

# City of Greenbelt

## City Manager's Report

### Week Ending June 5, 2020

1. Thank you to Matt Zaruba for rebuilding a new computer for me this week following continued issues with the previous model. This should address the issues that I had been experiencing. I also thank all Information Technology staff, in preparation before and throughout the pandemic. Information Technology staff worked hard to provide continuity of operations.
2. Chief Bowers reported today that two officers will be stationed at a food give-away that is being held at Beltway Plaza tomorrow at 11 am (attached).
3. Attached is a flyer with information about a vigil to be held tomorrow evening (June 6).
4. As noted in daily reports, conferring with staff regarding local and national protests, recovery, as well as County and State COVID-19 recovery guidelines. As noted, staff from multiple departments have been asked to assist with outreach efforts. This heightens the previous request for staff to consider reimagining operations and planning, including an enhanced focus on equity.
5. Met with the Mayor and Chief Bowers regarding the Mayor's posted requests.
6. In following up with Fieldstone, the company indicated that the public complaint to Mayor Byrd regarding Fieldstone was a miscommunication with an employee and their family. Please see the attached confidential memo.
7. Conferencing with staff and city solicitor on personnel and legal matters.
8. Participated in the Council work session on use of parks and public facilities during recovery and businesses activities like outdoor dining.
9. Participated in the Maryland Municipal League webinar on the impact of COVID-19 on municipal budgets. The information seemed consistent with other briefings with long-term financial and community impacts, from continued unemployment, delayed mortgages and possible foreclosures expected in future months and years forcing the need for long-term financial planning, including maintaining healthy reserves. This includes anticipating at least another two years, yet probably many years for recovery. The effects are expected in FY 2021 and future years.
10. Attached is the FY 2021 Recognition Group Roster requested by Councilmember Davis.
11. **Assistant City Manager**
  - a. Emergency management due to COVID-19.
  - b. Held a weekly call with the Museum Director.
  - c. Virtually attended the Special Meeting.
  - d. Prepared Agenda and background materials for next week's CRAB meeting.
  - e. Reviewed the budget script and budget ordinance for Monday's meeting.
  - f. Worked on agenda items and background materials for the Regular Meeting.
  - g. Met with City Treasurer and Executive Associate.
  - h. Reviewed and researched CB-20-2020.

## 12. City Treasurer

- a. FY 2021 Budget
  - Met with Assistant City Manager and Executive Associate regarding next steps with the adopted budget document.
  - Prepared budget adoption items for June 8, 2020 Council meeting.
- b. COVID-19
  - Attended GFOA virtual conference session entitled “What Covid-19 means for issuer disclosure practices.” See attached article from the Bond Buyer. One key takeaway from the session came from Hannah Sullivan, Research Analyst, Fidelity Management, “We’re expecting a large number of municipal rating downgrades during these unprecedented times.”
- c. Attended MML webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Local Government Budgets.
- d. Continued work on code update.
- e. Preparing for June 15 Council work session with Davenport & Company, LLC
  - Market update -  
file:///C:/Users/lallen/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/6ZPXLRDN/Illinois%20NYC%20TFAs%20price%20in%20credit-segmented%20market%20\_%20Bond%20Buyer.pdf
  - Reviewing GFOA’s Best Practices in Debt Management <https://www.gfoa.org/debt-management-policy> and ESG Considerations for Governmental Issuers <https://www.gfoa.org/sites/default/files/ESGResearchReport.pdf>

## 13. Information Technology

- a. Setup and facilitate Laserfiche demo for Finance
- b. Review temperature monitoring system for Evidence and PD Server room
- c. Remediate and monitor a user email compromise
- d. Participate in Comcast Negotiation Team meeting
- e. Test Zoom Presenter add-on module

## 14. Economic Development

- a. COVID19 Outreach
  - i. Local restaurants
  - ii. Local hotels
- b. Meetings & Webinars
  - i. Prince George’s County Conference Call on Outdoor Seating Requirements  
Bisnow Webinar: State of Data Centers
  - ii. International Council for Shopping Centers (ICSC): How Public & Nonprofit Partners Can Aid Retail Recovery
  - iii. Special Greenbelt City Council Meeting
  - iv. International Council for Shopping Centers (ICSC): Responding To Consumers’ Vital Wellness Needs
- c. Economic Development Admin
  - i. Outreach to businesses to touch base about covid19, concerns and plans.
  - ii. Working with staff to coordinate communications about covid19 to the community.

cc: Department Heads

David Moran, Assistant City Manager  
Mary Johnson, Human Resources Officer  
Bonita Anderson, City Clerk



