

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

**2021 Community Questionnaire
Responses to Open-ended Questions 1-5**

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Most Liked about Greenbelt

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt community.

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

Community Character and People

Precinct 3

- The sense of community and the inclusiveness
- Spirit of volunteering
- I very much like the GHI community - its diversity and friendliness
- Courtyard community feeling
- Small-town feel and lifestyle
- It is a safe, friendly, and well-rounded community. I love raising my family here
- The mix of artists, environmentalists, elders, teenagers, ethnicities, value placed on education/schools, cooperatives
- Friendly people (2 respondents)
- Friendliness (2 respondents)
- I feel safe. My neighbors are great. I have been in the area 25 years. No problem
- Neighborliness - community
- Family atmosphere and multicultural
- The people are friendly
- I love the fact that Greenbelt has a light "City" feel but is quieter and more peaceful overall
- The Co-op, the people. It is like Mayberry. Co-op if you have not seen someone in a while, you definitely see them at the Co-op
- Friendly people, sense of community
- I like the love and friendship that sometimes I notice between our members
- Close knit
- Friendliness options
- Friendly community fits my lifestyle
- Care about diversity and inclusion
- Safety
- People
- The strong sense of community and history as part of the New Deal
- Friendly, clean, safe
- Safety, security, civic activity. Beauty
- Feels like a small town. Lots of offerings for families
- Small-town feeling

- The diversity, small-town feel
- The kind people, small-town feel
- I like knowing a lot of people whom I live, work, and worship with
- Continues to be a safe area where moderate income people - seniors, families, etc. can live. Love the civic spirit
- I like the sense of community
- My neighbors. The feeling of community
- Volunteers - please thank them
- The secure and safety efforts are maintained in the community

Precinct 6

- Friendliness, inclusiveness
- Friendly
- Spirit of community and individual responsibility
- There is a sense of safety when walking around, easy access to things, friendly neighbors
- At least in central Greenbelt, a wonderful community
- Sense of community is awesome
- Community
- Arts, cooperation, green and environmental
- People

Precinct 8

- I appreciate its forward-thinking attitude
- Appearance, quietness
- Quiet
- The Greenbelt community has been very welcoming to my family since our move from Pennsylvania a few months ago. Kind, caring and thoughtful
- Diversity of different groups
- Sense of community. Volunteer haven
- Silent community
- Feel safe, quiet
- It is quiet
- It is a well-integrated community
- Diversity across the board
- The Greenbelt community is diverse, progressive and caring
- It is multicultural neighborhood
- Not too big/not too little

Precinct 13

- Good people working together, no problems in 40+ years

- Greenbelt community for what I see so far treats everyone the same and the community is kept up very well
- My neighbors are friendly, helpful for the most part
- It is a community of people who seem to care about one another and seem to be there for each other
- I like the small-town feel
- Pleasant and friendly
- Diverse community
- Cohesive
- People are active with other neighbors - neighborly
- Peaceful and attractive

Precinct 18

- Kindness and friendliness of people; safety; cleanliness
- Its quietness
- I find that the people in Greenbelt are friendly
- It is quiet
- Quiet, clean
- Clean environment
- Old Greenbelt
- It is a community, people help each other and try to maintain a good environment
- Small-town environment
- Family friendly, welcoming to all. Responsiveness of City staff - highly experienced and knowledgeable staff
- People, openness

Early Voting

- Racial and cultural diversity
- Great city growing up. Lifelong friends
- Mostly welcoming to diverse groups
- I like the historic aspect of the City and how it continues to blend the past with the present/future
- In principle this City is founded on sustainable living and community cooperation. So long as we are striving for those goals I guess this place is as good as any is
- Closeness of community. People help each other
- Quiet
- It is a community
- The smallness of the Greenbelt community
- The feeling of a tight knit community
- Community
- The community as a whole, the togetherness and support from each other

- Great community
- I have lived here since 1967 - great place to raise a family and children – small-town environment
- I like how connected the community is and our strong sense of town pride
- My friends and tight knit community
- GHI members especially are well-connected and helpful to all neighbors
- Stability, visibility within the community. I feel safe here
- The community
- Sense of community (4 respondents)
- People here are active and involved
- Everyone is nice and accessible
- Community culture of cooperation, equity, and sustainability. Greenbelters get involved
- The people/community
- The sense of community and engagement
- Well managed and friendly
- Living here; great place
- The connectedness
- Safe community environment for over 30 years
- Affordable, friendly
- Friendliness of its citizens
- Friendly oneness, fun loving
- Neighbors; I feel overall a safe place to live
- The general good spirit/intentions of residents and sense of community
- Very neighborly, caring citizens, affordable
- Just like the community
- I like the historicalness
- People know and react to one as an individual. People are generally friendly and helpful
- Over the past 22 years living in Greenbelt, I have been impressed with the continuation of respect for core beliefs in fairness, community spirit, and the desire to include everyone as a member
- Small-town feel, it is not congested
- Small hometown feel
- Community inclusiveness and diversity, acceptance
- The people in the community
- I like the community atmosphere
- Working together
- All of Greenbelt citizens react like a family member to me. A very nice feeling of belonging to Greenbelt City family
- Comradery of residents and overall flavor of the community

- I initially moved here to be closer to work and to buy a fixer-upper townhouse to save money on living expenses. I have now been here 26 years. I enjoy the small-town feel of our City and the friendliness of my neighbors
- It is where I have lived my whole life. I am happy here
- It is a clean, safe community with friendly people
- The preponderance of civic-minded residents who support social justice and inclusiveness
- Its people. So generous and ready to help. Our reach is plentiful
- Sense of community/cooperative spirit. Progressive values
- This City is a little gem. The people are friendly, helpful, courteous, and in general, well-behaved. I particularly like the sense of community that is felt at group events such as Winterfest
- It is a democracy, and that it used to be headed by adults
- Cooperative spirit
- Seems like a small country town with a somewhat City flare
- Diversity and civic pride
- Community, honesty, friendliness
- The community itself
- Easy to get to know people and strong sense of community
- It is like home - Mayberry. It is independence
- The protective and supportive "bubble" of GHI. Outside of GHI, do not feel that
- Strong liberal community spirit
- It is a safe place to live
- Some people are relatively friendly
- I feel safe here. People are friendly
- Community-based
- Some of my GHI neighbors are a pleasure to know and socialize with
- The Greenbelt community has more of a home feeling. There is a sense of caring for others
- Good community. Cooperative spirit, with a liberal orientation
- Nice, quiet, clean and less crimes; safety
- It is friendly and diverse. It is quiet and peaceful
- Diversity
- Safety
- I love living here
- The fact that it is a community. For instance, the clerk at the Co-op pharmacy recognizes me, even in my mask, when I pick up prescriptions for my daughter or grandson
- I love the Greenbelt community. Neighbors look out for each other. It is a dog friendly town, children friendly and senior town
- We generally are an inclusive community
- Diversity
- People are friendly and engaged

- Feeling of community, active City, trying to be responsive to citizens. Work against MAGLEV, extra Beltway lanes
- Deep history and diversity; the care the City takes to keep Greenbelt up-to-date and relevant
- The comradery among neighbors
- What I like most about the Greenbelt community is the interest a number of its members show in their community and putting their interest into action
- The diversity combined with solidarity. It is a real community; hard to find in this large a community. The creativity and embrace of innovation
- For the most part, Greenbelt is a caring community. We are known throughout the DMV as an interesting eclectic, forward-looking City
- It is a community that cares about its citizens and the environment
- It is focused on families with children in mind and it is an eco-friendly community
- Low crime
- The friendliness of the people who live and work here. It is a major achievement to have created such a caring community. The safety factor is a big part of it. Compassion for one another. Pride in our community. Looking out for each other

Mail In

- That it is a community, and has a collective conscience
- The Co-op viewpoint to getting things done - need more of it - working together
- Wonderful, warm, caring community
- The general civility of its citizenry
- A cooperative and healthy environment. Kind neighbors who are friendly
- People. Great place to live. Great community
- Quietness, cleanliness
- I like the basic friendliness of fellow residents and the RELATIVE safety of the local streets even in the evening
- I like the sense of community
- People respecting others - non-judgmental. Accepting of eccentricities and unusual behavior and lifestyle. Some say Greenbelt is where old hippies go to die
- Community support for justice and environmental sustainability
- Security
- Diversity, inclusivity, and stability
- Sense of community, activism, friendliness
- Passionate and caring residents
- Sense of community
- Clean
- I like how supportive the community is, and unique
- Safety
- Safe and friendly
- Clean. Little noise

- Many people with common goals, but diverse enough to learn new ideas and understandings
- Residents are interested in and engaged with the community
- We have a welcoming community that is accessible to all
- It is very nice and clean
- Weird, funky, natural, safe
- Sense of community
- Safe and friendly
- Small-town environment
- Well kept - good, friendly people
- The sense of community and inclusiveness
- Safe and relatively quiet; ethnic, racial, and religious diversity; feels homey
- It is supportive and friendly. It tries to meet the needs of all age groups
- Clean
- Safety, multi-cultural
- The sense of community; good neighbors
- Clean, peacefulness, not crowded
- This is a nice community. I have not had any problems. It is quiet, not a lot of children running around; all my neighbors mind their own business
- It is well-maintained
- Inclusive environment
- Greenbelt cares about each other
- I lived in Columbia, Maryland for 12 years prior to moving to Greenbelt - it too was a planned community, in the services that are provided. I enjoy diversity and neighborly atmosphere and the GHI cooperative spirit
- The spirit of community
- The neighborliness
- Local people help each other
- People care about each other

Web

- That word "community"
- That neighbors get to know one another well and I see familiar faces around town
- Kind neighborhood and that we run into people we know around town
- What Greenbelt has historically been, a family community dedicated to those living their complete, or near complete, lives here
- Caring about each other
- The strong sense of "place," of Greenbelt being a vibrant community, where the "non-tangibles," like caring, community, cooperatives, creativity, shared experiences, inclusivity, equality, justice, safety, and peace are valued highly, over what other communities sometimes value, like population growth, economic growth, infrastructure, prominence, etc.

Greenbelt's valuing of these intangibles is the very thing that makes our town so livable, so connected, so beautiful, and so enjoyable. We got it right – let us keep it that way!

- I like the cooperative spirit enshrined in many of the City's institutions, which place people above profit and emphasize the common good rather than private profit
- Willingness to volunteer and cooperate... the original precepts
- I feel safe here
- People are friendly and community-minded. The community is progressive, diverse in many ways and affordable
- The friendliness
- We feel much more at home here than at our previous residence (a condominium high-rise) or the single-family home (SFH) we owned before that
- It is a community. We support each other
- It is a great place to raise my family
- Friendly and engaged people
- Sense of community
- Feeling safe in Center City
- Safe, friendly, with a strong sense of connection and support for neighbors
- I like the neighborly feeling in the Greenbelt community, people watching out for each other and helping each other
- Social interactions
- Love how active, supportive of the arts and social services Greenbelt community and government are
- There is an actual sense of community here
- I like the community spirit of Greenbelt and the visible ways that people are trying to tackle disparities and bridge gaps in the community
- The community! I tell people that it is like the Prince George's County version of Mayberry
- The feeling of community
- It is a community
- Community
- Strong community spirit
- For the most part, it really feels like a community. We are lucky to have a "small town" in the midst of the urban sprawl that is the D.C. Metro area
- Lots of people - central Greenbelt is relatively densely populated
- Diversity
- Diversity, inclusiveness, community activities
- Friendliness of neighbors
- Small-town atmosphere, great neighbors
- General social awareness and appreciation of New Deal ideals
- My home town
- Volunteer's haven

Public and Private Facilities/Services/Programs

Precinct 3

- Lot of family activities. Feel safe walking the community
- Lots of services available, public officials strive to respond to community needs

Precinct 6

- Special events such as the Labor Day Festival
- The pool and fitness center
- Weights, pool
- Snow, trash, recycle removal

Precinct 8

- The City has everything you need
- Awesome services
- Public transportation is better than in many other locals; Greenbelt Farmers Market

Precinct 13

- School and community services
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School - makes my resale value go up

Precinct 18

- Fire Department response. Police response
- Has everything
- Co-op City and services with New Deal history

Early Voting

- Services and classes for seniors (before the COVID)
- Children's activities and facilities (the reason I moved here in 1954 to raise my family)
- It has lots of services for all residents of Greenbelt and the police department keeps us safe
- Good recreational activities; excellent snow removal
- I like the community events that are hosted
- GHI apartments
- Child - adult activities and programs
- City services are generally quite good
- So many free activities and volunteerism
- All transport services/GAIL department
- Public works makes City beautiful. Co-op is great
- Playgrounds, lake, trails

- The parks and open space
- Lake dam improvement. Pumpkin carving event at the Center
- The events and programs provided by the City
- Parking system (3 respondents)
- The services of the Greenbelt Connection. The Covid-19 has prevented me from the use of other modes of transportation
- I live in Green Spring. I really like the upgrade to Schrom Hills Park that was made. The lake addition, benches would be nice
- Vibrant Roosevelt Center with grocery, restaurants, and events
- Great recreation and summer programs
- Most of what I need is here
- Greenbelt News Review
- Greenbelt keeps residents informed and up-to-date with current policies and issues
- The lake and trail along with Buddy Attick Park; the fitness and the Community Center; the activities that take place in Old Greenbelt; 4th of July fireworks; annual Labor Day festival
- The programs and services
- Recreation programs, parks, trails
- Recreation programs, recreation facilities, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, open space, public works, snow and trash services
- Having taxes done free for seniors (GIVES)

Mail In

- Can find what I need in the City (except decent restaurants)
- The effort by NUMEROUS organizations to promote community and some of them, to promote family activities and recreation
- Old Greenbelt Theatre, 1950's look of Roosevelt Center
- Old Greenbelt Theatre
- I like Greenbelt because it gives one many helpful services
- Aquatic and Fitness Center, Co-op grocery and pharmacy, New Deal Café, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt News Review, Greenbelt Farmers Market, Community Center and its activities
- Aquatic and Fitness Center, cooperative grocery, New Deal Café, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt News Review, Farmers Market
- The pool at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. The parks. The Farmers Market
- The ease of just having all the different stores and recreation right in area
- Police services are good, but I see and have had people run stop and yard signs, speed and make noise with their cars
- Walking trails, festivals, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt Lake, Trash removal (litter)/cleanliness, Farmers Market
- Greenbelt is a busy community with lots of activities for all ages. Greenbelt planners listen to Greenbelters concerns and respond appropriately
- I enjoyed the various festivals when I was able to get out and travel

- Grouping of health facilities is good

Web

- Festivals, get-togethers, parades, community events. Our volunteers are fantastic, and they do not cost anything. Try being nicer to them
- It is livable: comfortable but also convenient
- Library
- The residents get to pick and choose what they want to attend or not attend--people with small children are interested in different activities than senior citizens
- Diversity of inclusive activities and services
- GHI, Co-op

Walkability/Accessibility and Convenient Location

Precinct 3

- Walkable, get to know neighbors, parks and trails, library is convenient
- Close to a lot
- Walkability
- Walkable
- Walkability, woodland trails
- Walkability to grocery, bank, restaurants, park, lake, etc. Good transportation for those who need it or want it. Good proximity to Metro, D.C.
- I enjoy the quiet, walkable, convenient Center City, as well as the parks and the Beltway Plaza Mall. Greenway Center is also nice, and access to Metro has proven invaluable
- Proximity to Washington D.C.
- Location
- I live in historic Greenbelt, so I like the walkability
- Accessibility/walkability

Precinct 6

- Main center - place to gather
- The layout; so many services are convenient for every location

Precinct 8

- The access to the shopping malls and Metro Station
- Close to the Beltway
- The convenience of everything
- Location and access to trails, shopping, etc.
- The close proximity of places that I frequent

Precinct 13

- Very close to the Parkway and Beltway, gas stations and shopping centers

Early Voting

- I like walking to the dentist, grocery, market and Sunday church
- It is easy to get to places
- Access to major roads
- Easy access to Roosevelt Center
- Love living near Center City which I can walk to
- The historic neighborhoods of the City have numerous walkways that are nice
- Able to walk everywhere
- Proximity to amenities and major thoroughfares
- Very close to where I live and work
- Walkability (enabled by the original plan/design of the City, with sidewalks, underpasses, and (added since the initial design) trails and Spellman Overpass)
- Being close to Greenbelt Mall
- Walking paths (2 respondents)
- How easy it is to take walks around the City
- The ability to walk to amenities in Center City, including outdoor recreation
- Lots of sidewalks
- I can walk to so many things
- Convenient to shopping, Metro, and traveling routes
- I like that it is mostly residential, great access to Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Beltway, library and post office nearby as well as community centers
- Walking

Mail In

- Convenience to everything
- Walkability (2 respondents)
- Centrality - easy access to neighboring cities
- Quite easy access to major roads
- Its proximity to shopping centers
- Most places I need to use are within walking distance
- Proximity to Metro, having grocery store, restaurants, and entertainment within walking distance
- I can walk to everything I need
- The walkability
- I love walking around the community

Web

- Stores and parks are close and convenient
- Walkability (Old Greenbelt)
- That we can walk pretty much everywhere
- Location and walkability
- We can walk anywhere
- It is near work. There are too many rules and regulations. I wish the City would just leave people alone to live in peace. I do not want the government to oversee my life. I want to keep my money and use it for the services that I want, not what Greenbelt thinks that I need
- I like that I can walk to stores, restaurants, and other places; and that it is a pleasant walk
- Proximity to services, transportation hubs, and D.C.
- Convenience to major highways and neighboring towns
- Walkability of Old Greenbelt
- The GHI part of Greenbelt is walkable. The town center
- The walkability of the community

Natural Setting

Precinct 6

- The Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Closeness to BARC - which must be protected - stop the BEP
- Greenbelt Forest Preserve
- Everything about the setting in parks and wildlife
- Trees, places to walk

Precinct 8

- Parks and trails are great for running/walking
- Parks and trails

Precinct 13

- Greenness, walking trails

Precinct 18

- Green spaces
- Parks, trails
- Parks
- Trees
- The green outdoors, parks, trails

Early Voting

- The green
- The scenery
- Ample green spaces
- Trees
- All of the nuts
- Natural scenery

Mail In

- Trees
- Greenery Parks
- Plethora of trails/parks in the area to walk, bike, or run
- Nature and parks. Please do not pave them
- Although it has changed over the years it is very scenic
- I love the Indian Creek Trail. I run on that trail all the time. It is always clean and feels very safe

Web

- Community gardens
- Walking trails

Multiple/Miscellaneous Likes

Precinct 3

- I like the amount of green space. I enjoy the hiking trail off Ridge Road. I like the fact I can walk to theatre, Co-op, restaurants from my house. I like how quiet the town is
- Walkability, friendliness, services within walking distance
- Accommodating/banks/stores/parks/activities. Homes, apartment-social communities
- It is home
- That it has a community feel to it. Living near the Roosevelt Center, I appreciate the accessibility. The greenery, the friendly population, the variety of activities
- Green, walkable and friendly
- Walkable, bucolic, invested (mostly) neighbors
- Walkability, easy commuting distance to Columbia, parks
- Small, friendly community - yet diverse and since pandemic GHI Cooperative grocery has been a godsend
- Community and Center City is walkable
- Lake, park, performing and visual arts programming, Farmers Market, Roosevelt Center – Co-op, New Deal Café, Theater
- The fact that it is a community. Great neighbors, great services
- The Old Town part and green space/parks

- Sidewalks – GHI and City services - strong sense of community - music festivals - community festivals
- The people. The things that only happen here. The focus on the arts
- Walkability, programs, communications
- I like that I can walk to most places/take the bus, and that there are so many community resources that are accessible to everyone
- Diversity, environment/green spaces, location. People who live here
- Walkability. Roosevelt Center merchants: Theater (Old Greenbelt Theater), Co-op
- Walkable. Greenbelt Lake. Family atmosphere
- I like the natural scenery and nature. I like the Co-op. I like all the trails scattered across the community
- All of the green spaces and the people
- Safety and neighborly atmosphere. Surrounding green areas
- Small-town feel; very close to major roads connecting to urban areas
- Sense of community, walkability, Greenbelt police
- Walkability and parks (more please)
- The people, first; and the emphasis on trees and green spaces, as the green growing plants benefit all of us. Also, all the opportunities to be involved and volunteer are important
- Green space, walkable (especially access to Co-op grocery, woodlands, and library), transit access
- Walkability, wilderness preserve, parks, New Deal Cafe, Greenbelt theater
- Community support. Farmers Market. Library
- Proximity to shopping, dining, recreation services, Community Center, sense of community
- Friendliness. Excellent City services
- The greenness, community feel and walkable
- The sense of safety where I live (Center City). The slow pace. The historic aspect, parks and playgrounds
- Walkability. Community feel
- Green space and safety
- Love the community feel that you get and the Co-op
- I love the parks, recreation, and walking; my friendly neighbors
- Walkable. Community Center classes
- Walkability/community resources
- Wonderful place to live and raise children! Camps are amazing
- Walking paths and trails. Lots of community activities; friendly residents
- A good place to live
- Trails. Town center. Neighbors. Greener. Local Co-op. Many facilities for me are just a quick walk away. The lake
- The neighborliness. Greenery (trees, grass, forest). Walkability. Proximity to major roads
- Walkways, trees
- City services. Location convenience

Precinct 6

- Love Greenbelt - Trees! People are kind
- Community planned events, friendliness of most Greenbelters, social awareness of citizens and desire to up livability for all. Community design in other neighborhood. Wish it was designed
- Connecting with others; community events
- Socialist architecture, people
- Parks, recreation, annual events
- Sense of community and great services and response
- Small-town feeling with big-town amenities. Walkability
- The forest; the parks; the trees; the connecting paths to the Center City. Once home - never have to leave the City limits. Doctors and even a hospital nearby - excellent
- The friendliness of the people, the amenities (such as Buddy Attick Park/Greenbelt Lake), the convenience to the Metro
- Small, walkable, clean
- Walkability, sense of safety
- Location, walkable, high-level of service for tax dollars
- Positive, walkable, neighborly, lots of arts
- Great infrastructure; well-maintained trees, well-planned parades/festivals; great Farmers Markets; like New Deal Cafe; AA club has helped many people
- Friendly people, lots of recycling options and walkability, friendly citizens and staff. So many staff are so approachable and family understanding
- Diversity of population; community feel; conservation of green spaces and trees
- The residents are community-oriented and there are several community events that are well-attended
- The lake, park, green trees, bus service
- The walkability, people, available resources, senior programs

Precinct 8

- Trails, parks, Greenbelt aquatic center
- The organization of the City government
- Openness
- Mixture of residents. Excellent parks and trails, very open and transparent governance. Good outreach on social services though not sure how responsive the services are
- Love the resources, vibe and energy of the City
- Greenery, clean, focuses, community
- Diversity and plenty of green space
- Community, camp and activities
- Greenbelt has been relatively secure, quiet and a great environment to live in. Proximity to Metro line is an asset
- I like the community values and the way we are investing in parks and community events. I appreciate the leaders who are advocating for racial justice. I love the parks and bike trails

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- Lots of playgrounds for kids and good walking paths
- I enjoy the green initiative and family friendly environment
- Nature and green spaces, diversity, Co-ops
- For the most part I live in an apartment. It is quiet. My building is clean and the grounds are kept up. It is very convenient

