

CITY OF GREENBELT

CITY CONNECTER

Winter 2024

GREENBELT CHOSEN AS LOCATION FOR FBI HEADQUARTERS



In a statement released by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Greenbelt has been chosen as the site for the new home for the FBI headquarters: “GSA determined Greenbelt to be the best option for the FBI and the United States government because the site was the lowest cost to taxpayers, provided the greatest transportation access to FBI employees and visitors, and gave the government the most certainty on project delivery schedule. It also provided the highest potential to advance sustainability and equity.”

Governor Wes Moore, alongside a delegation from the State of Maryland, held a press conference in the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Friday, November 10. More stated that that the FBI’s relocation to Greenbelt will “bring more than 7,500 new job and generate more than \$4 billion in economic activity.”

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/FBI for links to press releases, a proposed site map, and more as it becomes available.

Health Care Facility Opens in Greenbelt

9001 Edmonston Road

In late October, Prince George’s County’s health department chose Greenbelt to be the location for its new health care facility. This project is expected to open in 2025.



New to the City of Greenbelt? As a thank you for choosing Greenbelt, email info@greenbeltmd.gov to receive a welcome gift.

City Manager Update

Dear Greenbelt Residents,

As I reflect on my initial four months as your City Manager, my heart is full of gratitude. The warmth and support you've extended, not only to me but to my entire family, have been truly overwhelming. We are delighted to have settled into a GHI home, a testament to the welcoming spirit of Greenbelt, where neighbors jumped in to help us find a home.

In this short period, we've witnessed historic milestones and tackled challenges head-on. The recent Election stands as a beacon of progress, marking the first time Greenbelt elected a women-led Council and its first African American Councilwoman. Our strides in community development are evident by helping 15 families become homeowners via mortgage down payment assistance, providing scholarships to 29 students, and investing \$1.1M+ to 37 businesses in Recovery and Improvement grants.

Yet, our journey hasn't been without its tribulations. Crime remains a pressing concern, and in response, we are gearing up to introduce License Plate Reading Cameras in 2024 to aid in the early detection of stolen vehicles. Amidst our strides and setbacks, the loss of Council Member Ric Gordon has been profoundly felt. Ric was a pillar of support during my transition. I miss his optimism, kindness, and love for everything Greenbelt.

Looking ahead, 2024 holds immense promise for Greenbelt. In Spring 2024, we will inaugurate two new playgrounds: Springhill Lake Recreation and an Inclusive Playground at Buddy Attick Park. We are also modernizing our fleet with five new vehicles for our police force and introducing two new electric vehicles and new EV Charging Infrastructure at the Library.

The recognition as the new FBI headquarters, coupled with pivotal healthcare developments like the new women's health facility adjacent to Greenbelt at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center and a county-run public health facility, underscores Greenbelt's significance, growth and opportunities.

As we venture into this promising year, I am eager to collaborate with you to build on Greenbelt's rich culture of unity and inclusivity. I encourage you to stay informed and engaged by signing up for our news alerts at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

If you have any questions or wish to share your thoughts, my door is always open.

With warm regards,

Josue Salmeron

City Manager
City of Greenbelt



Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance Begins on January 1, 2024

ON JANUARY 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag ordinance, and Prince George's County's similar Better Bag Bill, go into effect to reduce single-use plastic bag use and litter.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? Greenbelt retail establishments will be prohibited from providing plastic carryout bags to shoppers. If a customer requests a paper bag or reusable bag at the point of sale, the customer must pay at least 10 cents for each bag, with certain exceptions.

WHO IS AFFECTED? All retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores, or any other establishment that provides single-use plastic bags to its customers, whether for-profit or not-for-profit.

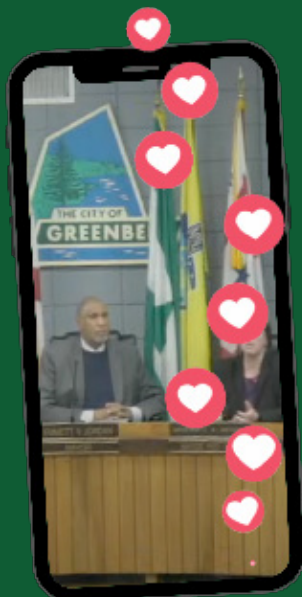
WHY? To protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city and to prevent and remove public nuisances. To protect the environment and marine life. Plastic carryout bags are rarely recyclable and impose costs to local and county government, taxpayers in the form of removal of litter and repair and wear-and-tear on recycling machinery due to the improper disposal of plastic bags in recycling bins. Single-use plastic bags are made from fossil fuels, contributing to climate change.

WHICH BAGS ARE BANNED? Only single-use plastic film bags given at the point of sale are banned. It does not include a plastic or paper bag used to package or contain bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items; fresh meat or seafood; flowers, potted plants, or other damp items; unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; dry-cleaned clothes; or a plastic bag used to take live fish, insects, mollusks, or crustaceans away from the retail establishment.

