

**City of Greenbelt, Maryland
2017 Community Questionnaire
Responses to Embedded Questions
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Public Safety, Public Information, City Services and Taxes

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Public Safety

2. Do you have any concerns about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list.

No concerns

Precinct 3

- No (55 respondents)
- None (5 respondents)
- None so far
- No, not at this time
- No - been very good!
- Nope!
- Not anymore than anywhere else
- No - feel very safe in Old Greenbelt
- Not much concerned
- None right now. I feel safe to go out at night
- Very little
- No concerns (2 respondents)
- None at present
- No - great
- Not really
- No real concerns
- No interaction
- Too new to area to know
- Not within GHI, but other areas seem less safe

Precinct 6

- No (29 respondents)
- None (4 respondents)
- None with good police presence and performance
- No - I feel very safe in my neighborhood
- Not personally
- Nothing major. I feel safe
- Keep it up!
- No, it seems very safe to me
- Not so far
- No concerns with safety

Precinct 8

- No (13 respondents)
- None (7 respondents)
- No huge concerns where I live - can't speak for other areas

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- None at this time
- Not really
- Not at all

Precinct 13

- No (19 respondents)
- None (4 respondents)
- Not really
- Little concern
- Not at this time
- None so far

Precinct 18

- No (10 respondents)
- None (2 respondents)
- Not really

Early Voting

- No (46 respondents)
- None (6 respondents)
- None - hope we reach full staffing and the new police chief is responsive and well-versed in community policing
- I feel safe but always cautious
- Not Old Greenbelt
- Minimal
- Not presently
- No concerns at this time; keep up the good job

Mailed/delivered

- No (8 respondents)
- No - cars are always patrolling my neighborhood. Thanks
- None
- Not really

Web

- Personally I still feel safe despite changes in our City

Crime

Precinct 3

- Yes, non-violent crime in University Square; drilling holes in gas tanks
- Yes, property crime and assault
- Yes, theft and car thefts

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- Concern about what I read in Police Blotter; no personal concern
- I'm concerned about armed robbery and physical violence here
- Pedestrian armed robberies. Mentally ill homeless loitering
- My house has been broken into twice
- Rise in vandalism, especially overnight to cars
- Threat from neighbor (but he overdosed, so problem solved). Drive by shooting at my apartment building. Lack of locks to my apartment building. Access control, e.g., key pad
- Some concern with crime near Mandan Road
- Gas tanks being punctured. Greenbelt Lake security. Loiterers in Roosevelt Center, Franklin Park
- Crime overall
- I have had two unsettling encounters outside my apartment complex on Crescent Road (one man demanding entry and the other approaching me as I exited my car). Both ended without incident but were disturbing
- Personal crimes (assault, theft)
- Yes, crime on the rise
- The break-ins at/near Roosevelt Center concern me
- Vehicle break-ins and vandalism
- Yes, break-ins seem to be becoming more of a problem, especially at night (my car parked on street was broken into)
- Break-ins
- Increased crime a concern; feels not as safe as before Metro
- Only intruders coming into Greenbelt and rob, attack, etc.
- Vehicle crimes mostly; some anxiety (small) with robbery and assault
- I am concerned about the recent spike of break-ins in Old Greenbelt
- Street crime
- Too much crime in shopping center
- Yes, high crime in many areas, i.e., Franklin Apartments, Mandan Road, etc.
- On-going crime- nothing new
- Packages stolen, attempted break-ins, physical safety after dark
- All the car theft crimes
- Overall no. Do have concerns with crimes and break-ins
- Cars being broken into in Greenbelt
- The burglary of ATM machines- need more police patrols
- Vehicle violations, road rage and speed, safety, theft, assault
- Car theft break-ins
- Thefts of various types
- Increased crimes in Roosevelt Center, Greenway Center

Precinct 6

- It was a surprise that credit card machines were vandalized. I am concerned about safety and security but have no suggestions for enhancement

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- Was good, getting worse, robbery and assault
- In general the various crimes reported and vandalism does not seem to be going down
- Too much crime in West Greenbelt. I've seen violence and maybe someone with guns on TheBus and Metro Bus #12
- Too many thefts and assaults outside of GHI
- Only my prowler neighbor who is terrorizing the dogs in my neighborhood
- I read in News Review about crime in the two major malls and Springhill Lake area so I am hesitant to be there
- Security camera and stolen ATMs or attempted break-in at the center
- The recent auto crimes especially within Old Greenbelt. Also the number of assaults around Greenbelt
- Recent assaults/robberies of individuals walking
- Crime continues to be an issue in East and West overflowing to Old Greenbelt

Precinct 8

- Some concern about more petty crime in Greenbelt Station than desired
- Crime and theft
- I wish the automobile theft rate could be lowered
- Yes, there have been break-ins
- Theft and car break-ins
- Crime in Greenbelt West
- Crime. People from other communities
- Domestic violence. I live in Franklin Park and have had to report incidents
- Yes, loitering around and near the Giant grocery store and bus stop
- Too many break-ins in my area
- Car break-ins and illegal parking blocking fire lanes

Precinct 13

- Carjacking; breaking and entering; illicit drug use/loitering
- Poachers living in empty foreclosed houses; juvenile crime
- There is an increase in loitering and use of drugs in Greenbriar but the management knows
- Theft from cars and crime in Greenbelt West
- There are burglaries, auto thefts, etc. Having Atlas Security has a positive impact on deterring criminal action
- Car theft
- Yes, too much crime noted in Police Blotter
- Crime on the rise; infrastructure is old; Greenway Shopping Center parking lots frequently have lots of trash
- Yes, concerns about thefts
- Yes, there is lots of vandalism and robberies
- Section 8 renters who trash our neighborhood because they don't own here

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- Crime in Beltway Plaza area; crime in Hanover/Mandan area
- Should have security cameras on residential areas; cars are burglarized during nighttime
- In Greenbriar there have been several instances of gun violence near my residence since I moved here

Precinct 18

- I hear more about thefts and other crime
- Yes, parked vehicles that are broken into or vandalized
- Yes, mail packages disappear and assault in Greenbelt Park
- Yes, sometimes I hear sounds like gunshots
- Crime in Greenway
- Car thefts and vandalism

Early Voting

- People cutting into car paint – vandalism, safety walking – too many people are getting punched by groups of people, break-ins of houses
- Beltway Plaza and Greenway parking lot thieves
- All kinds of illegal activity including prostitution via www
- Every week someone walking gets ripped off, punched in the face or has the abode broken into
- Yes – theft
- Break-ins of cars
- Crime in Springhill Lake, Franklin Park and Beltway Plaza
- Yes, litter, vandalism, petty theft
- Theft and car break-ins
- Petty crime – car thefts and car contents
- Cars getting broken into
- Yes, at night, vandalism of cars
- Burglars, car break-ins
- Robbery, gun control
- Crime in Franklin Park and Beltway Plaza

Mailed/Delivered

- Afraid will be mugged at night
- Concerned about loitering and soliciting
- Home theft (seems to be rising)
- Yes, do we have the correct number of officers? Concerned about shooting at Parkway a year ago. Break-ins at center