Precinct 13

- Location to workplace. Excellent environment
- I like the diversity of Greenbelt. I like the services available and the community building events
- People are friendly. Services provided are good
- Liberal, left-leaning people; good, no-fee parking, the theater; New Deal; Generous Joe's; recreation, parks, art activities; the movie theater; the mall; Jordan, Roberts, Davis and Putens
- It is quiet, safe, clean, and convenient
- Co-op community, activities, special events, parks, Buddy Attick Lake, Aquatic and Fitness Center
- Although I am a young member, the roots of the community can be felt. Greenbelt residents care about one another. There are also several activities for children
- Diversity of residents and convenience with highways, etc. Good selection of stores
- The community events; close to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Beltway
- Quiet, well maintained, excellent transportation services to Baltimore and D.C.
- The overall quietness and the stores are close by
- It is (relatively) small, sleepy, and mostly peaceful - yet well-located for access to District of Columbia and Baltimore. There is also a lot of civic engagement, and a pretty good cooperative spirit

Precinct 18

- My neighbors get to know each other and look out for each other. Love the bus stop shelters and walking paths
- Peaceful, lots to do
- Atmosphere, safety, education, amenities
- Green nature of the community as well as security
- Aquatic center, greenspace, Co-op, location to major highways

Early Voting

- Friendly town with many services
- Everything except loud neighbor
- Small-town atmosphere, easy accessibility, green spaces
- Activities for all ages; walking conveniences; good neighbors
- Walkability; arts programs; Greenbelt Connection
- Location, parks

- People, accessibility, public and cooperatives with infrastructure and systems
- Greenbelt is a divine community offering services available to all people
- Neighbors - friendships; connection, sharing, helping one another; collaborating, celebrating, buy-nothing Greenbelt, CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society), gardens connecting across Greenbelt
- Walkability, space, activities
- Center City (Co-op/stores/restaurants/auto service stations) and walking from Greenbelt East (Greenbriar Condominiums) over Eleanor Roosevelt overpass – Do not let the MAGLEV destroy the overpass; Safeway Shopping Center - please do not redevelop Greenway Shopping Center
- Parks and recreation. Library at the center. Greenbelt Co-op. Greenbelt Theatre. News Review. Most of City is walkable
- Being able to walk to Roosevelt Center. Activities at the center
- The diverse population; senior services; medicine community
- Absence of commercialization; community; parks and trails
- Sincere efforts at sustainability. Bike-friendly and pedestrian-friendly. Convenient. Good sense of community: movie theater, GACC, library, Buddy Attick Park, Co-ops, and festivals. GRN - many more including shopping
- The Greenbelt community and the public services
- Walkability and outdoorsy
- The feeling of community. The ability to walk to a library, a pool, around a lake, to a restaurant, a grocery store and pharmacy
- Awful - parochial Greenbelt East does not connect with West or Center City
- Access to several amenities. Nice community. Walkability
- Walkable neighborhoods; the lake; trees
- "Old Greenbelt" because the layout encourages walking and mellows traffic and by design limits meter traffic to vehicles coming or going to visit in Greenbelt. No through roads
- Everything
- The sense of community, my ability to be involved in government - knowing the council persons, library, lake, Roosevelt Center
- Love the diversity of programs and services to meet needs of diverse population. Love the commitment to social and environmental justice, ongoing dialogue and self-reflection on how to continue to improve our community. Love the emphasis on education, arts, and programs for all ages. Love the festivals
- The walkability. The playgrounds, parks, and green public spaces. The classes and programs
- The community feeling; the ideals; the offerings; walkability; the centers and the lake; cooperative
- Walkability, safety, knowing neighbors, love the firefly sanctuary. Visited this summer
- The walkability of Old Greenbelt as well as the historical charm
- Trees, GHI walkways, Greenbelt park, our police department
- I like the friendliness of neighbors, the wide variety of amenities available very close by, the family-friendly atmosphere, and the fact that Greenbelt strives to be a place where many people from a variety of backgrounds, economic levels, etc. could live together and thrive

- Donald Trump is not welcome here
- Green space; walkability
- The sense of community. The Greenbelt News Review
- The best thing about Greenbelt - activities, fair, parks, safe environment
- Walkability. Parks
- Friendliness, walkability, clean and safe
- Walkable, historic
- The entire community, activities for seniors
- Ability to walk to shopping, restaurants, lots of events
- Transportation accessibility. Shopping. Roosevelt Center
- People, location activities. Buddy Attick Park has been great during the shut down
- Sense of community. Green spaces. GHI
- Quiet, clean, and accessible
- Parks, neighbors, Chipotle, Farmers Market. Art house, theater
- Wonderful City services for infrastructure (parks, roads, etc.) and activities. Great collaborative attitude among stakeholders, such as New Deal, the Co-op, and City recycling
- I can walk to many things. The fitness center is cheap and convenient
- The quiet. The animals, especially the deer
- Walkability and community
- Easy to navigate, many activities for families and seniors
- Recreation programs, community feel, special events
- Walkability. Sense of community (neighbors helping neighbors)
- It is walkable, green, safe, and there are lots of 4-way stops! Also, there are lots of gardens and we have a town center with a movie theater
- Convenience to everything and my friendly neighbors. Also enjoy the (Blues Festival)
- Friendly people and gorgeous green spaces/landscaping
- The sense of community and the services available as well as the ease of getting around
- People are wonderful. Theater, restaurants, events, New Deal
- Friendly people, Roosevelt Center activities including theatre, events and New Deal Cafe. Open council meetings
- Diversity, trees, neighbors, lots of events through the year
- Sense of community and green space
- Greenbelt services, trees, parks and paths, Old Greenbelt, Co-ops
- Community engagement. Walkability
- No crime. Lots of parks. Farm food markets. Everything needed contained within 5 miles
- Walkways to the Co-op grocery, theater, library, etc. Trails within the forest preserve and the lake Park. Maintaining the Art Deco architecture
- People are passionate about the community. Old Greenbelt is largely walkable with amenities. Takes COVID seriously. Affordable living
- Safety, nice and friendly neighborhoods. Greenbelt's support for the arts. Greenbelt Lake and the ease of walking in Historic Greenbelt

- Neighborliness. Trees
- Green space for walking. Friendly neighbors
- A caring community. Excellent staff and services
- Maintaining the planned community throughout the City. Maintaining emphasis on green space and the environment
- Walkable and safe
- Walkability, programming/activities, concern about environment, cooperative nature
- Family oriented and inclusive with shopping and public transportation
- Great safe place to live, great sense of community in Old Greenbelt. Everything we need in walking distance. New Deal Cafe, Co-op, fitness center, library, and Buddy Attick Lake
- Quiet community and in a convenient area near Interstate 495, Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and Interstate 95
- Community engagement. Green forests allowed to be wild. Love CARES and GAIL, focused on keeping us well
- People helping people. The love and support of our trees and mini forests, parks, and preserves and City gardens. The interior walkways and tunnels and bridges
- Keep our Greenbelt community safe. Increase more police patrolling our City of Greenbelt
- Walkability/library/Co-op grocery/credit union/community center, shops, etc. North Wood track with paths, community activities, friendliness, small-town feel, growing diversity, News Review
- Nature, great City programs, friendly community. Good for families. Decent schools and children programs
- Good snow removal - public works in general. Senior activities. Feeling of belonging
- Close proximity to public transportation, trails, community events like Labor Day Festival, arts/crafts fair, Farmers Market
- Walkability that brings people together. Co-op supermarket
- Best city I have ever seen for seniors
- Greenbelt Mayor Colin Byrd is doing a fantastic job at communicating the current events taking place in Greenbelt
- I love the way Colin Byrd is doing his job, he looks out for the community
- One stop shop. Warm, caring, fun and friendly community
- Community feeling and Co-ops
- Parks nearby; good programs for children; good events to pull Greenbelters together; good public works; well-kept playgrounds; conscientious City Council and City staff
- Caring, warmth and close to transport
- Close to University of Maryland. Easy access to I-295 and I-495. Access to bicycle trails
- Beltway accessible, close to metro train and bus stops. Adequate stores, low crime rate
- Community spirit; arts classes at the Community Center; Composting at Aquatics Center and Springhill Lake
- City services are good. Greenbelters are excellent
- Walkability and playgrounds in Old Greenbelt, Greenbelt Lake, active and friendly community, festivals. It is a great place to live
- Programs, activities, spirit of community. Community Center programs, Greenbelt Arts

- Center, New Deal Cafe, Old Greenbelt Theater, Co-op, Labor Day Festival, News Review
- Green space, woodlands, forest. Walkable neighborhoods
- Very low crime, diverse community, convenient shopping and public transportation
- Walkability, trees and other green space, playgrounds, forest preserve, family activities
- The green spaces. Playground and walkability of the central Greenbelt community
- Active community. Walkability at least in Center City
- Family-oriented. Green spaces
- Recreational opportunities; progressive policies; sense of community; green space
- Peaceful and close to necessities
- Diversity, peaceful, greenery, landscaping, close to all one needs. I love it here
- Love the diversity, greenery, access to everything
- Greenbelt is a fine small city. The real property taxes are a deterrent to living here
- The people, the activities, GAFC, classes, Farmers Market, Co-op, walkable, bike trails, tennis
- Quality of services; proximity to D.C. and University of Maryland; human diversity
- People are friendly; walk just about anywhere without crossing busy streets
- Sense of community, small-town feel. Lots of green space. Greenbelt Lake. Friendly people. Co-op supermarket. Labor Day Festival. No traffic - easy to get around. Aquatic Center
- Community involvement, small-town feel. Lack of heavy traffic. Good houses of worship. Friendly people. Cooperative. Theater (movie). News Review
- Walkability; the Co-op; the lake; GAFC
- A friendly walkable, neighborly, environmentally and socially conscious community
- Easy to walk, and fairly easy to bike; convenient location; the library; lots of people who are interested in making the community a better place to live
- I am a homeowner in central Greenbelt. I love living here. Everything is easy to access, even when I go to Greenbelt East or West. But, I realize that my solicited privileges color my experience
- The parks and trails are great. The walkable Center City is great. The zoom council meetings are great entertainment - too bad they are not longer and on every night. Fortunately, you can re-run the videos as much as you like
- Green walkable community
- Friendly community; convenient location; walkable
- Greenbelt is diverse. Feels like a small community with urban flair. Farmers Market and festivals
- Seems safe. I appreciate multiple activities although I participate in few
- Public areas, parks, trails, walkability, friendly
- Parks, trails, sports fields, library, local downtown accessibility. Labor Day Festival and other events, visual art classes
- It is a walkable and bikeable community. I can walk to the Co-op, pool, lake, etc. I love the outdoor concerts at the center. I love that people are generally friendly. I love the Farmers Market and all of the events (Labor Day Fest, Pumpkin Walk, etc.)
- Easy access, walkability, the lake, diversity

- A well-designed garden town (Old Greenbelt); easy to walk; wonderful proximity to green space and rural areas to the North
- The sense of community (people caring about each other and Greenbelt), the beautiful green, walkable surroundings - an oasis in suburbs otherwise largely developed with an intent to maximize profit at the expense of quality of life
- The City and community gardens; the forest and trails; the parks
- Less crime; rapid increase in property value
- Everything you need. Giant is around. Transportation easy, offices of doctors around, police around to protect us
- Quiet and easily accessible to Washington, D.C. and Baltimore
- Sense of community and access to shopping, entertainment, highways, diversity, space and greenery (love the trees)
- Forest reserve parks, aquatic/fitness center, Farmers Market, walkable Center City, friendly neighbors
- Snow removal. Friendliness and helpfulness of neighbors
- Wonderful senior activities; walkable; senior fit; the lake; the pool
- My neighbors! The beautiful parks, festivals, public works
- Sense of community; great public works and snow removal; lot of activities available; wonderful pool and GAFC staff; great GAIL program; animal control officer is excellent; sustainability coordinator has done a great job helping our City be more sustainable and environmentally wise
- Walkable; businesses at Center City; community activities; playgrounds (but in need of thorough cleaning/power washing)
- Sometimes friendly. Like the Roosevelt Center. New Deal, Movie Theater. Would be nice if another decent food option. (The Beijing and Pizza Place are terrible)
- Walkability, Roosevelt Center, Aquatic Center
- Walkability, community activities, playgrounds except that they need a good power washing
- Diversity (cultural); green space (parks, trails); Roosevelt Center (shopping, dining, special events)
- Walkability, maintained paths, trash cans
- Small-town feel, Co-op grocery store, Community Center and community activities (festivals), Farmers Market, composting bins near Buddy Attick Park

Mail In

- Its trees and gardens and walkability. The non-commercial, neighborhood feel of the Roosevelt Center
- Ability to walk to most services a person needs. Helping each other out
- Walking, peacefulness
- Sense of community and civic duty. We have abundant services, activities, communication, participation not because we are rich but because we pitch in
- I love the sidewalks. I love all the trees planted
- Keep the true faiths churches. To allow us in churches this day. The travel of the Greenbelt Connection is very kind, and door-to-door

- Green spaces. Social atmosphere. Transportation
- Very inclusive. Lots of programs and services I did not know about
- Location. Ability to walk to activities. General feel of community
- It is a walkable community. We have everything – Co-op, library, pool, theatre, Community Center. Based on my experience, people look out for each other
- People, green spaces
- The nature around me, trash collection, quietness
- Small-town feel; walkability, access to green spaces
- Plenty of parks and recreation facilities and open spaces
- Quietness. Easy access to major roads/highways
- Quietness and proximity to shopping centers
- We like Greenbelt because it is a friendly community with many amenities. We like the friendly atmosphere. The City provides so many amenities that make it so enjoyable and convenient
- Friendliness, responsiveness, walkability
- Friendliness, hospitality, ease of getting around. I love living next to ball fields - tennis courts - listening to joy of participants. Love walking the lake trail
- Walkability, friendliness, arts program (ceramics) and fitness center and theater
- It is walkable and there are great for kids programs
- Walkability. Availability of parks/green space. Access to public transportation
- I like everything. Moderate cost of living in Center City. Friendliness; walkability; City staff are wonderful - trash men, police - everyone
- It is peaceful and feels safe. It offers great activities and has easy accessibility
- Walkable, small-town feel, good neighbors
- Small-town feel in the Center City, green spaces, walkable
- Beautiful landscape, trees, etc. Friendly people
- Affordability, walkability, diversity
- It is walkable, mostly safe, well maintained, and the flowers always look beautiful. The recreation programs are also plentiful and affordable
- Neighbors look out for each other. Close to grocery stores, shopping, entertainment, family, Beltway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and doctors
- Friendly. Walkable. Green
- Community - Community Center used internally and space outside for produce, music, meetings regarding special interest groups, associations. Board meeting access. Parade. Service-oriented community
- Good spot for weather. Nice area
- Walkable, friendly, pet-friendly - services such as library, Co-op, pool within walking distance
- Somewhat quiet environment; library services; trees
- Park-like setting; walkability
- Walkability; green spaces and parks; the center and events there; raising my kids where I grew up

- People are friendly. There are a lot of events. The walkways. It is possible to walk where I need to go: library, Co-op grocery, Community Center, Aquatic and Fitness Center
- The sense of community, activities for toddlers and school-aged children
- I enjoy my friendships with people committed to various causes and their helpmates in City government. The parks, recreation, theater, walkability (in Center City)
- Community, walkability, green spaces, local shopping/dining, great recreation department
- Safety; services - grocery/restaurants/prescription services; environment - "green" City; youth involvement; friendliness/court community. Senior activities; dedication of council members
- Community events, arts and music, care about neighbors
- Walkability; neighbors, location
- The community and walkability
- The small-town feel, the movie theater, the woods
- Parks, sidewalks, friendly residents
- It is a beautiful neighborhood with everything in close proximity
- I like the parks and lakes. Good location. Friendly people. Good accessibility
- Transportation, shopping mall, the people, near police and fire stations
- Friends; people; nearby court; activities available
- Connect; parks; Co-op grocery
- Close knit community; walkable; accessible for the most part; Co-ops
- Walkability, parks, location, non-county police department, snow cleaning
- I like the people. The community acceptance of others; the safety of walking the paths; so many amenities; services we can give. The spirit of participation with each other
- For the most part, it is walkable, the residents are friendly and helpful, public transportation is accessible, the green spaces are beautiful and well-maintained
- Great place to raise children. Good schools. Sense of community. Great amenities
- The green environment and the access to shopping mall
- Green areas, reasonable City Council
- The people and services
- Tolerance; friendliness; services
- Walkability (better than lots of us), community-mindedness, good amenities, number of parks and trails, decent public transit

Web

- Walkability, sense of community, good services
- Sense of community and Greenbelt News Review
- It is walkable and the people are friendly
- Green spaces, sense of community
- Walkability, accessibility of local businesses, access to parks and recreation, connections to public transit
- The many activities that bring people together. The forest and parks. The Co-Op Grocery store and the New Deal Cafe. The ability of groups to reserve meeting space in the

Community Center

- GHI, the green spaces such as the Preserve, the many excellent services few other communities have. I wish I had raised my family here... but I did not know!
- Living in "Old Greenbelt" I appreciate its accessibility, its focus on environmental sustainability, the cooperative spirit of the residents, the unlimited availability of programs/classes for every age, the indoor/outdoor pool, the special events scheduled through the year, excellent Public Works Department/services. Cooperative interactions of the City with GHI, etc., etc. I love living in Greenbelt!
- Trees, walking paths, friendly neighbors who care about environmental and social issues
- Sense of community, lots to do, great walkability
- City services, woods, Community Center and recreation centers; family and community emphasis, activism, diversity... on and on. I love almost everything about Greenbelt
- Great community spirit; Roosevelt Center businesses; museum; Community Center: Aquatic Center
- It is a community. Recreational facilities. Arts programs. Diversity
- Safe and walkable with a great community spirit
- Sense of community, market, City events, the News Review, the Co-op
- Access to parks, trails, Aquatic Center, etc.; friendly residents/sense of community
- People and location
- I very much appreciate the excellent municipal services. People are very nice and decent here
- Friendly neighbors and walkability
- Small city with close relationship with citizens, many good programs like Greenbelt CARES. Easy to get to subway station
- I like being able to walk most places and I also like the Fitness Center
- Amount of services offered, close-knit community, number of parks, Roosevelt Center
- Central Greenbelt is connected and convenient. The services are GOOD
- Nice balance of parks to urban development. Feels like a small town
- Sense of community, walkability in Old Greenbelt, support for environmental sustainability, children's activities
- Green spaces, trees, walkability
- Safe, walkable and friendly community. Efforts to stop MAGLEV (AND more needed against Bureau of Engraving). Buddy Attick Lake Park. Recycling and compost! Aquatic Center. Sustainability efforts. RUAK! Festivals in Center City. New Deal Cafe and Co-op supermarket
- The walkability in GHI, affordability, the history, metro access to D.C., the available green space to include community gardens and the forest preserve
- Small-town feel of Center City, with the many cooperatives, give Greenbelt a special attractiveness as a place to live and raise a family. Also, close access to Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), Greenbelt National Park, and Patuxent Wildlife Refuge are important recreational opportunities
- Wide range of easy-to-access services of good-to-reasonable quality; neighborliness; support for green/sustainability initiatives
- The small-town feeling, the diverse population where everyone seems to participate in

- activities together, the Co-op supermarket, the Aquatic Center and Community Center
- Community amenities/activities, walkability, good schools, proximity to Washington, D.C. and transit
 - The sense of community. Safe parks. Senior programs. Civil servants are responsive to residents. Love that new bus shelters are installed. I do not ride the bus, but this shows concern for citizens. Also love the new water feature at Schrom Hills Park
 - It is an affordable place to live and I love that there are so many trees and open space. Also, people who live here really participate in the community
 - High level of diversity, high density of green space, high level of tree canopy (helps moderate/bad weather), easy access to both metropolitan areas, and the City feels as if it has a planned vision for the future
 - It is multicultural - many different people of color and countries. Volunteers who create programs and activities like the Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) walk or the Pumpkin Festival
 - The sense of community, the walkability, there is always something to do
 - The small size with a potential for diversity is one of my favorite aspects of Greenbelt. As a city in Prince George's County, Greenbelt focuses on the necessary services needed by City citizens, deferring more complex issues to Prince George's County, Maryland, and federal governments
 - The sense of community this town has. People are friendly and say hi. There is an abundance of trails and greenery that I can enjoy and relax in
 - History and cohesiveness and location.
 - Friendly, educated populace. Beautiful surroundings. Community spirit
 - Smaller-town feel but close access to highways, public transportation
 - I like the woods and keeping Old Greenbelt with a small-town feel
 - Trees, playgrounds, and green space
 - Small-town feel, the theatre and other entities in the center
 - Community, parks, community events, programming for children
 - Convenience, walking paths
 - I love the uniqueness of the GHI townhomes, as well as the warm and friendly residents. I also enjoy the extensive tree canopy that Greenbelt has mostly retained over the years
 - Walkable, friendly people, community
 - Green space, clean streets, low crime
 - Good location, strong sense of community and history, supporting progressive issues like climate change and equity
 - Close to work, convenient to the Beltway/Parkway, convenient shops/restaurants/services, lots of forest and parks, community spirit
 - We like the people and the convenient location of services in Roosevelt Center
 - The walkability, the atmosphere with the tree cover, and the sense of community amongst neighbors
 - Walkable and community. With the recent crime that is being taken away too
 - Neighbors, activities, walkability, children, playgrounds, lake

- At one point I lived and appreciated feeling safe. I am frightened for my life now. I do love the Co-op grocery store. The new manager is genius and completely turned it around since he has been here. Time to get new City council members to turn this once beautiful Center City around!

Least Liked about Greenbelt

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt community.

