

# City of Greenbelt

## City Manager's Report

### Week Ending May 8, 2020

1. If you have not already, please watch the County's press conference that was held earlier today. A link to the press conference is on the City's website. While the daily reports I provide offer information, this includes the County Executive, Health Director, and County School Superintendent who provide the most recent appeal to stay at home as the County aims to address a variety of health indicators. This includes a 14-day reduction in cases, hospitalizations per day, and increased testing among other factors that need to be addressed. This conference also addresses summer school and equity issues like making sure all children continue learning and retain and build upon what they learned during the school year. This follows my discussion with City staff about effort to work with Schools similar to the Eagle Vision program and Springhill Lake, to help make sure anything that the City might do this summer helps reinforce what children learned during the school year. Recreation and CARES can help make this happen with an eye toward education, mental health and other fun that camps have offered.
2. Attached is a list of apartment complexes with the number of units for each complex.
3. Please see the attached from M-NCPPC. The announcement cancels summer programs, June classes and events, and outlines re-opening of certain areas with social distancing and other requirements over the next few weeks. Playgrounds will remain closed.
4. Budget reports for the May 13 budget work session on Planning & Community Development and Economic Development will be a part of the meeting packet.
5. Included separately is a copy of the letter and attachments from County Executive Alsobrooks about the Coronavirus Relief Fund. This information was forwarded via email on Wednesday, May 6. Staff seeks any Council feedback during Monday night's virtual Council meeting.
6. Thank you to all staff who planned and participated in the "parade" for Outstanding Citizen John Henry Jones. Happy Birthday!
7. Thank you for staff who continue to serve in facilities and in the field. Thanks also to employees who continue to add virtual service offerings.
8. Staff received corrected proposed County enterprise zone maps, yet as of the date of this report, has not received confirmed information on financial impacts. The item remains on Monday evening's agenda.
9. Participated in Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments teleconference regarding regional emergency response and recovery with DC, Maryland and Virginia officials.
10. Staff continues to plan for recovery efforts. This includes physical and program needs. I will be meeting with departments as a group and in consultation with Human Resources as we continue this process. Staff submitted questions to the County regarding recovery efforts, along with consultation with peers in other communities. Council consideration is appreciated. As information is available it will be shared.
11. Staff from Police and Code Enforcement will be at Sunday's Farmers Market. CERT will also supplement the Farmers Market volunteers, who extended appreciation for Council's suggestion to include CERT.

12. Participated in a County call on CARES Act reimbursement and met with the City Treasurer and Supervisory Inspector regarding requirements and the possible City submittal noted above. Please check daily updates sent earlier this week for other COVID-19 funding opportunities. Likewise, attached is a listing of cultural/heritage tourism related funding opportunities from ATHA.
13. County Deputy Fire Chief Frankel responded to the request for help in addressing the sink hole at the Volunteer Fire Department. A Fire facility employee has confirmed that they will visit the site and address the issue.
14. The City's State Highway Administration community liaison has confirmed that the Edmonston Road ramp is still going to be repaired, yet the effort is delayed due to inclement weather.
15. Issued an employee message drafted last week (attached). Thank you to Mary Johnson, Anne Marie and Beverly for assistance.
16. Reviewed 5.5 sets of draft meeting minutes. My understanding is that those might be on a future agenda.
17. Participated in teleconferences/correspondence regarding personnel, budget, events, emergency and other operational matters.
18. Participated in Council budget work session and the work session on the proposed Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone. Attended Virtual Greenbelt Rotary meeting and forwarded the speaker's request to present to Council.
19. **Assistant City Manager**
  - a. Emergency management due to COVID-19.
  - b. Held a weekly call with the Museum Director.
  - c. Monitored County and regional calls.
  - d. Attended the Recreation Budget work session.
  - e. Worked and met with the City Treasurer on revenue and expenditure analysis in preparation for the final budget work session.
  - f. Prepared background materials for a virtual CRAB Meeting on May 14.
20. **City Treasurer**
  - a. FY 2021 Budget preparation
    1. A question was raised during the General Government budget work session regarding the money in the Spay and Neuter Clinic account in the Agency Funds (page 249). I confirmed the grant was closed out several years ago and the balance in the account is from donations.
    2. The attached line graph shows the impact of COVID-19 on City revenues, assuming no changes in expenditures.
    3. Attended Recreation Department budget work session.
    4. Met with Assistant City Manager to prepare for the final budget work session.
  - b. COVID-19
    1. CARES funding from Prince George's County
      - Participated on a call with County officials regarding the process.
      - Met with the City Manager and Code Enforcement Supervisor to review and discuss guidance from the County.
      - Submitted questions to the County.
    2. Researching FEMA funding options.
    3. Working with Human Resources to adapt Accounting Technician recruitment process.