HOW DOES THE PAPER BAG FEE WORK? Greenbelt retail establishments must charge at least 10 cents for each paper or reusable bag provided at the point of sale, except for paper bags: containing prescription medications provided by a pharmacy; given by full service restaurants for customers to take leftovers; and for food provided at fast food restaurant take out windows. The entire bag charge is kept by the retailer, none by the City of Greenbelt.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? Bring your own bags when shopping, or take purchases without a bag. Greenbelt businesses not complying with the ban may be fined. Shoppers, please comply. Don't place our Greenbelt businesses in an awkward position by asking for an exception.

GET A FREE BAG ON US! Residents can stop by the Greenbelt Municipal Building, located at 25 Crescent Road, to pick up a reusable bag from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Quantities are limited.



City Council Meetings Now Streaming on Facebook & YouTube

Mondays &
Wednesdays



facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt



youtube.com/cityofgreenbeltmaryland



greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV





THE 2024 GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL: BURIED TREASURE

An underground musical adventure. Written and directed by Chris Cherry.

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Saturday, March 2, 7 pm; Sunday, March 3, 3 pm; Saturday, March 10, 2 pm & 7 pm

Join Josh, Harriet and Miranda as they fall down an abandoned mine shaft and find themselves on the adventure of a lifetime inside the fabled Underworld! Can three lost kids break a magical spell and save the rightful queen of the Underworld? Find out this March! Purchase tickets (\$5) starting February 6 at the Community Center business office or by calling (301) 397-2208.



ART EXHIBITIONS

Community Center Art Gallery, Room 112, 15 Crescent Road. Open daily: M-F, 9 am - 9 pm; Sa, 9 am - 6 pm; Su, 9 am - 7 pm

Guests of all ages are invited to enjoy exhibits of contemporary art in many media by regional artists. Stop by and see what's on view! Vertical Visions: Ceramic Sculpture by Greenbelt Potters December 16 - January 26 Wander through a grove of stacked, ceramic sculptures, created by instructors, participants, and Artists in Residence at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Photo: Instructor Nadette Boughton poses with her Vertical Visions sculpture.

Photo by Judy Goldberg-Strassler

ARTS FOR ALL AGES

See the online Greenbelt Recreation Winter Activity Guide for information about visual and performing arts classes, youth performance opportunities, professional art exhibitions, monthly meet-ups for local creatives, free Artful Afternoon workshops and special events, monthly Parent's Night Out, scout programs, and more!

Stay in touch to receive all the latest program announcements. Visit us at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts and sign-up for our ArtFans weekly newsletter. On Facebook and Instagram, follow @greenbeltrecreationarts. On X, follow @artsgreenbelt.

Photo by Judy Goldberg-Strassler





Quarterly Electronics and Styrofoam Recycling

Electronics Recycling and Styrofoam Recycling are held quarterly, on the fourth Saturday of the month; everyh January, April, July and October.

The next event will be held on January 27, 2024, from 9 am - 12 pm at the Public Works Yard located at 555 Crescent Road.

NO Alkaline Batteries or CFLs NO Tube TVs.

Alternatively, people can recycle electronics, paint, and hazardous waste every week at the County's facility. For more information visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/environment/waste-recycling/facilities>.



Greenbelt Nursery Project

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program is excited to bring back the Greenbelt Nursery Project! This program provides up to 6 at-home bi-weekly nursing visits from university-level student nurses for women in their second or third trimester, and children newborn to age 3. Student nurses provide child development assessments and provide social service referral, diapers, formula, wipes, baby hygiene supplies, adult hygiene supplies and other baby products.

Family must live in Greenbelt, have eligible children ages newborn to 3 years old, children who wear diapers.

With up to two 6 bi-weeklyhome visits from nursing students; **Session 1** is from January 17 - February 28, **Session 2** is from March 13 - April 24.

Please contact Brendy Garcia for more information at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

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 <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees>.

Postal Customer



Councilman Ric Gordon

September 19, 1982 - November 26, 2023

*You were the City's treasured "Emerald"
 and will be missed by all.*

*Thank you for doing the people's work 24/7.
 May you rest in peace.*

Stay Informed of City News & Events

The City of Greenbelt has numerous ways for the community to stay connected and informed, no matter your comfort with technology.

- Pick up your copy of the Greenbelt News Review for our weekly informational advertisement listing current events, programs, and Council meeting schedules.
- Watch meetings at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV, Comcast Channels 71 and 996, and Verizon Channel 21. Now streaming on [Facebook/cityofgreenbelt](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt) and [YouTube/cityofgreenbeltmaryland!](https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofgreenbeltmaryland)
- If you're into social media then check us out @cityofgreenbelt on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Want to be instantly alerted of any emergencies or weather alerts? Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/alerts to sign up for emergency texts.
- Looking to stay updated on city events, programs, and more? Sign up for emails and texts by visiting www.greenbeltmd.gov/updates and choose from a list of notifications such a council meetings, recreational activities, the Artfans newsletter, crime alerts, and more.

Sign-Up for Emergency Alerts & City News Alerts!

Make sure you've signed up for important City news alerts & emergency alerts by visiting www.greenbeltmd.gov/alerts or using the QR code to the right.



CITY CONTACT NUMBERS

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