## In Collaboration

*with Councilman Mel Franklin, County Council At-Large, Prince  
George's County Council;  
Winners' Chapel International, Maryland and  
Beltway Plaza Mall.*

## Announcing "Feed the Community"

## DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We will be giving away FREE food to  
Prince George's County Residents

**Date:** Saturday, June 6, 2020

**Time:** 11 am as long as supplies last

(First Come, First Serve Limited Quantity)

**Location:** Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road,  
Greenbelt, MD 20770, (301) 345-1500

**Directions:** Enter from Cherrywood Lane

Off of Greenbelt Road, Rear Parking Lot, near AMC, follow signs

[beltwayplazamall.com](http://beltwayplazamall.com)





Council Chair  
**TODD M. TURNER**

Presents:

# Council District 4 Area **Food Assistance** and **Nonprofit Agencies**

### **Bowie Food Pantry (Bowie Interfaith)**

2614 Kenhill Dr. #134  
Bowie, MD 20715  
301-262-6765

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am – Noon**

**2nd & 4th Tuesday: 6 pm – 7 pm**

**(Drive-Thru Food Pick Up)**

**Please Bring ID**

### **Fountain of Life Great Springs Church**

15853 Commerce Court  
Upper Marlboro  
301-335-5038

**Fridays: 11 am – 2 pm**

**(Bring ID; proof of County residence)**

**info@fountainenrichment.com**

### **St. Hughs Catholic Church**

135 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt MD, 20770  
301-474-4322

**By Appt, from 9 am – 2pm**

**(Greenbelt residents only)**

### **Greenbelt Cares**

**(For City of Greenbelt residents)**

25 Crescent Rd.  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301) 345-6660

### **CAC Bethel Fellowship Church**

7513 Northern Avenue  
Glenn Dale, MD 20769  
202-664-7352

**Second Saturday of Month:**

**9 am – 5 pm**

### **Capital Christian Fellowship**

10411 Greenbelt Rd  
Lanham MD, 20706  
301-262-7008

**Thursdays: 10 pm – 3 pm**

**Tuesdays And Wednesday:**

**10 am – 1 pm**

### **Outside of District 4**

#### **Global Health & Environment Foundation**

10802 Lanham Severn Road  
Lanham, MD 20706  
301-377-1224

**Thursdays & Saturdays:**

**4 pm – 7 pm**

#### **College Park Community Food Bank (College Park Church of The Nazarene)**

9704 Rhode Island Avenue  
College Park, MD 20740  
301-345-4616

**Every First & Third Saturday:**

**10 am – 11 am (Non-perishable, Produce) Through the end of June, every week.**

**Produce: 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturday Produce only. Thereafter back to 1st and 3rd.**

#### **Holy Mountain International**

6721 Mid City Avenue  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
240-551-5879

**Every Friday: 1 pm – 2:45 pm**



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**Service. Community. Progress.**



# Candelight Vigil and Unity Gathering

Join at Roosevelt Center,  
lining Crescent Road,  
Ridge Road,  
Hanover Parkway  
or Ora Glen

Please practice safe  
social distancing,  
6ft and wear  
a mask.



**Saturday, June 6th**  
**8:30 -9:39**  
**Crescent Road or**  
**Hanover Parkway**

**Come together in**  
**Unity to shine a light**  
**on Equality Injustices**

## FY 21 PROPOSED RECOGNITION GROUPS

### OPERATING GRANT

#### Boys to Men Mentoring Network for Greater Washington

Walter Augustine 202-333-7403 ext. 111  
[waugustine@boystomengw.org](mailto:waugustine@boystomengw.org)

#### Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball

Ian Gleason 240-305-7458  
[ianerhs@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:ianerhs@terpmail.umd.edu)

#### Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club

Orin Howard 202-375-1967  
[orinhoward@gmail.com](mailto:orinhoward@gmail.com)

#### Greenbelt Cultural Arts

Winard Britt 334-546-8273  
[president@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:president@greenbeltartscenter.org)

#### Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team

Michael Swisdak 301-486-0142  
[greenbeltswim@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltswim@gmail.com)

#### Greenbelt Senior Softball

George Harrison 301-538-8636  
[gharrisonsr@verizon.net](mailto:gharrisonsr@verizon.net)

#### Greenbelt Soccer Alliance

Erik Blaufuss 301-318-4485  
[Blaufuss@gmail.com](mailto:Blaufuss@gmail.com)

#### Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League

Christine Bailey NEED #  
[Christine.m.bailey@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.m.bailey@gmail.com)

