



# THE GREENBELT BULLETIN



## Greenbelt City Election -- November 7, 2017

The City of Greenbelt will be voting for members of the Greenbelt City Council on November 7, 2017. Any qualified voter residing in the City of Greenbelt may be nominated for the office of Member of City Council. Potential candidates must file, at the office of the city clerk, 25 Crescent Road, a nominating petition signed by not fewer than fifty (50) qualified voters, a written acceptance of the nomination, and such other statements as may be required by the city charter or by law. Upon the finding by the city clerk that the

nomination petition, the written acceptance, and such other statements as may be required are in order, the name of such nominee shall be authorized to be placed upon the ballot.

Candidates Packets containing the necessary papers and forms will be available at the City Clerk's office beginning August 21, 2017. The last day to file your nomination petition is Monday, September 25, 2017 at 5pm.

If you have any questions, you may call the city offices at 301-474-8000.

### Recreation and Park Master Plan Community Meetings Notice

The City of Greenbelt has begun work to develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan to guide the City through the next 10 years and beyond. Along with our consultant, we will be conducting 3 Community Meetings in different areas of Greenbelt to ask citizens their thoughts on experiences, desires and expectations related to recreation and park facilities and services. All meetings are open to the public and all residents are invited to attend. For information call our business office at 301-397-2200.



**June 19th @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Greenbriar Terrace Rm.**  
**7600 Hanover Parkway**

**June 20th @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Greenbelt Community Ctr.**  
**15 Crescent Road**

**June 21th @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Springhill Lake**  
**Recreation Ctr.**  
**6101 Cherrywood Lane**



### Refinance Your Home through HARP

When you have little equity in your home, or owe as much or more on your mortgage than your home is worth, it can be difficult to find a lender willing to help you refinance. But, for borrowers who have remained current on their mortgages, and have loans owned by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, there is hope. It's called the Homeowner Affordable Refinance Program or HARP.

HARP enables borrowers with little or no equity to refinance into more affordable mortgages without new or additional mortgage insurance. HARP targets borrowers with loan-to-value (LTV) ratios equal to or greater than 80 percent and who have limited delinquencies over the 12 months prior to refinancing.

Through HARP, you can get a lower interest rate (which means less out-of-pocket costs each month), get a shorter loan term, or change from an adjustable to fixed-rate mortgage. There's no minimum credit score needed.

HARP guidelines have changed and are simpler now. People who were formerly turned down may now be eligible for HARP refinancing.

The deadline to refinance through the HARP program has been extended to September 30, 2017. For more information on HARP, visit <https://www.harp.gov>.

### Get social with the City of Greenbelt!

Visit [www.greenbeltd.gov/infowall](http://www.greenbeltd.gov/infowall) for consolidated city social posts, events, green tips and videos.



# GREEN STEPS

Stepping Together Towards a Sustainable Society



## RAIN GARDENS PROVIDE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Spring is a great time to think about planting a beautiful rain garden that will benefit you and the Chesapeake Bay. When it rains, impervious surfaces like roads, parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. When stormwater rushes over impervious surfaces, it carries pollutants like oil, grease, and chemicals with it to the nearest storm drain, creek, river, or lake. Stormwater also accelerates soil erosion, which then deposits sediments into nearest waterways damaging the health of streams and wildlife. Luckily, homeowners all across Maryland are planting rain gardens to combat stormwater pollution.

Rain gardens are beautiful spaces that provide many functions to an area, including increased property values. A rain garden is a shallow depression in a lawn or yard filled with spongy soil and native plants. Native plants create habitat suited for wildlife, grow well without chemical supplements, and require less maintenance overall. In addition to native plants that house pollinators and provide an urban cooling effect in the summer, rain gardens are also effective stormwater filters. Rain gardens are natural systems performing the three S's of stormwater management: slowing down water, spreading it out, and soaking it into the ground. Rain gardens are effective ways to combat pollution and erosion right in your own backyard.

