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Green Ridge House Gazette

Election Season Is Upon Us

Did you know the deadline to register to vote was yesterday, October 13? With one voting deadline down, Election Day approaches ever faster. So if you would like to vote by mail and haven't yet received or requested a mail-in ballot, now is the last stretch of time to do it! The deadline to submit a mail-in ballot application is Tuesday, October 20 by 8 PM.

If you've already received your mail-in ballot, filled it out, and are ready to mail it, you have two options: send your ballot to the County Board of Elections (1100 Mercantile Ln, Suite 115A, Largo MD 20774), or turn it in to a designated election drop box. The nearest drop box is located at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt MD 20770), and will open after Thursday, October 15.

Should you want to vote in person, early voting locations are open Monday, October 26 through Election Day, from 7 AM – 8 PM. The nearest early voting location is DuVal High School (9880 Good Luck Rd, Lanham MD 20706). As for Election Day on Tuesday, November 3, the nearest voting center is also Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The nearby Greenbelt Community Center is unfortunately not open for either early voting or the General Election.

To reduce the risk of catching or spreading Covid19, you are encouraged to vote by mail.



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Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15



Medicare Open Enrollment is the annual period of time between October 15 and December 7 when current Medicare users can review their Medicare Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan and compare it to other plans on the market to make sure they are getting the best value.

During the Medicare Open Enrollment period, anyone who has (or is signing up for) Medicare Part A or B can join or drop a Part D prescription drug plan, and anyone with a Part D plan can switch to a new Part D plan. Medicare Part A and B users can also switch to a Medicare Advantage plan. However, Medicare Open Enrollment cannot be used to enroll in Part A or Part B for the first time.

Reviewing your Medicare Part D plan during the Open Enrollment period can help reduce your out-of-pocket costs and ensure your needed prescriptions are still covered. If you use the Open Enrollment period to change plans, your new coverage will begin on January 1 the next year.

The Service Coordinator will be taking appointments for Part D plan check-ups starting mid-October. **More details and sign-up sheets are in the lobby. If you sign up you will need to provide information on all your prescription drugs and your current Medicare plans.**

2021 ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD DATES

Dates and deadlines you need to know



OCT. 15, 2020

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT
PERIOD BEGINS

This is the first day you
can enroll for 2021
health coverage.



DEC. 7, 2020

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT
PERIOD ENDS

This is the last day you
can enroll for 2021
health coverage.



JAN. 1, 2021

FIRST DATE COVERAGE CAN START

Even if you enroll in December
2020, your new Medicare plan
won't go into effect until
Jan. 1, 2021.

Monthly Produce Distributions begin again!

Monthly produce distributions by the City of Greenbelt, which were once held in the Green Ridge House Dining Room, will now take place in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt MD 20770.

Distributions are on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The scheduled distributions for the rest of the year are October 15, November 19, and December 17. A vehicle will be required to pick up produce, as these will be done in a contactless, drive-thru format. **Green Ridge House residents may sign up to get their produce delivered instead. Please contact the Service Coordinator to sign up, or add your name in the sign-up sheet in the Lobby.**



Senior Brown Bag registration is open through October

The Senior Brown bag program offers eligible older adults a **FREE** bag of nutritious, nonperishable food items once a month. Bags are currently delivered to participants on the third Tuesday of each month.

To be eligible for the Senior Brown Bag program, you must be at least 60 years old and either receive any of the following benefits: SNAP (Food Stamps), Medical Assistance, Energy Assistance, TANF, or Unemployment benefits, **OR** be within the income eligibility requirements shown below.

If you are interested in joining the Brown Bag program, contact the Service Coordinator to register by October 30.

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$19,140	\$1,595
2	\$25,860	\$2,155
3	\$32,580	\$2,715
4	\$39,300	\$3,275
5	\$46,020	\$3,835
6	\$52,740	\$4,395
7	\$59,460	\$4,955
8	\$66,180	\$5,515
For each additional household member, add:	+ \$6,720	+ \$561

Flu Shot Clinics in the City of Greenbelt

Flu season is coming! If you missed the flu shot clinic by CVS at Green Ridge House earlier last week, the City is holding flu shot clinics later in October. Walk-ins and drive thru both welcome!

Tuesday, October 20
10 AM – 3 PM

Beltway Plaza
6000 Greenbelt Rd,
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Tuesday, October 27
10 AM – 3 PM

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Rd,
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Pre-registration is required. You can register online at <https://www.vaccineconsent.com> by entering your location as ‘Beltway Plaza’ or ‘Greenbelt Community Center.’ **For more information or to register by phone, call 240-542-2033.**

Ongoing Events at Green Ridge House

Service Coordinator Office Hours: The Service Coordinator, Flora, will be in her office during regular 9 AM – 5 PM hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. She is also available by phone and email during regular hours Monday to Friday. Call or text **301-412-2480** or email fli@greenbeltmd.gov if you need assistance or would like to set an appointment during in-person office hours. **Further details and a calendar are posted on the Service Coordinator Office door. *You must wear a mask if you come in for in-person office hours.***

Giant Grocery Distribution: Every Monday only in the Dining Room starting at 1 PM. If you are interested in picking up items, you must sign up for a time slot if you have not already. See more guidelines posted in the Terrace level hallway. To sign up please call, text, or email Flora.

Congregate Meal Program: Every Friday in the Dining Room. Please contact Ms. Marvel Brown at **301-474-1113** for more details.

All other regular activities remain canceled until further notice.