### PROJECT GRANT

#### FONDCA – Friends of the New Deal Café Arts

Chris Logan 240-495-4838  
[Chrisandbarbara.logan@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisandbarbara.logan@gmail.com)

#### Greenbelt Tennis Association

Theresa Henderson 240-764-9236  
[gta@greenbelt.com](mailto:gta@greenbelt.com)

#### Greenbelt Unplugged

Neil McConlogue 301-793-2745  
[nmcfarbgsa@gmail.com](mailto:nmcfarbgsa@gmail.com)

#### GEMZ, INC

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[adeola@makemeagem.org](mailto:adeola@makemeagem.org)

### BASIC CERTIFICATION

#### African Women's Cancer Awareness Assoc.

Ify Nwabukwu 301-565-0420  
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#### Astronomical Society of Greenbelt

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[cleton.henry@gmail.com](mailto:cleton.henry@gmail.com)

#### Boy Scouts of America Greenbelt Pack 202

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#### Center for Dynamic Community Governance

Aileen Kroll 202-644-1129  
[aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:aileen@dynamic-governance.org)

#### Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society

Carolyn Lambright-Davis 240-707-5252  
[lambrightdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:lambrightdavis@yahoo.com)

#### Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek

Lutz Rastaetter 301-286-1085  
[Lutz\\_rastaetter@yahoo.com](mailto:Lutz_rastaetter@yahoo.com)

#### Daisy Girl Scout Troop #23010

Amy Knesel 301-318-9621  
[amyknesel@gmail.com](mailto:amyknesel@gmail.com)

#### Girl Scout Troop 2065

Anitra Byers 301-213-3973  
[anitrabyers@aol.com](mailto:anitrabyers@aol.com)

#### Girl Scout Troop 22020

Christopher Brown 240-938-2125  
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#### Girl Scout Troop 23007

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[Gstroop23007@gmail.com](mailto:Gstroop23007@gmail.com)

#### Girl Scout Troop 22014

George Tehan 202-468-6817  
[GTehan@hotmail.com](mailto:GTehan@hotmail.com)

#### Girl Scout Troop 2790

George Tehan 202-468-6817  
[GTehan@hotmail.com](mailto:GTehan@hotmail.com)

#### Girl Scout Troop 23023 (Daisy)

Hanaa Malik 301-256-4919  
[hanaamk@gmail.com](mailto:hanaamk@gmail.com)

## **BASIC CERTIFICATION Cont.**

### **Girl Scout Troop 27**

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[marcavitchfamily@verizon.net](mailto:marcavitchfamily@verizon.net)

### **Greenbelt Biota**

Jamie Jorgesen 240-273-5854  
[Jamie.b.jorgesen@gmail.com](mailto:Jamie.b.jorgesen@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Black History Month Committee**

Lois Rosado 301-441-1630  
[Loisblades510@gmail.com](mailto:Loisblades510@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Climate Action Network**

Lore Rosenthal 301-345-2234  
[SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com](mailto:SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Community Development Corporation**

Susan Walker 301-345-3597  
[swamswlicsw@gmail.com](mailto:swamswlicsw@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Community Foundation**

Carol M Shaw 240-745-4641  
[greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Community Garden Club**

Martha Tomecek 301-614-0691  
[marthatomecek@yahoo.com](mailto:marthatomecek@yahoo.com)

### **Greenbelt Farmers Market**

Catherine Meetre 301-655-7008  
[treasurer@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](mailto:treasurer@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org)

### **Greenbelt Fibromyalgia Support Group**

Rene Spector 301-655-8782  
[Rene\\_spector@yahoo.com](mailto:Rene_spector@yahoo.com)

### **Greenbelt Homeschoolers**

Dan Celdran 240-643-3768  
[Lildan.celdran@gmail.com](mailto:Lildan.celdran@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association**

Susan Walker 301-345-3597  
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### **Greenbelt Intergenerational Vol. Exchange Srvc (GIVES)**

Carol Drees 301-982-0137  
[cardre@msn.com](mailto:cardre@msn.com)

### **Greenbelt Labor Day Committee**

Linda Ivy 301-675-0585  
[lindaivy@aol.com](mailto:lindaivy@aol.com)

### **Greenbelt Maker Space**

Robert Candey 301-642-8646  
[bobby@make125.org](mailto:bobby@make125.org)

### **Greenbelt Mamas & Papas**

Melisa Yashinski 724-991-2973  
[Melisa.yashinski@gmail.com](mailto:Melisa.yashinski@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Pottery Group**