- c. Reviewing assigned sections for Code update project.

**21. Information Technology**

- a. Met with Md Municipal CIOs – COVID-19 discussions.
- b. Reviewed CARES/GAIL senior device plan.
- c. Reviewed Paymentus info.
- d. Researched email timestamp issue.

**22. Economic Development**

- a. COVID-19 Outreach
  - Local law firm
  - Local retailers
  - Local banks
- b. Webinars & Events
  - Participated in International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Economic Development Week webinars
  - Bisnow (Commercial Real Estate) Weekly Town Hall
  - International Council for Shopping Centers (ICSC): The Shopping Center Business Plan
  - Inc. Weekly Town Hall with US Chamber of Commerce
- c. Economic Development Admin
  - Outreach to businesses to touch base about COVID-19, concerns and plans.
  - Working with staff to coordinate communications about COVID-19 to the community.

cc: Department Heads

David Moran, Assistant City Manager

Mary Johnson, Human Resources Officer

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

**RE: Emergency tenant relief letter**

Terri Hruby <thruby@greenbeltmd.gov>

Tue 5/5/2020 12:18 PM

To: Nicole Ard <nard@greenbeltmd.gov>

Nicole,

Thought you may be interested in knowing what apartment complexes have 100+ units so I have provided the unit data below.

**Apartments Complexes**

Lawrence	48
Jane	52
Parke Crescent	84
Charlestowne North	179
Greenridge House	101
Glen Oaks	463
GDC Parkway	60
Lakeside North	276
University Square	496
Parkway Gardens	42
Crescent Square I	42
Crescent Square II	24
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station	2885
Greenbelt Park	42
Verde Apartments	302

Thank You,  
Terri

Terri Hruby, AICP  
Director of Planning and Community Development  
City of Greenbelt  
(301)474-0569

**From:** Nicole Ard  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:09 PM  
**To:** Shaniya Lashley-Mullen; Colin A. Byrd; tpounds@alexander-cleaver.com  
**Cc:** Council; Bonita Anderson; Terri Hruby; David Moran; Gilberto Cabrera; Liz Park; Christal Batey; Laura Allen; Charise Liggins; Beverly Palau; Richard Bowers  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency tenant relief letter

Council,  
I am forwarding your messages to Todd for him to research and follow-up. I am also copying related staff so that they are aware.

Thank you,  
Nicole

**From:** Shaniya Lashley-Mullen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** Colin A. Byrd; Nicole Ard  
**Cc:** Council; Bonita Anderson  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency tenant relief letter

Good morning,

This item has been added to the May 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Thank you,

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen  
City of Greenbelt  
25 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
Phone: 301-474-8000

**From:** Colin A. Byrd  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2020 10:39 AM  
**To:** Nicole Ard  
**Cc:** Council; Bonita Anderson; Shaniya Lashley-Mullen  
**Subject:** Emergency tenant relief letter

Ms. Ard:

Good morning.

Please kindly have "Emergency tenant relief letter" added to the May 11th, 2020 meeting agenda.