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Web

- Car break-ins
- Far too many car break-ins where it's almost a weekly occurrence. Then there was that Greenbelt Metro window breaking. I live in the Greenbelt Station and we've had many car break-ins
- Too many petty thefts
- Vandalism/break-ins at Roosevelt Center
- Robbery
- Home break-ins and burglary. Car theft/damage and stolen contents
- Car break-ins this summer
- Street vandalism to vehicles
- Car break-ins worry me
- The areas outside of Old Greenbelt seem to have much higher crime rates
- With ATM break-ins in Center City and the recent robberies in Greenway, it seems that the criminals we do get are more embolden than in the past. Also notice marked increase in the number of adults wandering around neighborhoods they don't live in. some are homeless and others are working for HIP contractors but find them sitting in yards where they shouldn't be sitting, etc.
- Neighborhood thefts
- Burglary, assault, theft from auto
- I read the police blotter in the Greenbelt News Review weekly and concerned about the number of vehicle crimes and crimes against women
- Concerns with robberies
- Assault: solution-GPD offer self-defense classes. Thefts and burglary: solution-GPD and PSAB host educational outreach program (how not to be a victim; use street smarts-lock doors and valuables, etc.) See Dr. Clifford Thomas's program. Vandalism: solution-GPD and PSAB host educational outreach program. Educate residents on using outdoor lights to deter crime. Vehicle crime: solution-more patrols in affected neighborhoods; reinstate neighborhood watches
- Crime

Dangerous places/situations

Precinct 3

- The use of forest trails and sidewalks by the apartments on Westway
- The bridge from ERHS to Gardenway feels unsafe at night
- Only recently was assaulted at lake. Greenbelt Lake and trail at Buddy Attick Park is very important to community here
- Give due service to Franklin Park
- Crime in Franklin Park
- Getting on southbound BW Parkway is dangerous from Southway
- Beltway Plaza
- Greenbelt does not feel safe as it used to
- Yes - inner walkways are very dark at Ridge Road 33-37 Court
- Controlling the walkway over the parkway
- Late night around center

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Precinct 6

- Please monitor the path from Gardenway to ERHS
- Foot bridge to high school area around ballfields and skate park at night
- After dark
- Older people walking without support
- Beltway Plaza is dark at night
- Yes - down at the center Beltway Plaza
- Spellman Overpass
- Concerns about night activity around bus stops and behind Recreation Center
- Just the perimeters of Greenbelt- Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth
- Only at large gatherings such as Labor Day Festival and 4th of July
- After 37 years now feel uneasy in Recreation Center

Precinct 8

- Yes, safety in apartments
- Yes, walking near Beltway Plaza at night
- At Beltway Plaza AMC - is it safer since re-opening?
- Definitely afraid at night in Franklin Park
- Yes, I am concerned about monitoring the new walking paths behind Greenbelt Station that empty on Cherry Lane. I have seen some teens run across the park and into the woods
- Early morning going to Metro Station

Precinct 13

- Security at Beltway Plaza
- I do have concerns with walking around Greenbelt East at night
- Greenbriar buildings need security locks
- I worry about there not being security doors on the buildings. Also, kids skipping school and hanging out in stairwells
- Spellman overpass phone on Hanover side
- Yes at Beltway Plaza and apartments next to the mall
- Yes, strange people hanging out inside buildings

Precinct 18

- Yes, Beltway Plaza seems unsafe and not secure. Further a few murders concern me
- Lack of security for walkers especially in East Greenbelt and in the Greenway Shopping Center
- Recent violence in/around high school and near Ora Glen

Early Voting

- I don't feel safe around Roosevelt Center and surroundings after dark
- By the Beltway turn on seems to be a little unsafe. Need to clear some trees over growing stop signs in residential areas
- Safety of cars parked on Ridge Road

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- Yes, I feel unsafe walking in Old Greenbelt alone at night
- Bus stop on side of Giant Foods. Men drink alcohol and smoke weed there. Make lude comments to women
- Greenway Center – feel unsafe after 9pm
- Trespassers in Greenbelt Lake Village Condominium
- Crime is high around Franklin Park and near Mandan Road
- East seems to increase in crime and traffic thru neighborhood
- I tend to not allow my wife to go to Target/Giant Mall without me

Mailed/delivered

- Franklin Park
- Yes, walking to/from Metro in dark
- I still feel safe alone at night in Old Greenbelt. Not so sure at Beltway Plaza and definitely not in Franklin Apartments or Metro Station
- Yes, Greenbelt West is crime-ridden and dangerous. I wouldn't go to Beltway Plaza to shop
- Don't feel safe walking at night

Web

- Beltway Plaza always and now Greenway Center at night
- Crime in Old Greenbelt area on paths
- Pedestrians after dark
- There are parts that could be made safer – specifically it should be made safe enough to walk from GHI to the Metro!
- Bushes on corner lots are too high posing a threat to potential accidents
- Do not feel safe in the parking areas of both Beltway and Greenway shopping center. Fear of purse snatching/bag snatching/car thief
- The loiterers in Roosevelt Center sometimes are drunk

Police presence/activity

Precinct 3

- We need more police to do more foot/bike patrols of high crime areas in Old Greenbelt - pay them more!
- Crime is becoming more prevalent and need more police presence
- Greater police presence in GHI
- Need more police walking/biking presence
- Diminished police force leads to diminished police presence in East and Old Greenbelt as they are mostly in Franklin Park
- I am African-American and the police target us a lot. I get pulled over more than I drive
- Concerns about racial profiling in regard to traffic and pedestrian interaction with police
- I have not had to use public safety services, except ambulance. This speaks to the great job our police are doing
- More police patrols at Roosevelt Center

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- More police
- More drive through in the various communities at night, i.e., Charlestown Village and Belle Point
- Want more police presence on foot/bikes to reduce crime
- Our police do a good job, but crime will still happen; continue to keep police presence
- Keep up the neighborhood watch and Greenbelt police keep up the security

Precinct 6

- I would like to see more police patrols on Ridge Road
- Pay is too high for police
- Yes, need more police patrol
- Old Greenbelt is ignored- no patrols in center of town unless special events
- We need to fund more police officers and we need to make a decision on our Police Chief - make T. Kemp our chief

Precinct 8

- Would like to have more presence in neighborhood
- More police please
- Police officers who do not respect all residents as people instead of criminals
- More police patrol
- More security presence needed in Greenbelt Station
- Need additional patrol and parking enforcement in Greenbelt Station (South core)
- I walk to Metro at 4:30am in the morning and I rarely see a police go by
- Regulation of new city Park in Greenbelt Station - what will be the frequency of police presence?
- More police needed in apartment development area especially during evening/night to help area be safe
- Yes, in the evening there should be more security at Beltway Plaza Mall (and Planet Fitness which is open late)

Precinct 13

- At times due to lack of police presence
- More police presence - patrols
- I would like to see a more pronounced police presence
- It would be helpful if police made more rounds in neighborhoods
- Enforce illegal parking in handicapped spaces, i.e., CVS