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

Nothing/Don't Know

Precinct 3

- Not sure
- I have no particular complaints about Greenbelt
- None
- Cannot think of anything at this time
- Nothing, I love it here
- N/A

Precinct 13

- Do not have any

Precinct 18

- I like everything in Greenbelt
- I love the area
- None

Early Voting

- I do not know about greater Greenbelt
- None
- I cannot complain about Greenbelt. I love Greenbelt and I am so glad I live in the City of Greenbelt
- Nothing. Wonderful friendly community
- No significant complaint
- I have no serious dislikes

Mail In

- It is fine
- Not sure
- No problems
- I like everything

Web

- N/A
- Nothing
- Not going there

Services/Amenities

Precinct 3

- I do not have anything about the town that I dislike. I would like more modern American literature in the library
- GHI sometimes difficult to deal with
- Always have great activities for holidays
- Co-op fees too high, have to look elsewhere to buy as first-time home-buyer/long-time Greenbelt resident
- The lack of vegan food in the past two years
- Coffee shop
- Icy sidewalks

Precinct 6

- Playgrounds are aging, caters to elder people, not youth. Update the center, no good restaurants. Mini Mart needs to go - eyesore
- Trash left out by the road by GHI residents - even the day after trash collection - over and over. And GHI not being able to curb this habit
- So many family-friendly events are held on Sunday (my Holy day). I know that Friday and Saturdays are Holy days for other people - so can we vary when events are held so everyone can participate in some community events? (I liked that the gourd decorating was held on different days in different places. That accommodates many, but I know that is more costly in time and transportation)

Precinct 8

- Reduction in community services
- The Plaza is old and not well-kept. That the schools are not rated well
- Perhaps more outreach and inclusive programs for Greenbelt's substantial immigrant population - Hispanic and African as well as South Asian
- Lack of dog poop bags made available as well as trash can
- I do not like the trash situation and the slow response from the police

Precinct 13

- There is not much to offer for residents in their 20's
- Lack of free fitness programs for residents
- Not enough out-going resources or services (information) to reach out to youth and adults

Precinct 18

- Limited fine for classes and recreation programs for folks who work

Early Voting

- Missed a lot of programs from COVID-19
- USPS in Greenbelt - late mail, missing mail, theft. I take mail to Bowie instead
- I do not think the City grounds are being kept up as well as it used to be
- Loss of post office, doctor to Center City residents. We should have a community clinic
- The school system
- Not enough emphasis on education and work programs
- Trash on streets and parks
- Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) continues to try bringing all of Greenbelt together but that is once a year. We need to do more of these activities
- Extremely poor social services during this pandemic. If I did not own my condo, I would be homeless, sleeping on the streets
- The Old Greenbelt Theatre
- The public schools are terrible. They have been terrible for 30 years and continue to be terrible
- Many of the new City staff lack the personableness of previous staff and the respect of Greenbelt's history. Horrible chairs in Community Center especially for seniors
- Too many programs. Often people do not sign up or take advantage of programs
- Deaf and hearing should be equal/fair in all aspects
- I would like to see less use of gas leaf blowers. These pollute our air and are too noisy

Mail In

- It is kind of boring. It is concerning when the most exciting events are the Council meetings
- All the trash at CVS. It never gets picked up on the ground and the parking lot
- Public transport is slow and rare. Schools are overcrowded (especially Greenbelt Middle School). Teachers in adult classes are not always good
- Trash
- I do not like the fact that Greenbelt is limited in its cultural activities. No international festival, international food, and street singers like they have in other countries
- How many of the road ways are not better cleaned
- I am afraid to send my child to Greenbelt Middle School when he is older
- I think in trying to let homeowners express their own individuality that GHI could tighten up on their property appearance guidelines - vegetable gardens in the back of the house and not front yards. Same with having laundry and collect fines for non-compliance
- I am noticing more homeless people as well as trash in some of the mall and parking lot areas
- GHI administration

Web

- Same old playground equipment
- Senior activities in 2021 are scarce as opposed to neighboring cities
- Fair division of services for all sections of Greenbelt
- Delete this from email messages – “Our City is home to over 23,000 residents, a diverse group representing a multitude of ethnicities, faiths, cultures, and lifestyles. The City also offers an abundance of amenities. Recreation facilities, children’s programs, arts classes, cultural events, and exceptional schools are just a few of what is available”
- Policies regarding pets
- School system
- No good restaurants, coffee shops, etc.
- Signing up for classes at the Fitness and Aquatic Center is a bit cumbersome online
- Schools (Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS))

Transportation/Traffic/Noise

Precinct 3

- The noise! - The noisy cars and trucks, the noise from low-flying aircraft. I can deal with the background traffic noise from the roadways
- Increased traffic - going through the area - as a pass through to get around traffic
- Hard to escape highway noise
- Events at Roosevelt Center are too loud
- Generally, there are a few areas where sidewalks cut off suddenly or are situated (crosswalks) where it is hard to see oncoming traffic but that is about it
- Drivers blowing through stop signs, especially Legion Drive and the four-way stop signs
- I wish there were more bus routes for accessibility to the Greenbelt Metro Station
- How fast people drive in neighborhood sometimes
- Traffic on Kenilworth Avenue and Route 193. Need more lanes on Kenilworth Avenue
- Hard to ride bikes or walk between different areas of City
- Noisy, need soundproofing between homes

Precinct 6

- Make more bike lanes

Precinct 8

- The bus services should be more flexible
- Loud, noisy, "hot rod" cars/vehicles. Loud, noisy buses and construction vehicles and trucks through residential areas
- Traffic
- Some areas are not quite walkable - like Greenbelt Road near Greenbelt Station

Precinct 13

- Parking is a problem, spaces too small
- Convenient to downtown D.C.

Early Voting

- Loud neighbor
- Encroaching development, highway expansion and MAGLEV
- The Baltimore-Washington Beltway and Parkway passing through the middle
- Traffic noise from the nearby highways
- Need a commuter platform 24/7
- Bicyclists who do not slow or stop at stop signs
- Large roads nearby need extreme redesign to calm and slow traffic on Kenilworth Avenue/Edmonston Court, Greenbelt Road to discourage noisy vehicles used for racing especially at night. Loud cars and motorcycles damage and diminish quality of life here. Need speed bumps, more traffic circles, noise enforcement
- Sirens, helicopters, traffic, mowers and blowers. Mandate battery powered equipment. What is the minimum height (altitude) for helicopters? They are way too low
- Speeders on community roads, e.g., Lakeside Drive, Southway
- Traffic/roads need to be fixed
- Greenbelt Road is very bad
- Too many people and traffic
- The people in 15 Court who use Laurel Hill Road like a jetway
- There are parts of Greenbelt that are not pedestrian or bicycle friendly
- Parking issues in GHI and street parking especially during Labor Day weekend and other federal holidays
- When I moved here from Laurel in March 2021 I found it difficult to maintain my walking routine. There are not too many sidewalks to safely walk
- Greenbelt opposition to all roads means worse traffic, like Edmonston Road
- Need transportation to access bank and post office. Not a problem for me now, but may be as I get older
- Lots of siren noise at night. Would prefer decreased use of sirens after 11pm unless absolutely necessary
- The traffic noise coming from the Beltway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway
- Too much noise from highways
- The lack of bicycle infrastructure connecting the three parts of Greenbelt. Greenbelt Road is particularly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists
- Cars going too FAST, not stopping at stops, noise
- Noise from the Beltway
- Traffic auto
- Highways, large parking lots, lack of sidewalks in some areas
- Bike lanes should be expanded. Put bike lanes on Route 193. Make bike lanes continuous and not end suddenly

- Now surrounded by highways and noise
- Overcrowded, too much traffic
- Parking getting tricky for GHI
- Proximity to noisy roadways

Mail In

- The busyness of the Greenbelt Road corridor but I understand why it has to be that way
- Traffic noise
- I am encouraged by recent street and sidewalk improvements, but there is a continuing need for even, well-marked walking surfaces which are promptly cleared of ice and other hazards
- The Parkway and Beltway Roads are race times in the night; the sunset near complete
- Need sidewalk and trail maintenance
- Too congested; Roosevelt Center is somewhat shabby; noise level; cars parked along Ridge Road; traffic races along Ridge Road causing a lot of noise; noise from Greenbelt Homes Incorporated heavy equipment
- Excessive traffic on Ridge Road exceeds the posted speed limit, runs stop signs; many cars have loud muffler noise; no police presence
- Traffic
- Background noise from Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Beltway
- Crosswalks
- Icy sidewalks not cleared. Lack of sidewalks in some areas
- Walkways - concrete is uneven. Lack of curb cuts. I use a wheelchair
- Noise from Beltway
- Street parking in some areas needs to be examined for modern cars and visibility
- Poor bike lane on Route 193
- Highways/major roads blocking access to East-Center-West pedestrian crossing
- Access to main roads/highways is nice for drivers. But overpasses, sidewalks on both sides, etc. would make me feel much safer navigating interchanges, and walking along Greenbelt Road

Web

- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure - lots of room for improvements
- Route 193
- Noise and pollution from Beltway, Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and Greenbelt Road
- Lack of walkability
- The lack of bicycle paths
- Noise of the fire trucks and police cars going by. We live on Crescent, cannot be avoided
- It is hard to get around safely. Sidewalks do not line up. Bike Lanes run out for no reason

- Because we are so close to major roadways such as the Beltway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and we are close to D.C., we are always trying to fight back against roadway expansion projects and ill-conceived expensive transportation projects such as MAGLEV

Economic and Community Development

Precinct 8

- No new housing in the City
- Not a lot of jobs. Not a lot of things for the teens to do that live in the area
- Not as many ethnic restaurants as in D.C. or Montgomery County. Movie theaters mainly show popular films, would like to see the kind of films shown at Landmark Theater. No book store since Books-A-Million closed. No toy stores that I know of

Precinct 13

- Opportunity for housing sucks
- Limited number of single-family homes. New builds are mostly townhomes and co-ops
- It would be great if there were more restaurants

Precinct 18

- Variety in housing - our own public services
- Need to update the entry to Greenbelt - need a better curb appeal
- Have retailers and property managers clean-up malls and strip malls. Stop human and drug trafficking in malls. Improve safety in apartment complexes

Early Voting

- We do not have restaurants for fine dining - one has to go to Washington, Hyattsville, etc. We need to attract good places to eat here
- Not enough businesses and services that are local
- No really good restaurants
- Becoming too overpopulated; stop building: especially multileveled buildings; we have lost that community feeling - unfortunately
- Some of the plans for growth, i.e., Beltway Plaza plans
- Town square is dead. We do not need nail salons, beauty salons, and empty spots. Let us revitalize like Takoma Park. Our restaurants are old and worn out. No one visits outside of Greenbelt
- Amount of senior housing
- Shortage of decent, affordable housing
- Signage at City's entrances. Lack of compelling interest in Greenbelt Center stores
- No social bars or nearby town centers in Greenbelt for night life
- Not enough quality restaurants, shopping

- That the New Deal Cafe board has made several decisions to oust excellent food providers, e.g., D.C. Vegan. This is not City related however it leaves a gap for vegetarians
- No good dining in this City - Roosevelt Center cafes need to diversify and expand to include more diverse and high quality dining options

Mail In

- Some parts of the City seem underdeveloped. While the Beltway Plaza is very convenient, it needs an update from a structural and visual standpoint
- Encroachment on forestland by developers without adequate protection
- Lack of restaurants
- Storefronts are ugly, especially Beijing restaurant
- Lack of nice shopping centers with good stores, i.e., Bed, Bath and Beyond, etc.
- The Greenbelt mall can use some improvement

Web

- Lack of good restaurants in old Greenbelt
- Not enough high quality/cutting-edge restaurants/food venues
- Lack of vibrant/attractive eating and shopping opportunities to complement the historic interest has hindered the community's growth as a regional destination and limited growth overall.
- Lack of restaurant choices and shopping
- Sometimes, I wish that we have a few new businesses open up at Roosevelt Center. Alternatively, I want Greenbelt to be more active in promoting this location as a place for both higher-end restaurants and shops, while also ensuring that underprivileged residents are not priced out of the community
- Lack of good restaurants nearby compared to bigger cities. Would be nice to have a good bakery and other amenities like that but honestly not a deal-breaker for me

Sense of Division

Precinct 3

- Lack of intercommunity inclusion
- The way it sometimes feels like a too-small, small-town. That we are not as diverse as we could be
- Separation between neighborhoods, feeling that some were kept out of GHI/Center City
- Extremely liberal - reverse fascism. Conservatives are not allowed free speech
- City is very segregated. I like to see greater equity to people in Greenbelt West
- Too many complainers - not enough do-ers
- Sometimes divisiveness
- Divisiveness/segregation
- The separation between the three parts of Greenbelt

Precinct 6

- Lack of cohesiveness among East, West, Central
- It seems like Old Greenbelt and the other parts of Greenbelt tend to be insular from each other. Maybe scheduling activities outside of Old Greenbelt might solve this
- Argumentative
- That East and West Greenbelt do not join activities

Precinct 8

- Dated regarding online presence and interactivity. It is a bit too resistant to change - nothing wrong with embracing 21st century technology
- Old Town Greenbelt is nice (e.g., trees, sidewalks, etc.) but the rest of Greenbelt does not have same look/feel
- Racism; elite attitude of Old Greenbelt
- The disconnect between "white" Greenbelt and "black" Greenbelt
- Horrible attitudes of center Greenbelt residents (selfish)
- Territorialism by residents of Old Greenbelt
- I am in Greenbelt West and feel more connected to College Park than Greenbelt
- Emphasis on Center City - feel like an outsider to the Greenbelt community sometimes, living in Greenbelt West

Precinct 13

- Segregated - Old Greenbelt has more facilities than the other Greenbelt neighborhoods
- Sometimes passions get heated over petty problems or issues

Precinct 18

- Increasing concerns around equity/inclusion
- Resources are not fairly distributed. Everything is centered around Old Greenbelt. Greenbelt East is neglected
- Too much focus on Old Greenbelt

Early Voting

- Attitude of Old Greenbelt - insular, elite; not in my backyard-ism; change motto to "Greenbelt is okie-dokie"
- Failure to live up to values and work to include all neighborhoods equally
- The events need to be spread out more. Most things occur in Old Greenbelt
- Not enough community involvement among residents
- The division that does show up in regards to including Franklin Park residents
- So much complaining (you know what I am talking about)
- Snarky comments on Greenbelters on Facebook and although I am left-leaning, I do not care for kneejerk liberals. Do a little thinking

- It is a bit isolated from the greater Prince George's County
- Greenbelt may include other areas such as Windsor Green. But we rarely have any acknowledgement that we exist
- Segregated
- Somewhat segregated racially
- The underlying racism and classism that exists from some residents of Old Greenbelt versus other areas of town
- There can be a division between Old Greenbelt and the other parts
- Somehow, Greenbelt feels like a pie cut up in several pieces, i.e., I do not know what goes on in Greenbelt East and West. I only know Greenbelt through association with Greenbelt services, events, through News Review
- Still feels separated (East, West, Center City)
- Selectivity at times
- Route 193 makes City disjointed; less bikeable/walkable
- Decreasing cooperative/community spirit locally and nationally
- A little prejudice!!! But that is just the way people are
- More needs to be done to include residents of Greenbelt West
- Old Greenbelt seems to be a priority with the residents and City services
- We are too compartmentalized into different neighborhoods
- Sprawled all over. Those in East and West are less connected. Do they have their own community events?
- Insular nature, many who are longtime Greenbelters can be condescending to newer arrivals or to those who live in certain areas. Also have seen intolerance to those who are not "progressive enough"
- Divided on issues of social and environmental challenges
- What I like least about the Greenbelt community is its tenuous cohesion among the various parts of the City. We are geographically fragmented, which tends to cause community fragmentation as well
- That the "extras" that make life here feel abundant are concentrated in the Center City but I feel that is changing
- Too center-oriented, like this survey

Mail In

- The fact that geographically it is split over several areas - each of which has its own issues. It is a problem
- An ideological divisiveness that foments discord on the City Council and in the community
- Systemic racism, right-wing extremists (not many, but vocal)
- There seems to be an Old Greenbelt and everything else. It would be great for all areas to get equal attention
- Sometimes it is insular and/or feels separated
- Feeling excluded as resident in Greenbelt West compared to Center City
- Redlining, equality and equity, fairness
- Growing divisiveness

- Some inflexibility among residents - especially long-time residents
- Divisions among the three areas of the City. I live in Central but am aware that services and community engagement are not so lively in East and West
- Racism. Resistance to new ideas
- Outside agitators coming into the City to protest and push their misguided agendas
- The "3" Greenbelts
- Resources are not equitably allotted in GHI versus other parts of Greenbelt. GHI/Greenbelt seems divided according to race and socioeconomic status
- Can feel very segregated though diverse
- Being isolated in Greenbelt East
- The tensions that develop among groups who insist they are right. Allow dissent, explore it, and value it, without being threatened. Listen to each other. Take time to consider the other
- Some people believe that saying the same thing repeatedly is persuasive
- Opposition to change/growth

Web

- I wish there was less divide between the areas/neighborhoods
- That it is split by major roads and highways
- Some of the people on Facebook can be kind of petty and overblown about community issues. Though, it is a good place to get information
- The highways who split us apart
- I do not like the segregation of the various areas: West, Center, and East. I would like to see more diversity in central Greenbelt
- Feelings of separateness among the 3-4 major parts of the City...but I guess that is natural or at least common. Actually better here than other places I have lived
- I dislike the racial segregation in Greenbelt based on geography, the unevenness in City services provided to Greenbelters based on their neighborhood, and the unequal access to voting services based on geographic location--which is strongly correlated with race
- Nothing to complain about, really. It would be nice if all areas of the City interacted more commonly, but I do not think City government can accomplish that
- People in established roles, committees can be unfriendly or unwelcoming to newcomers. The regions of Greenbelt that are pretty segregated
- The way Greenbelt Road, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and Kenilworth Avenue cut the community up. We need better pedestrian connectivity
- Arbitrary divisions between sections of the community
- I do have a sense that it is so sprawling that I only really know my own neighborhood. I do not know how that could be improved though
- It seems more racially segregated than my previous home (Cottage City, MD)
- It is very segregated
- Greenbelt is an extremely unwelcoming place unless you are far left. I have actually told people not to move here and will continue to do so
- I do not like the racial divisiveness occurring in Greenbelt and its surrounding communities
- Disconnectedness between different areas of Greenbelt

- The divide between Old, East, West Greenbelt communities. We are not one Greenbelt!
- Opinionated and judgey sometimes
- I do not like the segmentation in the community and the ways that physical barriers create lack of awareness and a lesser quality of life for less privileged people in our City (access to and awareness of services, transportation, enrichment and education)
- Old school antiquated thinking and ways of being by some long term residents
- Individuals who do not appreciate what they have and complain about the police, etc.
- Clear geographical segregation
- The lack of thought diversity. Opposing views are typically silenced, sometimes threatened
- The segregation and racism
- Divided into sectors with little cohesiveness or connectability (except by car). Build GHI-style walkways and underpasses or overpasses away from Greenbelt Road and the highways, connecting Greenbelt East, West and Center
- Can seem divided on some issues; does not always take action as much as I would like
- Assumption of homogeneity of opinion
- The fragmentation of the City sections

Crime/Public Safety

Precinct 3

- Crime
- Increasingly unsafe - crime on the rise
- Neighborhood watch
- The instances of gun violence
- The rise in crime and trash on the Greenway Center. The sense of no safety around the Mall
- Being egged (my car) on Halloween
- Street lighting can improve
- Crime statistics - (if reported accurately). Alarming increase

Precinct 6

- Speed cameras
- That area Springhill Lake need more intervention of police/social services. Not safe and in need of help of the residents

Precinct 8

- That there is loitering out back of the mall
- Not enough security
- Crime
- Crime rate, disturbing

- Crime seems to be increasing, and there are not clear resources/plans for addressing the issues. Car racing, excessive care noise, carjackings - what will the City do to address these issues?

Precinct 13

- Littering and graffiti
- Kids coming over from Eleanor Roosevelt High School standing and sitting on condominium and homeowners steps. Messing buildings up on inside
- Influx of bad renters, rise in crime, more partnering with police department is desired to build community
- Safety
- Increase in vandalism and gun violence

Precinct 18

- Vandalism; We need more police staff/officers to watch neighborhoods
- Parking code enforcement does not ride into communities and give out tickets or citations to cars parked illegally
- The police not doing what is right
- People who sit in parking lots all night with their car lights on. These people are trespassers
- Increase in crime, especially Greenbelt West
- Crime and filth
- The growing wave of crime and vandalism

Early Voting

- Very little to any positive police involvement
- Crime
- I have a constant issue with crime in the Franklin Park/Springhill area. I feel safe in all areas of Greenbelt, but not there
- Robberies
- Police. As a rule, they are not helpful. Would probably be better served by Prince George's Police
- Crime, crime, crime
- People disobeying certain laws. Example, riding bike in Roosevelt Center
- Crime, Franklin Park, Beltway Plaza, Greenway Shopping Center, and around Westway, Lakeside Drive
- Crime and safety
- Crime and safety risks
- It takes 5 cop cars to give a ticket to one person
- The crime and lack of care/response/action to drugs especially pot. It is not legal but I am exposed to it every day because of potheads in the apartment complex
- There are some worrying trends when it comes to crime (e.g., repeated robberies of the Sunoco)

- Increase in crime (mainly auto)
- Not as much investment to rental/transient community in particular Franklin Park apartments which contribute to more crime such as robbery, injuries, and trash in area
- Increased crime and speeding
- That the police department is under-staffed
- Greenbelt Police Department
- Handicap parking is not enforced. More ticketing of people parked illegally. Red light cameras - too many. Franklin Park apartments - too big and too much crime. Not safe there
- Lack of parking enforcement, especially handicap parking. Violations occur frequently due to lack of enforcement. Franklin Park apartments - too much crime
- My experience with police and parking enforcement have been negative
- Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, I lived there twice for a total of six years. I loved that they have a variety of apartments to choose from, but the people that they allow to move in there needs to be vetted much better. I know for a fact that they let people move in there with criminal backgrounds and fake paystubs. These in turn become the very folks that trash the community, rob people, fire off guns, etc.
- Need more police! Crime is increasing rapidly
- Vagrancy, panhandling
- Fear for safety
- Increased crime particularly in West Greenbelt area
- It used to be a small-town feel, but now anybody (illegals) is welcome bringing in more crime and crazy ideas. I will probably move
- I have felt comfortable for thirty-five years and safe. When I read the News Review in the police section, I do not feel comfortable anymore

Mail In

- Not enough night patrolling
- Cannot speak for the whole City but where I live, increase of crime and lack of visual police presence
- Increase in crime. Not happy with initiatives to defund any first responders
- Crime
- The crime that is significantly increasing
- I think crime is what I like the least about Greenbelt. Also I think the Greenbelt police do not try to get to know the community. They should interact with the community more. Get out of the car, walk around
- Increasing crime rate
- Use of drugs by youths
- Too many crime reports
- Not safe to bike or walk outside of Old Greenbelt; crime is higher than national and Maryland averages

Web

- Crime in the crime neighborhoods

- Burglaries, robberies
- The crime is getting out of control
- Sad to say, the crime in Greenbelt West, namely Franklin Park, as reported by the News Review each week. It is a terrible shame how residents are preyed upon there. It persists despite very positive programs through the recreation department and good people who live there

Leadership/Governance/Taxes

Precinct 3

- Not back in office. Two people to do one job. City clerk never at work
- Recent attempts by woke extremists to use Greenbelt for national/personal political agendas
- High GHI fees. Too many green initiatives. Oppose reparations and illegal non-citizens getting to vote
- Dysfunctional City Council
- Hiring more competent property managers
- Status quo Center City

Precinct 6

- Dealing with Prince George's County
- The divisiveness in council
- City Council too interested in increasing development
- Taxes - too high. Council meets too long and not productive enough
- The Mayor's "dedication" to cancerous progressive politics
- Mayor - useless. Reparations "discussion"

Precinct 13

- Taxes - better balance of taxes to make it more affordable

Precinct 18

- High property taxes
- Very high property tax. I am paying \$640.24 a month or more than \$8,000 a year
- Taxes

Early Voting

- Current mayor
- Changing and issues not related to the City. Should see and fix problems in the City, regardless of issue elsewhere
- The City Council being unprofessional towards each other - poor role models for our children who consider politics as a cancer

- Taxes
- The fact that the City treats property tax of homeowners like their personal "cash cow" to fund services to everyone else
- The arguing and bickering of the City Council. We need a change for the better
- Lack of speed in making and implementing decisions - e.g., recreation department promised action on outdoor pickleball courts at least 3 years ago
- Over the top COVID-19 restrictions not in line with County regulations (e.g., our pool opened months later, library limited hours, outdoor mask mandates)
- The Mayor
- High homeowners fees and if property is not up to par you have to go to court - especially on fixed income or two jobs to make ends meet
- Sometimes people are too obsessed with being polite in government instead of honestly confronting and addressing differences
- The current Mayor
- Have to have connections to be employed by the City
- Taxes are too high
- City Council meetings should be more civil
- Too many new, young residents who push their agendas and try to turn things into something else. The Mayor Byrd with his own agenda, and the City keep quiet. Byrd's overstepping. Residents do not know reprimands. How could the City ever consider allowing illegals and 16-year-old children the right to vote and reparations
- I am happy to see more competition for City Council positions. I think we have gotten a bit stale there
- Politics
- Wasted spending, high taxes
- High taxes
- I do not like the grand standing of our elected leaders
- Inefficiency of City Council meetings. Some bickering is normal, but tighten up meeting procedures and practices so you can get more done. Thanks
- Council meeting poorly managed
- July 4th is a total waste of funds. Way too much money is spent
- Mayor Byrd. He is juvenile and rude, needs much more experience. In the past 2 years he has been an embarrassment to Greenbelt
- Some GHI restrictions on what we can do with our own house are unreasonable. Permit process needs re-vamping
- City Council meetings are dysfunctional. They need an effective governance structure and get matters addressed civilly
- High local taxes
- Needs better communication. Some seniors do not have easy access to computers, or knowledge of
- City Council dysfunction - infighting, racial overtones, "gotcha" moments, general pettiness, and inhumanly long meetings that serve as barriers to entry to all but retirees

