# CITY OF GREENBELT -

# CITY CONNECTER

Fall 2023

# JOSUE SALMERON NAMED CITY MANAGER OF GREENBELT



# A Welcome Letter From Our City Manager

Dear Greenbelt Residents,

I am thrilled to commence my journey as the City Manager. With over 13 years of experience spanning executive leadership, finance, management, and local governance, I am eager to leverage this knowledge to foster our beloved city's continued growth and prosperity. I love the Washington, DC, metropolitan area and am no stranger to Greenbelt, an emblem of community spirit, innovation, and progressive growth.

Throughout my career, I have been driven by a deep sense of purpose and commitment to the communities I serve. As a proud member of the Greenbelt community, I wholeheartedly embrace our city's vision of fostering a cohesive, vibrant, and forward-thinking environment for every individual.

The core of my mission lies in promoting sustainable economic growth, preserving our environment for future generations, and continuously advocating for equity and inclusion in every facet of our community's life. I believe that together, by collaborating with residents, stakeholders, and the broader community, we can co-create a Greenbelt that stands as a beacon of progress, sustainability, and social justice.

While I have the floor, I want to personally take a moment to thank everyone on the City Council for their hard work and dedication in selecting me for this new role. Your time and contributions to the City of Greenbelt make this city great, and I am honored to be a part of such a talented team.

I look forward to getting to know you better and working together to achieve our goals. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call, email me, or stop by the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, to say hello.

Cheers to a beautiful fellowship!

With Regards,

Josue Salmeron City of Greenbelt City Manager

# **GREENBELT CITY ELECTION**

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 7 am - 8 pm

The City of Greenbelt elects a seven-member City Council every other year. Make your voice heard and vote this November 7!





## Apply for a Mail-in Ballot

All registered voters will receive an application to request a mail-in ballot. Once the application is received by mail, fill it out and return it to the office of the City Clerk or to a drop box location no later than noon, Monday, November 6, 2023. All the instructions are on the form. The mail-in ballot will be sent through the U.S. mail. The mail-in voting application can also be obtained on the City of Greenbelt website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections.







## Returning the Mail-in Ballot

Return your completed mail-in ballot by:

- Through U.S. mail in time to arrive by **November 7** using the provided pre-paid envelope
- Placing it in one of three locked drop-box locations - Greenbelt Police Station, Schrom Hills Park, or Springhill Lake Recreation Center (addresses below)

Please note: No mail-in ballots will be distributed prior to October 9, 2023.

Applications for mail-in ballots must reach the office of the City Clerk no later than noon, Monday, November 6, 2023.

In order to be counted, ballots must be returned to the City Clerk no later than 6 pm, Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

#### **DROP BOX LOCATIONS**

**Greenbelt Police Station** 550 Crescent Road

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse 6915 Hanover Parkway

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center** 6101 Cherrywood Lane



# **Early Voting | Location, Dates, & Times**

Saturday, November 4, 10 am - 3 pm Sunday, November 5, 10 am - 3 pm

**Greenbelt Community Center** 15 Crescent Road

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse 6915 Hanover Parkway

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center** 6101 Cherrywood Lane

## **2023 ELECTION COUNTDOWN**

Saturday November 4 & Sunday, November 5 (10 am - 3 pm)

Tuesday, November 7 (7 am - 8 pm)

Early Voting at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Early Voting at Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse, 6915 Hanover Parkway
Early Voting at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

**ELECTION DAY!** 



#### Become an Election Judge

The Election Judge who operates the polling place is a very important part of the electoral process.

Precinct clerks and judges are required to remain at the polls throughout Election Day. In 2023, the regular City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7. The polls are open from 7 am - 8 pm, but workers must arrive at 6 am to get books, cards, voting machines, and procedures set up, and they must stay until the count is completed in their precinct, usually by 9 pm.

There will be a required training session the evening before the election. An effort is made to assign workers to their home precinct, but that is not always possible. Mail-in ballots will be sent to workers who are not assigned to their home precinct.

Applications can be found at www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections.



#### City of Greenbelt Advisory Boards and Committees Seeks Volunteers

The City of Greenbelt Advisory Boards/Committees seeks volunteers to serve as members!

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- · Board of Elections
- · Community Relations Advisory Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- · Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- · Youth Advisory Committee

Want to help plan City elections? Want to share your knowledge in horticulture? Want a cleaner, greener Greenbelt? Help make a difference in Greenbelt by advising City Council on topics that matter to you!

If interested and for additional information, don't hesitate to contact the City Clerk, Bonita Anderson, at (301) 474-8000 or submit your application online by visiting the website <a href="https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees">https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees</a>.

# **BRING YOUR OWN BAG BILL**



Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt will be banning single-use plastic bags in all retail establishments in an effort to protect the environment and reduce plastics within the City.

For more information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOBO.

#### **Pre-Rumpus Workshops**

Giant Puppet Build: Sunday, September 17, 10 am

Make the head and hands of a giant puppet to dance with at the Rumpus! FREE.

Ages 12-adult. Ages 8-12 also welcome if assisted by an adult.

Sign up in advance: https://bit.ly/44e0V3R.

Movers and Shakers:

Sunday, October 22, 2 - 3:15 pm

Make a shaker and learn a flash-mob style dance routine for the Rumpus! FREE.

Ages 5-adult.

Sign up in advance: <a href="https://bit.ly/3qSOIUN">https://bit.ly/3qSOIUN</a>.