Precinct 18

- Needs to be better cooperation with surrounding area departments. Criminals are often traveling between easy targets
- Police morale low, cooperation with other agencies very poor
- I don't see the police patrolling my area often (Green Spring)
- Never around when needed

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- Police parking in fire lanes to get their lottery tickets
- Greenbelt East should have more police presence!
- Patrols needed in East Greenbelt
- More ticketing of cars at Greenway Center who park in fire lanes!
- Slow response when I was a minor and called to report an issue
- Yes, please patrol the communities and check cars that are on the street

Early Voting

- More presence needed in center
- Have police enforce stop signs
- Fairness and equity in policing; better animal control response and enforcement; community policing – more bike/pedestrian presence in public spaces
- Some police are too aggressive
- Don't see police in GHI. Need to enforce stop signs within GHI
- Need more use of bike patrol. Roosevelt Center needs a little more attention
- Police officers should be more involved with community
- Having a police force that is diverse and represents the diversity of the community that serves
- The unfriendliness of police promotes detachment from our community
- A young African-American resident I know had a negative encounter with police that was not justified by his behavior
- I feel that there needs to be a better presence of police walking, bicycling through the apartment complexes
- Called once but no police officer showed up
- More patrols in out of way spaces
- I live in Green Spring. We don't get the same police presence as Old Greenbelt
- Yes, I would like to see more police presence at night (bike patrol)
- Yes – need more police presence at night. Bike patrol or walking
- More parking enforcement
- Police under staffed, firehouse condition

Mailed/delivered

- There are a couple of corrupt cops in Greenbelt
- Yes, path around lake could use daily bike patrol esp. weekends
- Surveillance cameras on Cherrywood Lane and Mandan Road, for example, would help identify perpetrators

Web

- This event is older than two years ago – I had a family member with a mental health issue who would drop by my home just a few blocks from the police station. It took so long for officers to show up that the person came to my home, waited around for me to answer my door (I didn't), and then left before anyone showed up. That slow response time concerns me because now, if I were in a dangerous situation, I don't know if I would rely on the police to respond in time

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- Yes, the safety and security of Black people, particularly young people, from the police
- We need better transparency from the police department and more police information on the city website. We need improvements in the timeliness, specificity, quantity, and quality of police-interaction statistics, of use-of-force demographic reports, of traffic-stop demographic reports, and of complaint reports. On the city website, we need real-time reports of all those, as much as allowed by confidentiality laws. For a better city government, provide publicly releasable information proactively. Don't force Greenbelt residents to fight to obtain publicly-releasable information
- To avoid mistakes and to avoid unnecessary use-of-force, implement effective continuous training for every police officer in de-escalation techniques and in techniques for recognizing and peacefully handling drinkers, drug-impaired people, mentally-ill people, suicidal people, confused diabetics, non-English-speakers, and other people in difficult and dangerous circumstances
- In effective continuous training, improve the communication skills of every police officer. For example, make sure every police officer knows de-escalation language in Spanish, and practice that language. Getting traffic-stopped by police is very stressful for drivers and passengers, especially at night, and we need effective communication skills for police officers. Shouting doesn't always make us comply any faster, and it might confuse us more. When we get stopped by police, we might forget to put our hands on the steering wheel. We reach for our car registration in the glovebox. Good communication with stressed drivers and passengers in that situation will avoid unnecessary deaths and injuries
- Lack of competent command staff, failure to keep dispatchers due to the bad treatment of them by Lt. Pracht. This is not news to the City but the city has failed to act
- Would like more police on bikes and around town for increasing crime
- The police need to be increased. Allow them more officers and secure a chief
- Not enough police presence
- It is a top priority to keep our neighborhoods safe. I am concerned over theft and damage of property over the last few years. I hope a bigger police presence in the neighborhoods, especially at night would help deter this. I rarely see the police on my street unless something has already happened
- Would like to see community policing
- We called a report an incident late night, but police never come to check. It's really not good, and did not feel safe in the area

Traffic/bicycle Safety

Precinct 3

- Not so far security, but concern over 4-way STOPS. I appreciate the STOP painting on street, but doesn't seem that effective. As a walker and driver, it's a danger
- Speeding cars. Tailgaters
- Bike safety on roads
- Yes, stop signs are rarely obeyed
- Speed on Lakecrest and Lakeside Roads - buses, cars, police cars- everyone speeds
- Traffic primarily on Greenbelt Road and BW Parkway
- Speeding, not stopping at stop signs
- Road control; high speed traffic through neighborhood streets; bicycle routes inadequate

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- Traffic control at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road late afternoon
- Yes, the traffic lights on the corner of Lakeside and Greenbelt Roads - that is not a safe intersection
- Excess speeding on Ridge Road during open/close of elementary school
- People from out of town drive like maniacs
- Speeding motorcycles
- People not stopping at the Southway and Crescent stop sign
- I think they should be more considerate of fellow driver and not speed on residential streets

Precinct 6

- Running stop signs
- Vehicle traffic - speeding and running stop signs
- Motorcycles going too fast on Kenilworth and reckless driving
- Bicycle safety - improper riding
- Cars consistently run the red light on exit ramp from I-495 northbound- EVERY DAY!
- Speeding is a problem especially in apartment complexes

Precinct 8

- Yes, need yield sign at the Edmonston Road exit ramp

Precinct 13

- Cars go fast on Hanover Parkway

Precinct 18

- Speeding cars on Hanover Parkway
- People driving at night don't stop at stop signs
- I think there is a lot of traffic and still a lot of crime. It is getting better

Early Voting

- People running stop signs
- People seem to be cruising in cars more than usual on Lakeside Drive
- Red light runners on Ridge Road
- Speed bumps needed on Ridge Road
- A speed bump is needed at Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane intersection (emergency status)
- Route 193 is dangerous for bikers
- Lately I have noticed that many cars do not come to a full stop at STOP signs

Mailed/delivered

- Speed cameras should only be near schools and major school crossings

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Web

- As a bicyclist, I am afraid of being hit by a car; I am especially afraid of my wife being hit by a car, particularly on Greenbelt Road
- The speed of cars on Hanover Street around the traffic circles
- Speeding in Greenbelt is rampant. Police speed through residential streets when not on calls
- There needs to be more traffic enforcement. Speeding and distracted driving way too much. The speed cameras are the only things that keep us slightly safe, but the policing is minimal
- Bicycle safety and education is not a priority in Greenbelt. There is a great need for: signage indicating that roads are shared; areas designed for bikes and education for drivers/bikers
- The traffic circle by the Metro is not safe for bicyclists, as drivers not know the rules of the road, as it pertains to traffic circles. And, the bike lane suddenly ends riding away from Metro
- Vehicles exceeding speed limit on Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road despite cameras
- The left 2 turn lanes on Greenbelt Road onto Hanover Parkway are constantly blocked by turning traffic from Hanover Parkway onto Greenbelt Road. The box is constantly blocked and there should be police presence to monitor this because cars have a problem turning before the light changes again
- Bicycle riders not following rules of the road. If the FBI building is built in Greenbelt that would be a big target for terrorists
- Increase in traffic in neighborhoods. Traffic not obeying signs and speeding
- Reckless driving within apartment complex streets. Require total enforcement of speed limits to protect the residents especially children
- Increased speeding on Ridge Road and increased minor, sporadic parked car vandalism on Ridge
- Speeding and drivers not stopping at stop signs