- The motion would be to send a letter to apartment complex owners (with at least 100 units) requesting that they:
  - Allow tenants three years to pay arrearages;
  - Discount the month of June and future months during the State of Emergency by 25%;
  - Charge no interest or late fees to tenants;
  - Make payment plans with tenants that allow further discounts beyond the aforementioned 25%;
  - Freeze rent increases for the remainder of 2020; and
  - Suspend all eviction lawsuits for the remainder of 2020.
- The City of Mount Rainier recently sent a letter like this.

Warm regards,

Colin Byrd  
Mayor -- City of Greenbelt

## FW: Update from M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation

Nicole Ard <nard@greenbeltmd.gov>

Fri 5/8/2020 1:58 PM

To: Council <Council@greenbeltmd.gov>

Cc: Beverly Palau <bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov>; Bonita Anderson <banderson@greenbeltmd.gov>; Jim Sterling <jsterling@greenbeltmd.gov>; Greg Varda <gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov>; Richard Bowers <rbowers@greenbeltmd.gov>; Joe McNeal <jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov>; Richard Bowers <rbowers@greenbeltmd.gov>; Anne Marie Belton <abelton@greenbeltmd.gov>

Council,

Please see below.

Bonita, please send this to the rest of the group.

Thank you,

Nicole

**From:** Green, Elaine [mailto:Elaine.Green@pgparks.com]

**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 1:42 PM

**To:** 'kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov'; 'admin@bladensburgmd.gov'; 'dsandlin@bladensburgmd.gov'; 'alott@cityofbowie.org'; 'ahernandez@cityofbowie.org'; 'townclerk@brentwoodmd.gov'; 'alott@cityofbowie.org'; 'ahernandez@cityofbowie.org'; 'townclerk@brentwoodmd.gov'; 'town.administrator@brentwood.gov'; 'townadmininstrator@capitolheightsmd.com'; 'rbailey@capitolheightsmd.com'; 'dgalloway@cheverly-md.gov'; 'townclerk@cheverly-md.gov'; 'citymanager@collegeparkmd.gov'; 'pwojahn@collegeparkmd.gov'; 'danbaden@comcast.net'; 'danbaden@comcast.net'; 'townhall@cottagecitymd.gov'; 'townmanager@cottagecitymd.gov'; 'crutchfields@districtheights.org'; 'taylorj@districtheights.org'; 'townhall@edmonstonmd.gov'; 'rbarnes@edmonstonmd.gov'; 'agray@edmonstonmd.gov'; 'clerk@fairmountheightsmd.gov'; 'townmanager@fairmountheightsmd.gov'; 'shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov'; 'lrobinson@forestheightsmd.gov'; 'councilclerk@cityofglenarden.org'; 'eestes@cityofglenarden.org'; 'kjones@cityofglenarden.org'; Nicole Ard; David Moran; 'info@hyattsville.org'; 'chollingsworth@hyattsville.org'; 'tnicholsondouglas@hyattsville.org'; 'lreams@hyattsville.org'; 'scorcoran@hyattsville.org'; 'townhall@landoverhills.us'; 'k.tavel@landoverhills.us'; 'clerk@laurel.md.us'; 'krau@laurel.md.us'; 'laurelmayor@laurel.md.us'; 'generalmailbox@morningsidemd.gov'; 'lgatling@mountrainiermd.org'; 'dmercedes@mountrainiermd.org'; 'jhoatson@mountrainiermd.org'; 'info@newcarrolltonmd.gov'; 'drosenberg@newcarrolltonmd.gov'; 'tgeorge@newcarrolltonmd.gov'; 'kruff@newcarrolltonmd.gov'; 'dbarber@newcarrolltonmd.gov'; 'probinson@northbrentwood.com'; 'townmanager@northbrentwood.com'; 'town@riverdaleparkmd.gov'; 'jbarnes@riverparkmd.gov'; 'diamond.plater@seatpleasantmd.gov'; 'jeannelle.wallace@seatpleasantmd.gov'; 'dashaun.lanham@seatpleasantmd.gov'; 'townhall@upmd.org'; 'amarcavitch@upmd.org'; 'info@uppermarlboromd.gov'; 'clerk@uppermarlboromd.gov'; 'ksnyder@uppermarlboromd.gov'

