









# CITY CONNECTER

Summer 2020

*The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.*

**How does Census data affect Greenbelt?**

-  Healthcare and Social Services
-  Schools, Libraries, and Childcare
-  Economic Development and Jobs
-  Non-profits
-  Local Public Safety
-  Highways, Roads, and Construction




## You have 3 options for responding:

- Online**  

- Phone**  

- Mail**  


It has never been easier to respond to the Census! For the first time you can respond to the Census online at: [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). Households can also call (844) 330-2020 to respond to the Census or fill out a paper form. The Census can be completed online or by phone in 13 different languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese.

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**It's Quick and Easy**  
The 2020 Census takes just a few moments to complete.
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**It's Not Too Late**  
You can still complete the census today.
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**It's Safe and Secure**  
The U.S. Census Bureau keeps your answers safe and confidential.

## WHAT is the Census?

By law, every 10 years the U.S. Census counts everyone in the United States. Your participation determines representation and how billions in federal funds are distributed. If our community is undercounted, friends and neighbors miss out on an estimated \$18,250 per person over a 10-year period. Statewide, that's a total of \$26.6 billion over a 10-year period.

## WHY is it important?

The Census is used to distribute \$675 billion dollars of federal funds. This money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, and other vital programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Highway Planning and Construction, National School Lunch Program, Head Start, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The Census is also used to determine the number of legislators Maryland has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

## WHO Gets Counted?

Everyone! If you are filling out the Census for your home, you should count everyone who was living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone-related or unrelated to you-who lives and sleeps at your home most of the time. Please be sure to count roommates, young children, newborns, and anyone who is renting a space in your home. If someone was staying in your home on April 1 and has no usual home elsewhere, you should count them in your response to the 2020 Census. If someone such as a college student is just living with you temporarily due to the COVID-19 situation, they should be counted where they ordinarily would have been living on April 1, 2020.

# CENSUS RUMORS

**Does the 2020 Census ask about citizenship status?**

**NO.** The 2020 Census does not ask whether you or anyone in your home is a U.S. citizen.

**Are non-citizens counted in the census?**

**YES.** Everyone counts. The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the country, including non-citizens.

**Can my answers be shared with law enforcement or used against me?**

**NO.** The law prevents the Census Bureau from sharing your information with law enforcement. Your answers cannot be used to impact your eligibility for government benefits. Your answers are only used to create statistics about our country. The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to protect your personal information and keep it strictly confidential. That's every answer, to every question.

**Do renters need to fill out the Census form?**

**YES.** Count yourself where you live. It does not matter if you do not own your home, you need to participate. Don't forget your family and roommates.

**What questions WILL NOT be asked by the Census Bureau?**

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.

**Can I still fill out the Census form after April 1, 2020?**

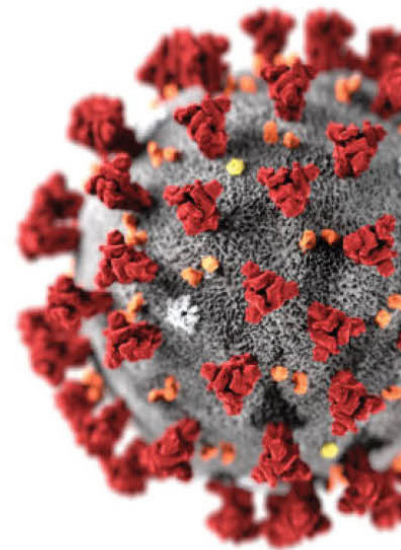
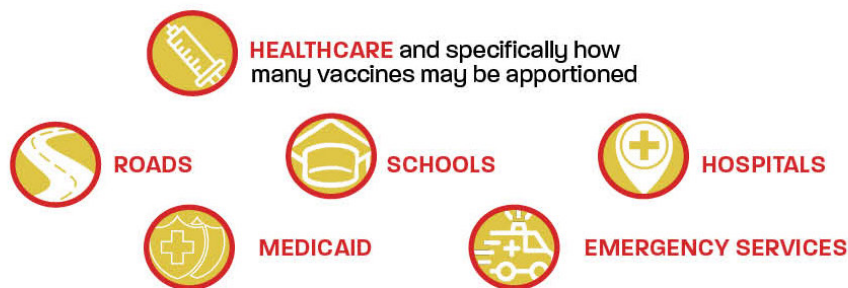
**YES.** April 1 is a reference date, not a deadline to respond. When you respond online, by phone, or by mail, count everyone living in your home as of April 1. Households will be able to self-respond until **October 31, 2020**, but all households are encouraged to respond as soon as possible!