Lighting

Precinct 3

- Need more lights to see
- More lighting at night would be nice
- More lighting on Southway Road
- Need more outdoor lighting, especially in dark areas/walkways
- Some areas of center city inner walkways are very dark at night - perhaps extra lighting could be provided?
- GHI walkways need to be better lit; drive to Greenbelt Metro Station feels isolated at night (and road is bad for bikes in spots)
- Poor lighting in many areas
- More dependable street and sidewalk lighting
- Some crosswalks need high lighting and enforcement
- Better lighting on sidewalks in GHI
- Lighting so poor, makes me feel unsafe. Please improve lighting on walkways in GHI
- Walking in the dark. Trail from Parkway to Lauren Hill Road. Lighting is poor

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Precinct 6

- Street lights are often out or don't come on until after dark, as do path lights in GHI
- More lighting and security cameras would be nice
- Lights on our court never work, "repaired" multiple times

Precinct 8

- More lighting in Greenbelt
- Walking paths near Greenbelt Station could be better lit

Precinct 13

- Lights in walking areas of the parking lots and walkways
- More lighting at night. More sidewalks
- Certain areas of Greenbelt (Beltway Plaza). Lighting in the neighborhoods. Lighting in parks
- We need more lights
- Not enough lights
- The lighting needs to be improved; some areas are very dark and pose a safety hazard

Precinct 18

- Lighting on 193 between Mandan and Hanover Parkway
- Yes, we need more street lights on dark streets
- More lighting at Hanover and 193 intersection Exxon side particularly
- Lighting in some areas (public)
- Some street need better lighting
- Not enough lighting

Early Voting

- More lighting all walkways and better visibility from paths/over-under pass
- Not enough lighting in community security more car break-ins
- I run and walk around Greenbelt in the dark and some areas are poorly lighted
- Need more light on inner walkways – the ones low to the ground

Mailed/delivered

- Need more lighting along sidewalk side of Southway Road
- Some lighting at night on sidewalks (more lights needed)
- Yes, walking after dark. Some places in Old Greenbelt are poorly lit

Web

- There needs to be lights in the area between the pedestrian tunnel and the pedestrian walkway, located off 3 Laurel Hill Road and the church. It is a well-travelled area and it is not safe due to the lack of adequate lighting
- Lighting on roadways on Greenbelt East

Pedestrian Safety (non-lighting)

Precinct 3

- Few sidewalks on Lakeside Drive and other major roads
- We need more pedestrians at all times, especially after dark
- Being a pedestrian at night is scary
- Pedestrian safety along 193 near Greenway Center/Southway and Beltway Plaza is unacceptable. Make pedestrian friendly
- Crosswalk at Gardenway, Centerway, Crescent Road
- Yes, huge concern about pedestrian safety. Need better traffic enforcement
- More sidewalks/walking paths, especially to the Metro, couldn't hurt
- Walking at the lake needs some kind of camera
- Lakeside- no sidewalk, no speed bumps
- Need more flashing lights at all crosswalks
- Pedestrian walkways at core high-volume intersections
- Need traffic light at corner of Southway and Crescent with camera. I have almost been run over three times while in crosswalk
- Sidewalks needed on Lakeside Drive
- Pedestrian safety - no sidewalks on some parts of highly trafficked roads

Precinct 6

- Why is there no sidewalk on busiest part of Crescent Road?
- Safety of students at ERHS and over the pedestrian walkway
- Complete sidewalks; connection at 20 Southway and Greenbelt East

Precinct 13

- For pedestrians crossing busy intersections

Precinct 18

- Sidewalks in Green Spring need repair
- In general, safely walking at night

Early Voting

- Safety – lack of safe crossing from Southway to 193 east and back
- I don't feel 100% safe taking walks like I used to in my Greenbelt neighborhood
- Poor pedestrian safety due to lack of city sidewalks in Old Greenbelt
- Foot paths in our area are awful and I know several will fall on Megan Lane

Web

- Lakewood Community has homes where hedges are at least 8 foot tall and creates hiding places for potential wrong doers. Also the sidewalks are dangerous for children, adults, and handicapped
- The inner walkways in the historic core are still very dark, and it can be uncomfortable walking after dark

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- I feel safe within “Old Greenbelt,” but do not feel as safe in the other sections of Greenbelt because of the sprawl and big roads (Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth/Edmonston Road). Good biking and walking infrastructure would put more “eye on the street” and enliven the areas
- Getting from one side of Greenbelt to another by walking is just not safe with Kenilworth Road, the Beltway, and Greenbelt Road all having fast moving traffic and little room for pedestrians. Also, why doesn't 9-1-1 get me to the Greenbelt police? That's weird

Youth

Precinct 3

- Teens and the area near the Spellman Bridge
- I've been harassed by kids at the Spellman Overpass
- Gangs of young people
- Yes, protection from gang-like attacks

Precinct 6

- Young (high school) thugs from surrounding communities

Precinct 8

- Youth problem
- Also drugs - seems a lot of teens smoke weed
- I have personally handled students parking and weed smoking in our lot

Precinct 13

- Better monitoring of kids off school grounds
- Yes, there are too many kids and others destroying condo hallways and property in Greenbriar Condominiums

Precinct 18

- Yes, kids after school in Greenbelt East
- Youth loitering in parking lots

Web

- Youth crime
- Students from Roosevelt High continuously hang in the stairwells of Greenbriar condominiums and do all sorts of things. Packages are stolen from front doors, and cars are stolen or vandalized
- Students from Roosevelt High School trespassing and litter on Greenbriar property
- High school students do not have bus transportation and some walk miles to and from school. It would be good if they too have transportation

Drugs

Precinct 3

- I've seen drug deals on Crescent - front of Community Center - I think we don't have enough police presence in the area

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- Gangs and drugs
- By the Greenbriar condominiums we have drug traffic in the wooded areas and loitering in the buildings
- Drugs. Increase in crime! Lack of officers on the streets!