**Cc:** Tyler, Bill; Tyner, Debbie; Ramos, Wanda; Carter, Steven; McNeal, Alvin; Joyner, Ebony

**Subject:** Update from M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation

Forwarding on behalf of Director Bill Tyler:

Hello everyone,

I wanted to share with you that we are announcing today our decision to cancel our traditional summer camp programming in its entirety, including Summer Day Camps and Extended Care, Summer Playgrounds, Xtreme Teen and Safe Summer Centers.

Additionally, we are cancelling all events and classes that were scheduled for June.

As you know, Governor Hogan's latest order allows types of outdoor park facilities and recreational activities to reopen. Next week, we will begin reopening **tennis courts and recreational fishing and boating areas** with social distancing requirements still in effect.

Our **golf courses** will reopen in two weeks to allow time for training and preparing the facilities, to help keep our patrons and staff safe.

**Playgrounds** will remain closed and we will make a decision about campgrounds at a later date. Our **parks and trails** remain open to provide fresh air and space for exercise.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bill

## **FW: Rivers to Rockets Eblast: Workshops, Grants, and Other Opportunities (May 2020)**

Nicole Ard <nard@greenbeltmd.gov>

Fri 5/8/2020 2:04 PM

To: Anne Marie Belton <abelton@greenbeltmd.gov>

Anne Marie,

This will be attached to the report.

Thank you,

Nicole

**From:** Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. [mailto:info@anacostiatrails.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:21 PM

**To:** Nicole Ard

**Subject:** Rivers to Rockets Eblast: Workshops, Grants, and Other Opportunities (May 2020)



May 2020

Welcome back to *Rivers to Rockets Eblast*, a monthly newsletter for those who work and volunteer with our partner sites and government agencies. This eblast will be where Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. will highlight upcoming events, grants, and recognize those that work hard in our Heritage Area every day.

Here we are - two months into a COVID pandemic. I don't know how we exactly got here,



but we are each making our way through it. We have been posting COVID information on our regular eblast as well as listing virtualized activities our partners are holding. Please advise if you have anything to add to that list. Most activities have been cancelled through early June. We won't restart the regular eblast until then at least.

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## **Grant Opportunities**

### **Maryland Heritage Areas Authority FY2021 Grant Update**

The FY21 grant cycle continues forward. All of our applications were submitted to the state at the beginning of April and now the state begins their deliberation. In addition, there was emergency funding for Heritage sites that was submitted and is being reviewed. As soon as we have more information, we will pass it along.

### **Maryland Humanities Emergency Grant**

The goal of this new fund is to help sustain Maryland's infrastructure to ensure that organizations can continue to provide opportunities for public humanities programming and civic learning in Maryland's diverse communities during this unprecedented time. Grants will support nonprofit general operating expenses. Eligible nonprofit organizations include: museums, historic sites, preservation and historical societies, and community and cultural organizations with a significant humanities focus.

A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 100 grants will be awarded. The minimum grant award will be \$5,000 and the maximum grant award will be \$10,000. Applications will be competitively reviewed with a focus on both need and geographic location in an effort to disperse funds to all regions of the state. All grant awards will be for the same amount.

We invite you to apply should your organization be eligible and to help us spread the word about this opportunity so that we may quickly and efficiently award these monies to organizations in crisis.

Please note the application window is brief, with applications due no later than 11:59 p.m.

on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Full grant guidelines and eligibility requirements can be found at [mdhumanities.org/grants/CARES](http://mdhumanities.org/grants/CARES).

### **Emergency Relief Funding from NEH for Cultural Institutions Affected by Coronavirus**

The National Endowment for the Humanities announced new grant guidelines designed to rapidly distribute CARES Act funding to cultural nonprofits affected by the coronavirus pandemic. [NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations](#) emergency relief grants provide up to \$300,000 to support a range of humanities activities across the fields of education, preservation and access, public programming, digital humanities, and scholarly research through December 31, 2020. The deadline to apply is May 11, 2020.