## Take 10 Minutes for a Healthy Community

**How does participation in Census impact emergencies such as COVID-19?**

Participation in the 2020 Census affects apportionment of services and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funding for things including:



**Complete your Census questionnaire NOW**

Visit [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) online or by phone at 1- 844-330-2020.

## HOW THE CENSUS SHAPES PUBLIC HEALTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY

As our normal routines and daily lives are altered by COVID-19, the importance of an accurate count becomes clearer. For the years to come, 2020 Census data will shape public health decisions in your community like:

- How vaccines are allocated into communities
- Funding for nutrition-based services like school lunches and SNAP
- Emergency medical service

Now more than ever, we want to make sure every Marylander has their voice heard. Stand up for your community and fill out your Census today – it only takes about 10 minutes and your information is safe and secure.

# GREENBELT RECREATION OFFERS SUMMER FUN FOR ALL AGES

Registration is now open for online summer camp programs (ages 3 ½ - 17), and for online visual and performing arts classes (all ages). Programs include live interaction on Zoom, plus creative activities for participants to enjoy on their own time - away from screens! Many programs will include supply kits. Register soon – space is limited; programs begin on or after June 15.

The new summer offerings are part of an extensive array of programs and resources available on the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center that launched this spring. Here you will also find information about seasonal special events, Recreation facilities, and community sponsored programs. The site is brimming with fun activities, created and curated by Recreation staff, that kids and adults can enjoy for free at your leisure. Themes include: fitness, wellness, outdoors, aquatics, visual and performing arts, virtual fieldtrips, pre-school, and a special Greenbelt Spotlight area for programs of local interest.

**Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center**  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)

## MODIFIED CAMPS:

### SUMMER CONNECT

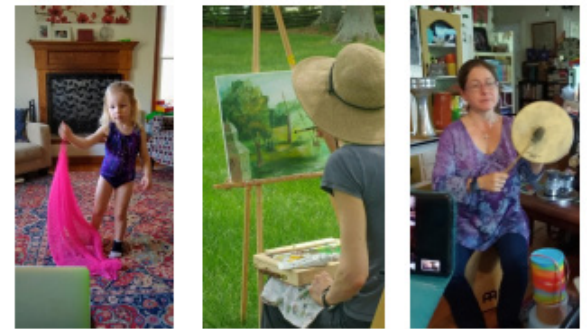
One, two and three-  
week programs  
available  
between June 22 and  
August 28



Greenbelt Recreation summer day camps provide a wide range of active and artistic choices for children ages 3½ to 17. The variety of camps makes it easy to accommodate children with different interests -- or to try something new each session. Camps offered include Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Performance Camp, Camp Encore, and Youth on the Go (YOGO), plus a new addition this year – Crankie Camp!

To safeguard the health of our campers, staffers, and families, we will not be holding camp programs on-site this summer. Instead, we are planning a full schedule of fun daily programming to engage your children at home and keep them active and happy. United under the banner "Summer Connect," these new programs will feature the familiar camp staffers your children know and love, leading many of the traditional camp activities your children enjoy, plus terrific new activities, all tailored for campers to do at home. While these programs cannot provide the continuous full-day care that our on-site camps offered, we believe that they will keep your child happily engaged for a smaller portion of the day. Registration is ongoing. For information, call 301-397-2200 and see the Summer Connect Camp Guide on the Virtual Recreation Center (available online only).

## Guide to SUMMER ARTS CLASSES



## SUMMER CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS:

### VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Programs range from stand-alone sessions to 8-week classes (meeting once/week) between June 15 and August 14.

Greenbelt Recreation invites community members of all ages to get moving and making! Programs are available for infants through adults, including family programs to enjoy together. Like our camps, classes will meet on Zoom, and several will include supply kits.

Visual arts programs are available this summer in acrylic painting, watercolor, drawing, printmaking, polymer clay, ceramic handbuilding, ceramic sculpture, and mudcloth painting. A new sewing and textile series draws inspiration from a variety of international needlecraft traditions. Plein Air Painting guides you in the creation of art outdoors!