If you are interested in learning more about rain gardens, mark your calendars for the **Rain Garden Workshop on Saturday, June 24 from 10 am - 12 pm at the Department of Public Works.** Come for an introduction to design and installation, learn about the Rain Check Rebate Program, and a walking tour of local rain gardens presented by Public Works in partnership with Prince George's County Department of the Environment. To RSVP, contact Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2150.



## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TICKS

With this past winter being so warm, it is expected that ticks will be a major problem this summer. The Center for Disease Control offers the following information

- Reduce your chances of getting a tickborne disease by using repellents, checking for ticks, and showering after being outdoors. If you have a tick bite followed by a fever or rash, seek medical attention.
- Know where to expect ticks. Ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in or near wooded or grassy areas. You may come into contact with ticks during outdoor activities around your home or when walking through leaf litter or near shrubs. Always walk in the center of trails in order to avoid contact with ticks.
- Products containing permethrin kill ticks. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several washings.
- Use a repellent with DEET on the skin, or for a natural repellent, try lemon eucalyptus .
- Check your clothing for ticks. Any ticks that are found should be removed. Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks effectively.
- Shower soon after being outdoors. Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of getting Lyme disease, and provides a good opportunity to do a tick check.
- Remove the attached tick as soon as you notice it by grasping with tweezers, as close to the skin as possible, and pulling it straight out.

**For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks>**



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year NNO will be Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Greenbelt Police Department and several Greenbelt Neighborhoods have participated in NNO for a number of years. If your neighborhood would like to participate in NNO this year, please contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

## YARD WASTE, SPECIAL AND BULK TRASH

If you are confused about what to do with the yard waste, special and bulk trash from your spring and summer cleaning, please see below for our yard waste and special trash policies.

### Bulk/Special Trash Pick-up

The Public Works Department picks up bulk/special trash on your regular trash day. Please see [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for schedule.

- **GHI homes** must call in any bulk/special trash to 301-474-8004, to be put on the special trash list. Calls must be received by 3pm on the business day before your trash day. Items must be set on the *service side* yard near the trash area by 7am. Make sure that items can be easily seen.
- **Single family homes** do not need to call in bulk trash – just place it curbside on your trash day by 7am.

### Yard Waste Pick-up

Yard waste must be in paper bags or trash cans marked “yard waste” – Public Works has stickers that can be used.

- **GHI homes** must call in their yard waste for pick-up to 301-474-8004. Calls must be received by Thursday at 3pm for pick-up on Friday.
- **Single family homes** do not have to call in yard waste, just have it curbside on Friday morning. There is no yard waste pick-up on holiday weeks.

### General Rules for Yard Waste

- Branches and bamboo less than 2 inches in diameter must be tied with biodegradable twine in bundles less than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter.
- Branches 2 to 6 inches in diameter can be chipped. Stack branches at the curb with ends facing in same direction. Chipper collections are done on Thursdays. Call 301-474-8004 to schedule a chipper collection by Wednesday at 3pm **Bamboo can not be chipped.**
- Weeds and other invasive vines (such as English Ivy and bamboo roots) cannot be composted and should be placed with regular trash in plastic trash bags.
- Yard waste mixed with dirt, stones, or trash will not be collected.
- Yard waste bags, bins, tied bundles, and branch sections must weigh less than 50 pounds.

### Appliances/Scrap Metal Pick-up

Appliances and other large scrap metal items (grills, bicycles, etc.) are picked up late Friday morning/early afternoon. ALL residents (GHI and single family homes) are to call in their scrap metal requests by 3pm on Thursday. There is no scrap metal pick-up on holiday weeks. **Hazardous waste, contractor debris and automotive parts cannot be collected.**

### Reuse/Recycle

Please consider donating usable household items such as furniture, small appliances and clothing. This is a win/win situation where someone else can use the donated item(s) AND the items won't take up landfill space. Call 301-474-8308 to for a list of organizations. Some organizations pick up at your home, others will ask that you bring items in.