- That elections are not healthy with allowing the most popular of the Council candidates becoming Mayor. There should be a separate mayoral election
- Real property taxes
- COVID-19 restrictions
- The overly fearful and hysterical COVID-19 procedures, compared to surrounding municipalities
- The City's lack of authority over development projects
- City council opposition and/or impediment to development
- Lack of practical solutions (reasonable) so as not to bankrupt the community (stick to a budget)
- High property taxes
- Squabbling at City Council meetings
- Colin Byrd trying to tear us apart as a community
- Endless debate at level of bickering of council
- Interminable council meetings

Mail In

- Bickering at council meetings. Removing healthy trees
- Too much politicization/promotion of non-traditional family lifestyles
- Too close to Washington politics
- Need to make sure City management is constructive and collegial. We cannot afford to lose talent and experience in these times of compensation competition. Good morale = retention
- The "arm rests" on benches. This action disappointed me when installed and continues to. Clearly the intention was to keep homeless individuals from sleeping on them. Greenbelt needs to do better. Not making obstacles. Serving the needs of all in Greenbelt. This is not a progressive Greenbelt. Please remove
- Some of the decisions that have taken place
- GHI constantly not going to solar power - need to change - ASAP
- City of Greenbelt staffing is too heavy on management - should be more efficient with fewer reports and red tape, more field work. No need to raise the high taxes for more services
- Mayor Byrd and Emmett Jordan
- High property taxes, council bickering
- The mayor wanting to give out my tax dollars as reparations
- Very slow, reactive (rather than proactive) City Council
- The political bias in many activities and the attitude of our mayor is tarnishing Greenbelt's image

Web

- I do not like the at-large council system. I do not feel like anyone represents me. I do not know which councilmember to call if I have something to discuss. I feel like the council as a whole can easily dismiss one individual, whereas in a ward-based council, my representative might be more likely to advocate for me
- That the council, against the recommendation they requested from Greenbelt ACES, in 2018, joined the Maryland Department of Agriculture monitoring/spraying program for

mosquito control, which meant that Greenbelt, this past September, was sprayed, multiple times, with the neurotoxin, Permethrin, without a public referendum giving citizen permission, to have the life in our gardens snuffed out and our pets and own bodies exposed to a toxin known to have at least 20 different negative impacts

- The lack of civility during City Council meetings. The inability of City Council to work together to achieve racial equity and police reform
- The actions of the former mayors on the council
- Disunity (backbiting) among some councilmembers and reports that we need a new City Manager (not properly screened before hiring--she cost previous City ALOT of money, hope we are not next)
- Over representation of Center City, white people, 'status quo' on City Council
- There are too many rules and regulations. I wish the City would just leave people alone to live in peace. I do not want the government to oversee my life. I want to keep my money and use it for the services that I want, not what Greenbelt thinks that I need
- Its communication with the public during changing times. For example, there has been little communication about why the City of Greenbelt is much more restrictive in opening public buildings than others. Why are there no Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE) classes or Holy Cross programs? The City has many communication channels, but it is the content and messages that make communication work
- Wasting money
- High taxes
- The recent inability of the City Council to be civil and to get the work of the City done has to stop. I also have grave doubts about the current City Manager, who offers no support to council as previous managers have. "No comment" is not an acceptable answer to their questions
- Greenbelt is great, but would be better if there was political diversity. There are Greenbelters who are not Democrats, but our City Council has all Democrats and views outside the "progressive viewpoint" are rarely discussed and even permitted. An example is the films shown at the Old Greenbelt Theater. Normally they are one-sided and when there are QAs after the meeting, only speakers with the City approved "progressive viewpoint" are invited to speak

Multiple/Miscellaneous Dislikes

Precinct 3

- Not in my backyard. Protecting the green spaces means MANAGING them, not cloistering them
- Disconnected neighborhoods separated by a huge, ugly highway
- Consolidated power and lack of representation of anyone besides old Greenbelt. Committees all being by referral or current members only. Only "at large" council positions. Playgrounds are ancient - increase Department of Public Works budget for playgrounds
- Some areas are isolated (Greenbelt Station) and receive fewer services (West)
- The crime, all the fast food/strip malls on the other side of the parkway
- The difficulty in accessing all sections due to highway divides
- City is split into at least three distinct areas which are different - unsure if the good aspects

of the City reach all areas

- Increase in loitering in Center, loud language, inconsiderate people
- Transit connections to bus/metro could be more frequent. Better street lighting for pedestrian sidewalks
- Crime, ideological orthodoxy
- Racist police officers, police spending, improper spending in council (Davis, Jordan, Pope)
- The huge roads that divide Greenbelt divide all of us too
- All actions are slow. Takes forever for decisions to be made. Very divided (physically and figuratively)
- Lack of diversity
- Not as modern, still a little old make up
- The entrenched and entitled elderly of GHI who have far too much influence about what happens in the rest of the City
- Garbage removal and recycling removal. GHI unequal treatment of all renters (race-based)
- Excessive promotion of homosexual behavior. Dependence on alcohol
- Trash in parks and on road sides. Crime in certain sections

Precinct 6

- The friendly weirdness
- Divisions and lack of services and focus in Franklin Park. Rampant expansion of apartments/housing
- Shaming or combativeness seen in council meetings, Facebook page and letters to editor. Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center restrictions and focus on senior fears more so than youth needs. Lack of restaurant/retail
- The discussion about racial reparation
- Some rules are a bit peculiar or obscure. Old Greenbelt/GHI seems to get the lion's share of benefits
- Funding of services I never use. Public walkways that end without warning. No reply to my email sent to public works

Precinct 8

- The Greenbelt police department. The management and property owners at Franklin Park
- Beltway Plaza needs to be improved and redeveloped. Also a through way needs to be developed from Greenbelt Station community to the Greenbelt Metro
- A lot
- Cost of rent
- I like that Greenbelt community is a family
- Mouse problem in Franklin Park apartments

Precinct 13

- Some renters in our community (Greenbriar) are very disrespectful of our rules/regulations,

i.e., noise, trash, dog walking without picking up after

- Crime; some rude people; over-development; horrible drivers; crime; trash and litter everywhere

Early Voting

- Pets and children
- Division of people/allocation of resources among East/Central/West Greenbelt; Mayor determined by City Council internally
- Three highways divide our community and we do not have infrastructure (like the Old Greenbelt tunnels) to circumvent them to physically unite us
- The City Council has behaved badly this year, and I see a division of race pitted against white and black residents
- Pet waste in a neighbor's yard that smells horrible. Neighbors who do not maintain their home - terrible eye sores and view out my windows due to indifference. We need help with these frustrating awkward situations
- Too many barking dogs and people who do not care
- The upkeep of the Mall. Especially around the CVS and the bank - excess trash
- History of segregation now somewhat built-in by major roads dividing City
- I dislike the way the New Deal Cafe is run and think in general there should be term limits on council committees and boards
- Sometimes services are not provided to all areas of Greenbelt equally. Not fond of increasing traffic congestion. Stop MAGLEV
- The people that sit on Facebook all day
- Unfortunately, some people want too much for themselves
- The major highways that surround us, I-495, Kenilworth Avenue; noise from Baltimore-Washington Parkway; lack of creative housing; wished Roosevelt Center was nicer
- The inequality between the Greenbelt residents and the rise of violent crime
- The inequity that is the reality of living in America today – it is a problem many places, not just Greenbelt, face. I wish our elementary school (Greenbelt Elementary School) were stronger, had more resources, and could better support all students
- Extensive immigrant outreach without studying the effects of our unique community. Not all mindsets are open and welcoming nor respectful
- Growth
- Fast traffic on roads where pedestrians and bicycles share the road; inadequate sidewalks and connections between various parts of the City. Litter
- Small crimes - vandalization to cars; theft from mail boxes. Traffic seems to be getting worse
- When the City helps to get leaves off the streets, the workers are sometimes very noisy. Who uses the hand vacuum and many leaves end up in our yard than I expect. I have extra trees around our yard that contribute to extra clean up. Although I am a hug-a-tree person, this is extra tiring work
- Lack of general concern with public health and welfare. Greenbelt should develop their office for public health and welfare or increase the scope of CARES. Racism

- Too many rentals, too much crime. People run stop signs in Lakewood on Greenhill and race. Metrobus should be on main roads only, not through Lakewood or Greenbelt Homes Incorporated or Boxwood. No control of Airbnbs. Taxes too high
- Property taxes are high. So high that I was almost discouraged from buying a home here. Streets are cluttered with trash
- Fewer families. Mostly singles and partners buy and move into Greenbelt
- Though I do not like the physical separation of Greenbelt East, Center City, and Greenbelt West, as someone who often walks, I do not have much connection to the far edges of the City (near Good Luck Road, Greenbelt Station, near Cipriano). I hope there are decent sidewalks in those parts of the City, but they do not seem to have been designed for walkability. Unfortunately, that is not something that can be easily "fixed" after those neighborhoods have been built
- I do not really have any concerns to mention. I have a few issues I need to take up with GHI when I have time to deal with them
- Most of the homes have only one bathroom and they all have 13 steps up to the second floor
- The huge 40+ year-old trees on the common areas. The roots are destructing our personal sidewalks. The birds and the pollen and branches and leaves are a constant mess every day! The branches are touching our properties AGAIN
- The increase in crime and not many decent restaurants
- Current council is at-large and special-interest dominated. Failure to recognize Greenbelt is divided by highways and housing developments
- Incredibly high taxes, poor or negative return on investment for property values, high condo fees, poor reputation for Prince George's County schools, little return for condo fees
- Small-town attitudes (including racism). Not as good options for restaurants and stores as other places. Public transportation is poor
- Traffic noise. Council meetings this term. Vandalism
- Outsiders making U-turns near the library. Trash on the ground, curbsides
- Focus on consensus building. Greenbelt leaders have been too divisive without concern for issues that affect the greater community
- Areas outside of the City Center are not walkable and crime is worse
- I am frequented by wild creatures such as deer, groundhogs, raccoon, foxes, and snakes. The deer and groundhogs are a danger to me! Called numerous times; no help can be rendered for my safety. The City Council will not take any action because of their love for animals. They have destroyed my gardens
- Crime. Lack of diversity representation
- Poor bus service, geographical divisions, lack of bike lanes in some areas
- Far from everything else. Always a long drive in distance or traffic or transit. No jobs in Greenbelt or Prince George County in my field
- Traffic and road noise on Parkway (I-295), Beltway, Greenbelt Road, and Hanover Parkway. The development on Cherrywood and Ivy Lanes which destroyed wetlands. Will the development flood out in the future? Watch its effect on the Anacostia River basin
- I do not like the Home Owners Association (HOA) fees going up, it should stay the same price

- Some of GHI administrative buildings. We, the people, are owners; are not always made to feel that way. Permit process needs overhaul; most unpleasant and makes one not want to do any further upkeep, which would improve the overall value
- High taxes. Old infrastructure. Lack of economic development vision. Increasing crime. Beltway Plaza Mall
- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure is sorely lacking. For safety's sake, we need crosswalks and "share the road" signs
- Greenbelters Facebook page
- High cost of rental
- (1) Too much development! (2) I dislike the attacks on our police force. It bothers me that they have to waste their time jumping through hoops when our police have done nothing wrong. Is it not enough that they put their lives on the line for all citizens, regardless of race, color, or creed? (3) The Greenbelt Forest Preserve Board and the Garden Club are too inbred and have too much power
- The apartment residents nearby
- A small percentage of mental illness
- Route 193 is horrible. There is too much trash in Greenbelt Center and near doctor's office on Hanover. Hanover Parkway is unpleasant to walk on
- Greenbelt is heavily polluted with motor vehicle emissions. Most car drivers are uncontrolled speed demons who threaten pedestrians and bicyclists
- Very old fashioned. Not very green any more
- Politics are too one-sided. No tolerance. Way too judgmental of those not "woke." We do not shove our politics, religion or sex life on anyone. Have some respect, keep your business to yourself
- Lack of diversity in sub-communities
- The geographic distancing and separation. Let us make Greenbelt Road a pedestrian walkway! This is tongue-in-cheek, but much of the problem with Greenbelt is due to the ways and orders in which it was developed
- Incivility, online and in City Council meeting
- Sorry there is nothing about Greenbelt that I dislike except the slumlord management team at Jane's apartment
- That the power lines are not underground where my house is located. I am having issues with my son's middle school but that is more of a Prince George's County Public Schools issue
- Tendency toward being "Old Greenbelt" centric and a sense of panic by those aging in place that they will not be safe here
- The large roadways that divide the City and are hard to pass on foot or bicycle
- Transportation is easy to get. And places to do your grocery are around. Schools are short distances for children to go
- Poor bike lanes/lack of bike lane on key roads (e.g., on Route 193, dangerous bike lane)
- The price for the Aquatic and Fitness Center is too expensive for seniors and not enough police patrols in the apartment complexes as well as very poor lighting throughout
- Some folks are really dug in on one side or another of an issue and not willing to listen and/or compromise; also I wish there were more restaurants

- I do not think City Council or many GHI residents really understand what is going on with rental housing increases (in cost)
- Diversity, litter

Mail In

- Judgmental, complacent. The idea that Old Greenbelt is all that is Greenbelt. Lack of imagination. Why do we always look at what Hyattsville or College Park does? Need original ideas
- General griminess. Low quality of most items in cooperative grocery store. GHI monthly fees are too high for what is provided. Many residents look downtrodden, very poor, unhealthy, zonked out. Also, post office, Bank of America, and other reasons we moved here have left
- Lack of cohesiveness between neighborhoods. Lack of shopping, restaurants
- Dark streets and insufficient trash removal
- Its lack of enough swimming pools. Security should be increased with more frequent police patrol
- People take advantage of free services provided by community groups, but many of these groups are run by only a relative few dedicated volunteers. A greater emphasis on participating and contributing to the community is needed
- The Winter Lights Festival is Christ-centric and the City is somewhat segregated
- It is becoming too expensive
- Lack of appreciation for walkable services at Center (over time: less doctor, USPS, dry cleaner)
- The Aquatic and Fitness Center/Community Center has really failed to serve the community since the pandemic started. Racism, in the fact that the City Council does not represent all Greenbelters (with regard to demographics and what parts of Greenbelt are represented)
- The divisions that the Beltway, Route 201, and Route 193 create. Like different worlds
- Over-investment in police; not enough public transit
- Dogs
- The City Council is self-servicing. The City's ability to attract business to the Center
- Too many animals
- I would like to see speed bumps placed on Ridge Road between Southway and Westway - drivers drive too fast, kids have almost been killed in the crosswalks, which drivers do not respect. Where are the police? Why are they not stopping speeding and "muscle cars" which make an insane amount of noise at all hours of the night
- During the winter, snow removal at bus stops is neglected. The Labor Day festival parade seems to only take place in Old Greenbelt. Council bickers too much during meetings and the meetings are long and unproductive
- The current divisive political climate. The current mayor is to blame. I am concerned about racial equity, and paradoxically, I think he does more to antagonize people than to persuade them to support equity

Web

- Division in the community created by the current City Council dysfunction

- The giveaways the council has provided to the transient and criminal elements predominantly located and residing in the Franklin Park apartments. We, the rest of Greenbelt: West, Old and East receive next to nothing from the current council and City Hall but higher property tax bills and being ignored. Also, stop the lack of council support for the Greenbelt Police Department! End the capitulation to wokeness that the council is creeping into and ruining what has been a great, small city to live and raise families for over seven decades
- Bickering of the City Council, the decrease in senior services/programs
- Greenbelt Road. Greenway shopping center sprawl
- I wish that Old Greenbelt was more racially diverse
- The war that is happening from the top down
- Turning local spaces into sounding boards for the political agendas of the day. SIGNS! Why are there so many signs, for everything... hot playgrounds, falling branches, masks. You took a quite peaceful path and put up 10 signs in about 200ft for a firefly sanctuary, why? The signs are going to need regular maintenance and I do not think their impact is worth the cost
- Property tax is too high. Apartment rental is too high, many of my friends cannot afford to live in Greenbelt
- How fractured the entire City is by highways, and how difficult it is to travel between neighborhoods by foot/bike
- Roads will always divide Greenbelt. East, West, and new developments are each their own entity. More gardens are needed. So FIND PLACES for them. Gardens and trees SHOULD BE SEPARATED. Nothing is worth cutting 175 trees
- Lack of political diversity. Using schools, libraries, etc. to push one political ideology. Raised crime rate
- Liberals, socialism, Mayor Byrd
- Roads: too many highways that split the City into fragments
- Black Lives Matter/Blue Lives Matter, reparations, etc. ---have not seen signs for white lives matter or demonstrations. With previous councils I do not remember such discord; if it is the mayor then it is time to get a new one!
- The highway noise, the potential destruction of green space with the Beltway expansion and MAGLEV, the lack of good restaurants, the lack of bike ability and walkability outside of the historic core. There are too many highways and not enough attention paid to pedestrian access. As a result you get traffic jams at the middle school because it is so pedestrian unfriendly. With so much car infrastructure it will be hard to manage achieving climate goals
- Constant intrusive plans such as MAGLEV, Beltway/Parkway widening, etc., are serious threats to the health and safety of our community
- I cannot think of anything. I am strongly against non-citizens voting. That should be reserved for citizens or those who go through the process to achieve citizenship. We must not make emotional decisions but those based on the rule of law that protects us all
- Lack of non-chain restaurants; pass-through traffic speeding through residential areas
- I dislike Greenbelt Road and Greenway Center
- The geographic separation of the three parts of Greenbelt continues to separate the City into three populations with different levels of City services. Though Center City does not intend to create this disparity, but this inequity in services remains a challenge that the City government and community must address

- Crime in Franklin Park and taxes
- Sometimes hard-edged community discussions. Resistance to masks
- Hypocrisy of the police department and those supporting it
- Noisy, energy wasting, no environmental consciousness among politicians
- Noise and disregard for climate change. The City uses loud gas-powered leaf blowers and mowers that pollute and destroy grassy areas. We need electric powered devices, rakes, and consideration of the environment!
- Nosy people who want to tell other people how to run their lives
- My GHI house is too small
- Lack of public transit and mostly awful walkability outside of GHI and the old town. Lack of youth services. The City is not a cohesive town but a collection of neighborhoods that do not interact much with each other
- Crime and too many employees for the same job!
- Racism, lack of services for non-Center residents; City Council members who have served more than four terms

Improvements to the City or City Programs

3. Are there any improvements to City or new City Programs you would suggest?

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

No/None

Precinct 3

- Not sure
- None

Precinct 8

- Uncertain at this time
- No idea

Precinct 13

- Unsure

Precinct 18

- None to recommend now
- All good now

Early Voting

- None (4 respondents)
- Keep up the good work
- The City is pretty good as is
- I love Greenbelt programs and cannot think of any changes
- I am not sure how to improve it
- I have no suggestions at this time
- None really

Mail In

- No opinion
- None
- I have not used any of the programs thus far

Web

- Keep the good work
- N/A

- No recommendations
- Current levels good

Public Safety

Precinct 3

- Improve patrolling of the roads for speeding, not fully stopping at stop signs, excessively noisy cars and trucks
- Speed bumps
- More events for police/community interaction to promote understanding in both directions
- More police presence
- Lighting on state road at Northwest corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway

Precinct 6

- Remove speed cameras, install traffic lights where needed

Precinct 8

- Greenbelt Station needs to add and improve how to place speed bumps in Greenbelt Station Road. Specifically to reduce speeding and protect residents
- Crack down on crime
- More police presence

Precinct 13

- More funding for our amazing police department. They are working hard to build community and be proactive with crime

Precinct 18

- Improve parking code enforcement. Parking code enforcement needs to answer their phone and start to come into condominium community and give out citations for cars parked illegally and blocking handicap ramps
- Speed cameras on Hanover Parkway

Early Voting

- Positive regular involvement with police in the community
- The Greenbelt Police Department is doing a fantastic job and should not be scrutinized by the City Council
- The parking enforcement should: 1) actually answer the phone occasionally 2) be more proactive identifying abandoned vehicles instead of waiting for callers to inform you 3) actually be polite when I approach your vehicle to finally talk with you instead of leaving a message
- Need traffic control measures on Lakeside Drive. Speeding is a severe problem. We must walk in road as no sidewalks. Need speed bumps

- More police presence in Old Greenbelt
- Keep cops in check. Get rid of bad ones. Make transparent complaints on bad cops
- Increase safety and security
- Get the people going over the limit
- Monitoring neighbor parking
- Hire more parking enforcement officers. Fines should be subject to out-of-state residents. Police should be accessing fines
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety taught at the elementary/middle school level
- Stop making our police jump through hoops when they have done nothing wrong. Let them use their time keeping us safe, instead. Keep the politics in check. Too much grand-standing
- Traffic calming pedestrian bump outs, speed enforcement everywhere
- More security and police presence. Less racial and social discrimination
- We need automated traffic cameras in more places. They are more objective and reviewable rather than police officers pulling people over. Please put a post office box inside the cooperative. Since mailboxes are vulnerable to thefts an inside box would be a great option. We would not have to drive to post office. Any organization that receives City funds or support must publicly identify all their members
- Train police on how to handle mental health crisis. More education on how to handle domestic violence and sexual assault cases/situations
- Speed limit enforcement in Old Greenbelt streets
- Quicker response from police

Mail In

- A new underpass at Route 193 and Greenway Center Shopping Center. Two people I know have been killed trying to get over to the Shopping Center
- Monitor speed of vehicles along Ridge Road
- More road bumps on Hanover Parkway
- More security
- More police presence and more youth programs to help get children and teens off streets
- Ridge Road needs speed bumps – it is dangerous especially for children. Also, drivers are very lax about observing speed limits and full stopping at intersections
- Police reports should be subject to correction when evidence of error of fact are presented
- More police patrolling; neighborhood watch groups
- Have social worker and mental health act as first responders as being tried in other US cities. Maybe team up with other local cities to provide this instead of police
- Speed bumps in the community
- Police vigilance for gun crimes should be increased. More control on use of drugs by youths
- Security cameras in places where incidents happen to make people feel safer, increase crime solving rate
- Put speed ("your speed") signs before speed cameras. They are not revenue sources; replace pedestrian crosswalks with push button - controlled walk lights for safety

- Safer sidewalks and bike lanes that are separated from traffic; pedestrian overpasses over Route 201

Web

- At the end of the trial period for our inclusion in the MD Department of Agriculture mosquito mitigation program, let us get out of it totally and spend the money, resources, and person hours to design a better, safer, more holistic mitigation program that does not destroy life while trying to save lives
- Code enforcement
- I would really like if the rising crime rate was addressed. Yet the Mayor puts blinders on and pursues his defund agenda at the cost of the safety of Greenbelters
- More police
- We need to figure out how I can mail things again without fear of it being stolen. I know it is a federal government agency but it definitely negatively impacts my quality of life to have to drive to Laurel to mail things securely

