

GREENBELT BUSINESS BRIEF

A roundup of local business info, resources, happenings, and more!



GREENBELTMD

Latest

Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance



Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:30 pm
City Council Chambers – 25 Crescent Road

City Council will be working on a proposed Ordinance to **Bring Your own Bag** and wants input from the merchants:

This ordinance bans single-use plastic film carryout bags and requires retailers to charge at least 10-15 cents for paper carryout bags. The charge for paper bags reduces the demand for them and is an incentive to bring your own bag. The charge for paper bags helps the merchants to not incur that cost.

This ordinance covers all Greenbelt establishments selling goods in Greenbelt, including grocery stores, restaurants, department stores, and small

businesses.

If you are unable to attend the work session, please send any written comments on the proposed ordinance to **Economic Development Manager, Kevin Simpson** at ksimpson@greenbeltmd.gov by **March 8**.

More information

LUNCH WITH **MIA**

PROTECTING YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

**Do you own or operate a small business?
Are you thinking about starting one?**

During this Lunch with *MIA*, the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Small Business Association (SBA) will discuss many **insurance options for small businesses**. We'll also introduce you to resources designed to reduce barriers for underrepresented and underserved entrepreneurs.

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Time: 12 pm - 1 pm

Registration Link:

<https://mia03082023.eventbrite.com>

Zoom Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612554095>

Call In: 646-828-7666

Meeting ID: 161 255 4095



Register Now!

The City of Greenbelt Welcome Kit is Back!



This long-standing tradition of providing new Greenbelt residents a physical welcome to the community is in full swing.

The City of Greenbelt, Public Information Office, is now accepting items (i.e., flyers, pens, postcards, brochures, tchotchkes, etc.) to be added to the 2023 Welcome Kit for new Greenbelt residents. If you want to include any information about your business, club, or organization, please send **250** promotional items to the address below by **Friday, April 14**.

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Greenbelt

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Coffee & Conversation
March 16 | 8:30am – 10:00am
The Holiday Inn
7200 Hanover Dr

Local business and community leaders are invited to join us for an informal event at The Holiday Inn located at 7200 Hanover Dr on Thursday, March 16, between 8:30 - 10:30 am.

Meet with alliance members and learn how we can help you and your organization succeed in the City of Greenbelt.

Contact: Send queries to greenbeltbusinessalliance@gmail.com



Entrepreneur | Founder | CEO



March 16, 2023 | 10 am to 4 pm

SEED·SPOT

March 16, 2023, from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Get ready to launch the million-dollar idea you've been sitting on! Through its Level Up program, FSC First has partnered with SEED SPOT, experts in entrepreneurship programs, to empower and educate diverse, impact driven entrepreneurs and small business owners like you!

Attending this launch camp, you'll walk away with actionable steps to bringing your idea to market. Additionally, you will...

- Define your revenue model & ideal target market.
- Create a value proposition & customer journey.
- Design a 60 second elevator pitch.
- Receive mentorship & live feedback from nationally recognized business leaders.

Upon completion, you'll gain access to SEED SPOT's global alumni network with LIFETIME benefits including funding resources, legal support, mentorship and more!

Tuition fees are sponsored by FSC First and registration is open to businesses in Maryland.

Join our waitlist for the June cohort by sending your name, phone number, and email to programmanager@fscfirst.com.

[Register Now!](#)

FSC First: Healthcare Capital Fund



Operating in partnership with the University of Maryland Medical Systems, the Healthcare Capital Fund provides loans to qualified practitioners and businesses. FSC First handles underwriting, origination and servicing of the loans. These loans are designed to help healthcare providers and businesses that support the industry expand their available services, whether it be through assisting with closing costs for the acquisition of a new property, or upgrading equipment and existing facilities.

Eligible borrowers can receive up to \$50,000. There is an application fee for 1% of the total loan amount. The loan term is up to 7 years, and interest rates up to Prime plus 2%.

[More Information](#)

Business Spotlights Coming Soon!



Greenbelt is a great place to live, work and play. We want **YOU** to tell us why you love doing business in Greenbelt. The City of Greenbelt is dedicated to helping its businesses thrive. We are happy to offer this **free** opportunity to businesses located in Greenbelt. The submission window opens in a few weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact **Kevin Simpson, Economic Development Manager** at ksimpson@greenbeltmd.gov

Women's History Month



Women's History Month as a national celebration began in 1981 when Congress passed a public law authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as **"Women's History Week."** Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as **"Women's History Week"** but in 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed another law which designated the entire month of March as **"Women's History Month."**

[Learn More](#)



Check our Online Calendar for the Latest on City and Community Events!

[Upcoming Events](#)



The Economic Development provides businesses with technical assistance in the following areas:

- Starting a business
- Business relocation and expansion
- Connecting businesses to resources
- Navigating government

To schedule a meeting or request assistance, please contact:

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