuesday. Adult students are learning English grammar, pronunciation, reading and vocabulary words. The goal of the program is to help these new language learners learn English so they can navigate the school system and improve their daily lives.

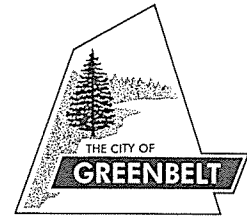
On Tuesday, Rosalind Ceasar, Staff Liaison, attended ACE's regular meeting. One of the main topics for discussion was planning for the annual ACE Educator Awards which will be held next month.

Liz Park and Shireen Blair attended the LGIT seminar on Workplace Harassment.

Liz Park met with a graduate student from George Washington University's Program in Rehabilitative Counseling for a class project regarding Community based agencies.

# WEEKLY REPORT

Planning and Community Development  
Week Ending: Friday, February 28, 2014



*The following items highlight the various activities of the staff of Planning and Community Development for the past week.*

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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<b>Commercial Properties:</b>	<i>Greenway Shopping Center, Golden Triangle, Hanover Office Park, and Walker Drive were annually inspected.</i>
<b>Rental Property:</b>	<i>Nine rental properties were annually inspected; and Two rental properties were re-inspected.</i>
<b>Apartments:</b>	<i>Annual Inspection of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station continued.</i>
<b>Permits:</b>	<i>Eight permits were issued – five new townhouse, two commercial interior alteration and one commercial electrical.</i>
<b>Complaints:</b>	<i>Two complaints were logged – stagnant water at patio, severe mold, holes in ceiling in dining room area, and water comes into unit from patio door; and One complaint was re-inspected.</i>
<b>Animal Control:</b>	<i>Two cats and one dog were adopted; One dog found running at large; A bat was taken to the County for possible rabies exposure; and Two ferrets were found bagged and thrown in a dumpster - both are thin but healthy and currently housed at the shelter.</i>
<b>Alarms:</b>	<i>Twelve alarm renewal notices sent; Four alarm licenses issued; and Two alarm fines were collected.</i>
<b>Planning Projects:</b>	<i>Reviewed sign permits for Beltway Plaza and raised questions to the County as to whether permits should have been issued for signs attached to a parking lot structure; Responded to zoning inquiries; Reviewed County legislation; Worked to address billing issues with Beltsville Veterinary Hospital; Worked on easement documents for Community Center Program Open Space HVAC project; Worked on APB referral on signage for the East Coast Greenway bike route through the city;</i>

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**02/28/2014**  
**P&CD WEEKLY REPORT CONT...**

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*Continue progress on South Core details with the developer, including development review on the multifamily component; Posted finalized Greenbelt Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan Version 1.0 to the city's website; and Review of updated bicycle lane markings to share with Public Works for possible spring improvements.*

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*Meetings: Staff Met With:  
City Solicitor to discuss municipal infractions for Roosevelt Center associated with roof leak issues.  
Staff Attended:  
Advisory Planning Board meeting.*

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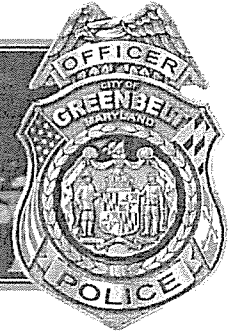
*Other Items of Interest: Updated foreclosure data report;  
Issued municipal infraction to Franklin Park regarding housing complaints; and  
Issued violation notices for ten suites at 7525 Greenway Center Drive for failure to submit annual commercial fees.*

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*Training: Webinar: "Using Crosswalk Laws as a Framework for Pedestrian Safety;" and  
Webinar: "We Are Traffic: Creating Robust Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Programs."*

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# GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT



## CRIME REPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2014

This activity report is provided as a public service to the community. It is intended to give an overview of the criminal activity within Greenbelt and is not a complete listing of all events and crime reported to the Greenbelt Police Department. The Weekly Activity Report is also available online at:

[www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)

The Greenbelt Police Department and Crime Solvers are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for any of the unsolved crimes reported in this report. Call 1-866-411-TIPS to report any information you may have. You can remain anonymous.

Additionally, you can anonymously report suspected drug activity in your neighborhood by calling our Drug Tip Line: 240-542-2145.

### CENTER CITY

02/21	6300 block Ivy Lane. Theft. Unknown person(s) removed money from an office suite.
8:00 A.M.	

02/23	7800 block Kenilworth Avenue. DWI/DUI arrest. Bernardo Gonzalez Hernandez, 46, of Riverdale Park, MD was arrested and charged with Driving While Impaired by Alcohol and other traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.
11:30 P.M.	