Dance programs are available across our full normal range of disciplines. These include ballet, hip hop, contemporary, jazz and tap, along with interdisciplinary, story-based programs for young movers. We're also offering ukulele, and a pre-school, parent/child music class introducing different instruments each week.

Registration is ongoing. For information, call 301-397-2200 and see the Summer Arts Classes Guide on the Virtual Recreation Center (available online only).



# Protect your home against **MOSQUITOES**

Mosquitoes develop in water that stands for more than five days. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, eliminate all standing water and debris. Here are some spots where water can collect or where poor maintenance can cause problems.

1. Pool cover that collects water, neglected swimming pool or child's swimming pool
2. Birdbath (change water weekly) and garden pond (stock with fish)
3. Any toy, garden equipment or container that can hold water
4. Flat roof with standing water
5. Clogged rain gutter (home and street)
6. Trash and old tires: Drill drain holes in bottom of tire swings
7. Tree rot hole, hollow stump, or rain puddle
8. Missing, damaged, or improperly installed screens
9. Uncovered boat or boat cover that collects water
10. Leaky faucet or pet bowl (change water daily)



If you have any mosquito complaints you can submit them to Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control via online form: [www.doit.state.md.us/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=740K154#](http://www.doit.state.md.us/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=740K154#)

# CORONAVIRUS **RESOURCES**



## Greenbelt Resources

**VISIT:** [www.greenbeltmd.gov/COVID19](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/COVID19)

Resources and links to a wide variety of information, announcements, food resources, health resources and much more.

**CALL: City Office:** 301-474-8000  
**Greenbelt CARES:** 301-345-6660  
**Greenbelt Police Non-Emergency:** 301-474-7200

### BROWSE:

**Business Resources:** [www.greenbeltmd.gov/business/coronavirus-resources-for-businesses](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/business/coronavirus-resources-for-businesses)

**Virtual Recreation Center:** [www.greenbeltmd.gov/virtualrecreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/virtualrecreation)

**Virtual CARES Services:** [www.greenbeltmdgov/CARES](http://www.greenbeltmdgov/CARES)

## County & State Resources

**VISIT:** [princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/coronavirus](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov/3397/coronavirus)

**CALL:** 3-1-1  
Find information about food distributions, job openings, and the latest info from the Health Department and Social Services.

**CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE:** Call 301-883-6627.

**CORONAVIRUS TEXT ALERTS:** Text "MdReady" to 898211 to get alerts, tips, and resources related to the new coronavirus.

### CORONAVIRUS PHONE SUPPORT

Call 2-1-1, then press 2 to connect with a helpline representative immediately to get additional information and resources.





# MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

News of the coronavirus pandemic is causing increased stress and anxiety. You may be worried about your loved ones, yourself, as well as others in your community. Anxiety may be particularly heightened in people with existing mental health and substance use disorders. Greenbelt CARES has compiled a list of trusted resources to help residents stay informed and take care of their mental health during this unusual, and potentially difficult time.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a mental health crisis there are 24-hour crisis hotlines in place to connect you to the resources you need.

**Prince George's Crisis Hotline:** 301-429-2185

Provides a comprehensive set of on-site and off-site mental health crisis response services and resources in Prince George's County.

**Maryland Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-422-0009

State-wide 24-hour crisis intervention and supportive counseling hotline for suicide, family and relationship problems, shelter needs, violent or threatening domestic situations, loneliness, depression, chemical dependency issues, and others.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-8255

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. Visit the website for more information: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

**Greenbelt CARES:** 301-345-6660 / [cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltmd.gov)

A community based, family oriented counseling program dedicated to promoting responsible behavior and appropriate family management skills. CARES provides counseling services for families and individuals.

**IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP CALL 911**

## TIPS FOR FAMILY STRESS

The stress from the pandemic and recent news events can begin to impact family relationships. Here are some tips for managing family stress during this time.