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[Debra.suarez@gmail.com](mailto:Debra.suarez@gmail.com)

### **Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GRE)**

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### **Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars**

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### **Greenbelt Writers Group**

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### **Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Organization, Inc.**

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### **Peace & Justice Coalition of PG County**

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[Donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net](mailto:Donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net)

### **Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK)-NEW**

Robert Goldberg-Strassler 301-345-8755  
[spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com)

### **The Space Free Art For All**

Shaymar Higgs 202-344-9143  
[thefreeartspace@gmail.com](mailto:thefreeartspace@gmail.com)

### **Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G)**

Stephen Holland 240-485-4793  
[stholland@gmail.com](mailto:stholland@gmail.com)

### **Well-Wishers for the Animals of Greenbelt Shelter**

Michele Touchet 301-602-8502  
[mtouchet@juno.com](mailto:mtouchet@juno.com)

# Less than 2.5% of municipalities have filed coronavirus-related continuing disclosures

By [Sarah Wynn](#)

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Only about 2.5% of municipalities have filed coronavirus-related continuing disclosures due to uncertainty of how the pandemic will unfold.

State and local governments have increasingly filed COVID-19-related disclosures to the market, but only 931 issuers out of roughly 40,000 have filed over 1,500 material event and continuing disclosures since the pandemic began, said Gregg Bienstock, CEO and co-founder at Diver by Lumesis — a municipal market software and data company. Continuing disclosures are provided to the market on an ongoing basis.

*Uncertainty about how COVID-19 will affect municipalities could explain the still-small percentage of disclosures, said Gregg Bienstock, CEO and co-founder at Diver by Lumesis.*

“What we’ve seen is as of yesterday, exclusive of new issues, we’ve seen about 1,500 individual filings and that’s been across 931 unique issuers,” Bienstock said. “So when you think about the order of magnitude of the market, that’s a fraction, so a lot more to come, clearly, from our perspective.”

Uncertainty about how COVID-19 will affect municipalities could be the reason behind a small percentage of disclosures, Bienstock said.

“So I don’t think you can fault an issuer at this point if they don’t have a handle on what may happen,” Bienstock said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission released a [statement](#) in early May detailing the kinds of COVID-19-related disclosures municipalities should be making. Bienstock said that statement encouraged issuers to make filings even if they are not certain about the information they are disclosing.

“While you’re seeing these filings being done, one could argue, is there more to be said?” Bienstock said.

As of the week ending on June 1, event-based disclosures have increased by almost 100 disclosures to 1,635, according to a Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board weekly disclosure report posted Tuesday morning.

Total COVID-19 related disclosures increased to 7,219 from 6,385 over the past week, despite a shortened holiday week. Those disclosures include primary market and all continuing disclosures, including annual financial reports.



Mark Kim, MSRB chief operating officer, said the small percentage of continuing disclosures and material event disclosures overall was a counterpoint to the increased disclosures.

“That’s a good observation and a counterpoint to the number of disclosures that we’ve been seeing and how those disclosures have been increasing week over week,” Kim said.

Primary disclosures, however, are a different story compared to continuing disclosures.

BondLink, a municipal finance technology company, found that every new issue includes COVID-19-related disclosures.

“One hundred percent of the new issue documents are including COVID-related disclosures,” said Colin MacNaught, CEO and co-founder of BondLink.

“Every POS (preliminary official statement) we’re seeing is definitely speaking to the risks driven by COVID and COVID’s impact to the economy,” MacNaught said. “Every issuer is mentioning that.”

As of June 1, there have been 2,178 COVID-19-related primary market disclosures, according to the MSRB’s report.

Kim said the MSRB has not run their own analysis on the percentage of primary market disclosures, but said it was something the MSRB could look into.

“It’s an issuer’s responsibility to provide disclosures to the market and it’s really up to issuers and their bond counsel and disclosure counsel to determine what disclosures are appropriate,” Kim said.

Interim financials are valuable to investors and they need that information now, MacNaught said. He applauded the SEC’s May statement on encouraging more disclosures.

“If an investor sees that an issuer is sharing more real-time financial information, they are going to have confidence that they can own that asset and they can invest in that city or in that bond,” MacNaught said.

Disclosures for event 15 under SEC Rule 15c2-12 increased over the past week to 191 from 175.

Event 15 says issuers have to disclose when they incur financial obligations, if material, as well as agreements to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the issuer that could affect security holders.

“Issuers continue to file Event 15 notices, which indicate material financial obligations like a bank loan or a direct placement,” Kim said.