### FRANKLIN PARK/BELTWAY PLAZA/GREENBELT METRO/CAPITOL OFFICE PARK

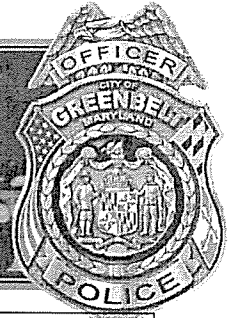
02/22	6000 block Greenbelt Road. Theft. Unknown person(s) took an unattended cell phone from Laundromat at Beltway Plaza.
3:00 P.M.	



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# GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT



02/22 8:27 P.M.	6000 block Greenbelt Road. Robbery. The victim advised that he was assisting costumers at GameStop when the suspect entered the store, produced a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money the suspect exited the store and fled the area on the back of a motorcycle driven by a second suspect, no description given. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10", 140 pounds, wearing a grey jacket with a dragon logo on it, a grey and purple helmet and gloves.
02/23 10:50 A.M.	9220 Springhill Lane. Theft. An unattended cell phone was taken at the Franklin Square Laundromat. A witness described the suspects as two black males, each 14 to 17 years of age, 120 to 140 pounds, 5'5" to 5'7", no further.
02/23 5:15 P.M.	6224 Greenbelt Road. Theft. Unknown person(s) took money from an unattended purse at the Popeye's Restaurant.
02/21 8:14 A.M.	6400 block Capitol Drive. DWI/DUI arrest. Andre Patrick Williams, Jr., 23, of Springdale, MD was arrested and charged with Driving While Impaired by Alcohol and other traffic-related charges as a result of an accident investigation. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.
02/25 11:10 A.M.	6100 block Breezewood Court. Trespass arrest. Richard Nathaniel Williams. 22, of Baltimore, MD was arrested and charged with Trespass during a suspicious person investigation. The suspect had been previously banned from the complex by agents of the property. A computer check also revealed that the suspect had an open warrant with the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department. The suspect was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

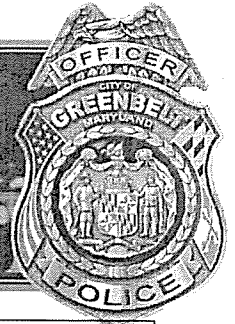
## GREENBELT EAST/GREENWAY SHOPPING CENTER

02/20 7:18 P.M.	7500 block Greenbelt Road. Possession of marijuana arrest. Tommy Lowery, 34, of Lanham, MD was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana during an assault investigation. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.
02/21 2:55 A.M.	Area of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive. DWI/DUI arrest. Luis Angel Martinez, 33, of Greenbelt was arrested and charged with Driving While Impaired by Alcohol and other traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.



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# GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT



02/21 2:36 P.M.	7500 block Greenbelt Road. Possession of marijuana arrest. Aaron Michael Mengle, 21, of Greenbelt was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana during a suspicious person investigation. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.
02/21 11:00 A.M.	7601 Hanover Parkway. Theft, Unknown person(s) took an iPhone from a book bag at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.
02/23 1:00 P.M.	6600 block Springcrest Drive. Burglary. Unknown person(s) entered the residence by forcing open the basement window. A television, an iPad, a .22 rifle and a bb-type rifle were among the items taken.
02/23 6:29 P.M.	7300 block Hanover Parkway. Three medical offices were broken into. Nothing appears to have been taken.
02/25 1:30 P.M.	7601 Hanover Parkway. Assault arrest. A 17 year old Greenbelt youth was arrested for Second Degree Assault after he allegedly punched another student at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

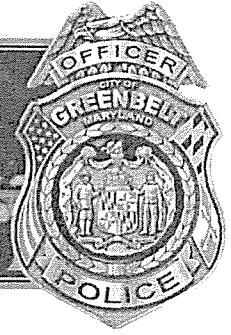
## Automotive Crime - City Wide

02/21	7600 block Mandan Road. Theft from auto. A portable GPS unit was taken from a vehicle.
02/24	8200 block Mandan Court. Theft of auto. A black 2012 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags 026990T.
02/24	6900 block Hanover Parkway. Theft from auto. Unknown person(s) removed gas from a vehicle's gas tank, damaging the gas tank in the process.



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## CRIME REPORT TALLY SHEET

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2014

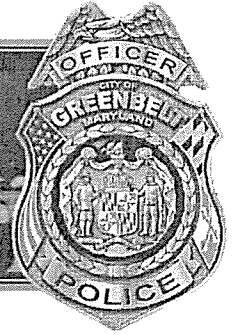
The following list is comprised of the actual numbers of offenses reported during the week. Not all reports are included as narratives, only incidents of interest, unusual or public safety related items are included.