Economic and Community Development

Precinct 3

- More restaurants
- Would like less development
- Rebuild Old Greenbelt stores, etc.
- New owners of apartments raising rents, forcing me to move out

Precinct 6

- Increased support for community programs
- More equitable distribution of services to East and West sections
- Greenbelt needs to limit its ownership of private-able run businesses or Co-ops. Lack of quality offerings of retail and restaurants despite rapid resident growth. Center needs to be modernized with quality retail/dining options
- Better places to eat, better stores for shopping

Precinct 8

- More community service projects that will bring parts of Greenbelt together who normally do not interact
- Should piggyback off the development and revitalization in College Park and Hyattsville
- Looking forward to more economic development around Greenbelt Mall

Early Voting

- Maybe work with landlords where there are vacancies in business to be converted to fine eateries, jazz clubs, etc. There should be more than just The New Deal Cafe
- Improvement of the Mall

- In regards to new development, low-income families need to have the option to be included in being able to reside in these new units/apartments
- Include Greenbelt East in more improvements and programs
- More upscale housing - senior housing - a 55+ community
- Plan ahead for senior housing. Programs to attract elementary-age families
- If the firehouse on Crescent is bought - encourage loft housing like the Firehouse Lofts in Hyattsville. Owner of Roosevelt Center encouraged to spruce it up/modernize
- Stop cutting down trees and cramming townhouses all over the City and County. Did you notice the roads are above capacity and have been? Stop building
- Revitalize town square. Allow in capitalism and private sector that does not have to follow cooperative rules which are antiquated
- Yes, purchase the Armory and then figure out how to use it
- A good restaurant, a good pizzeria, and a good ice cream store in the Center City
- Acquire armory for a new state-of-the-art fire station, police station, and municipal building all in one location
- We need to move into the 21st century with new buildings/apartments/townhouses/condos to keep up with other cities. Improve business and provide better shopping choices instead of having to go to other areas or order by phone, online, etc.
- Center in Old Greenbelt needs to encourage more businesses, restaurants, cafes for social needs especially. Allow for new development/building of businesses. Managed not urban sprawl and no strip malls. Good nurturing businesses
- Bring more businesses to the town center
- Single family housing replacing Franklin Park. Attract investment - businesses to Greenbelt. Allow development. Contemplate using bonds
- Invest in small business
- I support taking on the Armory. It is the perfect location for a new firehouse. Please, please make this happen
- If you have to pay HOA fees, you should at least get help with maintaining property
- More opportunities and options for short term rental

Mail In

- Look at Riverdale Park and Hyattsville and make our City desirable for young professional families. Enforce code to ensure well maintained houses and properties
- Bring more culture local and international; improve the aesthetic look of the City - more public art; create art district where artists can create and sell their work - attract tourism
- Spruce up Beltway Plaza

Web

- Increase investment and incentives for economic development that benefit the whole City and is in balance with already-robust conservation and sustainability efforts
- I do not know if this can be done, but if we can protect the historic areas of Roosevelt Center from being redeveloped, that would be great. It is a great public space that gets used in so many ways, so I would hate to see it destroyed for some sort of modern "Town Center" high-end retail development. Also, it would be great if we could strengthen

protections for our Forest Preserve against future development. That would be good. Urban and suburban woodland is disappearing really quickly and we need to preserve these green spaces

Other Public Services/Infrastructure

Precinct 3

- The Council needs to do a much better job of getting along and compromising this year. Some members (Byrd and Roberts) were unreasonable and intransigent
- Perhaps set up more donation and fund-raising programs to fund certain services and events. I am not a fan of increasing overall taxes
- More trash pickups
- More biker lanes, more solar initiations, stop bulldozing wetlands
- Improved bus service, City support for car share programs
- More bike paths (dedicated)
- Better cell service - towers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School or GHI? Municipal internet service provider service. P.S. 5G will not activate the "microchips in the vaccine"!!
- I would suggest to increase tree plantings around the City so that we can continue to be proactive with planting new trees before old trees are lost. I also think the area surrounding the Youth Center, especially the basketball court, should be kept in better condition as it is the heart of the City, yet is often unplayable due to dirt runoff
- Expanded bike lanes. Connections across Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue
- Sidewalk put in from gas station to Greenbelt Road
- More senior citizen assistance
- More funding for Greenbelt Museum

Precinct 6

- Pay as you throw waste management. More composting. More recycling education
- Continue cleaning shrubs and trees along both sides of Crescent Road - it is highly overgrown and unsightly
- Make more bike lanes (second time for emphasis)
- Update all playgrounds, splashpad, new restaurants and food options in Center City. Limited and below average
- More trees planted
- Historical markers to denote history prior to 1936 are absent or controversial. The Methodist preaching ground marker on Kenilworth Avenue is obscured by brush; the Indian Springs is unmarked and graves of the revolutionary war veterans at top of hill behind TGI Friday's (Walker family) is unmarked
- Communicate better
- More trash cans which would reduce littering
- Better chairs for classes at the community center

Precinct 8

- Update the Greenbelt parks/recreation website to make it more user-friendly and intuitive
- Trail system, parks, bike access/lanes
- City needs to improve community outreach program
- Finalize the trail to the subway station from Greenbelt Station houses
- Small smart City program (example - Seat Pleasant)
- Street snow removal
- Increased emphasis on education, skills training and adult learning. This is specially for students who need greater access to the internet into the transitioning workforce through training and access to technology
- More recycle bins in Greenbelt
- New housing scheme. Improve in educational activities such as the re-opening of the library
- I would love to see a composting program, and would pay to subscribe
- Walking path from Greenbelt Station neighborhood to Metro
- More/funding for local worker Co-ops
- More services for the teenagers and more classes toward education (certificate) to get better jobs

Precinct 13

- Making the City more of a green environment; tax incentive to do so
- A City trash removal of waste on streets and more hyphenations on services for the community to be aware of
- Social security, Medicare and unemployment office related access/orientation. On-site assistance - for state and federal programs assistance or liaison
- More stringent rental/housing enforcement

Precinct 18

- We need more social programs. House the homeless
- Lights at Schrom Hills Park
- More bike safe areas and sidewalks should meet. There should be crosswalks at the bus stops
- More transportation services for seniors. Cooperative to assist seniors with home maintenance and repairs. More food programs
- Snow removal is late instead of preparation before
- High-speed internet

Early Voting

- Longer hours for Greenbelt Connection. Find out how best to involve residents of Greenbelt West and act on the insights
- A clearly designated senior center
- More hybrid online and personal community center classes

- Improve website so that upcoming (weekly or monthly) events/services appear on home page. Also frequently accessed information should appear on home page
- Recycling and shredding event signs throughout the City and not just in Old Greenbelt
- Why are some recycling only twice per year (electronics)? Place to recycle batteries? More charging stations for EV's; municipal fleet switch to EV's
- I would like to see a map of Greenbelt with all the local spots pointed out and a description given
- Clinic to provide mental health maintenance, blood pressure checks, routine OB checks, baby check-ups and shots and referrals
- The City would benefit from serious attention being given to the City website. It is cumbersome and difficult to navigate. In particular it would be very helpful if the City calendar was prominently displayed on the first page
- Better identification of bike lanes and street cleaning on Hanover Parkway
- Better pedestrian safety and bike lanes. Engaging community in keeping trash off the streets and public areas
- Excited to see reparations commission
- I would suggest a second look at the decaying tree areas and ubiquitous amount of English Ivy most prominent in the neighborhood route of Laurel Hill and Hillside, Research Road, Greenhill and Crescent Road to Kenilworth
- Office of Racial Equity. Office of Public Health and Welfare. Move money from police budget to those offices. Use American Rescue Plan money to create these new offices
- Expand Call-A-Bus for evening
- Greenbelt Road, especially near Beltway Plaza needs to be repaved
- More car charging stations, pedestrian bridge over Greenbelt Road, more bike lanes
- Better communications: email, TV, internet
- Put lines on street for parking spaces
- More bike lanes/trails. More non-paved walk/run areas
- More bicycle paths in East
- More bike lanes and paths in Greenbelt East
- Repair/level the sidewalk in front of the Community Center/Library. It floods when it rains
- Focus on City services to be inclusive, including those with developmental disabilities
- Make areas outside of Center City more accessible without cars
- Drug awareness programs for youths. Needs to be programs to keep youth engaged off the streets like web coding, AI and ML, programming or even car or home repair. Train them for something so they do not become potheads. Provide jobs with the City like park management
- There is very little biking infrastructure
- I would like to see a paved pathway connecting the end of Ridge Road near the Lakeside North apartments. This would benefit walkers and bikers and people with strollers
- Try to minimize noise from highways, more tree planting, highest budget for non-natives/invasive removal and replacement with natives. More information about recycling (plastic types)
- Provide free or low-cost rapid COVID tests for residents and local businesses to use. Several other U.S. cities (plus countries like UK and Germany) are doing so already

- Dedicated and protected pedestrian/bicycle paths to provide access to all parts of Greenbelt, with connections to regional trails
- Stormwater management needs planning and investment
- We need to address storm water impacts on our homes and properties. It needs both City and GHI partnership and concrete action - NOW
- Get trash bill by email and pay online
- More frequent emptying of recycling in Buddy Attick Park
- Better/more effective dissemination of information
- Social services
- Charging stations for electric cars
- Better recycling
- Keep working on green infrastructure. Have more options for electric vehicle charging which is especially difficult in GHI, apartments and condominiums. Have more services for Franklin Park
- More senior programs. Home health aide program sponsored by the City. Cost based on income, subsidized by City taxes if necessary. Limit amount of time aide is available to 4 hours per day or a set number of hours per week per resident
- Home aides for seniors run through the GAIL program. Hourly rate based on income. Max of 4 hours per day per resident. More senior programs. Lots of emphasis on school-age children. Very little senior programs
- I think the City does a wonderful job of providing essential and enriching services and programs. How they are accessed is a different issue
- More senior or inter-generational programs, including those associated with literacy
- Over or under passes, akin to the Spellman overpass, across I-495, Greenbelt Road, and Kenilworth Avenue would go a long way toward increasing interaction between the three parts of the City
- Road and sidewalks - need improvements
- To improve physical activities for elderly people where they can go and practice for their health
- Bike lanes, composting (City-wide), enhanced height-weight room in fitness center
- More trash cans available to drop dog trash near stop signs - public spaces
- I would very much like to see the institution of a fabric recycling program. Simple Recycling has such a program even though it is not described on its website: www.simplerecycling.com. The person in charge of the City's recycling program needs to call 866-835-5068 to initiate this program for Greenbelt (and, indeed, for Maryland) or to write an email to the organization. Simple Recycling does curbside pickup, which may make more Greenbelters participate in our recycling operations. I am very glad we have started to recycle compostable materials. Please ask public works to hose out the containers regularly
- Better bus services - i.e., ride-on, transportation to Metro
- Online payments for all services, e.g., waste collection
- More trash cans along walking paths/sidewalks
- Trail maintenance in the forest preserves. Making it easier for those 60+ in years to go into the forest and not risk ticks, getting lost, etc.

- Landscaping around Greenbelt is very bad. If you drive up and down Greenbelt Road grass and weeds are over growing on the sidewalks and streets. Looks very trashy and unkept

Mail In

- Recycling bins in parts of the City such as Mandan Road, ballfields, Greenbelt West, Greenway Center, better facilities at dog park - needs upkeep
- Continued community programs
- Increased number of recycle bins and more frequent pick up
- Curbside compost. Sidewalks that are connected all through Greenbelt
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Assistance for seniors to remain in their homes/apartments
- More programs for seniors
- Sidewalks and crosswalks along Greenbelt Road could be extended and improved
- Definitely need more for Greenbelt West. Some kind of ongoing van or transportation to all areas. AND activities in various sectors to encourage van or bus use by those in Center City
- Installation of electric vehicle LII charging stations in the Center and other areas. Greatly reduce the cost of the DC fast charger at the municipal building
- Sound wall on Beltway
- I once needed an appointment with Greenbelt CARES for counseling with my daughter - I was told there was a 3-4 month wait
- Fix East-Center-West pedestrian connectivity
- I am 75 and developing cataracts which aren't removed until vision decreases to a certain level. I really appreciate, especially in rain, clear white/yellow lines on streets
- Maintenance - new residents get quick and costly renovations/repairs while older residents wait and wait
- More bike lanes on bigger roads like Greenbelt Road
- Would love lighting at Buddy Attick Park
- More jobs to better improve the road ways
- Need more choices for visual arts and senior programs
- All City facilities should be free for residents
- Reparations
- More senior yoga and fitness classes. Chair-side yoga?
- More neutrality and programs that cater to all groups
- Less DVD watching for senior classes that are in person. These classes you registered from PGCC
- Greater walkability and small local bus route to better connect the different parts of Greenbelt to each other

Web

- I wish and strongly suggest that there be a central place/person where a Greenbelt resident could find/apply for support services like Medicaid/Food Stamps, etc. The rigamarole of contacting half a dozen different agencies is a (deliberate?) barrier to services getting to

those who need them

- 1) Web site which is searchable by date. 2) Consistency in formatting on City agenda, minutes and video web site. Naming of meetings not always clear. Times for meetings are listed incorrectly. 3) Communications/Public Information/messaging needs stronger leadership at the top
- Have City Council meetings be more respectful between the members
- When the City Council meets in-person again, hold meetings in all three parts of Greenbelt
- Reparations for Native American and African American residents. Curbside compost pickup. Expanded bus hours to and from Metro. Sidewalks on all streets on both sides. (Too many areas without sidewalks)
- More programs for all youth (ages 13-17) in all sections especially in the West and East
- Bookmobile for the library. Cooking lessons for kids and teens. Budgeting for kids and teens
- Ban leaf blowers in the City - starting with contractors working for the City. The noise and pollution are completely unnecessary
- Connect Greenbelt's neighborhoods and business districts with off-road walking/bicycling trails
- Getting back to work
- Eliminate shading of community gardens by trimming and cutting down trees
- A job bank or employment service to connect the City residents who need jobs to the business located in the City
- Emergency senior transportation. However, NO new programs should be created unless older LESS useful programs are eliminated FIRST
- I would suggest more "reaching out" to seniors in the area to help make them more aware of, and welcome to, activities and programs provided within the City
- We need more storm water control
- Pay unclassified City employees better. The pay rates are ridiculously low
- Better maintenance of the facilities, especially the ball fields
- Increase frequency electronics/styrofoam recycling
- The City must prioritize acquiring the armory property and to use that property for a new fire station and/or combined with a police station. The location is much more centrally located, but should also be accessible by pedestrians and serve in part as a community center, much like the current role the fire stations serves. Further enhancing the animal shelter and shelter hours would be beneficial as well
- Develop a policy and implement electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in all parts of the City. Advocate with Greenbelt businesses to add EV charging at multi-family housing, shopping centers, office buildings and hotels
- Eliminate all non-essential programs
- Better bike lanes. Better sidewalks
- A referendum on term limits for City Council members of 20 years. A parliamentarian or Sergeant of Arms to regulate the City Council meetings and keep the members from talking when the issue is not on the table per Robert's Rules of Order
- The City should enforce the County law that requires apartments to provide a way for their tenants to recycle

- A lot of Greenbelt is good enough or average. I would be willing to pay higher taxes to help Greenbelt become good or above average
- Greater connectivity between different parts of the City, better bike lanes
- Programs for families and children that include/accommodate parents who work 9-5 jobs
- Silent City, i.e., reduce all unnecessary noises, adopt environmental policies (e.g., no idling), save energy
- Services for seniors aging-in-place
- Better website, with more up-to-date information
- Put some effort into improving public transit and walkability between the different parts of Greenbelt. Try to get City control over zoning
- If it is not too inconvenient, hold City Council meetings a few times a year in the different sectors of Greenbelt
- Put people back to work

Recreation

Precinct 3

- Our playgrounds are an embarrassment
- Make programs for children between the ages of 10-18. More activities for single people of all ages
- More art programs in evening
- More Community Center classes. Reopen water exercise classes
- More in-person senior programs to reduce social isolation
- For the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot competition: an age-based performance scale

Precinct 6

- Refurbish aquatic center/gym facilities
- Better promotion for the delightful smaller programs

Precinct 8

- More programs for teens
- Finish walking trail from Greenbelt Station townhomes to Greenbelt Metro Station. More greenspace for community events/gatherings
- Not sure if you have an indoor running track
- Get more people to do green services

Precinct 13

- Enhance extracurricular activities/fitness center options for Greenbelt residents. If they exist already, market and promote those programs
- Another dog park

Precinct 18

- Clean up all the lakes in Greenbelt East
- Pave more of the walking trail in the park. Improve the lake so that we can walk all the way around the water
- Middle-aged programs such as a book club, exercise programs

Early Voting

- I wish the City was more involved with the Greenbelt Museum
- A tennis wall or walls
- More recreation programming to bring community together like the movies shown in the parks
- Keep theater open
- Bike clubs, cycle clubs, knit clubs, walk clubs, baking clubs, plant clubs, vegan clubs or vegetarian, wine fest, weed fest 4/20
- Keep outdoor pool open longer hours and past Labor Day if hot, because some of us are still not comfortable being indoors without masks
- Return any hope for a paddle-boats rental on the lake. There was some paddle boats launch pads in the 1960s
- Parks and green space in West Greenbelt
- The showers at the pool need to be updated at least where the lockers are located
- Restart aquatic center water aerobics classes and open hot tub. Reinstate Sunday evening hours at swimming pool

Mail In

- Continue to host activities relevant to the breadth of our demographics
- Improved publicity of City events and programs
- Upgrade Center City, improve sports programs and facilities
- More recreational centers and sport playgrounds
- Eliminate midday closing at recreation and fitness center
- Greenbelt lake trail is a disaster for anyone using wheels (strollers, bikes, wheelchairs). It needs to be ADA compliant. Maybe level it and use permeable pavers
- More park spaces in West Greenbelt
- Better support of youth sports. Our local children must use fields outside of Greenbelt such as Lanham and Hyattsville while our fields are unused. Our swim team was not allowed to have swim meets or regular practice while other municipalities could and did
- I think the City should have more cultural events in Roosevelt Center since we are a diverse community and open to learning
- Pet centers
- Plant trees near the newer communities so that every resident can enjoy nature like my family can near the lake. And improve the schools if possible
- More support for Greenbelt artists creating artwork for the City - hiring artists to create, as in the "New Deal," to enhance the quality of life here. Sculptures in public places (indoor and outdoor). Murals. It could be one purchase a year

- Bring back New Year's Eve cultural program. It is the best thing the City did was to host them
- Need a karaoke bar/club

Web

- Build nature areas for kids or natural playgrounds
- Better management of the Aquatic/Fitness Center. For the last year the staff has generally been rude, condescending, and many of the life guards do not wear masks properly
- Maybe more explicit opportunities for elderly (70s, 80s) and very young (2-10) to interact.... maybe at the library or the pool or at some community center activity. Whatever, should be often enough for participants to get to know each other and be able to look forward to the next time in the near future (e.g., every week or 2 for some series of activities)
- Indoor pool was barely open this summer. Many people enjoy the indoor pool and this summer were forced to swim outside as the indoor pool was closed most of the summer. This never happened before my 16 years living here. Only the past 2 summers did the indoor pool close. Now the indoor pool is closed 1- 2.5 hours per day for cleaning and sometimes swim team practice. This was never the case and is a huge inconvenience for many swimmers. Also on Sundays now the pool closes at 5:15 when it used to be open until 8:00. Please open the pool back up entirely as it used to be open. Thank you!
- Youth center for the youth only. Make more welcoming
- Pickle ball courts
- History Camp!

Multiple/Miscellaneous

Precinct 3

- Help those in need with rent. Help seniors age in place
- Reduce Kenilworth Avenue and Route 193 to improve the cycling/walking network. More mixed use development to replace shopping-center parking lots
- More services in West
- Taxes are more than Prince George's County's. Stop spending tax payer's money. Be responsible
- No new taxes. Bring Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally classes back. Greenbelt has forgotten senior wants and needs
- Get rid of the anti-homeless architecture and create more safety nets/help for our unhoused neighbors
- Perhaps an expansion of CARES services or composting initiatives? I am uncertain as to the City's urgent needs, and so my best offer is expansion of services I have found useful
- Great just as they are
- Fix the Legion Drive at Lakecrest intersection. Encourage the condominium Home Owners Associations and apartment complexes to install electric car chargers and rooftop solar panels
- Improve/increase services/facilities in Greenbelt West
- More options to make Greenbelt a more green community

- Focus on combating crime and on keeping residents safe. Stop MAGLEV
- Not aware of all City programs
- Maybe something aimed at people in their 20's/without kids
- Improve paths for walking and biking. Better note East Central Greenway (I think it should be marked on Parkway)
- Improved policing - although it may have improved slightly there is room for more improvement. More environmental policies. Acknowledgement by government of African-Americans who contributed to building Greenbelt and their descendants

Precinct 6

- Better protected bike lanes. Murals
- Doing a great job as is
- Bridge in schools for seniors
- More City funding from Museum and Theatre to police for salaries and training
- What happened to equality for all, rather the hate that critical race theory (CRT) fills our schools with
- Not suggesting - I just want to thank you for several anger management classes for different ages during the pandemic

Precinct 8

- Defund Greenbelt Police Department. Fund West Greenbelt (Franklin Park) the same way you fund Old Greenbelt. We deserve the same programs and facilities and funding
- Equity of services for 3 areas - recreation and programs
- Recognition that Greenbelt now extends much beyond Old Greenbelt
- More places to recycle kitchen waste (e.g., vegetable peelings) as compost. More frequent buses (MetroBus and The Bus). Single stream recycling. Better publicizing of events (e.g., MUG walk). Library open more hours

Precinct 13

- Better trash pick-up; more trees; more green; more open space; less development; more Mom and Pop businesses; keep the mall as it is; less trash; less traffic; lower prices; nicer people; less crime
- More street lights. Remodel Beltway Plaza's interior. Better pavement on streets
- Residents of Greenbelt West (and East, too) need to become more integrated in City affairs. Not sure how to accomplish this

Precinct 18

- Volunteers to be more involved in City meetings
- Reduce property tax
- Move museum into the Community Center to save money. Programs that are rarely used should receive less funding

