

GOVERNMENT: City Council

The City Council consists of seven members, elected at large. The members of City Council choose the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem, though customarily the member who receives the most votes in the election is selected as Mayor while the member receiving the second highest number of votes usually becomes the Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor Pro Tem assumes the duties of the Mayor when they are not available.



Elections

A new council is elected every two years. Elections are held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in odd numbered years.

For more information on voter registration and local elections, visit www.elections.state.md.us.

Council Meetings

The City Council holds regular meetings on the second & fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted on the City's website calendar, which can be found at: www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

All City Council meetings and work sessions are open to the public; the exceptions are closed sessions.

Meeting agendas are printed in the Greenbelt News Review and posted on the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

City Council meetings are generally held in the Council Chamber located at 25 Crescent Road. Meetings are cablecast live on Verizon channel 21, Comcast channels 71 & 996, and streamed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV.

In addition to regular meetings, the City Council holds work sessions on most Monday and Wednesday nights.

Messages for City Council may be left by phone at (301) 474-8000, by mail to: 25 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt 20770, or by email council@greenbeltmd.gov.

For the most current information about the City Council, including meeting schedules, agendas, minutes from previous meetings, and a list of current council members and their individual email addresses, please visit: www.greenbeltmd.gov/citycouncil.

Volunteer Opportunities

In the essence of Greenbelt's community-first spirit, the City of Greenbelt hosts numerous events with the help and dedication of the many gracious volunteers looking to improve the lives of their neighbors. Some of these programs include CARES' produce distribution, senior meals, events such as MLK Day of Service, numerous community clean-ups under Public Works. To inquire about more information or to sign-up, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for upcoming opportunities.

NEW RESIDENT CHECKLIST: Stay Up To Date

Voter Registration

Ensure you're registered to vote in the State of Maryland for upcoming Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland, and national elections. To register to vote or check your voter status, visit www.elections.state.md.us.

Update Utility Bills

Don't forget to switch over your utility bills! Greenbelt is served by: Pepco for gas and electricity, WSSC for water and sewage, and Verizon & Comcast for internet and television.

Email Subscriptions

The City of Greenbelt offers numerous subscriptions to stay current with City happenings; from Council Meeting agendas to Recreation activities for the entire family, you want to make sure you're signed up! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Emergency Alerts

Sign up for Greenbelt Alerts to stay informed about city emergencies, weather alerts, and more. Visit www.greenbelt.com/alerts to sign up and find out more information about our mobile app system.

Social Media

The Public Information & Communications Office puts out regular updates to our social media accounts in an effort to inform and engage our community where they are. Follow us on your social media application of choice today to get up to the minute information, posts and pictures of on going events, and to reach out your government.

 **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt/

 **Twitter:** www.twitter.com/cityofgreenbelt/

 **Instagram:** www.instagram.com/cityofgreenbelt/

 **Youtube:** www.youtube.com/cityofgreenbeltmaryland/

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Welcome to GREENBELT

Greenbelt Community Pledge

"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."

GOING GREEN: A Greenbelt History

The City of Greenbelt is in the history books as one of the first planned communities in the United States. Envisioned by Rexford Guy Tugwell, advisor and friend to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it was designed as a complete city with businesses, schools, roads, facilities for recreation, and a town government. Greenbelt was a planned community, noted for its interior walkways, underpasses, system of inner courtyards, and one of the first mall-type shopping centers in the United States. Modeled after English garden cities of the 19th century, Greenbelt took its name from the belt of green forest land with which it was surrounded and from the belts of green between neighborhoods that offered easy contact with nature.

Arriving on October 1, 1937, the first families were part of a social experiment designed to provide low-income housing for those with willingness to participate in community organizations. Greenbelt drew 5,700 applicants for the original 885 residences. In 1941, another 1,000 homes were added to provide housing for families in connection with World War II defense programs.

While the City has grown in size and population, its core identity has remained the same. This vision of environmentally sustainable living has continued as the spirit and soul of Greenbelt to this day and can be seen through its unique planning, continued programs, and open green spaces in every aspect of the city.

This cooperative spirit and strong sense of community are passed on to new generations of Greenbelters, which now includes you and your family.

Welcome to Greenbelt. Welcome home.

We Are GREENBELT



Stay Connected!

Whether it's current events, emergency situations, or fun activities for your family, our Public Information Office will keep you up-to-date on all things Greenbelt. Make sure you sign up for our alert system, email notifications, and social media accounts today.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov today!