<u>GENERAL CRIMES</u>		<u>GENERAL CRIMES (CON'T)</u>	
Carjacking		Animal Bite	
Rape		Disruption of School Activities	
Armed Robbery	1	Transporting a Handgun in a Vehicle	
Attempt Armed Robbery		Reckless Endangerment	
Strong Armed Robbery		Emergency Commitment Petition	
Attempt Strong Armed Robbery		Missing Person	
Burglary	3	Fraud	4
Attempt Burglary		Unattended Death	
Assault	1	Alcohol Violation	
Domestic	1	False Report	
Drugs	2	Harassment	
DUI/DWI	3	Field op (suspicious person)	
Theft	5	Notification for other agency	
Vandalism		Sex Offense (Suspect known to victim)	1
Child Abuse		<u>VEHICLE RELATED CRIMES</u>	
Unattended Child		Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespass	1	Recovered Stolen Vehicles	
Disorderly Conduct		Recovered Stolen Tags	
Failure to Obey Lawful Order		Theft From Vehicles	2
Credit Card Offense		Attempt Theft From Vehicles	
Telephone Misuse		Attempt Theft of Vehicle	
Counterfeit Money		Vandalism to Vehicles	
Suspicious Person		Accidents	8



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# **GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT**



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

**12:30 P.M.**

### **COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY**

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking help from the public in identifying the below pictured suspect in connection with a commercial armed robbery which occurred on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 8:29 P.M., in the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road. The suspect entered the GameStop store, produced a black in color revolver with a brown handle and announced a robbery. The subject left the store with cash and an Xbox 1 game player. The suspect fled the scene on the back of a black and silver Kawasaki motorcycle operated by a second unknown suspect and was last seen traveling westbound on Greenbelt Road towards College Park. The subject is described as a black male, 5'10", 140 pounds wearing a gray and purple motorcycle helmet, a gray 'Pink Dolphin' jacket with pink dolphins on the front and a red cross on the back, blue jeans with a red dragon possibly embroidered on the upper rear and black and white tennis shoes. Anyone with information may contact Detective Mark Holden ID at (240) 542-2134, or at [mholden@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:mholden@greenbeltmd.gov).



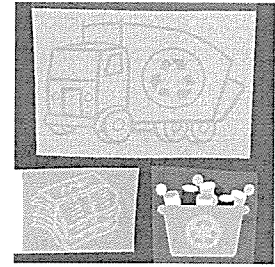
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# *Department of Public Works*

## *Week Ending February 28, 2014*



### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Kenny Hall and Jim Sterling met with the City Treasurer and City Manager regarding the budget.
- Jim Sterling attended the Council meeting regarding the Community Gardens.
- Jim Sterling continued oversight of Pepco Infrastructure work in the right-of-way.
- Jim Sterling met with the developer and GPI inspector regarding storm drain inspections at Greenbelt Station.
- Jim Sterling met with the Garden Club president regarding access to gardens at Gardenway.
- Jim Sterling met with the lighting distributor regarding LED lights in the gym at the Youth Center.

### **STREET MAINTENANCE/SPECIAL DETAILS**

- Set out plates over the Maryland State Highway Association's pot hole on Southway.
- Pushed debris at the Northway Fields compost site.
- Continued to repair pot holes around the city.
- Cleaned storm drains around the city.
- Put up Swim Team banners.
- Cleaned the salt trucks inside and out.
- Prepared salt trucks for the upcoming storm on Monday.
- Assisted the refuse and recycling crew.
- Cleaned up sod that had been pushed by plows throughout the city.
- Installed a new salt spreader on Truck #124.

### **HORTICULTURE/PARKS**

- Assisted with street and sidewalk snow removal.
- Attached the recently purchased stump grinder to the skid steer loader and tested. The grinder has an additional mounting plate for use with the Case backhoe. The unit is ready for service.
- Completed various work requests at city facilities.
- Continued to work on the new wooden sign for the Police Station.
- Installed a new trash can at the 5 Court Gardenway playground.
- Worked on playground maintenance.

### **REFUSE/RECYCLING/SUSTAINABILITY**

- Collected 23.75 tons of refuse and 12.37 tons of recyclable material.
- Attended a Green ACES meeting.
- Attended Volunteer Maryland Coordinator Site Supervisor training day.
- Met with Mike McLaughlin, Jeff Williams, Kenny Hall and Jim Sterling regarding energy and recycling numbers.
- Started working on Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- Attended an “85 Decibels” meeting.