Early Voting

- Noise codes and/or how to find them
- I do not know
- Better transportation services to connect East/Central/West, district elections, Mayor determined by voters
- Host more City events in East and West Greenbelt. Require new developments to build infrastructure between East, West and Central Greenbelt
- Improve walkability; improve visual appearance of public spaces to soften and make more visually attractive; increase homeowners pride in the place they live
- Fund a non-profit to increase citizen engagement and participation
- Start taxing businesses and renters for their share of the service they benefit from
- Local commute
- Many more speed bumps throughout City; traffic circle at T intersection of Ivy Lane and Cherrywood Lane. Crackdown and strict enforcement on loud vehicles (modified muscle cars and motorcycles); noise from these are terrible even if rare, but is more common now
- Remove the Mayor
- Improvement in the core of the grounds
- Add composting program/bins in Greenbelt East. Work with County to get sidewalks on stretch of Greenbelt Road between Hanover Parkway and Beltway Plaza. Lack of sidewalks makes walking dangerous as people walk in roads; especially dangerous in bad weather and when roads are icy and snowing
- We need to do more to help residents in Franklin Park
- Fairness and equality for all
- All City employees should receive benefits and raises! More attention paid to Spring Hill Lake area to reduce crime and add City programs - not an increase in policing
- Show identification when voting. Kick Franklin Park out of Greenbelt or force them to pay for our assigned police officers
- Add to police department. Fix Baltimore-Washington Parkway entrance ramp to I-495 by Southway. Put banner sign up to vote and early voting through Crescent Road and Greenbelt East. Get rid of Franklin Park or make them pay higher taxes for police support
- Dr. Rosado is spearheading such important ongoing work to offer opportunities for collaboration among residents of the three sections of Greenbelt. I assume she volunteers her time; it would be great to have STAFF to do this and signal its priority
- Neighborhood, inclusiveness
- We have been fortunate to have escaped tornados, etc. However, we in the GHI townhouses have no place safe from flying glass and debris, should we have a hurricane or tornado pass through Greenbelt. We need an emergency shelter designated somewhere in the City
- Cut the DAMN trees down. Replace with something more suitable and less stressful to those of us who are affected the most
- Term limits
- Continue to pay attention to Greenbelt East and West and if there are inequities, try to mitigate them

- Police community patrols weekly. Council term limits, say 12 years. Planting of less annuals. Organized tree planting and replacement. Bushes are not trees. Better path and sidewalk lighting
- New City Manager seems disengaged. Nothing like Giese
- 1) Eliminate the Greenbelt museum 2) Reduce Greenbelt Cares/Social Services 3) Reduce Special Events 4) Focus communications (eliminate some) and ensure ones that are used are up-to-date
- Unite Greenbelt East, Historic Greenbelt, Greenbelt West so all of Greenbelt feels like one wonderful City
- A skate park with signs requiring helmet use, but no capacity to enforce it, is a lawsuit in waiting. A competent City internet service would be far preferable to Comcast or Verizon
- Get rid of all the clubs and church signage at Crescent Road entrance and at Southway entrance to Greenbelt. Really an eyesore. People can Google what interests them and/or read the News Review
- No dog poop on sidewalk and on the grass beside sidewalk (3 respondents)
- The new City Manager does not seem to engage with council or residents - this is a problem. Council and the City Manager do not appear to vet ideas with the City lawyer anymore and that needs to be fixed
- Serious diversity coaching
- Benefits for homeowners
- More outreach/events to Greenbelt Station neighborhood. Improve trash pickup/cleaners in Streambank trail, signage
- No MAGLEV! More programming for seniors locally. Tax relief for seniors. I am on social security only
- Better process when screening for new tenants (2 respondents)
- Cannot speak for community at large; would like a GHI survey to be sent for us to comment on processes, etc. Spruce up Center; have art in tunnels; Eleanor would be ashamed of us not moving better with the times. Attract more business/better restaurants we can walk to
- Outreach to east and west
- Better integration of the three City "nuclei." Better staffed (more officers) police department
- Stop MAGLEV and preserve forest land
- Fix Route 193. Get rid of overhead streetlight in Pioneer Park and install lower-level lighting. Fix up Roosevelt Center. Make it a 1930s tourist attraction
- I believe we need to reduce pollution from automobiles and crack down on speeding drivers. I believe we need to double or triple the size of our police force. Schools in Greenbelt leave very little security and protection for students and staff
- Quit wasting my money on new titles and interns or made up jobs that are useless. Teach snowplow drivers how to plow. Do not leave my empty trash can in the middle of my driveway, so I have to get out and move it to park. Annoying. (you asked)
- Continue good effort to stop MAGLEV – do not relax
- Reduce real property taxes
- Re-opening more broadly
- We will need to accelerate our sustainability efforts to combat the climate crisis

- My only complaint is that I need application mailed to me. I am trying to learn how to do things online
- Work on traffic noise pollution and vehicle exhaust pollution from large vehicles in residential areas (GHI)
- Credit union should upgrade its services, compare with other credit unions; drainage system(s); better shops in Center City
- Let the mail-in ballots be handled internally without a vendor and give more federal funds to CARES for rent/bills assistance
- Expand the community gardens including new spaces in Old Greenbelt; Greenbelt East; Springhill Lake/Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station - there is much more demand than there is space available
- I wholehearted support the idea of reparations and what that would mean in Greenbelt
- Restrict City Council meetings to three hours. After three hours, a new three-hour meeting on another day must be scheduled. No exceptions
- Paint a crosswalk rainbow for pride
- Remove City Manager
- Continue to be responsive to citizens
- GHI fees keep increasing with less work being completed
- We should have recycling programs in the apartment complexes. Better quality restaurants and less fast food places in the shopping centers
- Sidewalks, especially in GHI are often not kept clear of debris, plant overgrowth, dirt, roots, poison ivy, overgrown hedges. Please site owners/GHI on overgrowth and trash. Need to purchase better chairs for seniors - higher seats that are easier for people with physical limitations to sit down/get up, plus pre-COVID chairs were falling apart, uncomfortable
- Apartments smaller than a traditional one bedroom are now priced at \$1,400 a month. More attention to this. I think some of the more established council members may not understand this. Mortgages are hard to get if you do not have savings. Many people have been in apartments over 10 years. Should there not be a way to move who is buying?
- Small business/food truck initiatives to increase food options for dining out/carry out. Also, please stop gas-powered leaf blowers
- Need to establish police substation in Franklin Park. Control overlong council meetings

Mail In

- No new City programs, please! There should be a 3-way stop at the intersection of Plateau Place and Ridge Road
- (1) The lake park needs a new surface on the path (2) Remove all bamboo from City property on east entrance to the lake
- Renew the previous priority on beautification through horticulture
- Put resources to becoming a green town - all houses and building solar. More gardening help. Need a more vibrant center. A business incubator. Other activities to draw people to the center. Not to shopping malls and high rises
- We should really be a green town. Please look at Ithaca, New York - they have a new program to be green by 2030
- Plant more trees

- End or phase-out the all at-large election structure and otherwise encourage new leadership and fresh thinking
- Spread money around - there are so many opportunities to make Greenbelt even better, smart people with great ideas. Local government is our sanctuary in these angry times
- May the plaza middle become true change? May the door-to-door buses remain? Metro Access, and Greenbelt Connection stay?
- Revitalization is important. Make good on the development of the Beltway Plaza and build the Metro walking trail to the Greenbelt Station subdivision
- Clean pool more often. Enforce rules - showering before, etc.
- Consider how social services can be more equitable to all. I appreciate the City's efforts to assist all but at what cost to taxes paid by residents
- The City should use larger envelopes for its return billing
- See more police patrol and more frequent trash removal
- City-wide composting. Better weight room in the fitness center
- More police presence. Trees need to be trimmed along Ora Glen Drive
- More attention to needs of minority communities and those who are economically challenged
- Fewer and better adult classes; better connection to the metro (it should not take 30 minutes!); more business offered in Roosevelt Center (more cafés, restaurants...)
- More equity of services in West Greenbelt, more meeting rooms, more playgrounds, more athletic fields
- Expand pottery, music, and dance lessons for adults. Sidewalks on residential roads without any. More speed bumps. Music at Buddy Attick Park
- A DEI (Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) coordinator/director position is imperative to review City policies and practices to make sure they are equitable to all
- Equity: development or completion of walking/biking to Metro and walkability in all sectors and between East, Center, and West. Corresponding programs and amenities throughout
- Access to solar energy
- Housing support/Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to prevent evictions; more affordable housing and reparations - based improvements to education and jobs programs; inclusionary policies for GHI membership
- Reaching across East/West/Central with providing information; bus transit
- Have Greenbelt East more connected to the rest of Greenbelt, especially during emergencies
- Shorten the City Council meetings and have them start earlier. Work something out with Metro to get the snow removed properly from the bus stops

Web

- Fully fund and support the Greenbelt police. Make senior funding the second highest priority. Greenbelt should have a dedicated Senior Center like Bowie does!
- Increase police funding. More library electronic services

- Increase environmental sustainability (switch City fleet to electric vehicles, increase number of native pollinator gardens/planting beds); increase outdoor organized youth activities (rather than holding events indoors)
- Do not have so many council meetings. Do not have council meetings that run for hours. Term limits for council members
- I know that Greenbelt values the environment and sustainable practices. I would like to see that addressed across the City programs in a cohesive way - there is a responsibility in all of our activities to choose sustainable methods, strive for climate goals, and report to the community on the climate impacts of our City. These can be complex and interrelated and a structured City-wide effort on this would help us have a better impact. Similarly, City programs need to review their plans to identify and address inequities in their area of influence and to take actions to correct those and support all members of our community. This type of work needs to be visible beyond council and committee meetings
- Restructure City Council to include district/ward representatives along with at-large members. Invest in efforts to generate community interest/skills in governance; residents willing to run for office
- There needs to be greater emphasis on keeping the areas clean and holding business accountable. Also there are times on Saturday that people are smoking marijuana in Schrom Park. It should be non-smoking and police drive through
- Speed humps for all crosswalks, especially by the schools, to force drivers to slow down and drive carefully. Education on: 1) various energy cogeneration options, and 2) weatherproofing help
- Supporting people and families during COVID-19 has been poor, especially with vaccinations and where it can be done safely. Very disappointed that the Community Center has not re-opened to groups although classes are now being held. I think City leadership staff is increasingly focused on "themselves" (their programs, their initiatives) and are failing to actually serve community needs
- More lighting on the walkways (GHI?); better defined bike lanes on the main roads; more trash/recycle/dog poop receptacles
- Greater inclusion of Greenbelt East and West remains a key area for creating a cohesive City. The Armory seems like an excellent way to broaden and unite the City. While some services may need to remain in Center City, satellite locations for services would benefit all of Greenbelt, as well as auxiliary services. It could also serve as an additional location for recreation services to better serve Greenbelt East, which relies more on cars
- I would like to continue to see things offered over in Greenbelt West, and I wish there was more cross-pollination between that side of town and the center part/Greenbelt East. I think the folks in Greenbelt East are close enough that there is mingling, but there is something about that stretch of Greenbelt Road between Southway and Greenbelt Station that seems to be an obstacle
- More recreation amenities in Greenbelt West; more evenly divide activities and resources among all three sections when possible

Mail-In Voting

4. What improvements or new City programs could make the mail-in voting process easier to use, or entice you to use next election?

No complaints

Precinct 3

- The process is fine as is
- I already use it. Seems functional to me
- Do not know

Precinct 6

- Was very easy. Keep up the excellent work
- As is is fine

Precinct 8

- Nothing (2 respondents)
- None (2 respondents)
- It is a good program, no improvement comments
- I think mail-in voting worked fine in 2020

Precinct 13

- Pretty adequate
- None at this time
- I like what is being done now

Precinct 18

- Keep it the way in which it is
- Good so far
- None

Early Voting

- It is fine already
- None (10 respondents)
- I like the way now. I do like the early voting. I went the last time to College Park to vote. I do not drive
- No changes
- I think it is very easy as is
- Nothing as of right now

- For a user, I thought it was easy. I cannot speak to any difficulties the City might have experienced in preparing, sending ballots, etc.
- No suggestions. It was fine and I will use it again
- For the first mail-in voting this year (2021) job well done. Due to the COVID-19 and a senior citizen, excellent
- Seems OK to me as is
- All good
- It is good now
- None. Mail-in works for me
- Like it
- Seems to work fine. Support US Postal Service
- This is fine
- The mail-in process was an easy process with detailed instructions, easy to follow
- Current process seems OK
- It is fine as it is. Thank you for the option
- It is fine
- The process for mail-in voting is perfect
- I am enticed to use it already
- It works fine
- The process was very simple; the only concern was not being sure if application was received - but was able to call and check that it was
- I have no suggestions. I found the current process to be very easy

Mail In

- Fine
- Could not be easier
- I found the mail-in process to be very efficient
- It is fine as is
- None at the moment being this is the first time I have ever used it
- It is good
- It was very easy to use this time. If it is not broken, do not fix it
- Cannot think of one
- None
- Do not know - you work hard
- I use this already and I am pleased with the services
- It is fine as is - works well
- I love it as is
- Too soon to tell
- This is my first time so I have no complaints

- I love the mail-in voting. I work in D.C. so I am more likely to vote if I can do in a convenient way

Web

- It is perfect for me; there is a drop box in walking distance to me!
- It seems straightforward
- Nothing
- It is fine as is
- None
- I actually like to vote in person and make it a kind of celebration. I picked the mail option because of COVID
- No recommendations
- Not sure
- Too soon to know any answer to this question
- None that I can think of
- Fine
- None I can think of... though I have not yet received a ballot

Did Not use

Precinct 3

- Not sure. Did not use it
- It is great, just did not happen to use it this time
- None. I like voting in person but will use mail-in if my schedule would be helped
- None, it is a great idea - I just like coming in to vote in person
- There are no real problems I see in it, I merely prefer to vote in person
- Will always vote in person if given the choice
- I like to vote in person

Precinct 6

- It seems fine. I just do not require it

Precinct 13

- I like voting in person so I would only use it if I was not able to vote in person
- Prefer same-day voting in person

Precinct 18

- Do not know. It is convenient for me to just walk over to the park
- Will use it next time

Early Voting

- I am old-fashioned. I like being able to vote in person
- No comment - I can come out to vote
- None. Early voting is great
- This year I early voted in person, but never saw my mail-in application. Will try next time
- Have not used
- I will not use
- Nothing. I just did not sign up for mail-in unless I can do online
- None on your part/laziness to request on my part

Mail In

- I love to vote in person, so I do not know but I support mail-in for maximum participation
- I prefer walk-in voting (COVID pandemic is a unique experience)

Web

- Early voting works well
- Nothing. I prefer to vote in person
- You could not entice me. I want to vote in person
- I think it is fine. I just find it simple to walk down to my polling place and vote in person
- Simply neglected to request ballot. It actually is quite convenient
- I actually like voting on election day. Would only use mail-in if needed
- I want to cast my ballot at the ballot box
- I prefer to vote in person on election day. Just old-fashioned, I suppose

Improvements

Precinct 3

- Can request it online instead of by mail
- Mail candidate list to homeowners

Precinct 6

- Automate enrollment; I am lazy
- Make the questions more visible. I did not see the question about reparation
- Make all Greenbelters able to vote at any polling place

Precinct 8

- Sending a mail-in ballot to everyone regardless if they plan to vote by mail
- Send to all registered voters a ballot and ballot initiatives
- Send me a registration or ballot request form to mail back

Precinct 13

- Mail-in vote accessible online to register

Early Voting

- Just send all registered voters a ballot
- If it was automatic
- Require voters to use it
- Get a better, more responsive printer
- Apply by email/request via email
- Add online voting
- Actually providing an SASE with original application
- Make it easier to vote by mail
- Mail-in voting (2 respondents)
- Use the online process
- Online
- On-line registration? It was very easy this time, though
- Let the mail-in ballots be handled internally without a vendor
- Actually getting a ballot in the mail that I could use

Mail In

- Reliability in receiving ballots
- Continue mail-in. On the "you are a local Greenbelt voter" card, if sent each year, indicate if signed up for mail-in ballot
- Option should be provided to mail (via USPS) the mail-in ballot
- Request ballots online
- Make it easier to vote by mail
- Do not require name and signature on the envelope that includes the envelope labelled "secret ballot"
- Pay judges more. Divide the 15-hour-shift into two 8 hours

Web

- If possible, automatically mail ballots to all registered voters. That would ensure that voters who did not have the time or energy to request a mail-in ballot would have one
- The ability to request a mail-in ballot online. It is 2021
- The City needs to provide online voting that is accessible to blind people and others with disabilities
- Request ballot online? Mail out offer? I received mail response, but was too busy to return it in time
- Send mail-in ballots to all registered voters
- Make it all year long; just start voting for the next election when this one ends
- Simply send a mail-in ballot to every registered voter

- Send automatic mail-in ballot to all registered voters
- Automatically send me the ballot without me requesting it
- Deadlines for application after all candidates have filed and been accepted
- Pay the postage
- Greater ease of signup. Many other localities in the US offer signup for vote-by-mail by phone, email, or web. Requiring a hardcopy that must be mailed at the voter's expense or dropped off in person in a particular neighborhood creates barriers to voting by mail, and privileges those residents who live in a neighborhood close to City hall. Many residents work multiple jobs and do not have access to a car; if they do not happen to live in Central Greenbelt, it is more difficult for them to sign up to vote by mail

Mail Service/Drop Box

Precinct 3

- Secure drop boxes. Post office boxes are not trustworthy. Many reports of theft
- Replace the Postmaster General

Precinct 13

- Secured mailboxes
- Providing the City with more drop boxes

Early Voting

- More drop off boxes, mail slots at certain buildings
- Mail ballot drops offs for requests in each section of the City
- All road and street mail voting box
- Every road and street should have voting mailbox
- Mailing voting box should be on every street and road
- Box to drop it off
- Put some more drop-in boxes in the community
- Dropbox in City Center, Municipal Building or Community Center. Order and pickup ballot without relying on United States Postal Service
- Drop boxes throughout the City
- Drop box in center, e.g., at Municipal Building
- Many drop boxes; greater publicity
- More drop-off locations, maybe?? Frankly, it was extremely easy to use and much appreciated

Mail In

- Continue to offer early voting and the use of drop boxes
- Place box in Franklin Park
- More drop off points

- More accessible drop boxes would be helpful
- Trust in United States Postal Service is nonexistent. Secure drop-box

Web

- PLEASE have more drop boxes throughout Greenbelt, especially East and West of the Center, and more early voting for those areas. It is not fair that I have more ways to vote than others outside central Greenbelt. The disenfranchisement of those areas is frankly shocking
- Have more drop boxes
- More drop boxes
- So far so good, but I understand that there are not enough drop-offs outside Roosevelt Center. If this is the case, please fix it
- I missed the deadline to request mail-in voting. I used it in the 2016 election (before I moved to Greenbelt). I would do probably so again if I could drop off my ballot in person at the municipal building or another secure site

Communication

Precinct 3

- An email with the information. Easier to lose mail instructions
- Clearer instructions in how it is used
- Make a list of polling places in the News Review
- Never knew about it until too late to request for mail-in voting this cycle

Precinct 6

- Communicate better about receiving and returning mail-in ballot. Why are there 2 envelopes? How and where can I return them? Provide more about referendum or where to get them

Precinct 8

- More publiCity
- Better information-sharing about the program, especially through digital methods like email
- Another reminder via email

Precinct 13

- Send me more information

Precinct 18

- Better promotion
- More information

Early Voting

- More notice of its availability. Did not realize it was a big thing until the kerfuffle about the date
- Publicize the date and if it changes make it clear
- Reminders would be good
- Put clear instructions on website (i.e., fill out ballot, seal secret envelope, place in outer envelope, and sign)
- Better information on City website about voting
- Clear step-by-step instructions for filling out forms and placing in each envelope, etc.
- Be clear on how long the "window" will be open
- Be clear about when ballots will be mailed out to those who request one
- You should send clear instructions about how to use the multiple envelopes
- There was some confusion over deadlines to request a ballot. More clarity in the future, please
- Instructions would have been helpful
- The instructions do not tell people who plan to use a drop-box that they need to use BOTH envelopes, i.e., they need to put the "secret ballot" envelope inside the mail-in envelope, and that they need to fill in the front and back of the mail-in envelope. I suspect that some people will drop only the "secret ballot" envelope in the drop-box. That means missed votes
- So far it works for me except I do not know any of the candidates! Next time send information
- Instructions included
- To educate people on the rules and importance of mail balloting and their restrictions. It is easy to use for old people
- I did not receive any biographies or information about the Councilmembers. Please provide this with future mail-in application requests
- Need helpful directions, my ballot stub said do not remove but came detached
- Knowing it will get ballots to homes in time. The newsletter saying come in for them was disturbing
- I was a little confused about whether the mail-in ballot I requested was for the City election or state-level election. I think that is just an artifact of THIS year's election. But it WAS a little confusing

Mail In

- Updates
- Better explanation
- Better and clearer publiCity. More early voting in east and west (less in Central Greenbelt); more Facebook explanations, especially to "Greenbelters" Facebook
- Better instructions
- Mail-in voting needs to come with deadline and instructions for drop off
- An instruction sheet delivered with the ballot. Set clearer expectations about deadlines
- Party affiliation should be indicated please
- Do not lie about the deadline

Web

- Please send an acknowledgement by text or email at each stage of the process; 1) when a request for a mail-in ballot is received by the City; 2) when the ballot is mailed out to residents from the City; 3) when the completed ballot is received by the City. Voting was well underway, and we had not received our ballots. We wondered if we had done something wrong or worse, that the mailed ballots from the City to us had been stolen!
- Clear, unambiguous, and well-advertised information on locations and deadlines for sending/receiving votes. A mechanism for voters to check that their ballot has arrived and appears to be valid - without opening inner ("secret") envelope, obviously -- giving them the time and opportunity to cast an in-person ballot if it looks like something went wrong with the mailed-in one
- Clearer instructions
- Clearer voting what-when-where information prior to releasing it, instead of little news bursts (which are passed along on Facebook, not entirely the City's fault). I think people were confused, and I had to hunt for information on the City's not-always-easy-to-navigate website
- Confirmation that it is similar or same as absentee voting
- Providing correct submission information on the instructions with regard to deadlines, or if administratively necessary to abbreviate the timeline, then change the procedures and timeline democratically and legally, not by administrative fiat
- Clearer information and more widely communicated on how and when to request and return mail-in ballots
- Make sure to provide updated information on when ballots will be sent out on the City website
- More/better information about it
- Frequent postal reminders
- More advertising
- Inform us when ballots should arrive. I am a bit concerned about the speed of mail recently
- Be more precise with dates
- Consistent communication about the deadlines
- Better information about it – correct time deadlines
- Automatic mail ballots rather than requiring us to request them; more clarity on how/where to return completed ballot
- Clear instructions. The 2021 instructions were difficult to understand. Clearly labelled drop boxes for ballots. The drop box at the Municipal Building, for example, was not labelled as a valid drop box for ballots
- Again, I do not think it was clear that we would have to bring the completed ballot to the City Clerk because there would be no time to mail it back
- I only requested the ballot for the City Council election, not received the actual ballot for it yet. If I can receive an email to notify me that the City has received my ballot request would be good
- Be more clear about where the drop boxes are

Timeliness

Precinct 3

- Ballots need to reach the voters' mailboxes no later than two weeks before Election Day
- To get in, I never got mine, more of a head start

Precinct 6

- Send ballots earlier

Precinct 8

- Early as possible
- Timely information

Precinct 13

- Earlier notice of how to vote

Early Voting

- Early notice
- Mail ballots sooner
- More notice to register for mail-in voting. But voting early or in person on election day seems just as easy for me
- Early ballot
- Mail the ballots a little earlier
- Mail out sooner than 1 week before election
- Get the ballots out much sooner
- Mail them earlier
- Receive ballots earlier so that they can be mailed with confidence of receipt before voting day
- Mail out sooner
- Getting the ballots out sooner/earlier would be helpful for mail-in voting
- Time allowed, more needed
- Extended time period prior to an election
- Send the ballot much, much sooner
- Make it work. Mail out ballots to everyone who requests them by the time early voting starts
- Do not wait until a week prior to election to mail out ballots
- Mail out ballots sooner
- Get ballots out early
- Mail the ballot to us earlier to allow time around vacations, life, etc.
- More information at earlier date

