



THE GREENBELT BULLETIN



Council Members Silke Pope, Edward Putens, Leta Mach, NLC President Ralph Becker and J Davis accept NLC award for Let's Move!

Greenbelt's Healthy Initiatives

LET'S MOVE!

As a Let's Move! City, the City of Greenbelt has earned five gold medals from the National League of Cities for its accomplishments in five areas aimed at helping young people eat healthy and be physically active.

A couple years ago, the Recreation Department began a program called "Get Active Greenbelt." This program encourages and assists people of all ages to lead a more active lifestyle. Programs such as Family Fit Nights, Active Aging Week for seniors, running clubs and fitness classes for all have proven to be very popular. Also, a focus was placed on summer camps with a health and wellness class that includes aerobic activities being added to all camps. Below are some of the City's Healthy Initiatives. To find out more about these programs visit, www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or call 301-397-2200.

This campaign has three initiatives: 1) Accessibility to healthy foods; 2) Accessibility to an active lifestyle; and 3) Workplace Wellness. In the next several months, policies will be introduced to achieve these initiatives.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM (BE HAPPY BE HEALTHY)

The City became a member of Healthiest Maryland Businesses in 2011. The City recommends that all employees take advantage of the Employee Wellness Program, which offers lunchtime exercise classes free of charge or at a reduced rate.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Many exercise classes are designed specifically for senior citizens. These classes cover the range from chair exercises (Ageless Grace, Stretching Beyond) to line dancing and swimming

GREENBELT ASSISTANCE IN LIVING (GAIL) PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to provide information and support services to enable seniors to remain in their homes, ensure access to any support services for which they are eligible and make available low/no cost health related services. GAIL was established in 2001 and is available to senior citizens residing in the City and/ or caregivers of a Greenbelt senior.

HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL) CITIES & TOWNS

Greenbelt was one of 15 Maryland communities named a HEAL City.



KABOOM!-PLAYFUL CITY USA

Playful City USA is a national program honoring cities and towns that champion efforts to make play a priority through establishing policy initiatives, infrastructure investments and innovative programming. Greenbelt is a charter member of Playful City, having received the designation for the past seven years.

Greenbelt Theater Re-opening Soon!

The theatre renovation is nearing completion. Electric power to the building has been upgraded. Expanded and updated bathrooms are nearly done. A new concession area will soon be installed. The original terrazzo floors have been restored. New digital projection equipment is being installed. Look for a re-opening in late March. Check the city's website and the *News Review* for updates.

Greenbelt Public Works & CHEARS Volunteer Opportunities



The Public Works Department, in partnership with the Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS), is hosting several upcoming service-learning volunteer opportunities. These actions aim to strengthen the Greenbelt community for future generations through the Forest Stewardship Project and the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens / Food Forest.

Seed Starting Workdays

Seed Starting Workdays will be open to the public on Friday, March 27, and Friday, April 10, from 10am - 1pm at the Greenbelt Public Works Greenhouse, 555 Crescent Road.

Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens Workdays

Volunteers will help manage compost piles and prepare the Three Sisters Gardens for spring on the following dates:

- Saturday, March 21, from 10 am - 1 pm at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway
- Friday, April 3, from 10 am - 1 pm at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
- Saturday, April 4, from 10 am - 1 pm at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Earth Day Celebration Community Clean-Up

Bring your friends and family to Greenbelt's Earth Day Celebration Community Clean-Up Event on April 18 from 10am-2pm at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Additional volunteer opportunities are planned for this spring! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/greensteps for more information. Anyone who is interested in participating is asked to RSVP to Erin Josephitis at (240) 542-2168 or Volunteer@CHEARS.org. Erin Josephitis is the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator for the Department of Public Works in partnership with CHEARS.

Stay Informed!

The City of Greenbelt posts announcements and information regularly on its website at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Through the site, you can register for NOTIFY ME and choose from a number of topics to receive email and text notices about. You can also register for Emergency Alerts through Greenbelt Alerts.



Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt and on Twitter @cityofgreenbelt.



New! See City Pics on Instagram- [CityofGreenbelt!](https://www.instagram.com/CityofGreenbelt/)

No Cost Spay/Neuter Program

For low income/at-need households
A Four Cities Initiative



Did you know? The cost of surgery is the major barrier for low-income pet owners to having their pet sterilized. The Maryland Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund was created to fund spay/neuter surgeries for low income/at-need pet owners.

How do I apply? If you qualify, complete a No-Cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program Application available on-line at www.greenbeltmd.gov/spayneuter. Complete the application and return it by mail or in person to: City of Greenbelt, Attn: Spay/Neuter Voucher, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770; FAX it to 301-345-5418; or email it to spayneutervoucher@greenbeltmd.gov.

COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER DOG OR CAT

Applications will be reviewed and spay/neuter vouchers will be returned by mail. Vouchers will be redeemable at Spay Now, 7401 Van Dusen Road, Laurel, MD 20707.

For more information, please call 301-345-5417. Funded through the State of Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Assisting the Pups!

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program Veterinary Assistance Grant will provide Greenbelt residents, seniors and disabled adult pet owners and their animals access to a maximum grant of \$250 to offset the cost of vaccinations and primary, emergency and basic pet care.

Please note that spay neutering services are not eligible services under this grant. Income guidelines do apply.

Program participants will be required to supply proof of income and enrollment in entitlement programs. Once determined eligible, applicants will need to provide contact information for the veterinary service provider to determine if they would be willing to participate in the grant program.