Precinct 8

- Also drugs - seems a lot of teens smoke weed
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Precinct 13

- Drugs
- Excessive marijuana use within community
- Marijuana smoke in buildings
- I do have concerns with people smoking marijuana in the condominiums

Precinct 18

- Drug deals at the gas station

Early Voting

- Drugs in area

Mailed/delivered

- Drugs

Web

- I have concerns about the area around the dog park. I often see drug deals and prostitution there when I am there with my dog at night (9pm on weekends)

Other

Precinct 3

- There seems to be an uptick in mentally-ill homeless people "living" in Greenbelt
- Homeless individuals with mental health issues consistently sleep and live on Crescent Road park benches
- Anifa has a chapter in Greenbelt and they don't like me all that much
- Keep the cameras working
- Mild concern
- Everyone is somewhat concerned about "random evil," but for the most part, Greenbelt is safe
- Increase of homeless sleeping on benches in center of town talking to themselves. People sleeping overnight in cars for months where cars remain in the same space. Cars have out of state tags by Mishkan Torah in Old Greenbelt and elsewhere
- No locks on outside doors and basement door in apartment
- I'd like to see more solar motion-sensitive lights
- Better security cameras

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- I am concerned about keeping Old Greenbelt as safe as it currently is and improving the safety of Greenbelt West
- I'm always vigilant considering the current climate of unrest
- I don't feel as safe as when I just moved here, but not a huge concern

Precinct 6

- Occasionally aggressive oddballs
- Number of homeless hanging out is on the increase
- Concerns - yes
- Homeless people yell and scream on my street
- No more than general Metro Bus area
- In favor of body cameras
- No, seems to be a bit more crime but I still feel safe at night
- Barking dogs

Precinct 8

- General concern, nothing specific
- Loitering in apartments. Too many dirty apartments. High cost of rent
- Yes, we need lock lobby doors in communities like Franklin Park where I live
- New community needs more residents
- Parking on Edmonston Road
- Beltway Plaza should be reconstructed for better stores and entertainment
- Fairness, more restorative justice

Precinct 13

- Yes, animals (personal) being allowed out without supervision/leashes especially in evening/late night
- Too many people without a leash on their dogs running and scaring pedestrians
- Living in an apartment. People smoking in the places and smell of smoke. Increase your risk of cancer
- Some
- Varies upon sector

Precinct 18

- Checking unwanted cars parking
- Schools, 7 Eleven on Good Luck Road, especially on Hanover Parkway and sidewalks
- Animal control, police patrol, residential speed monitoring, and street lighting
- Yes, we need more guards on neighborhood

Early Voting

- I strongly support ongoing training in de-escalation
- There is a lot of night time wild life in Greenbelt, and, specifically raccoons

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- There is a homeless woman sleeping on the bench outside the Municipal Center
- Animal control should go back to county
- Too many homeless/mentally challenged hanging out in square – loud, talking, cursing
- Density and illegal parking in Greenbelt Station. Development is a safety hazard. Tough for emergency vehicles to get in and out of development
- More path lighting; youth loitering; speeding through Old Greenbelt
- Not in Old Greenbelt but this city stratified by race and class!
- Attitude towards citizens
- Need more security cameras on buildings in condominiums
- Concern that all citizens may not be treated fairly
- The homeless in the center are making it unpleasant to visit Roosevelt Center
- Aggressive dogs in neighborhood, danger crossing (walking) Route 201 and Route 193, fear of assault walking in dark from Metro Rail Station to Old Greenbelt (Ivy Lane and Cherrywood Lane)
- Crosswalks not in town center. West Way overcrowded near Lakeside
- The employees at Corporate building across from the post office block the exit when they park on the street
- Just the normal condition (not walking alone at night, etc.) but not particular to Greenbelt

Mailed/delivered

- Concerns are developing as I live here longer
- Sometimes - many who are strangers to me
- The non-US citizens sleeping in wooded areas and the trashing in open places (keep Greenbelt clean)
- Roosevelt Center is much better
- Yes, concerns about personal safety

Web

- NEED TO GET CROOKS OFF STREET AND GET HOMELESS OFF BUS SHELTERS
- Bad cell phone coverage makes it difficult to call 911 if ever there was to be a need for it
- Spellman Overpass should be CLOSED and LOCKED at night. There is no purpose for that bridge outside of normal business hours. Roosevelt Center is a posted NO Smoking zone, yet there are smokers present on a daily basis. There also seems to be an “overnight” homelessness problem that has recently come to light
- MagLev train building tunnels under Greenbelt affecting structural and financial stability of housing, roads, etc.
- The lack of reliable 911 cellphone service makes me afraid to walk in Greenbelt at night
- I grew up in D.C. and much like the city, there are places in our suburb that I know are a bit “sketchy” which seem to have a lion’s share of the action in the police blotter. That said, I’ve never felt threatened but I also don’t spend a lot of time in the areas that are problematic
- The Greenbelt VFD no longer seems to have volunteer members staffing fire engines or ambulances. The County Firefighters on the fire engine stated there are no volunteers at Greenbelt VFD, but the Berwyn Heights VFD has a lot of volunteers? Perhaps the City should be funding other area volunteer fire departments more and decrease contributions to

the Greenbelt VFD? Nothing but love for Greenbelt PD

- General increase in crime. Traffic in residential neighborhoods is often too fast and reckless
- This isn't regarding safety for me, so much as for homeless people. I have noticed an increase in our homeless population. I have also called around and realize there is really NO services available to homeless people in Greenbelt, and still few for PG County. Roosevelt Center is fine as a casual free place for all to enjoy, but more and more it seems to be a place for people with nowhere to go to come hang out, use a bathroom, get some heat, get some air conditioning, rather than a space for neighbors to meet, do their work, shop, and so forth
- There has been more gun violence lately. And merchant robberies. In the past I would never hesitate to walk around at night – now I am less likely to do so. Also – one thing I have noticed, and my husband as well, is that the police vehicles speed – maybe in excess of 70mph down Crescent Road when responding. Sometimes four or five in a row. I realize calls can often be life or death, but I live off of Crescent and near the fire station end, so I see the responses regularly – and I am worried a police car is going to go around the bend of Crescent, and a car will be pulling out from the end or Parkway closest to Roosevelt Center and the gas station, or somebody will be getting out of their car parked on the street and it will be disaster. I have not seen this issue with fire trucks and the rescue squads. One other issue of safety – Metro buses speeding down Ridge
- Growth has brought more traffic and an unreasonable amount of people to the area, in addition to co-operative assistance to all neighboring towns, the Greenbelt Police stay busy
- People walking in between courts and into back yards
- I am a white male, and I see that young black men continue to be seen with suspicion when they are just going about their daily lives. This makes it dangerous for them and threatens all of our civil rights as a community
- Owners of pitbulls which I thought were banned in Maryland

Public Information

4. Is there a service we do not offer on our website that you would like to see? If so, what is that service?

Calendars/schedules

Precinct 3

- Upcoming events (2 respondents)
- Announcements – refuse and recycling schedule
- Flu shot dates
- Special trash pick-up scheduling
- Community events
- Events calendar
- Better calendar of events
- All public events

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Precinct 8

- Community-wide calendar
- City Council meetings
- Community events/announcements

Precinct 13

- Events, PG County information
- Upcoming events

Precinct 18

- Activities for seniors, babysitting workshop, counseling services
- High school concerts. Public events sponsored by Greenbelt schools
- Family events

Early Voting

- Upcoming events
- All events/announcements
- Schedule of Greenbelt TV programs
- What is happening in Roosevelt Center
- Events/information about Greenbelt East, Greenbelt West and the Center, EQUALLY!
- Activity/event schedules
- Activities for that day