### **Emergency Grants for Arts Organizations and Artists**

In response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) has created special grant opportunities that provide emergency funding to arts organizations and artists in Maryland as they adjust to losses sustained because of programming, operations, and events that have been modified or cancelled. Applications will be viewed upon submission. For more information visit <https://www.msac.org/grants/emergency-grant>, or contact Dana Parsons, Director, Grants and Professional Development, [dana.parsons@maryland.gov](mailto:dana.parsons@maryland.gov)

### **African American Heritage Grant program**

The Maryland Commission on African American Heritage and Culture and the Maryland Historical Trust are hosting webinars for prospective applicants for the African American Heritage Preservation Program. Grants are competitively awarded for construction projects on properties important to African American history and culture in Maryland. You can learn more about the program at our website [here](#). Applications are available on MHT's website [here](#).

Webinars are free and open to the public. We will host one with basics about the program and application requirements, and one with advanced tips for writing a compelling grant proposal.

- Application Requirement Basics Webinars  
May 8, 2020, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm use Event Code: 627 712 174

- Application Tips: How to tell your heritage story!

May 11, 2020, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm use Event Code: 629 587 800

To participate in a webinar:

You can join the webinar up to 45 minutes before the start time, either by connecting online or calling in.

Connect online and view the video features

You must use Chrome or Firefox as your browser to view video. See phone instructions below if you do not have Chrome or Firefox.

1. Go to: <https://www.webex.com/login/attend-a-meeting>
2. Copy and paste the Event Code for the webinar you want to attend (see above).
3. In the box on the right, enter the password: **oriole**
4. Below the password box, click on "Join by browser"

For questions, please contact Charlotte Lake at [charlotte.lake@maryland.gov](mailto:charlotte.lake@maryland.gov) or Chanel Compton at [chanel.compton@maryland.gov](mailto:chanel.compton@maryland.gov).

### **National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Funds**

Applications are now open for the June round of the National Trust Preservation Fund Grants. We have also extended the deadline to **June 15**. Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for planning and education projects. Grants range up to \$5,000.

To better meet the needs of the preservation field during this difficult time, the National Trust has made modifications to our Preservation Fund grant guidelines for the upcoming deadline. These guideline changes will provide increased flexibility and continued support for preservation work across the country as we all adjust to new realities brought on by the current health and economic crises.

These expanded guidelines include allowances for organizational capacity building activities, project-specific staffing costs, and increased flexibility around our matching requirement. [Read more here.](#)

### **Preservation Maryland Heritage Fund.**

The Heritage Fund provides direct assistance for the protection of endangered cultural resources and promotes innovative education projects that can inform best practices across

the state. Non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions are eligible to apply. Eligible projects fall into three general categories: education and research, planning and feasibility, and repair and rehabilitation. **The next round of Heritage Fund [applications](#) are now being accepted through September.**

### **Prince George's County Non-Capital Grants**

The Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission's Non-Capital Grant Program (Grant Program) provides grants to support projects that identify, preserve, promote, and protect the historic, cultural, and archaeological resources of Prince George's County for the benefit of the public and to encourage the revitalization of communities. These grants are intended to help produce and disseminate information, stimulate public discussion about preservation, make technical expertise accessible, and encourage community partnerships. The Grant Program can be used to pay for the costs of professional services such as preservation and planning consultants, planning studies, design work, and educational, [Details and Application](#).

### **Rocket Grants Take Off!**

Our Rocket grants were so popular this year that we are OUT OF FUNDS! That means no more submissions at this time. We will restart on July 10 for the FY21 cycle. When we start that cycle we will have three submission deadlines throughout the year.

***Do you need support in writing a grant? Do you need a partner on a grant (such as a Federal grant)? Do you know of more grants others should know about? Drop us a line!***

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## **Workshops and Events**

### **Virtualized Workshops**

Many workshops have been moved online. Please share them with us so we can let everyone know!