- Mail out ballots much earlier – and do not inaccurately list the wrong date for applications and then take weeks to correct it
- Send ballots out in a timely manner. USPS not reliable in Greenbelt
- I had requested to receive a mail-in ballot but I did not receive one. Send them out earlier
- Ballot arrived on October 30 for November 3 election. U.S Postal Service is incompetent
- I did not receive my ballot until two days before the election. I applied the day after I got the application

Mail In

- Mail ballots earlier
- Send the mail-in ballot EARLIER
- More prior voting time
- Deliver ballots earlier
- Our ballots were delivered too late to mail back. An earlier-starting or faster-paced timeline for requesting and receiving ballots and gives more time for returning ballots would be appreciated
- Getting my mail-in ballot the Saturday before election
- I just received this on 10/30. Please send earlier
- Send it out three weeks ahead of time
- Better schedule for distribution
- Send ballots earlier. Just got mine on 10/30
- Getting the mail-in ballots to voters in a more timely manner. Also have a better communication system
- We received our ballots very late, and I did not get all of the materials that a friend received
- Ballots were not delivered in a timely manner. Very confusing process regarding cutoff dates
- Did not receive ballot in a timely way. Will have to drop off instead of mail. Defeats the purpose especially if someone is homebound but wants to participate
- The process was good. It seemed that the mail-in ballot took a while to come. It would be nice to have had it sooner if possible or have had confirmation that it would arrive

Web

- Mail stuff out on time
- Earlier mailing of ballots
- The ballots actually arriving
- Send ballots to all registered voters in a timely fashion
- Received ballot too late to mail back

Complaints

Precinct 3

- Obviously not done well. Who was in charge

Precinct 6

- This year was disorganized and unhelpful
- Never got our mail-in vote

Precinct 18

- Stop politicians' corruption. Stop limiting voting locations
- I never got a ballot

Early Voting

- The ballots were sent out very late. The City Manager and staff happen to be poorly organized and run, in comparison with previous City Managers and staff
- Registered for mail-in voting for City Council election, but never received ballot. Consequently, early voted
- I applied for mail-in voting in September and only received the ballot on Friday October 29th. 1) One reason for mail-in will not be in Greenbelt 2) If early voting starts early October, mail-in voting, could be a tad more efficient
- Our ballot had to be delivered by a kind City employee after the original was lost by United States Postal Service
- No, I did not get a ballot

Mail In

- The mail-in voting was a fiasco!! The ballots were not postmarked until 10/20 and then from New England. We were frantic as we might have gone awry
- Process was slow this time. But in future, I would prefer to vote in person (maybe early) regardless

Web

- This election cycle was a disaster (between the misinformation, typos, and lack of communication) and I will not be participating in mail-in unless there is a hefty overhaul and the voting committee is sanctioned
- It was a disaster. Do better
- I have heard that ballots were sent out exceedingly late and that the deadline initially given was erroneous. It sounds like it was a fiasco, honestly, and I hope things are more orderly next time around

Dislike/Distrust

Precinct 3

- I do not believe in the mail in process. Too many opportunities for corruption. I do not think it should be used
- Vote only on the day of election. If traveling or incapacitated use an absentee ballot
- Mail-in voting can produce fraud similar to the 2020 election. I will not use it
- None. Mail-in ballot can lead to fraud
- Fraud-proofing
- None. US mail unreliable

Precinct 6

- Mail in is isolating. Keep community gathering to vote, too, in person

Precinct 13

- Not interested in mail-in voting

Early Voting

- Too easy already and expensive. Do not support mail-in voting
- Chance of fraudulent mail-in voting is too high
- No mail-in voting with the lists in such disarray and declining in service level
- Highly unlikely I will use mail-in voting
- None. I prefer in-person as it is secure
- I mailed my application for mail-in ballot and City did not receive it. I do not trust United States Postal Service now
- Problems with current election mail-in voting would make me hesitant to use it
- I think if something is important people will show up. When illness is involved you should be able to vote absentee
- Bad idea. Easier to cheat. No mail-in ballots unless special exceptions for immobile people, or handicap
- I do not like mail-in voting after what happened last national election
- Stricter rules/proof of ID - picture (only US citizen) and no one under 18 years of age

Mail In

- I believe strongly in in-person voting
- I do not want to use mail-in voting. And I am opposed to mail-in voting
- Keep programs as they currently are and demand firmness in correct identities being shown

Web

- It should be dramatically restricted. Thanks

- Because it is easy enough for me to vote in-person, I prefer to do so for election security reasons. I do not trust mail because I had my bank account fraudulently charged through a check stolen from a USPS post office box on Ridge Road
- I have heard many reports about issues with mail-in voting this year, from people who never received their ballot, to incomplete information about how to properly fill it in, to incomplete information about time deadlines. None of which make me feel comfortable with mail-in voting
- Too easy to fake
- I am not in support; voting should be done in person
- Nothing you do will get me to mail my vote. I will do it in person
- I do not see the point in mail-in voting. This a small City with many polling places. Also, mail-in voting seeds distrust in the result no matter where you fall on the political spectrum
- Mail voting is unsafe
- Will not use mail-in while I do not trust USPS
- You should request an absentee ballot ahead with a reason for not being able to vote in person. ID should be required
- It needs to be more secure
- None. Every mail-in and absentee ballot should only be permitted to be mailed in or personally dropped off at City Hall by the same person submitting the ballot. So called drop off boxes need to be guarded 24/7 by a GPD officer to maintain fair elections otherwise

Multiple/Miscellaneous

Precinct 3

- Have the ballots arrive earlier and have consistent information on website/flyers/paper/etc.

Precinct 6

- Extending the length of time; providing information on candidates before mail-in voting starts

Precinct 8

- I think the current system is adequate. I do believe that it is time to require ID, but not without effective assistance to population vulnerable to people exploring this issue

Precinct 18

- The mail-in program for voting is amendable. I would use it next election. Needed more information about mail-in options. Felt rushed when I learned about it

Early Voting

- I would like to see online voting. Until postal service is improved I prefer to do voting in person
- Go back to in-person voting on same day. Make it easier to do this act of collective decision-making by ensuring everyone has the same information

- I missed the deadline to request a mail-in. I was going to bring it in but lost track. Maybe send me an email with the link
- I requested a mail-in ballot but did not receive one. Would not request mail-in ballot again. Caused me to delay in person voting to a very inconvenient last day of voting, trip to clerk's office was difficult to fit in my schedule on October 29th. Mail out ballots earlier
- Maybe publicize it more - I think I may have found out about it by accident - and make ballot drop boxes easy to get to throughout the City
- Information on how to vote seemed to be confusing. Ballots should have been sent sooner
- Mail-in ballots sent to all registered voters. Better organization and information
- Timely mailing of ballots, more information about when ballots are mailed, include instructions
- Provide instructions for how to prepare the ballot. Provide maps showing drop box locations. Provide postage cost estimate for postal mailing ballots - how much will it cost in postage - how many stamps to put on envelope? The envelope for mailing the completed ballot form is not even bar coded for faster post office processing. Provide more drop boxes for ballots
- Is online registration for mail-in being considered (if not mailing it)? Include specific instructions for where to drop off ballot on the ballot or envelope. I had to go to the website to find this out. Specify that ballot must be in secret ballot envelope then put in outer envelope to be counted
- Send instructions with the ballot! Obvious drop boxes for returning the ballot. I used the City drop box at the Municipal Building. I have no idea if that is acceptable; I do not know if my vote will be counted
- Mail out ballots earlier, more information provided by candidates on themselves
- Took a very long time for ballot to arrive. Location of drop boxes not consistently listed in City ad
- Why could we not apply online? Ridiculous process to request ballot with confusing information about deadline to apply. Ballots also took a while to get to us
- More people would vote if we had elections on even number years. Switch toward representation based on population
- Mail-in should be limited or too easy to cheat. Only seniors or sick should be able to mail-in. Identification required to vote. Reduce Comcast fees

Mail In

- Clearer instructions for voters, to eliminate voter errors. A tighter, more routinized process for counting these ballots, so as to reduce the time required and enable earlier announcement of results
- Send ballots out earlier, and to everyone who applied. More drop-boxes for applications and ballots
- Avoid using United States Postal Service - too unreliable. Keep the City outdoor drop-box. Send text or email to voter when "mail-in" ballots are ready for pickup and provide COVID-safe way to pick them up. Announce in Greenbelt News Review when "mail-in" applications are available to download from City's website
- It would be nice if it were mailed earlier. Around the time early voting starts. Also, a drop box at the City building where I dropped the request

- Voting process is fine. The City Council should go back to 5 members. Will be easier to get things done with less strife

Web

- I do not trust the USPS to deliver anything anymore, especially something as important as my ballot. Secure ballot boxes located throughout the City would benefit the community
- More frequent reminders of deadline for mail-in voting. More drop off options in other parts of the City
- You could mail the ballots earlier, so that everyone gets them on time. You could include written instructions describing clearly all options for returning the ballots. This was surprisingly absent from the ballot packet I received this year. Mostly, it would be much easier for residents if you simply mail ballots to all registered voters, rather than requiring an unnecessary two-step application-then-ballot process
- Send ballots to all registered voters, rather than requiring an application to receive one. Plan for more drop-boxes from the beginning. Advertise the procedures better so that people know they need to include two envelopes, one secret and one signed. Put the sample ballot out in the News Review much earlier, and possibly more than once
- Ballots should be received in a timely manner and allow for postal service fluctuations so that they can be returned on time. Communicate more clearly dates and updates to the voting public

Other

Precinct 3

- Direct election mayor term limits
- I think it is reasonable but any improvement should be considered

Precinct 13

- Neither just an optional suggestion

Early Voting

- Encourage 16 and older to be sure they vote in midterm elections
- Do we need to be "enticed" to use it? Perhaps "encouraged" to use it? It should be straightforward-uncomplicated-and it seems to be. I may use the option in the future if my schedule is tight, but I would NOT like to see the City actively encouraging mail-in voting at the expense of in-person voting. The City can and should encourage and facilitate both options
- Whatever evidence proves is successful in other states
- Children (16-17 year olds) should not be voting in elections

Mail In

- No evil worships allowed
- More people to choose from

Web

- I think there are clear issues with mail-in voting and would like to learn more about what measures are taken to ensure the integrity of the votes
- I would use mail-in voting if I knew that tallying the ballots would be as easy as tallying the in-person voting. I would use mail-in voting if I knew that there was a cost savings to the City by doing so
- Why are we "enticing" persons to vote?
- Same as before
- If they asked me to use it because polling places were short staffed, I would use the mail-in voting. I have heard nothing about a shortage of poll workers or difficulty expected for in-person voting. As that is my preference, I will do that unless I see a reason not to
- It is mostly my own situation that would determine whether I vote by mail or not. I prefer to vote in person – there is more of a sense of community - but if I had a newborn or something, I would be more likely to use mail-in voting
- I just felt that since I have the time to vote in person, that I should. If I knew I would be out of town, I would mail it in
- I just missed the date to request the mail-in form
- There are numerous dates for in person voting. Yea if it is important, people should go vote
- Let me know if it is more cost effective to the City for me to mail-in my vote

Other Comments

5. Other Comments:

Note that a number in parentheses after a response indicates how many individuals gave that same response.

Other Public Services/Infrastructure

Precinct 3

- Our parking spots on Ridge Road were removed during street paving and not added back yet. These are the individual street spots
- Better management and care of woody areas, especially those overgrown with bamboo, wisteria and other invasive plants
- Fund resource programs instead of Greenbelt Police Department. We have County police, and high officer turnover rates because it is a jumping off point
- We need our Labor Day weekend back and things at the Center on weekends like green man, etc.
- I hope that there are no efforts to reduce the police
- Improve staffing, education, training and accountability in police department to serve people from different cultures with respect and justice
- Twice had issues with property stolen from house and yard. Never had a follow up with or without resolution
- Give precinct 3 another computer for elections
- Voting needed more than one person checking us in. It was a major chokepoint (at Community Center)
- We are pleased with the police. I think their image would be improved with less use of sunglasses and no handcuffs hanging in the City police car

Precinct 6

- Police: Should reduce unnecessary traffic stops which nationwide are a source of police overreaction. Outdated registration, broken windshields, etc. can be handled virtually
- I am older and need the aquatic center hydrotherapy tub but it is closed. Seems other hot tubs in Prince George's are open. Please get the hydrotherapy pool open
- Public works trash men need more money
- I would love to see an easy way for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Routes 193 and 201
- Please tell refuse collection to be careful where they set the receptacles so valuable plants are not crushed or broken off
- Fix the storm drains. No more flooding in Center
- Crossing Kenilworth Avenue is very dangerous for cyclists trying to enter Old Greenbelt

Precinct 8

- Greenbelt police lack empathy and cultural awareness. Greenbelt police need to be defunded. Greenbelt police do not prevent any crimes, just patrol in their extravagant vehicles in my low-income neighborhood
- Police should engage with our youth and young adults more. Police sponsored programs
- A big program that would greatly aid excluded groups - support in getting identification - offered state - and other legal documents such as social security cards, birth certificates, bank accounts so everyone can participate actively in good economic and political activities
- All City services are much more efficient in Old and Historic Greenbelt areas
- More 911 operators. I was put on hold, when I tried to report domestic violence case

Precinct 13

- The two police officers I dealt with when they were in Greenbriar were very dismissive and close to being in rude in an instance when I was asking for clarification of instructions. Luckily I do not have interactions on a daily or often basis. I do support the police by the way
- Enforcement and a repair of traffic cameras to decrease speeding through communities particularly during the school day. Possible increase in speed bumps

Precinct 18

- As a Windsor Green resident - many Greenbelt City services do not apply. Survey is too long
- The Greenbelt dog park is struggling. The water bowls keep getting stolen. The gate in the small area does not close completely which is a safety issue for dogs escaping. The permit rule is not being utilized or is non-existent. It keeps changing. There are dog fights breaking out because irresponsible owners are bringing aggressive dogs in. I think we need more literature at the park regarding spaying and neutering
- Greenbelt police and parking code enforcement need to do more for cars parked illegally and vehicles in the community with expired tags. This needs to improve a lot because nothing is being done
- Programs for seniors at the recreation community center
- I have been living in Greenbelt for over 20 years and I still feel like the police treat me like a criminal. I have been stopped for silly stuff more than once

Early Voting

- Reallocate police funds to City services that reduce crime
- Up in crime and up in population concerns me; police are stretched too thin; do whatever we can to maintain and improve local police
- See May 5, 2021, PSAC report on police reform - recommendations should be implemented ASAP
- Stop the permit requirements for the dog park. Let the dog park be free for Greenbelt residents
- It is Roberts last term - just put in the playground already! Is it that difficult
- Please add the ability to pay trash fee online

- I would guess that those living in the heart of Greenbelt (this includes me) have easier access to many City amenities than those living in Greenbelt East or West
- The police really dropped the ball, the one time I needed them. They would not investigate a hit and run incident to my car, even though evidence was overwhelming
- Funds must be diverted from police to other City services such as elections, mental health services, recreation, rental assistance
- Allow the public to either participate in the CARE racial equity programs or explain what training City staff is getting
- DO NOT defund our police or public works departments!! They are great
- I am for reducing police and replacing work with services personnel. Very few people should need guns/weapons in City and residents would be pretty safe
- About taxes: Now that I am retired and depend on Social Security for most of my income, any increase in living expenses creates a hardship. However, I know we need services the City provides
- The path around Greenbelt Lake needs to be paved. The constant replacing of the gravel that then gets washed and eroded into the lake is a waste of money, plus senior citizens have difficult times walking on portions of the path as it currently is
- I think police salaries should be raised in order for them to be able to fill all open positions and retain experienced and proven competent officers
- It would be nice if the police could be bothered to get out of their cars. The only time that happens is at community events, not patrols. They should be familiar with their community not just at times of high stress
- Please provide more resources/officers to enforce the smoking ban in Roosevelt Center
- Greenbelt Cares needs an office in Greenbelt West for direct, easily accessible services to Greenbelt families
- I filled out a police report and have heard nothing back from the Officer. Is there a step that requires policepersons to get back to an individual who has made a report
- Control about car theft (3 respondents)
- Repair/take out concrete pieces. Smooth out the trail around the lake. Have people who like to jog and run on the trail. Dangerous to have uneven and concrete portions, a liability if someone gets hurt
- A Greenway Police officer parked in a corner sitting there while people park in the yellow lanes, and does not do anything about it. They should clear out the cars more often
- Please give serious consideration to pedestrian and bicyclists safety - make the needed on-road improvements
- I am not affiliated with the police in any way. I am concerned about this: how are we going to recruit and retain our police, when they are verbally abused but have done nothing wrong
- Police need to prioritize public safety for people trying to walk or bike in Greenbelt. Enforce speed limits
- Please leave immediately the toxic mosquito spraying program with the County
- I have contacted police a few times in the past few years, but they have not helped. The most recent issue was when I contacted the police to notify them that someone was stealing my electriCity, but was told that it was a civil matter and that the police would not help (or even file a report). I have not had to contact the police for any emergency

situations (thank goodness), but the times when I have contacted the police, they have been unwilling to help. Also, I strongly believe that parking enforcement should never give a ticket for a registered vehicle (i.e., the registration is valid) where a registration sticker is out of date. If police can look up the car in their system, the sticker itself is totally unnecessary and enforcing stickers gives the appearance of trying to squeeze money from residents

- Police need more training in mental health crisis. Also, more police living within City
- Snow removal - public works pushes snow onto driveways blocking cars in and making us re-shovel our cars out

Mail In

- A year or two ago a car crashed through the guard rail at the overpass near the library and landed on the path below. Obviously the guard rail failed. The replacement rail is no better. It is lower than rail on the other side
- I do NOT support Greenbelt employees losing jobs for not getting vaccinated. I do NOT support City buildings requiring 'proof of vaccine' to be admitted
- It is frustrating to call the police repeatedly for domestic violence and have them: 1) question the abused in front of the abuser and 2) not even suggest my neighbor leave for the night
- Being a D.C. native, I would like to see more police presence - like a "beat-cop" especially in areas in and around Buddy Attick Park. I think teens and people would enjoy a "beat-cop" especially walking a police dog. Teens could get to know the beat cop in their area and vice versa
- Need on-street sidewalks in GHI; need bike/pedestrian safety improvements on Greenbelt Road; community park in West Greenbelt; support MAGLEV tunnel under Forest Preserve as alternative to no-build
- I called the non-emergency police number and the lady connected me to 911. It was not an emergency (a simple noise complaint) and I wish there was a better way to handle non-emergency situations

Web

- It would be really good if the News emails would address holiday trash schedules. Specific example - "Indigenous Peoples Day" was addressed by Prince George's County as causing trash collection to slip a day. Apparently Greenbelt did not do the same. When trash collection does not shift for a holiday is a bigger deal than having trash collection slip a day, as that means those of us who expected the holiday to be observed have the trash out for basically another week, for wildlife to raid it
- The City needs to be cognizant of the negative impacts the MAGLEV and expansion of the Beltway will have on the City and its remaining green space. To combat climate change, better alternatives to personal automobile transportation is needed, and the City should push harder against the state to make Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue more pedestrian and bike friendly. Please reference the urban land study done for Greenbelt Road as a model to enhance the roadway. I also support the redevelopment of the Beltway Plaza Mall to make it more attractive and to use the unused parking areas for denser housing
- Our schools are well funded per head in Maryland and even nationwide but the lack of quality education is why several friends leave when they are ready to have children

Leadership/Governance

Precinct 3

- Thanks to the mayor for getting pedestrian crosswalk lights on Southway to cross safely from Greenbelt Road to Ridge
- Stop fighting and start working together
- Oppose all woke attempts to use our small town for political and personal agendas. Too much emphasis on renter/transient needs rather than homeowners paying for everything
- Greenbelt is well run
- Keep spending in check, our community safe and job opportunities. Work is noble
- Get rid of our mayor, Colin Byrd

Precinct 6

- It seems the City focuses on services in the Center City but less on the apartment communities. Would like to see the balance
- We should vote to choose mayor

Precinct 8

- As a Greenbelt West resident, I feel kind of isolated from the rest of Greenbelt
- We can do better. We can be the progressive vision the City was meant to embody. But we must go beyond mere race as the marker of inclusion. Wealth and opportunity and barriers to these things are often but not strictly correlated with race

Precinct 13

- Offer community gatherings on topics suggested by population: transit, education, Medicare, etc.

Precinct 18

- Councilmembers should be more active looking up for residents of Greenbelt, not for their own benefits and interest

Early Voting

- Greenbelt is a great and divided place. The one Greenbelt idea needs a practical, funded plan to move beyond rhetoric
- I suggest separating the mayor voting from the council voting. This could be done simply by adding a separate voting line on the council ballot, asking which of the council candidates you want to be mayor
- Geography favors those living in the Center City. Efforts to offset this ought to be considered
- Term limits! Shorter meetings!
- Mr. Mayor Colin Byrd, you are responsible for maintaining Greenbelt's infrastructure, safety of all residents, filling staff vacancies, the wise use of resources. Most of all your attention

to the MAGLEV issue is paramount. Reparations is a distraction from the more pressing issues. Take care of these issues first. Then have discussion about reparations

- Less contentious council meetings. Limit residents' comments in council meetings to 5 minutes each. One issue only
- I would love to see Greenbelters voting for mayor separate from council. Candidates could run for both council and mayor if they wish. Obviously the mayor would be on council but not all councilmembers may wish to be mayor. This would reduce bullet voting which everyone I know does because we do not want certain people to be mayor, but we miss the chance to vote to have them on council
- Adopt a district representation and separate mayoral election process now
- I would like the election process changed to allow separate mayor and City councilmember's elections, rather than having the mayor be the City council member with the largest number of votes. The current process encourages voters to not vote for all they feel are best qualified to be City council members

Mail In

- Hope the election will result in a return to political "normalcy" and civility on the Council
- Byrd lost because of how he treated the governor
- If council had clear geographical representation, the council members would know the people and needs of their area very well and be able to represent them better
- Civic virtue is essential to a community's thriving. This virtue should be modeled by the members of the City Council and the mayor
- Start council meetings earlier. Less talk more action on issues. Shorter meeting
- Colin Byrd needs to go. He is unfit to be on any council
- I believe reparation is a national, not a local issue
- Reparations are needed but should be handled at the government level
- No reparations to any group. Serve your constituents first

Web

- With property assessments going up each cycle, bringing more revenue into the City, there is no excuse to raise City property taxes
- Many employees and residents have not been happy with the City Manager. The new council needs to address the dissatisfaction
- Two year council terms. Six years of continual service maximum with two years off mandated between further council service. A seven member council consisting of four wards of one council member each and two at large members. Direct election of mayor. Remember that homeowners and small businesses are the ones who pay for everything when allocating City funds. Stand up for us rather than transients
- City Council meetings are reflective of current times
- Change City charter to require that position of Mayor be directly elected by voters, NOT by Council
- I am in favor of term limits for City councilmembers of 20 years. I am not in favor of the district/precinct model

- Greenbelt should seriously consider hand-marked paper ballots for in-person voting. Mail-in ballots already offer this security. Hand-marked paper ballots are the most secure election systems. They allow for manual audits, and they remove any means of interfering with the marking of the ballot by the voter. Scanning machines are acceptable and reasonable, since they allow manual audits without concern that a machine marked the ballots inconsistent with the voters' choices. Such a system should be supplemented by machine marked ballots with scanners to keep the ballot accessible. Though there has been no suggestion of fraud in Greenbelt elections, Greenbelt should lead other communities in assuring electoral security. Also, if there is suspicion of fraud in the future, hand-marked paper ballots would assure voters of the integrity of the vote
- Regarding City elections, if we cannot go to a ward/at large system, I would "love" to see ranked-choice voting, where a citizen ranks candidates by 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice, etc. And maybe the mayor becomes the person who received the most votes as 1st choice

Multiple/Miscellaneous Topics

Precinct 3

- What are the precise boundaries of Greenbelt?
- Pope, Davis, Jordan should all resign. Greenbelt Police Department needs to be defunded

Precinct 6

- The City should re-plant the Eleanor Roosevelt tree on Crescent Road. The trees will not grow due to the local blight, then do something other than leaving a vacant and unkept spot that people throw trash in
- The councilmembers I have met at the door are ignorant of the area history prior to 1936, yet it is significant, needs correction. The culture of the City has changed and now a community built for families in the 30's has transitioned into a singles community in 2021. Youth sports are declining. Atmosphere for young families needs work, because family communities are richer and better environments for children and I believe are less inclined to crime and substance abuse

Precinct 8

- None
- I am new to Greenbelt and have not yet participated/utilized any of the services or explored the City/community. So could not answer many of the questions
- I am too new of a resident to have much in the way of opinion

Precinct 13

- Because of the pandemic I have not been out as much to enjoy City services. The crosswalk at Southway and Baltimore-Washington Parkway exit was a good idea
- What is the mail-in voting process?