Funds will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Applications are available at all city office buildings and at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/index.aspx?NID=646>.

Need a Place for Your Next Event?



Skip the hassle of getting your home ready and come to the Greenbelt Community Center. The Community Center is the perfect place for your next family gathering. With several rooms available for hourly rental, it is ideal for birthday parties, baby showers, family reunions or celebrations.

The center is an alcohol-free facility.

For more information, call Becky at 240-542-2056 or rsutfin@greenbeltmd.gov

Greenbelt Animal Shelter Tackles Projects in 2015



The City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter, 550 Crescent Road behind the Police Station, has placed hundreds of animals in new homes since 2006.

The shelter recently teamed with animal control departments of Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton to obtain grant funding for a spay/neuter voucher program. The Four Cities coalition was awarded a \$75,000 grant by the State of Maryland. Following the program launch, low-income residents may apply for vouchers for spay/neuter surgery for their pets (see previous page).

In 2014, volunteers established WAGS (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter), a 501 C3 non-profit organization, to expand fundraising efforts for the shelter. WAGS' immediate goal is to raise money to renovate the shelter's three cat rooms and to buy stainless steel hospital cages for an isolation room housing sick animals. For more information and to be added to the WAGS email list, contact Michele Touchet at mtouchet@juno.com.

The shelter relies on volunteers to help care for the animals, walk dogs and socialize cats, plan fundraising events, and undertake maintenance and renovation projects at the shelter. For more information on volunteering, please contact Lauren Crossed at lcrossed@greenbeltd.gov.

Visitors are welcome at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon or by appointment at 301-474-6124.

You can donate to Greenbelt Animal Shelter projects by visiting <http://www.gofundme.com/GBAnimalShelter>

Home Weatherization Upgrade Program for Qualified Home Owners

The City is participating in the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration program, which enables qualified homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient at no cost. This program is funded by a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Home owners must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation of income. For instance, for a household of 1 person, the income has to be lower than \$63,650. For a household of 2 people, the income has to be lower than \$72,750. In addition to the low/mid income requirement, veterans and retired homeowners will be given preference.

If interested, please contact Lieutenant Jim Flynn at 240-417-9098 or JFlynn@Bladensburg.net or Assistant Project Manager Alison Miller at 301-908-4079.

For more information, visit www.greenbeltd.gov/greensteps or email lrobls@greenbeltd.gov.



CITY OF GREENBELT PHONE NUMBERS

City Administrative Offices	301-474-8000
Planning & Comm. Development	301-345-5417
Animal Control	301-474-6124
Public Works	301-474-8004
Recycling	301-474-8308
Greenbelt Connection	301-474-4100
Greenbelt CARES	301-345-6660
Police Non-Emergency	301-474-7200
Police Emergency	301-474-5454
Recreation Department/Youth Center	301-397-2200
Rec. Weather Line	301-474-0646
Community Center	301-397-2208
Aquatic & Fitness Center	301-397-2204
Springhill Lake Recreation Center	301-397-2212

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CAMP PINE TREE CAMP YOGO CIRCUS CAMP

REGISTER FOR SPRING & SUMMER CAMP!

More Information: 301.397.2200

Registration is now underway! Don't miss out...camps do fill up!

www.greenbeltd.gov/recreation

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ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4, 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 Mr. Bunny and his helpers have hidden.

Immediately following the Egg Hunt, The Center Ring Circus School Performance Team presents **CELEBRATION!** Don't miss a morning of amazing circus artistry! Flying on fabric trapeze; walking on tightropes; astounding feats of juggling. Don't forget to bring your cameras!!! Please call the weather hotline, 301-474-0646, the morning of the hunt for updated event status.

UNDERWATER EGG HUNT

Friday, April 3, begins at 11am Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway
A fun new twist on the traditional Egg Hunt! This is always a very popular event, registration is limited to 30 children per section. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED!** Please call 301-397-2204 to register for this event.

ARBOR DAY

March 28, 2015; 10am-2:30pm, Public Works Building
Arbor Day will be celebrated with a tree restoration planting at Buddy Attick Park. We will be planting native trees and shrubs and installing beaver fencing to keep the trees safe. **Contact Brian Townsend 240-542-2158, btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov for more information.**

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

April 18, 2015; Time TBA
Save the date and join the City, CHEARS, and the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability in an environmentally friendly Earth Day Project. Please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



FAMILY FUN ON MAY 16TH

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 16, 10am-2pm, 555 Crescent Road
Demonstrations, refreshments, tours, trucks, tractors, bucket truck, mulch pile and more!
See all we do for you at Public Works! Climb on work trucks, ride the bucket truck and spray the big hose. Green ACES/ Green Team will have information on energy efficiency, recycling and sustainability. Info: 301-474-8004

CELEBRATION OF SPRING

Saturday, May 16, 2pm
Location: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
Come enjoy arts & crafts, activities, performances, food, and music with the Recreation Department and your neighbors and friends. Call the weather information hotline, 301-474-0646, for updated event status.

ARTFUL AFTERNOONS



Begins at 1pm, Greenbelt Community Center
March 1: Help create a kite-themed installation at the Community Center with artist Mary Gawlik
April 12: Paste paper workshop with artist Mary Wang (1pm-3pm).
May 3: alight dance theater performs Frontline - their newest concert length work based on the experiences of Maryland women during the War of 1812. 3pm, FREE!
June 7: Mark Jaster and Happenstance Theater present a delightful, vaudeville-inspired clown theater piece for all ages, **Pinot and Augustine**. 3pm, FREE!