### **Centering Black Stories: A Primer for Heritage Professionals**

[Listen here to a great program.](#) A Panel Discussion Featuring: Chanel Compton, Executive Director, Banneker-Douglass Museum and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture; Louis Diggs, Local Historian/Author; Dennis Doster, Black History Program Manager, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County; Nastassia Parker, Public Historian, Character Interpreter; and Lecturer Michelle Wright, Associate Professor, History & Africana Studies Community College of Baltimore County. Sponsored by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and the Patapsco Heritage Greenway.

### **Have you seen our 3 Minute Milestones?**

ATHA Inc. has been pleased to be providing [three minute overviews](#) of our region's unique places. We have produced videos on the dueling grounds, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Greenbelt, and the streetcar - among other programs. If your site has ideas for additional programs, please don't hesitate to contact the staff.

### **Women's Suffrage Teaching Website**

Are you seeking more information about Women's Suffrage in Maryland? If so, consider visiting the Maryland State Archive's website - "Maryland and the 19th Amendment." This website has loads of information including state standards, resources, and other information. [Details can be found on the Maryland State Archives.](#)

### **American Alliance of Museums Recorded Webinars**

With over 70 programs to choose from, our recorded webinars cover a range of topics, and offer an affordable, accessible and convenient online learning opportunity for you, your staff and your colleagues. Purchase of each recorded webinar includes access to the archived recording and presentation materials. Programs originally produced after 2009 feature closed-captioning. [Details at the AAM website.](#)

### **Looking for Other Workshops**

If you are seeking a workshop topic that we can bring to the Heritage Area, please let the staff know!

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# Trail Tourism Development

## **Recreation Trails Grant Program OPEN - DUE MAY 14**

The 2020 application cycle opened Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and closes COB May 14<sup>th</sup>. All Recreational Trails Grant Applications must be submitted online at the Maryland OneStop website [here](#). Please contact Marissa Lenoce or Cheryl Ladota at (410) 545-8552 or [cladota@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:cladota@mdot.maryland.gov) with any questions.

## **Bikeways Grants Now Open - DUE JUNE 5**

\$3.8 million has been made available in each of the next two years for the Bikeways Network Program, a state initiative that provides funding for bikeways across Maryland. The Bikeways Network Program is administered by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). The bikeways program provides funding to jurisdictions and organizations for projects that support the goals of the [Maryland Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan](#). The program helps improve connections to transit, work, schools, shopping and other destinations, and supports economic development, environmental stewardship and the quality of life in local communities. Outreach for the annual bikeways program is underway, with MDOT currently accepting letters of intent from eligible applicants for project funding. Applications due June 5. Since the 2011 launch of Maryland's Bikeway Network Program, 110 projects have been completed. For more information about program and the application process, contact Nate Evans at 410-865-1304 or [nevans1@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:nevans1@mdot.maryland.gov). Additional information is also available at [mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike\\_Walk/Bikeways.html](http://mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Planning/Bike_Walk/Bikeways.html)

## **Trail Ambassadors and Trail Funding**

Recently the Washington Area Bicycle Association worked with Maryland Milestones to develop a proposal to M-NCPPC and the County Council for "trail ambassadors" or bike crews that would have some small repair and maintenance ability and would also be trained by Maryland Milestones to have a variety of tourism information. Additionally we have been granted \$10000 in tax credits that we will be putting toward the hiring of a trail tourism manager. Much more coming!

## **Trolley Trail Programs?**

Is your site located near the Trolley Trail? We would like to talk to you about potential programming opportunities for the trail. We are working with a host of regional advocates to see how we can better program and use the trolley trail. Drop us a note! (aaron at [anacostiatrains.org](mailto:aaron@anacostiatrains.org))

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## News and Notes

### **Anacostia River Receives a Passing Grade!**

The Anacostia River has received a passing grade in the [2020 State of the River Report Card](#)! As the Anacostia Watershed Society predicted, the river was able to recover from the historic rains of 2018. Now, with passing grades in 2 of the last 3 years, the momentum for a swimmable and fishable Anacostia River by 2025 is unmistakable.