### **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

- Caulked three sinks in the first floor women’s restroom at the Community Center.
- Assisted the contractor running pipes and wires to the new generator at the City Office.
- Replaced the hose on the gas dispenser at the Police Station.
- Repaired the sump pump at the City Office.
- Painted various doors at the Community Center.
- Hung signs at the City Office.
- Inspected the sprinkler system at the City Office.





# **Greenbelt Recreation Department** **Weekly Report**

Week Ending February 28, 2014

## **ADMINISTRATION:**

- Continued work on the FY 2014 and 2015 budgets.
- Attended Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee meeting.
- Continued to work with Prince George's County Public Schools staff on use of the Greenbelt Middle School ball fields.
- Interviews were conducted for the vacant Recreation Coordinator at the Youth Center.

## **YOUTH CENTER/ SPRINGHILL LAKE/PARK RANGERS:**

- Staff met with Springhill Lake Recreation Center staff to review operations, upcoming events and rental groups.
- Flyers were created for upcoming events.
- Permits were processed for rentals at facilities and parks.

## **ARTS:**

- Registration is underway for spring arts programs. Staff are assisting prospective students and preparing work exchange contracts.
- Summer class information was set up in Rec Trac.
- The cast and crew of the Greenbelt Youth Musical have been busy preparing for this Saturday's opening night.
- An Artful Afternoon will take place on Sunday, March 2. Activities will include a gallery reception, printmaking workshop, studio open house, Greenbelt Museum activities and a matinee performance of the youth musical.
- Preparations are underway for the March 4 Arts Advisory Board meeting at which the group will meet with representatives of organizations applying for FY 2015 Recognition Group status.
- Currently on view in the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery: "Intertidal Souls" featuring sculpture and collages by M. Jordan Tierney. This show will continue into April.

## **AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER:**

- GAFC is conducting its annual survey from February 17 – March 2. Paper copies of the survey are available at GAFC, and an e-mail blast was sent to over 1,600 pass holders and class participants with the link to the online survey. The information has also been posted on GAFC's Facebook page and the website.
- Friends School grades 3 and 4 had field trips to GAFC to learn about the science behind the swimming pool.
- Winter session 2 of water exercise classes ended February 28. There will be some make up classes the week of March 3-7. Spring session 1 starts the week of March 10.
- Sent e-mail blasts about GAFC news as well as registration reminders for the spring classes.
- The hot tub received its bi-weekly cleaning.
- Several local churches Warm Nights programs have used GAFC for showers.
- Working with Public Works on repairs to the showers.
- Renting lane space to the University of Maryland Age Group Swim Team.



**COMMUNITY CENTER:**

- The monthly fire drill was conducted.
- There are currently two Center Leader shifts open.
- Tickets for the Winter Youth Musical *Perseus and the Gorgon* are now on sale. Opening night is Saturday.
- Preparations were made for the MPR flooring replacement to take place next week.
- Supervisor assisted colleague with purchasing new shelving for the Senior Lounge.
- Hosted a Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Therapeutic Recreation Branch meeting.
- Camp registration continued.
- Budget preparation continued.
- There were 5 facility permits processed.
- There were 3 private rentals and 13 pattern rentals.
- The following groups received free space: Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Writer's Group, Greenbelt Concert Band, Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, Girl Scouts #2799, Greenbrook Village HOA, Green ACES, Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Labor Day Committee.
- The following City groups received free space: Be Happy, Be Healthy Yoga & Volleyball, CARES, Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee and Advisory Planning Board.

**THERAPEUTIC RECREATION:**

- The MRPA TR Branch meeting was held at the Community Center on Monday. The TR Supervisor (TR Branch Chair-Elect) attended the meeting along with Rebekah Sutfin (incoming Member at Large for TR Branch).
- Met with the City Manager and Treasurer on Tuesday to discuss the FY 2015 TR budget. Staff followed up on the reports requested at that meeting.
- Staff has been planning the summer senior programs and has scheduled a senior planning meeting on Monday, March 3. All summer classes and programs are due in the computer by March 9.
- The Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee met on Wednesday evening. One guest was present and is considering joining the committee.
- The second Ageless Grace class was taught by the TR Supervisor on Friday. The participants all seem to be enjoying the class.
- Explorations Unlimited speakers on Friday were Tony and Cynthia Mead. They presented a slide show on Maryland birds. The photos were mostly taken from their own back yard.
- Another email blast will be going out early next week to advertise the Spring trips that still have openings as well as the Ice Cream Social scheduled for March 14 and the Affordable Care Act program that GAIL and Community Clinic are offering.