## FREE PRODUCE THURSDAYS

Green Ridge House Apartments -22 Ridge Road  
Thursdays –June 22, July 27, August 24,  
September 28, & October 26  
2:30 –3:30 pm

- *Please bring your own bags and rolling carts.*
- *Do not park in the parking lot.*
- *Volunteers will be on hand to assist with loading your car.*
- *For more information, please call 301-345-6660 ext. 2033.*

*Presented by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program and the Capital Area Food Bank*

**WARNING**  
**DON'T LEAVE DOGS**  
**IN HOT CARS!**

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME HERE TO Fry! IT'S WAY HOTTER IN HERE THAN IT IS OUT THERE.

SAVE A LIFE...CALL GREENBELT POLICE IF YOU SEE A DOG LEFT IN A CAR AT 301-474-7200

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

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# Postal Customer

## **GREENBELT WATER QUALITY MONITORING SERIES**

*Be part of an ongoing volunteer water quality monitoring series in Greenbelt!*

**Saturdays from 10 am – 12 pm at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on 6/17, 7/15, 8/5 and Schrom Hills Park on 7/8, 7/29, 8/19.**

Volunteers will learn how to collect data for local waterways, including nitrates, phosphates, dissolved oxygen, alkalinity, turbidity, temperature, and benthic invertebrates. No experience is necessary. Training and equipment will be provided by Public Works and the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Mini Grant Program. RSVP to Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2150.

## **GREENBELT SUMMER DAY CAMPS**

**Ages 3½ to 17, June 19 - August 25, 8:45am-3:30pm**  
**Before Care and After Care available**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department offers fun one-week, two-week, and four-week camps during the summer, providing a wide range of athletic, aquatic, and artistic choices for children ages 3½ to 17. The variety of camps makes it easy to accommodate children with different interests -- or to try something new each session. For information, please call 301-397-2200 or view the Camp Guide at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps) for details.

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHTS AT THE AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER, 101 Centerway, Outdoor Pool**

**Fridays: June 16, July 21, and August 18, 8-10pm**

Admittance to the pool will be \$5.00 per family, including passholders. Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun! Check with the pool for details about the upcoming events.

Family Fun Night is designed to give families an opportunity to spend an evening together in a recreational atmosphere. Entering family must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Indoor Pool.

## **SUMMER SKATE SERIES**

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center Gym**

**Fridays: June 23, July 21 and August 18; 5-7pm**

**Ages 8-14, Parents are always welcome! FREE**

Bring the family and join your friends skating! Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own. For more information call 301-397-2212.

## **FREE BUDDY ATTICK SUMMER FUN RUNS**

**Thursdays, July 6- August 10 7:00pm (6:15pm-6:45pm registration at Greenbelt Youth Center parking lot)**

In partnership with the Recreation Department, the Prince George's Running Club continues to offer this excellent opportunity to Get Active Greenbelt. The purpose of this informal fun run race series is to provide an opportunity for individuals to exercise and increase their activity. The course will take runners and walkers around Buddy Attick Park lake path for their choice of either 1.75 miles (1 lap) or 3 miles (2 laps). The fun runs are open to all runners (novices, combination runners/walkers and families). Although this is a free program, all participants must complete a registration form and sign a waiver prior to running.

## **JULY FOURTH FANFARE**

*Celebrate Independence*  
*Day with friends and*  
*neighbors at Buddy Attick Park*

- **Bring a picnic**
- **Walk the lake trail**
- **Enjoy the playground**
- **Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm**
- **Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm**
- **FIREWORKS approximately 9:00pm**

**In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline, 301-474-0646, for updated event status.**

**For more information on upcoming city events visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall) and watch Greenbelt Municipal Access on Verizon 21 or Comcast 71 and 996!**