#### 2020 Report Card Highlights

- The score for the Anacostia River increased 12 percentage points from 51% last year to 63%, the highest score to date.
- After the historic rainfall in 2018 wiped the river's submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), these underwater grasses came back with a vengeance covering over 96 acres!
- Many parameters had passing grades this year, including Fecal Bacteria, Chlorophyll a, SAV, Stormwater Runoff Volume, and Trash Reduction.
- AWS's [#MusselPower](#) program is showing that the water is healthy enough for native mussel species to thrive.
- River Otters continue to return to the Anacostia Watershed.
- Wetland plants are emerging naturally along the river. While AWS and partners have restored certain plots, new plants propagating by themselves show that we are taking the right steps to help this important ecosystem flourish.

### **Help OTD Promote Your Organization**

With a staff of dedicated tourism professionals working to grow and improve Maryland

tourism, the Office of Tourism Development (OTD) can be of value to you and your organization. Thousands of users visit the OTD calendar of events each month, and listings are free. [Download the PDF to guide you through our easy user submission process here.](#) Have you listed your business or attraction on VisitMaryland.org and is your listing up to date? Contact Casey Keyfauber at [casey.keyfauber@maryland.gov](mailto:casey.keyfauber@maryland.gov) or by phone at 410-767-6296 to make the most of your listing. [And download our handy "How You Can Market With the Maryland Office of Tourism" checklist](#) to help OTD amplify your marketing messaging

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## Thank You to Our Supporters



County Executive Rushern L. Baker III

Councilmembers Lehman (D-1), Taveras (D-2), Glaros (D-3), Turner (D-4), and Harrison (D-5)



and all our partners & municipalities!



# CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770



**Nicole C. Ard**  
City Manager

May 5, 2020

Dear Co-Worker,

Since I last wrote, more people in our community have lost jobs and/or loved ones, or are battling illness themselves. As of May 1, the State of Maryland's dashboard reports over 6,700 confirmed positive cases county-wide, with 175 cases reported in zip code 20770, and it continues to increase daily. Given the continued daily increase in positive cases county-wide, the decision was made to continue restricted access to City facilities and programs through May 31, 2020. In addition, we know that many people have not been tested. I continue to be thankful to each of you for doing your part to keep City employees, our families, and the public safe. May 3-9th is Public Service Recognition Week, so thank you for all you do year-round, yet especially at this time.

As I participate in regional calls where leaders from DC, Maryland, and Virginia talk about coordinating a recovery, people talk about State and Federal road maps, data, and plans. It becomes clear that we are relying on factors beyond our control - human behavior, public health guidance that evolves, or programs offered by other levels of government - that have stumbling blocks. Having spent more time than desired looking at morbid statistics, it becomes disheartening. However, several people note making their communities better than they were before. If their organization or community could take action now to improve the community during recovery from the pandemic, what would they do? The concern is to not just write a policy on how government will muddle through, yet pay attention to inequity or barriers that impacted residents' access to health, jobs, education, food, transportation, day care, or even affordable, decent housing and neighborhood living conditions - things that are intertwined. Those are lofty issues often thought of as County responsibilities, the City government sometimes directly or inadvertently causes issues. The City government is certainly impacted by them. As we plan our operations and review our services, staff should think of the impact on the others.

Senior City employees have been thinking about what our City and world will look like in the future. You have probably thought about it was well.

I ask that you please reach out to your supervisor to talk about how you are doing personally and what you can do to prepare yourself and the City for the future? Everyone has a perspective. During a time of uncertain future, we know that we will have change and it will require everyone to be flexible and work together in new ways. Together, we will get through this crisis and come out stronger.

Please take care. Wishing the best to your family,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicole C. Ard', is written in a cursive style.

**A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**

PHONE: (301) 474-8000 [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

# Estimated Revenue Impacts COVID-19