Improved organization/ease of use

Precinct 3

- More information
- Easier to find information and navigate
- Better search
- Better search capability
- Make it easier to see when pool is used for classes (so I'll know times to avoid)

Precinct 6

- Better navigation
- Better display of events, better links to businesses/attraction
- Better organization of data
- Easier to find things

Precinct 8

- Poor layout – redesign in entirety
- Easier information on core issues that requires community participation

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Precinct 13

- Scroll of current issues or activities
- Better directory – way to know how to access more video

Early Voting

- Make it obvious that we can watch meetings there; also, let us know which meetings are on City's Municipal Access channel
- Better calendar/specific segments about tax-related issues so you don't have to see the entire message
- Easier way to find things
- Continue with events
- Recommendation area. Area to submit commendation for employees/citizens
- A calendar of events with visuals
- Description of events

Mailed/delivered

- Need to review site first

Web

- Better search function; organized by keywords so it is possible to find agendas and minutes from past meetings and work sessions
- The website is pretty lame
- I would like to see the City website layout improved. I would like to see it more clearly reflect the important matters addressing the City in a timely manner (zoning, etc.)
- Easier navigation
- Better access to finding phone number and email addresses

Online payments

Precinct 3

- Pay sewer/trash bills online

Web

- Online payment option
- Pay trash pick-up fee

More frequent updates

Precinct 3

- More up-to-date calendar
- Reminder of no trash and holiday week
- News about street closings, construction and events
- Just stay current
- More current in the moment information

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- Current activities – daily/weekly, etc. Need daily up-to-date place – like – if it were the 4th of July and raining – a place all could go on the day to see if cancelled or a go
- Current information

Precinct 13

- Organizational meetings – constantly updated – also public hearings for bus, etc.

Early Voting

- Updated police report

Mailed/delivered

- Holiday updates, like trash collection

Web

- Anything there now as long as it's up-to-date and current. Updating the website should be more of a priority
- Better updating of meetings. Video record all meetings
- More current updated information about the city

Recycling information

Precinct 3

- Electronics recycling information needs to be updated
- Information on how to get rid of paint, batteries, etc.

Precinct 6

- Update on special recycling times

Web

- More advanced notice of old paint disposal and shredding documents
- Recycling tracking

Reservations/service requests

Precinct 3

- Recycle schedule for holiday weeks. Twice I've not been able to find information

Precinct 6

- Better online registration

Web

- Ability to file "code enforcement" requests
- Yard waste and big trash pick-up request

Committee information

Precinct 3

- Meeting minutes from committees in a timely manner

Links

Early Voting

- Links to Greenbelt Live
- Better way to use links

Web

- Direct email link to individual city council members and the council as a whole
- A permanent LARGE PRINT link to the animal laws
- Links to local businesses in Roosevelt Center websites

Job listings

Early Voting

- Information about part-time employment

Other

Precinct 3

- It's good, all city meetings should be recorded
- All city/resident relevant information
- Police
- Anything
- More "green steps"
- GHI Handbook, is it online?
- More news and accessible summaries/minutes from council members
- A webcam/weather conditions feature
- RSS/Podcasts/Vodcasts
- Election information? (did not look)
- Not sure
- State voting guide
- List of community festivals and hotline for special needs
- Streaming of council work sessions
- List of all available services and how to initiate contact
- Not sure
- More youth involved programs and events
- Information on bus service, city council candidates
- Free classes
- Something more for visitors to the community and for new residents

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- Local small businesses featured – not just during festivals
- I have no access
- Searchable crime database
- Transportation
- Don't know

Precinct 6

- Where to go for shelter in case of massive power outage, for example
- Laws on pet ownership
- More information on City Council meetings
- Full minutes for all Council sessions
- Don't know
- Electric car charger instructions
- Directory of services (doctors, cleaners, salons, etc.)

Precinct 8

- Information re: local elected officials and legislation
- Health information
- Helping the lower class
- Social services
- Better access to Greenbelt Metro Station
- All good

Precinct 13

- Helping homeless people if not on the website yet
- Local talent
- News
- Art
- Not sure
- Community events; next door application information
- More resources for small businesses
- Small businesses highlights
- I don't know

Precinct 18

- Greenbelt news
- News, information, programs free programs

Early Voting

- More "green" resources
- School/parks/kids events/grants
- Need more time to respond

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- Meeting agendas; budget
- Unsure (2 respondents)
- A list of unfulfilled petitions
- Safety and security
- Don't know
- Education
- Information

Mailed/delivered

- Watch videos

Web

- Tax records
- TV schedule for Greenbelt TV as to when something special will air like Greenbelt Blues Festival
- Calendars, links to bios, important events and deadlines
- Streaming Greenbelt News and podcasts
- An email newsletter
- Increase public information about police interactions and statistics
- Not sure; just starting to explore it
- Current City outdoor temperature
- More tutoring services for children and adults
- A blog aspiring Council candidates to post their views and opinions at anytime
- Everything seniors are entitled to receive free
- How each department and their responsibilities to the citizens

City Services and Taxes

4. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why?

None

Precinct 3

- None (5 respondents)
- No
- I don't think services/programs should be reduced. They are the major benefits of living in Greenbelt
- Keep everything and do not waste dollars on frivolous things
- Can't imagine what we need less of....
- Don't do it!
- I don't know all the services or how much they are used
- None – please don't reduce
- No opinion
- I can't think of any

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- None, I think programs in the Greenbelt area, are good for all age group
- Unsure

Precinct 6

- None
- No reductions. All are important

Precinct 8

- None (3 respondents)
- City services are important – can't decide
- All are important

Precinct 13

- None (5 respondents)

Early Voting

- None (5 respondents)
- None of them
- No reduction needed
- Keep the services/programs
- I think everything the city provides is essential
- I live in Greenbelt for the services/programs. Please do not reduce
- I can't suggest any. They are all necessary!
- Nothing comes to mind
- I would like not to see any current services discontinued

Mailed/delivered

- Can't think of any
- None of them

Web

- None (4 respondents)
- All are necessary for a safe, clean, community that strives for a healthy inclusiveness for all ages. Let's not fall away from our successes due to cost
- Do not reduce
- Just keep everything the way it is. We don't need to increase but we do need to keep them

Not sure/don't know

Precinct 3

- Not sure (2 respondents)
- Not sure at this time, but if services are being used, they should not be reduced in any form
- Don't know

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Precinct 8

- Eek, don't know

Precinct 13

- Not sure (2 respondents)
- I'll have to think about it
- Don't know – there are so many good things that the city offers
- I don't know

Precinct 18

- We cannot really reduce services. I pay lots in taxes however, it means more to keep services
- Hard to decide

Early Voting

- Unsure
- Can't decide
- Cannot think of any
- I don't know – the city has excellent services
- Don't know
- Uncertain