Contact Numbers

Administration	
City Manager's Office	(301) 474-8000
City Clerk	(301) 474-3870
Recreation	
Aquatics & Fitness	(301) 397-2204
Community Center	(301) 397-2208
Recreation & Parks	(301) 397-2200
Springhill Lake Recreation	(301) 397-2212
Youth Center	(301) 397-2200
Public Works	
Refuse	(301) 474-8004
Recycling	(301) 474-8308
Greenbelt CARES	
Assistance in Living	(301) 345-6660
	(301) 345-6660
Police	
	911
Emergency	(301) 474-5454
Non-Emergency	(301) 474-7200

• CITY SERVICES •

The City of Greenbelt service programs seek to enrich the lives of all of Greenbelt's citizens, reaching residents where they live to help families thrive. Here are just a few.

Public Works

The Public Works Department is responsible for the construction, maintenance, and preservation of the physical conditions of the city. Duties include: street, sidewalk, curb, and gutter repair; ballfield, playground, and park maintenance; beautification landscaping; fleet maintenance; grass mowing; intra-city transit via Greenbelt Connection; leaf, brush, and yard waste collection; recreation facilities maintenance; refuse and recycling; road signage and traffic lane marking; snow removal; and tree planting and grounds maintenance.



For a list of neighborhoods and their corresponding day of the week for service, call (301) 474-8004 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/publicworks.

Other Recycling Opportunities: Drop-off locations include Buddy Attick Park & Hanover Parkway. **Electronics Recycling** occurs four times each year in January, April, July, and October. Watch for ads in the Greenbelt News Review and Greenbelt Alerts announcing exact dates.



Refuse and Recycling

Public Works provides refuse and recycling collection services to a number of neighborhoods in the city. Yard debris, appliances, and scrap metal pickup is on Fridays; however, you must schedule a pickup prior to noon on Thursdays.

Greenbelt CARES

CARES is a community-oriented, family based agency offering a variety of services free of charge to citizens of Greenbelt and to members of the surrounding communities including: family counseling, individual counseling, crisis intervention, tutoring services, GED preparatory classes, vocational counseling, school outreach, anger management groups, and assistance in living.

GAIL: Greenbelt Assistance In Living

The GAIL program provides information, assistance, case management, counseling programs, and services for seniors and adults with disabilities and their caregivers residing within the city limits of Greenbelt. GAIL assists residents in making informed choices about health and wellness options, evaluates social services needs of clients, and provides support to caregivers.

Recreation Department

Greenbelt Recreation prides itself in meeting its mission to provide programming and facilities which are responsive to the needs of the community. This is accomplished through its athletic leagues, aquatic programs, summer camps, art & dance classes, social & cultural experiences, therapeutic recreation, and special events. Reach out to the Recreation Department at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or call (301) 397-2000.

Seasonal Recreation Activities and Camps: The Greenbelt Recreation Department puts out seasonal activity guides for citizens of all ages; during the summer, an additional Summer Camp Guide is put out for children ages 3.5 to 17. To stay on top of it and register for classes, make sure to visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

• ANNUAL EVENTS •

Events run year long throughout Greenbelt. From long-time favorites such as our historical Labor Day Festival to newer events like the Gobble Wobble and Green Man Festival, there's always something happening in Greenbelt. For more information on upcoming events, be sure to check out www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar and look to your mailboxes throughout the year for our quarterly City Connector and Recreation's Activity Guides.

Check below for highlights on some of the City's favorite annual events.

Farmers Market

From early spring until late summer, the Greenbelt Farmers Market has made itself a must-do Sunday ritual for many Greenbelt residents. This is one market you won't want to miss.

Arbor Day & Earth Day

Spring kicks off with celebrations of Arbor Day & Earth Day with events celebrating the sustainability and environmentalism the City of Greenbelt was built upon, and continues to lead local municipalities in advancing throughout the region.



Labor Day Festival

Running since 1954, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival spans the entirety of Labor Day weekend. With food vendors and the carnival, live music and the Miss Greenbelt Pageant, to bingo in the evenings, the Labor Day Festival is packed with things to do. Don't forget to come out on Monday morning for the Labor Day Parade which celebrates the history of the City, the Greenbelt resident of the year, and recognizes and honors all the groups, clubs, and committees that make up our great city!

President's Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day

The City of Greenbelt proudly honors numerous holidays throughout the year, holding events memorializing these historic days of celebration. To find out what events are being held and which holidays are being celebrated, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar and get ready to celebrate with your neighbors.

• PUBLIC SAFETY •

The Greenbelt Police Department enhances the quality of life in Greenbelt by protecting residents, businesses, visitors, and property. The department's mission is to improve community safety while expanding community outreach.

Police

The Greenbelt Police Department is an award winning agency with dedicated employees responsive to the community who constantly strive to make Greenbelt a better and safer place for those who live, work, or visit the city.

Animal Shelter

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter provides ethical and humane treatments to animals and operates with a no-kill philosophy. Viewing of animals can be done during regular hours or by appointment. With the help of W.A.G.S., the animal shelter holds fund-raising events yearly such as the Pet Expo Block Party, the Pooch Plunge, and more.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter.