- Be good stress managers. Practice a healthy lifestyle and plan well-deserved relaxation times.
- Try to gain control over whatever part of life is possible. Set schedules and stick to them. Work to maintain a regular sleep pattern and schedule.
- Remain optimistic, striving to see the brighter side, without denying reality.
- Help each family member have high self-esteem and help them be self-reliant. Praise each other often and develop family member's strengths.
- Give daily reminders of your love and appreciation. Be clear and direct about feelings, particularly expressions of affection and praise.
- Do things together as a family. Go on family outings (safely), plan fun time at home, hold family meetings, and play together.
- Talk openly and honestly. Do not let issues build up. Address issues as they arise and do so with focus on solving the problem, not placing blame.
- Develop a strong social network by participating in community organizations online, accepting help and supporting others.



## SENIORS AVOIDING ISOLATION BY NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGY(SAINT) PILOT PROJECT



Amazon Echo Show 8

**FREE**  
**+ Comcast Internet**  
**Essential Service**  
 (for 1 year)

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program is launching a pilot program for 50 seniors 60+ or disabled adults 50+ living in incorporated Greenbelt to provide:

- Free Comcast Internet Essentials for one year
- Amazon Echo Show to link residents with family and friends, classes, music and more.

Households must have a smart phone, (not a flip phone) and participate in one of the following to enroll:

SNAP—Food Stamps, Section 8 Housing, Veterans Pension recipient, Medicaid, SSI, LIHEAP—Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program

*For more information please contact Sharon Johnson, Community Case Manager, at 240-542-2029 as soon as possible. Space is limited.*

## CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO CHARITABLE FUNDS

*The City receives no portion of these funds nor charges an administrative fee for processing donations*

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND TO ASSIST ST. HUGH'S FOOD PANTRY:** This fund is overseen by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA). The St. Hugh's Food Pantry will also take food donations that are dropped outside of the church office at 135 Crescent Road.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND:** Established to accept and disburse donations received to assist Greenbelt residents to pay rent to avoid possible eviction. Approximately a dozen individuals receive assistance from these funds each fiscal year

**Now you may donate online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations)**

You can also mail a money order or check to: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD 20770. Please indicate which fund in the notes section of the check. You may also use the drop box on the flag side of the building. Receipts will be mailed to you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

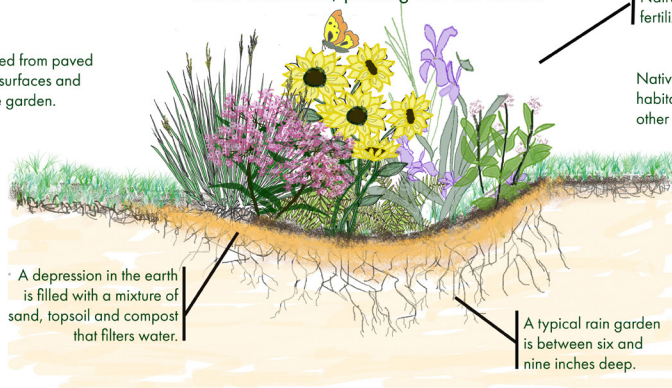
## GREENBELT CARES NOW PROVIDING ONLINE RESOURCES!

If you haven't visited lately, now is the time to visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/cares](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/cares). There you will find information on upcoming programs and workshops as well as links to Online GED Courses and English to Speakers of Other Languages, (ESOL) classes. Practice up on your skills while at home and you will be ready to take on new challenges when the pandemic is over. For more information on Greenbelt CARES and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program, call 301-345-6660.

## What is a Rain Garden?

**Nature's Water Filter:** Rain gardens are shallow landscaped depressions that capture, clean and absorb stormwater runoff from roofs, parking lots and roads.

Runoff is collected from paved and other hard surfaces and directed into the garden.



A depression in the earth is filled with a mixture of sand, topsoil and compost that filters water.

A typical rain garden is between six and nine inches deep.

Native plants do not require fertilizer and help filter pollutants.

Native plants provide food and habitat for birds, butterflies and other pollinators.

Rain gardens are an easy and effective tool that we can use to help reduce stormwater runoff from residential properties. These gardens are strategically placed to intercept pollutant laden stormwater runoff until it can be fully absorbed into the ground. Their design allows the rain garden to serve almost as a bowl that collects water from downspouts or overland flow across a property. The water is then able to slowly infiltrate into the underlying soil. Rain gardens can come in all different shapes and sizes but are best when planted with native plants that are indigenous to the Chesapeake Bay

watershed. These plants require little maintenance once established, have deep roots that soak up lots of water, provide food and habitat to wildlife, and are beautiful.