Precinct 18

- If there are any grants or job opportunity to further my education and assist Greenbelt community, I would love to be of service
- Go MAGLEV. Do not stop the future

Early Voting

- Pay parity for police so we keep the best; more ethnic diversity in police leadership; the City newsletter needs to be bilingual
- None
- Police department: why can we not call 911 to request Greenbelt police assistance, rather than calling the emergency telephone number; services that have little to no participation or usage should be eliminated; how/when is the public informed of action taken on these results/suggestions
- Police - as in actual police - have been great; police dispatch has been atrocious. In general, thank you City of Greenbelt employees for all you do
- Would like the City to tell me how I can save the City money. Leave carbon footprint
- The Recreation's use of Zoom for classes last year was great. Allowed me to attend with grandchildren without driving. Continue to fight against the MAG line (underdown line) to Baltimore. We do not need it. It will reduce our property value
- Nothing as of right now
- I have lived in the same house for 64 years. I have seen things come and things go! I guess I prefer the "friendlier" times
- It would be so welcomed if someone would come down to Old Glen Court in East Greenbelt and see the trees I am talking about. I would be happy to meet with them
- Council meetings should end by 10pm! Continue to support our local newspaper
- Please continue to fight the MAGLEV. Thanks
- On ballot for City Council, have candidates declare if Democratic or Republican. We need to know as voters. This is an addendum to my questionnaire. Regarding crosswalks: It is a vastly perilous endeavor for pedestrians to cross Greenbelt Road. We need more crosswalks at convenient locations: by bus stops and by the main entrance to Greenway Mall. I invite our City Council members to walk from Southway, up the hill and cross Greenbelt Road and you will see what I mean. Please go individually, not as an official fact-finding group, where traffic would be held up for you; go one by one at separate times. Another dangerous crossing is on Hanover Parkway by the bus stop that is opposite the bank. The street is very wide there and I have seen people racing across in an attempt to not get hit
- Oppose the MAGLEV and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- I like to see the removal sign of "No U-turn" next to the library. I like to see a few speed bumps located next to the library and Sunoco stop signs
- Recycling should be expanded to include batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs, styrofoam and plastic bags
- Bring employers to Greenbelt! We need food truck events! I would rather a bulk purchase of home composting units. Like with rain barrels, rather than a City-run program. The City could run composting with businesses and large entities but home composting is not that

hard. Arts and community-building events are critical to keeping residents happy and connected

- Beautification encouraged. Allow murals and artwork in the tunnels and sides of buildings. Allow concerts in Buddy Attick Park
- All residents should receive a mail-in ballot (usually the obstacle created by having to request it)
- Many pluses about the community with many conscientious residents. keeping community at large less crime ridden by exploring financial sources other than taxes to ensure better schools and services for all low-income residents
- Continue keeping our children safe
- I would like sewing classes not quilting, crochet and knitting classes. I would like to learn to make and alter patterns
- I have lived here for only 13 months so cannot answer all questions. As a Catholic sister, I do not pay taxes and my retirement will be with my religious community. Thank you
- I know City council candidates responded to questions posed to them about Greenbelt's needs, etc., but I would love to hear what they would like more from citizens
- We need more parking enforcement and street lighting. The neighborhoods are too dark at night. You cannot see who is following you when getting out of your vehicle at night and it is unsafe. More police patrols needed after nightfall to daybreak
- I am perfectly satisfied with Greenbelt police, but I wish we had metrics to show that everyone is receiving the same level of service. I am not sure City services are fairly distributed
- It has been helpful to have the police forums and activities that encourage dialogue and relationship building. City Council needs to stick to their rules and not have individual councilmembers grand stand and misuse their power, force their agendas onto the council. This is appalling and a disgrace to our City and inappropriate at meetings, disrespectful to our town council. Animal shelter needs additional resources and increase of staffing - never rehired previous level of staffing
- My one problem area in police is over handicapped parking. They refuse to look into people misusing placards. I had one very difficult conversation with a dispatch officer. If you truly are handicapped, this is a disaster when looking for a space. (At least on Parkway); please adequately fund police, including salary levels. Greenbelt is getting more dangerous; love Movie Theater. Continue to support but how high is support now?; On a wish list: a Recreation Senior Center

Mail In

- Our taxes go up naturally because the value of our property goes up. So no need to raise the tax rate in order to maintain programs and pay fair wages. (Also as the population increases, there is more revenue while some things such as the costs for City council, should remain the same)
- Do not need reparations board - should use that time and effort to make town more energy efficient and green. Also, should encourage business incubator in the City center to revitalize it
- The Community Center should have an open art room. There used to be a time once a week for young kids to do art together. Could be open every day to everyone, or one day

for teens, one day middle school, one day adults, elementary, etc. Or a community art project everyone works on together

- The Community Center should have a room dedicated to babies and pre-school, young kids where a parent can go with child and hang out and interact (like the seniors have a room).
- Community Center - not sure that so much space should be used for artists - the community could use the space for so many other things that would involve more people
- Suggest: (to survey). Transportation - add paratransit. Offer education on current scams and avoiding fraud. (Perhaps via video on web (City)/YouTube). Clarify the relationship between the City and Green Ridge House and consult with residents about management practices. Late at night when an unaccompanied person passes by and police are observing a group of individuals dressed alike blocking a walkway, they should engage the passerby and discuss the potential danger or offer an escort! (Without assuming the passerby is aware of a potential threat!)
- We keep our ten laws. No harm of humans. Babes in a female human, is the true human, and hold in humans. Yes, human beings
- It is time to pass the Fair and Just Policing Act. We need more support for tenants facing evictions. We need a long term budget for "green" initiatives, such as all-electric vehicles from now on. Eliminate GAS in all City buildings
- I am not too fussy about proposed building project for Baltimore-Washington Parkway
- None
- Ballot papers should indicate party affiliation please
- City is doing a great job. The cam programs are particularly great. Pool restrictions are not tied to COVID-19 safety (surface cleaning does not impact spread of COVID-19), and seem to unnecessarily restrict access to pool

Web

- I feel it is important to continue and to increase opportunities for the "sections" of Greenbelt to interact and gather together for community events
- Many of the early questions in this survey should have had an option for "n/a" as an answer. Some of the questions "yes" and "no" were not my answer, but I did have another answer but was unable to provide. The library is open, so I think the Community Center can be open also. Is temperature checks supported by evidence? The City seems to be on the extreme end of precautions. We have effective vaccines so I request that the City open up (wearing masks is supported by evidence)
- In 2021, I feel the City has taken a far too conservative approach to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly concerning youth activities. Many City services for children continue to be non-existent, even as schools and other activities in our area have resumed. Adults in the City have been vaccinated (or had the opportunity to get vaccinated) for many months now. I urge the City to resume regular activities (park programs, special events, after-school in-person activities, aquatic programs) and let parents make their own risk assessment decisions for their children

Economic and Community Development

Precinct 3

- I would love to see more creative, unique small businesses here, as well as more white-collar jobs, but I know that the City government has limited authority to make things happen

Early Voting

- I generally oppose development. Would hate to see the small and minority businesses forced to leave Beltway Plaza
- Need to allow Center restaurants more outdoor dining space (with alcohol). The pool needs a tropical themed palapa style snack bar

Multiple/Miscellaneous Likes

Precinct 3

- Thanks for all the good work that the Greenbelt City government employees and volunteers do for this great City
- Thanks for all of your good works
- I grew up in a working class neighborhood in Philadelphia years ago. Everyone felt like family. Greenbelt feels that way too! THANK YOU
- Great community for seniors
- Thank you all
- Good job, Greenbelt

Precinct 6

- Great town
- I love this City
- Thanks for this questionnaire. You are all appreciated by many people
- Thank you
- Thank you for these

Precinct 8

- Thank you (2 respondents)
- Will like to thank all Greenbelt councilmembers and all those who work harmoniously to keep Greenbelt safe and secured

Precinct 13

- Be well
- Thank you for the survey; very timely
- Overall our community and the services it offers are good. I love living in Greenbelt

Precinct 18

- Keep up the good work. Thanks
- Thanks
- Thanks for the opportunity
- Overall great job

Early Voting

- I am very happy here
- I generally like to live in this City of Greenbelt
- Thank you; Greenbelt is a great place to live
- Thank you for doing this survey each election cycle
- Thank you (4 respondents)
- Greenbelt is great
- Things seem to be fine
- Please keep the cooperative supermarket a going concern, and also (especially) the Greenbelt Theater. The Farmers Market is outstanding
- And thank you too
- I am always grateful to those citizens of Greenbelt who serve the community with sincerity and care. Concern for our community is a spirit to be developed and maintained by inviting others in and making them feel they belong to a great City. This in turn spreads to confirm and support each other
- Good
- I have been in Franklin Park Apartments since March 2021 and I am still getting to know Greenbelt but I like the weekly newsletter/paper Greenbelt News Review
- Food trucks would be a big plus
- The News Review is a big part of our glue
- Special commendation to the excellent services provided by public works!!! The staff that handle the Greenbelt connection and the service rendered by the driver. All receive a grade of A++. Regardless of the problems they are there to help and provide services to whatever you requested if it can be done
- Thank you for asking these questions
- The City is a great place to live and raise a family. It is a unique city. My thanks to all employees who help make it that way
- Greenbelt is a microcosm of small-town America. I am pleased and proud to live here
- Thank you! I appreciate all of the hard work our City employees do
- Love the Firefly sanctuary and forest preserve. Protect and expand green spaces and our parks
- Mostly keep up the good work
- I love the City
- You all are doing a fantastic job
- Keep making Greenbelt great

- Thank you so much recreation department. I always review the list of upcoming adult classes and see something interesting
- I was only going to live in Greenbelt for a few years; that turned into 26 years. I do love it here
- Thank you for all you do to keep Greenbelt great
- Greenbelt is a good community to stay, everything is around. Parking place is around and police around to help every night
- Happy to live in Greenbelt
- I do not know when the improvements to the .gov site took place (because I found the previous iteration nearly useless) but, wow! That looks really useful now. Thank you
- Love the Farmers Market. Greenbelt is great

Mail In

- Thank you (3 respondents)
- Greenbelt is great
- I love the election results!! Let us get practical and work together. We cannot rely on federal or county government for wise leadership over time. So let us take all the opportunities available to gear up our sustainability, our safety net and our infrastructure! More taxes please
- Greenbelt is great
- Good job (2 respondents)
- I am thankful for our City police department and I am glad that they protect me every day. They do a great job! I would also like to say that the snow removal program is #1. So much better than any jurisdiction around us. Keep up the good work
- Every day I thank the Lord for this peaceful, friendly and cooperative community. Thanks for all you do
- I am proud of the way the elected officials and City employees have maintained the essential services of Greenbelt during the pandemic. Thank you all for everything you all do everyday

Web

- I love living in Greenbelt!
- Thank you for all you do already!
- Thank you for seeking resident input through this survey
- Thank you very much!!!
- Well done
- So appreciate all the public servants in Greenbelt!

Multiple/Miscellaneous Dislikes

Precinct 3

- I am not in favor of early voting and mail in voting - too much chance of fraud. Reinstitute voter ID - anyone can claim to be me - all they need is my name and address - need more secure/voter integrity
- Businesses in shopping centers, especially Greenway Center, should be made to keep the parking spaces cleaner, especially CVS

Precinct 6

- Stop the Bureau of Engraving from being built
- Considering lower taxes for seniors and lower income families

Precinct 13

- I do not think 16-year-old's should be able to vote, because they cannot vote in general elections
- Lower prices. Less traffic, less development, keep the mall as it is, less crime, less trash, more trees, nicer people, better stores, less crime, less trash
- It would be helpful if folks running for election would not harbor outside voting polls. They harass people too much. Tell candidate Wilkes to stop campaign harassing folks with crazy text messages

Precinct 18

- I am totally against mail-in voting in the given super-polarized environment. Will rethink in future once this extreme polarization is eliminated. I am a legal immigrant and had to wait for 16 years to get my US citizenship before I could vote. It is not fair to let non-US citizens vote, as this could be abused in the long run by illegal immigrants, especially illegal immigrants who have every intention to harm US citizens. This is entirely uncalled for
- Speeding on Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive is bad

Early Voting

- Vaccine mandates discriminate against those with medical conditions
- Early voting - need more early voting sites throughout Greenbelt. I gather that there are very few in other parts of City. This is why I said "no" regarding City services fairly distributed in City. Hanover Parkway, Edmonston Road and Greenbelt Road need wider, safe consistent bike lanes. Thanks
- Please remove the center handles on the benches by the community center/library
- Dogs: off-leash around Glen Oaks, including pit bulls. People walking aggressive dogs that they cannot control - God help us if that leash breaks. Air conditioning at Green Ridge sounds like a jet engine idling - going on for years. Replace it. Also flood lights. P.A. system at Roosevelt High School is too loud. Needs to be heard across field, not down to the center and echoing off Green Ridge

- I could not locate the "lockbox" at City hall. Dark area, no lighting or signage (this was daytime). Rang the bell at City hall and finally someone came out and took my request for the mail-in ballot. This was 9/21 - ballot received 10/23/21
- The cooperative idea, while good-intentioned, has brought Greenbelt to a standstill. Housing prices (cooperative) remain stagnate. Taxes are not there as a consequence to improve schools. Their "ideals" cause us all to exist in some time warp
- Have you lost your minds to even ask if non-US citizens can vote??? Hell no!!! Non-citizens should NOT vote! Reparations? No slavery in 1932 when Greenbelt was developed. No!!! No reparations! Why do we allow Airbnb to disrupt communities and neighbors? Need stronger regulations for Airbnb and rental licenses. Force Franklin Park to install more cameras. Greenbelt East pays high tax for services it does not get. No trash, no ambulance, etc. Lower taxes in Greenbelt East
- City needs to enforce codes in Lakewood! Some houses and yards look abandoned or like Beverly Hillbillies. NO to reparations. No to non-citizens or non-residents voting. No to children voting - 16 is too young to understand. Mayor Colin Byrd has a problem breaking rules and nothing happens. City does not let people know. He should have been removed from council. Lower taxes for seniors
- We pay enough taxes already. Label the GATE channel on Comcast or Xfinity for programming
- We pay too high a rate of taxes. The GATE TV channel has no, zero, program identification. All the TV guide says is "School Programming" (Channel 77)
- Stop supporting perennial failing businesses, organizations, etc. Stop buying and renovating dilapidated buildings. (National Guard Armory, school buildings). Increasing the at-large council has not improved council. Council today has become unorganized and unorderedly. What use are council minutes posted online 6-8 months old. A twenty-one (21) member committee or commission is too large
- This survey is too long. The majority of people who will fill it out will be people with complaints or retired people. It will not be a fair representation of the community
- This form is very difficult to fill out when one is visually impaired
- Lots of trash in public areas and roadways, add more sponsorships to roads that include trash pickup by businesses, would make community prettier
- Regarding fairness of City service distribution - I only have my own experience to go by. How could I possibly know if others are getting a better or worse deal? How could anyone, really? Poorly conceived question
- The City is losing money when out of state license plate holders are allowed to line in Greenbelt on private and residential houses without having to register as resident. They are losing tax dollars
- There are no resources for assistance in condo fees while waiting for Social Services Disability and general bills. I am sixty years with no resources to work and because I am not blind or wheelchair bound you can legally tell me to go to hell
- Sometimes vegetation grows into sidewalk (ex: on Hillside Road, between Research and Laurel; on Research Road between Court and Ridge Road) I am not sure whom should I call about it or if I should take a clipper to it
- Limit the signage - a form of sight pollution. The "Bus" rides around with no passengers wasting gas! Nine times out of ten, the "Bus" is empty. Street sweeper is a waste of money. Too many cars on streets to be effective

- Improve mail-in ballot procedure. Did not receive the ballot I requested by mail. Was told by City office to wait until October 28th to vote in person if ballot not received by October 28th. This was too late and required me to vote on October 29th (last day of early voting). Very difficult to get to the office on the last day of early voting when it had been available for several weeks. Calls to the City offices were not helpful. I was told repeatedly that my ballot had been mailed and I needed to wait longer for ballot to arrive in the mail. Wrong message. Tell me I come in and vote sooner
- There are inequities in Greenbelt, but they both mirror our society as a whole and affect the sporadic ways Greenbelt was settled and developed. I think that a recreation center in Greenbelt East might make some difference, but that is a large capital outlay. I am hoping that representation from Greenbelt West on the City Council will help, although I think districts will only bring more division. Greenbelt is great, now let us work on bringing services to all of the people and engaging all of the neighborhoods. I will admit, however, that engaging with folks who are more transitional/transient will always be more difficult than folks who live somewhere longer and are more invested in a place. And, folks who are only working 1 or 2 jobs have more time than folks struggling to make ends meet. My point is this: Greenbelt looks like our society. It has echoes of post oppression that are part of correct inequities. And, a huge symbol is infrastructural division in our City - Greenbelt Road. Do I think operations in the form of de-centralized services (particularly recreation services) will make a difference, yes, I do. I also think we need to not assume that Greenbelt Road has to stay the way it is. How can we make access happen? City Ride Circulators? And, think, is it possible to expect that these City services will wipe out the needs for some residents to work multiple jobs? No. So, I guess my point is that there will need to be multiple foci. Safety first - addressing police over stepping, racial profiling, and militarization. And, find ways to correct all of us, deliberately
- The thefts from mailboxes are a ridiculous problem. Now I drive to Greenbelt East (where the post office is) pretty much every day to mail letters or bills. Why can this not be addressed? Also car break-ins, carjacking and theft of catalytic converters is a ridiculous problem. Why can these issues not be addressed?
- Are services fairly distributed? While I live in Center City I feel that services are lacking in Greenbelt East and especially West. Perhaps based on economics. West needs more attention to safety and support for the lower economic base of residents
- The noise level of constant traffic on Ridge Road is enormous compared to 10 year ago. The pollution from this traffic is unhealthy air and noise-wise - trucks, constant buses of all sizes and types, fire, police, motorcycles, utilities, flatbeds, recreation vehicles, dump trucks, bulldozers, backhoes, tractor trailers, street cleaners, mowers, leaf blowers, airplanes, helicopters. Traffic noise - Baltimore Washington Parkway, Kenilworth Avenue, Beltway. Perhaps divert more traffic to Crescent and Southway
- As for questionnaire, add a N/A option to applicable questions. If a question is left blank you will not know whether it is because question is N/A or if someone forgot to mark it. Also, how will you assess impact of COVID-19 on questionnaire responses when doing year over year comparisons? Many of my answers or lack of use of opportunities is due strictly to COVID-19. Add time constraint to those questions which do not have one (e.g., do you want a response about the item to be limited to this year or open to anytime I ever had interaction). For example, code enforcement question #1. For question #2, use the voting precincts rather than the three categories listed for geographic information. Police did not perform their responsibility after onsite death at home was deemed not to require of assisting relatives with removal of the deceased. They just left

- Re-establish minute-taking and publication of the minutes for City Council meetings; watching excruciating and interminable meetings on video is not a substitute for concise and precise meeting minutes
- There has been daily speeding for the past year on Southway, Ridge, and Crescent Roads from early morning until late night. This is local, young drivers who go through intersection stop signs, accelerate noisily and backfire constantly. This is not only dangerous but also very loud and annoying. More attention is needed
- Greenbelt channel not available on Dish TV (2 respondents)
- It is sad that several middle aged and older white families (neighbors and friends of mine) have left or moved out of Greenbelt to other parts of Maryland, or other states (Utah, Florida, Virginia). They felt Greenbelt has changed for the worse. With creeping socialism and now the interest in reparations - they felt they were not wanted in Greenbelt - felt driven out. I am concerned Greenbelt will become less diverse as conservative and moderate long-time families and singles will vacate Greenbelt
- Gas-powered leaf blowers are harmful to the environment, smelly, and loud. Please consider more eco-friendly and noise-conscious options for clearing leaves
- Many friends and family outside the City misjudge City quality by crime rate they know of in the news about in Franklin Park. It is sad. Do what it takes to control this problem. It is long, long overdue
- I responded to the request for ballot immediately but did not get one. If offering mail-in ballots, provide staff and resources to support it

Mail In

- Better job on finding the person who is stealing the car tires at Greenbriar - Old Greenbelt
- Congestion and noise level in Old Greenbelt makes it unpleasant to live here
- Indoor pool is very often clouded, opaque. Many people have stopped using it as unsanitary. Babies in diapers in the pool. Come on. Activities will gear up again as COVID-19 recedes
- Show Franklin Park residents they matter
- Needs to see more police presence or drive-throughs in East Greenbelt. Enforce the use of appropriate trash or garbage containers with lids (enclosures), especially in East Greenbelt. Needs to see more engagement of City Council members in East Greenbelt not only during election time
- Need to see more police presence in East Greenbelt. Enforce the use of correct trash containers with lid. Traffic enforcement in East Greenbelt
- City services do not seem to be fairly distributed in Greenbelt West
- Distribution of City services - more needed outside Center City
- Stop charging for the dog park. You do not charge humans to use other parks
- We need to provide better signage - which clearly indicates the name of the center/business and directions to get there. Many residents who live outside historic Greenbelt, have no idea where historic Greenbelt or Roosevelt Center are. They do not enjoy services/programs that residents in historic Greenbelt enjoy
- It was frustrating not getting my ballot until the last minute when I submitted my request back in September
- Speed enforcement

- I live in an HOA where some services are provided. Rarely see police and City does not pick up trash or do snow removal. I feel like I am paying for services I do not need
- The area around Franklin Park is underserved
- I would like City of Greenbelt to work with Roosevelt High School regarding the loitering of their students throughout the community

Web

- We need more police officers to cut down violent crimes. I do not feel safe (even during daylight) walking near Chipotle or Beltway Plaza area because of their close proximity to the crimes in the Franklin apartment area
- Maybe the News Review should consider not putting anything in the paper about council meetings. I have read the News Review from page to page for 20+ years and enjoyed it. I do not enjoy picking it up to read it anymore... too much Black Lives matter, etc.
- I am considering moving out for the aforementioned reasons
- This survey had too many sections where there should be an "N/A" option. Also, it does not indicate how many pages are left (I happened to have the paper version of the survey form beside me, so that is how I knew)