Mailed/delivered

- That's not easy to determine

Web

- I don't have enough information to suggest any
- If cost/benefit analysis was available, this could be answered intelligently
- Don't know enough about all services available to respond knowledgeably
- Not sure
- I don't know enough about the programs to make a decision
- It's hard to choose. I feel that the services/programs that I'm aware of are important to keep at least at the same level. I feel that the city does a great job of taking care of/providing for all residents

Services/programs

Recreation/parks/playgrounds

Precinct 3

- Dog park, skate park
- Look to see if there are some recreation services that are provided by the County that could be reduced

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- Recreation department should offer few programs and upgrade athletic facilities
- Organization and athletic teams that do not have Greenbelt residence members
- Recreation, style improvements, employees
- Consider whether all the athletic fields are fully used. Consider whether there are some income-producing activities that could be substituted for the free activities
- Reduce the Recreation department layers of supervision and oversight – too many “chiefs” and not enough workers who actually do work, like cleaning the locker rooms
- Recreational – could be privately funded
- Recreation activities

Precinct 13

- Skate park activities

Early Voting

- Difficult decision – maybe fewer athletic programs and facilities
- Add ballfield in Greenbelt West – close one in Central Greenbelt
- Recreation
- Community center due to low usage

Mailed/delivered

- Day programs at the community and/or aquatic center that are not at capacity
- Recreation (slightly less essential) but only as last resort

Web

- Support for tackle football because of association with concussions and inherent violent nature (replace with ultimate Frisbee)
- Keep programs for kids like the school's out program and the summer camps
- Recreation department staffing
- Recreation department budget should be put more toward athletic field quality and less toward programs
- Recreation
- Staffing and recreational
- Need a 2nd dog park. No new playgrounds needed. City has plenty and some are not used much

Arts/entertainment

Precinct 3

- Celebration of Spring – what is this all about? Festival of Lights – we can go to other such festivals locally
- Maybe some recreational arts programs
- Get rid of artist studios
- Artful afternoon is nice but not well attended

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Precinct 6

- Go to part-time museum employees
- Arts
- Museum is a real stretch
- Theater? Unpopular movie choices often depressing

Precinct 8

- Museum for other development

Precinct 18

- Arts/programs that are only held in Old Greenbelt. Cut funding to museum and theater (support should come from fundraising). Cut funding to some City activities and charge for special parks that are not used by majority of citizens, i.e., dog and skate parks

Early Voting

- Art programs
- Artful Afternoons

Web

- Greenbelt Theatre – It seems lately politics have been forced into the theatre
- Stop showing Democratic liberal films at the theater. Stop funding the theater with my tax dollars
- Museum. Seems to serve the least number of people at the greatest cost
- Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Theatre

Public Works

Precinct 3

- Trash collection in parks. We should be very receptive to a “trash-free” initiative (take out your own)
- Snow removal
- Increase trash collection at lake; provide more trash cans along walking paths where dogs are often walked
- Street sweeping (reduce frequency)
- I could go to once a month trash pick-up but I’m sure that would raise some hackles
- Snow removal could be reduced and trash pickup every other week
- Garbage collection should be 2 days a week instead
- Refuse collection; street cleaning

Precinct 6

- Street cleaning, residents should participate in cleaning

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Precinct 8

- In Greenbelt Station we do not get snow removal or garbage collection, so wouldn't mind reduction
- We currently do not receive snow removal or garbage collection so those should be reduced for the rest of the community

Precinct 18

- Building maintenance

Early Voting

- Spend money on road side signs – way too many
- Snow removal
- Road repainting/stripping
- Street maintenance
- Street and park maintenance

Mailed/delivered

- Leaf collection – go natural

Web

- Every year around the holidays, the City publishes the name of every City employee and the department they work in. When I see the list of the “public works” employees, my jaw usually drops. I can NOT believe how many public works employees a City of this size has. Reduce public works, increase fire/police and public safety and library and pre-school services
- Cut back recycling to biweekly
- Leaf cleanup. No need to blow leaves away until they obscure street marking or cause a hazard
- Sorted, not single-stream recycling
- Public works or recreation staff – both have a very large roster
- Street cleaning
- Maybe the compost bin program; it is really easy and cheap to buy one on your own. Get rid of yard waste hauling, as homeowners/GHI should learn how to handle it on their own and not waste fuel and time hauling things that can stay in their yard. Get rid of the mulch pile

Special Events

Precinct 3

- Artful Afternoon, Festival of Lights, Recreation department offerings of less than 10-15 people
- Possibly scale back the special events since Greenbelt residents are within Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.
- I would raise fees for special children activities the City offers (like the Easter Egg and Pumpkin activities at the pool)
- Festivals – we've reached saturation
- I am aware of all services. 4th of July fireworks are too costly and bad for environment
- Christmas activities

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- Special events
- Fall fest
- Special events because there is more than enough events

Precinct 6

- Special events

Precinct 13

- Perhaps a few of the Saturday “festivals” which, though fun don’t seem very well attended. If their cost is modest, I’d prefer to keep them...it’s “cost-benefit” dependent, so perhaps some sort of “attendance estimate” should be made
- Community events – Marylanders like to be strangers, not neighbors

Precinct 18

- Celebration of Spring, Greenman Festival. Not in keeping with traditional celebration/cultures

Early Voting

- Some of special events
- Labor Day carnival. The last two have been underwhelming. Maybe it is time for a change
- Special events

Web

- The Greenman festival is a pagan religious festival and should not be funded with government money

Public Safety

Precinct 3

- Get rid of traffic cameras
- Police coverage
- The police need to go after the actual criminals and not people who aren’t doing anything wrong
- Anything other than public safety (police) or trash and recycling

Precinct 6

- Cut the police force. Way too much money spent on them

Precinct 8

- Police budget because gaps can be filled with community assistance, i.e., neighborhood watch

Precinct 13

- Increase community policing, the police do not know the residents

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Early Voting

- Police is a HUGE cost, about 50% of annual budget and way too many perks!
- Eliminate traffic cameras
- The police department is too large

Web

- They have 31 Patrolman, it is sufficient, it's ok, but reduce or cut the other "miscellany" they have 70 person, it's too expensive!!
- Lower funding for Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department
- Cut police budget. Too large a line item
- Police – we could use fewer
- Police
- We spend too much on police for what we get. Let's shift some money to public works for better streets (better sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops, traffic calming)

Landscaping

Precinct 3

- Planting all those flowers

Precinct 6

- Landscaping – Though I think it is important, it is not directly people-orienting

Precinct 18

- Reduce horticulture

Early Voting

- Horticulture/planting
- Planting

Mailed/delivered

- Not landscaping and tree planting. Greenbelt should remain attractive, tidy, and green

Web

- Beautification program: let's plant perennials instead of annuals (flowers)

Animal Control

Precinct 3

- Animal shelter is divisive and makes no impact

Precinct 6

- Animal rescue. Help people not animals

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Early Voting

- Animal control could go back to county and Greenbelt police could use kennel grounds for K-9s

Parking Enforcement

Precinct 3

- Get rid of the parking enforcement dude

Precinct 6

- Parking enforcement

Early Voting

- Parking enforcement

Social Services

Precinct 3

- Greenbelt CARES
- Very tough call, can't cut safety or maintenance, what is left? CARES?