For more information on Rain Gardens, visit [www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/take-action/installations/rain-gardens](http://www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/take-action/installations/rain-gardens)

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**2020**



Prince George's **MARYLAND**  
county  
*Proud*

# HAZTE CONTAR



Por ley, una vez cada 10 años el censo estadounidense realiza un conteo de cada residente en los Estados Unidos.

Su participación determina la representación y cómo se distribuyen miles de millones de dólares en fondos federales. Si nuestra comunidad no se contabiliza, amigos y vecinos pierden alrededor de **\$18,250 por persona en un período de 10 años**. En todo el estado, eso representa un total de \$26,6 mil millones al cabo de un período de 10 años.



## CÓMO EL CENSO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS AFECTA A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD



### REPRESENTACIÓN

Determina la cantidad de legisladores que Maryland tiene en la Cámara de Representantes de los Estados Unidos.



### SERVICIOS

Financia nuestras carreteras, escuelas, SNAP, CHIP, WIC, almuerzos escolares y muchos otros programas.



### FINANCIAMIENTO COMUNITARIO

Si nuestra comunidad no se contabiliza correctamente, perdemos \$1,825 por persona cada año.



### NUESTRO FUTURO

Proporciona información para nuestra planificación de transporte, vivienda, escuelas y respuesta a emergencias.



### EMPLEOS

Las estadísticas ayudan a atraer negocios e impulsan el desarrollo económico.

## FÁCIL

Puede completar su encuesta del censo por correo, por teléfono o en línea.

## ACCESIBLE

Puede responder en 12 idiomas diferentes por teléfono o en línea.

## SEGURO

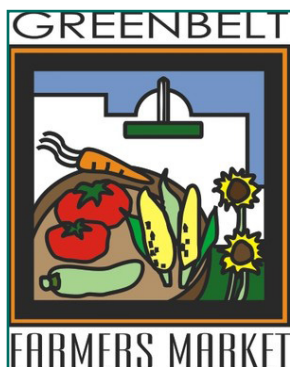
Por ley, su información personal es confidencial, incluyendo su ciudadanía, ingreso y otros datos confidenciales.

## Postal Customer

### GREENBELT POLICE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18 FROM 7-9PM.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN WILL BE POSTED ON CITY CALENDAR AT  
[WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV](http://WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV) AND ON CITY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES.



The Greenbelt Farmers Market opens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday in the parking lot next to the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road.

The market has only one entrance, near the New Deal Café. Shoppers walk in one direction

Before you get your fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, coffee, fish, ice cream and other food, remember these rules set by Prince George's County and the Governor of Maryland.

- Visitors are required to wear a mask and observe social distancing
- Hand sanitizer is provided and must be used at the entrance
- Shoppers may not consume products in the market area (including carryout and drinks)
- If children enter the market, they must stay with an adult at all times.
- Products may be pre-wrapped, pre-ordered, or selected and packaged by the vendor. If reusable bags are brought, they must be kept off vendor surfaces.
- Some vendors will have contactless payment methods available.

As requirements are changed by the authorities, the market will also adapt.



We are missing **YOU!** The City of Greenbelt staff is missing its community, every bit of it. The people, the activities, the events, the businesses, the children, **BASICALLY, WE MISS OUR GREENBELT.** We miss you, value our diversity and love, and can't wait to see you again.

This is an anxious time. We want our community and our nation to begin to heal. But...it is because we care about the Greenbelt Community, that we will reopen facilities gradually and within the guidelines State, County and Health officials.

Thank you for wearing your masks, washing your hands, staying strong and kind, social distancing and keeping a positive attitude. Look for information on reopenings at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/covid19](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/covid19), and on city social media sites. See you soon! Stay safe.

#### WAYS TO STAY INFORMED: [www.greenbeltmd.gov/covid19](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/covid19)

[www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv), Comcast  
Channel 71 (996 Hi-Def) and Verizon Channel 21, [cityofgreenbelt](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)  
on Facebook, [@cityofgreenbelt](https://twitter.com/cityofgreenbelt) on Twitter and Instagram  
City of Greenbelt on YouTube