THE CITY OF GREENBELT

<p>Welcome to the City of Greenbelt Unlike most towns that develop gradually over a long period of time, Greenbelt was the first "green town" built in 1936 from scratch as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. The entire community was completely mapped out paper before any construction work ever began. Although many more green towns were planned, only two others were ever built.</p> <p>Greenbelt is a unique and special community with many wonderful sights to see. A detailed walking tour brochure is available at the Municipal Building (#2) and at the Greenbelt Museum (#3). Wayside ponds at many of the sites provide interesting and educational information.</p> <p>Enjoy our parks, playgrounds and green spaces. Walk freely on our many pathways. We welcome you to our community and hope to see you again.</p>	<p>1 Roosevelt Center Enjoy shops and restaurants or relax in the open courtyard. <i>You are here</i></p> <p>2 Municipal Building City Offices and Visitor Information 8 am - 4:30 pm, M - Fri. <i>Distance: 1 minute walk</i></p> <p>3 Community Center Hours vary. <i>Distance: 2 minute walk</i></p> <p>4 Greenbelt Library Hours vary. <i>Distance: 3 minute walk</i></p> <p>5 Greenbelt Museum 1 pm - 5 pm, Sun. Or by appointment. (301) 474-1936 <i>Distance: 5 minute walk</i></p> <p>6 Aquatic Center 6 am - 10 pm, M - Sun. <i>Distance: 1 minute walk</i></p> <p>7 Youth Center Noon - 9 pm, M - Sun. <i>Distance: 2 minute walk</i></p>	<p>8 Braden Field Tennis courts, baseball and soccer/football fields. <i>Distance: 3 minute walk</i></p> <p>9 Greenbelt Lake Trail A complete loop around the lake is approximately 1.25 miles. <i>Distance: 10 minute walk</i></p> <p>10 Buddy Attick Park Picnic areas, playground and trails. Fishing allowed. Sunrise to dusk, 7 days. <i>Distance: 20 minute walk</i></p> <p>11 Parking Lot <i>Distance: 20 minute walk</i></p> <p>12 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Housing Cooperative Housing information. 9 am - 5 pm, M - Fri. (301) 474-4161 <i>Within driving distance</i></p> <p>13 Community Gardens Sunrise to dusk, 7 days. <i>Within driving distance</i></p>
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• CITY LIVING •

Amenities abound in Greenbelt. Whether you're looking for a place to eat, open green spaces to run around, or a great book to read while you relax, Greenbelt has you covered. Below are a few places and things to consider while you traverse the city.



Shopping, Dining, and Entertainment

Greenbelt has shopping centers and districts throughout the city: Greenbelt Plaza, Roosevelt Center, and Greenway Center. Shopping local isn't just a great way to support your community, but a way to stay

connected with your neighbors. Be sure to check out some of our award-winning small businesses like the Greenbelt Plaza Hardware Store or the New Deal Cafe!

Transportation

Greenbelt's dedication to providing and promoting environmentally-friendly lifestyle starts here. The City has a multitude of transportation amenities to meet the needs of its citizens and the surrounding metropolitan area. With dedicated bike lanes, the Greenbelt Connection uniting all areas of the city, the Greenbelt Metro Station, hiking trails, walkways, and footpaths, Greenbelt continually welcomes you to "Go Green" with sustainable living.

Greenbelt Connection is a dial-a-ride transportation service that is available by calling (301) 474-4100. Transportation is limited to the Greenbelt area.

Parks and Playgrounds

Parks and playgrounds abound in the green spaces of our beautiful city, ensuring there are plenty of open spaces alongside parks within walking distance of every resident. As an added bonus, Greenbelt National Park, located on Greenbelt Road, offers camp grounds, fitness trail, and hiking trails. Hiking and bike trail maps are available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/trails.



Dog Park: The Greenbelt Dog Park is located at 7300 Hanover Drive. Call (301) 345-5417 for guidelines, information, and to apply for a permit.

Forest Preserve

The Greenbelt Forest Preserve is 254.8 acres of forested land that are protected and conserved in their existing natural state, for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. By providing a form of passive recreation, it contributes to the health and wellness of Greenbelt residents.

Education

The City of Greenbelt is served by the Prince George's County Public School System (www.pgcps.org), providing 3 elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and a french immersion school. As of 2020, Greenbelt school population is just under 7,000 children.

For school zoning maps and more, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/schools.

Greenbelt Library

The Greenbelt Library has been apart of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System since it opened 1955 and is an integral part of the Greenbelt community. Located at 11 Crescent Road and can be reached at (301) 345-5800.

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center

Located at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD 20706. Doctors Community Hospital is a nonprofit and comprehensive medical/surgical institution with a tradition of providing high-quality medical services. For more information call (301) 552-8118 or visit www.luminis.org.