### The Wild Rumpus

Friday, October 27, 4:30 pm Roosevelt Center

A Halloween celebration for children and kids at heart! Wear your Halloween or cosplay costume\* or other fancy dress, and join the dance party! Enjoy community performances on the plaza including the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars (double dutch) followed by trick or treating with the Roosevelt Center merchants and a screening of "Toy Story of Terror" at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. FREE.

No preregistration required. All ages welcome!

\*No gore or violent imagery, please; thank you for helping to create a peaceful, playful, and welcoming atmosphere for all participants.

#### The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker

Saturday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10 Greenbelt Community Center Gymnasium

Greenbelt Dance Studio, a program of Greenbelt Recreation, presents an original retelling of the holiday classic featuring elementary through adult dancers. The show features a range of styles including ballet, tap, contemporary, ballroom, and classical Chinese dance in a production that transports the audience through Greenbelt past and present.



Performance times and ticketing information at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

#### **Greenbelt Recreation Seasonal Activity Guide**

Published four times a year, this guide includes information on recreation facilities and parks, special events, and recreation class programs. Check out the Guide online: <a href="www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation">www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation</a>. Please call (301) 397-2200 for more information. Follow us on Facebook @greenbeltmdrecreation.

#### Pre-K Bilingual Story Time/Stay and Play

2nd Friday of the month: October 13, November 17, December 8 10:30 - 11:30 am Springhill Lake Recreation Center

This monthly bi-lingual program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, the children can STAY and PLAY with balls in the Gym. FREE children's books! FREE healthy nutritious snacks!

Come enjoy the wonderful world of storytelling! Contact joseph. vincent@pgcmls.info for more information or Robert Goldberg-Strassler – spreadruak@gmail.com.

Co-Sponsors: RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness); Greenbelt Recreation; Prince George's County Memorial Library System; Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary.

#### Family Fun at Springhill Lake Recreation

Sundays, through December 17, 1:30 - 3:30 pm Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Families are invited to enjoy group games and drop-in gym time every Sunday afternoon this Fall. Complimentary recreation equipment is available on site. Facility ID is required for participation.

Contact Brian Butler for more information, (240) 542-2213 for more information.

#### **Greenbelt Littles Preschool Program**

M/W/F 9 am - 1 pm, 9/11 - 12/15 Tu/Th 9 am - 12 pm, 9/12 - 12/14 Greenbelt Youth Center

Formerly known as Mom's Morning Out, we will offer a traditional preschool program that provides activities that encourage social development, offer beginning reading, math and science curriculum, develop fine and gross motor skills, and encourage lots of fun with peers. Children must be fully potty trained before attending the program.

Please call (301) 397-2200 to receive an email or phone call from our Preschool Director for more details.

Program is licensed by MSDE #251208.

## **Arts for All Ages**

See the Greenbelt Recreation Summer Activity Guide (https://bit. ly/42UVwyD) for information about visual and performing arts classes, monthly Art Shares for local creatives, free Artful Afternoon workshops, monthly Parent's Night Out, performances, special events, scout programs, and more!

Stay in touch to receive all the latest information about upcoming programs and special opportunities for artists:

• Visit <u>www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts</u> (sign up for our ArtFans weekly newsletter) • Facebook &

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Instagram: @greenbeltrecreationarts • X: @artsgreenbelt



Pictured: Bracelets by past Sparkle Mart participant Lincoln Street Design

#### Sparkle Mart: Greenbelt's Juried Art and Craft Fair

Saturday, December 2nd, 10 am - 5 pm Live klezmer music with Seth Kibel and Friends, 1 - 3 pm

Sunday, December 3rd, 10 am - 4 pm

Live bluegrass music with Rock Creek Revival, 1 - 3 pm

The City of Greenbelt's annual juried Art and Craft Fair supports more than 70 regional makers in the sale of their own, original creations. Wares typically include handmade furniture, clothing, accessories, tableware, soft goods, toys, ornaments, soaps, candles, seasonings, self-published books, fine arts, prints and cards.

Visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/3M9UDLA">https://bit.ly/3M9UDLA</a>. No phone calls, please.

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# **Postal Customer**

# Leaf Vacuum Schedule | Fall 2023 - 2024

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 30, 2023 until January 12, 2024. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents NOT to park in front of leaf piles.

#### **OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3**

Lakeside, Greenspring I & II

**NOVEMBER 6 - 9** 

Boxwood

**NOVEMBER 13 - 17** 

Woodland Hills

NOVEMBER 20 - 22

Lakewood

#### **NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1**

Lakeside, Greenspring I & II

**DECEMBER 4 - 8** 

Boxwood

**DECEMBER 11 - 15** 

Woodland Hills

**DECEMBER 18 - 22** 

Lakewood, Greenspring I & II

#### Greenbelt Job Fair

Saturday, October 14, 12 - 2 pm Beltway Plaza Mall (By TJ Maxx)

Learn about the latest job opportunities, connect with local employers, and get access to a variety of employment resources.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobfair.





#### SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

The nationwide suicide & crisis lifeline is available 24/7 in English and Spanish via CALLING or TEXTING 988. All calls are confidential & FREE.

**DECEMBER 26 - 29** 

Lakeside

JANUARY 2 - 5 All Areas

**JANUARY 8 - 12** 

All Areas

People call for: substance abuse, economic worries, relationship, sexual identity, abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, loneliness & more.

Options For Deaf + Hard of Hearing:

For TTY Users: Use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 988.

A Veterans Crisis Lifeline is available by calling 988 or texting 838255.