Precinct 6

- Reduce CARES and assistance in living staff
- Programs for social services

Precinct 8

- Food pantry or community garden to assist food insecure homes
- Hard to say, but senior services should be the last to have reductions

Precinct 18

- Family services

Web

- Social programs
- CARES (2 respondents)

Other Services/programs

Precinct 3

- Maybe Greenbelt TV
- Keep core maintenance and services. Drop optional-but-desirable social/civic programs, with child and elderly the last to go
- Outdoor lighting
- Look at participation and reduce least used programs
- TV station – it's currently useless
- All the services I notice, I like

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- Senior activities, because they pay for programs and they are not a “city” service
- Anything really non-essential
- Solar/greenhouse initiatives
- Social media services because it’s wasteful and ineffective
- Homeschool enrichment
- Animal parks
- One’s that had low participation – particularly as percentage of population
- Electric car charging stations, unless they cost the user, not the taxpayers
- Electric car charging stations that are free (paying for fuel for people who can already afford expensive car)
- Dog park...I have no dog!
- I think priorities should be re-ordered. Some very expensive and less used should be cut to allow development of others. Grants to groups should be cut unless the majority of participants live in Greenbelt
- Organization block grants
- That is why we elect the Council
- Our programs help support the quality of life we want in our community
- Increase funding to education. Make the local school system exemplary
- Get money to the DNC. Grants to partisan groups
- Very slight reduction on all things to keep changes even to all services and programs
- Technical services use the News Review
- French Immersion – irrelevant language – should be Spanish

Precinct 6

- I would reduce redundant programs
- If there anywhere the county can help? Work with other towns, e.g., Berwyn Heights? Save on hiring useless consultants?
- Municipal Access Channel
- More time for citizens and people to interact
- Awards to schools, teachers
- I trust the council to spend my tax dollars for the interest of all, not just my preferences
- We are a community of Co-ops. Most need start-up help, other than that they should be self-sustaining
- Employee benefits? Sorry wish I had more time to provide a thoughtful response. Taxes are becoming a burden for single family homes
- Look to least utilized for opportunities to reduce rather than eliminate. Could begin a donation or sliding scale for some services as a suggestion
- Those with the lowest participation
- City has an excessive amount of subsidies for individual groups, i.e., seniors, kids, moms, movie theater, New Deal
- Too many people driving fancy cars and buying expensive food are on food stamps or housing assistance

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- Work better with GHI
- More financial responsibility to those who use the services – with a sliding scale or waiver for those who really cannot pay
- Dog park, staffing
- Hard to say because there are so many I don't use (no kids, not a sports fan)
- Counseling, tutoring, GED – not the City's job

Precinct 8

- Programs not for everyone
- Increased programs for children to improve exposure to STEM

Precinct 13

- Solar power, battery-powered equipment
- The ones that are least used because they're obsolete
- Newspaper
- The ones being used the least because that money could be reallocated
- City government wages
- Green initiatives (least germane to daily life, short term)
- Green initiative, others more important
- Dog park – terrible – not well maintained and very basic
- I don't know but it should be information – public presentation – to choose with knowledge which needs to be improved or reduced

Precinct 18

- Websites
- The ones being utilized the least
- Free tutoring for middle and high school students

Early Voting

- Not sure of all services provided, but I'd recommend cutting if necessary those that could be administered by a volunteer group
- Those that do not apply to all citizens
- Adult classes
- UMD Shuttle - not enough participation
- UMD Shuttle - students don't use that much
- I would reduce funding for the theater and printed information on the referendums that is on this table
- Planning and community development services can be contracted at a lower cost
- Participate in green initiatives. Each citizen should be responsible to reduce green initiatives
- A list of services here would be helpful to answer this
- Green initiatives – can be done through individual efforts and state funding. Reduce pre-school and afterschool enrichment programs by half – to force parents to interact with their children more and build family values

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- Dog parks – make them membership or fee-based
- Reduce neighborhood playgrounds and senior services (if younger adult services aren't as equitable)
- Website. Poorly designed and monitored
- Electric car charging for free
- HOA (very discriminatory; rude and nasty)

Mailed/delivered

- There are ways to save money without reducing services and programs
- Not sure, but probably something where you get a fee for services
- Not informed enough
- Food stamps, rent vouchers, tax relief
- Lower heat in the GAFC's ladies restroom! It's grossly overheated. Complaints are ignored by staff
- Services that area churches or non-profits could service
- Delivery of Greenbelt Review because it can be picked up at the Co-op grocery store
- No police chief. Seasonal plantings. Special events. Skate Park. Outdoor pool. Parking enforcement

Web

- Infrastructure development because there are other things that could benefit from more funding such as sustainable energy and educational programs
- Adult classes...I would keep them for seniors, though
- Start with pay and benefits for City employees except EMS and police. Cease immediate and future funding of the theater! Stop financial support for all Co-ops
- No additional dog park
- I would conduct an evaluation of which services have been not used in the last 5 years. Then I would conduct outreach to the community about the findings, get our feedback and input about continuation or reduction and then reduce or cancel that programming, if needed, or offer that service on an as-needed basis based on some criteria that is fair and relevant
- Recycling, Movie Theater, buying unneeded police vehicles such as a Chevrolet Tahoe for a K9 vehicle when they already have five K9 vehicles and only two dogs. If a new one is needed a Ford utility would have been sufficient and thousands of dollars cheaper to buy and operate
- False dichotomy. I'd ask: in which areas can volunteers step in to ensure that services/programs are maintained or increased? This is a community where volunteers play significant and pivotal roles
- Not sure, as it's all important. However, property taxes can make it difficult for some people to remain in their homes. It would be better if tax revenue could be collected from income taxes and/or sales tax. I suggest increasing the tax on tobacco products. Get something out of other people's bad habits!
- Greenbelt is an energetic community, but we must keep in mind that we must be an affordable community. We need to find other sources of revenue at times
- Yearly Co-op inspections

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- Stop over developing – no 25 story apartment complex, i.e., behind the police station, no more major developments like Greenbelt Station, no FBI complex
- I'd suggest ones that target Old Greenbelt residents. Springhill Lake is already disproportionately overlooked when it comes to services and programs, so if these are reduced even further, you need to take a long hard look at inequality in services in the City
- Police, City of Greenbelt government, my tax bill is too high
- Reduce to a minimal!!!
- Reduce the number of senior-level managers. Protect the jobs of city workers, and pay a living wage
- Raise fees for programs rather than using tax dollars to fund them. Make the people who benefit from the programs pay for them, rather than spreading the cost to all the tax-payers
- Reduce or eliminate construction or residential renovation permitting and inspections. The County provides essentially the same permitting and inspections, and has competent staff for this, so there is no need for the City to have a construction permit and inspections program
- Children's programs. There are a lot of them and only people with children benefit
- The City has several retirement programs. They should move from pension to 457
- Depends on what services/programs are less used by residents
- Look at demographics and adapt services