



THE GREENBELT BULLETIN



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CITY ELECTION REPORT

On November 3, City voters elected Greenbelt's first seven member City Council. Elected to serve as the 38th Council were incumbents Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts, Konrad Herling, Edward V. J. Putens, and Leta Mach, and newcomers Emmett V. Jordan and Silke I. Pope.

A total of 2,400 voters cast their ballots, an increase of 502 or 26.4 percent over the 2007 totals. This increase is attributable to the community discussions that have occurred over the past 20 months related to possible voting system changes, the additional interest created by the challengers, and the education and outreach efforts of community groups and the City. Besides enlarging the Council from five members to seven, early voting was permitted and 384 voters took advantage of the new opportunity.

The Council was sworn in on Monday, November 9, 2009, with Judith F. Davis selected as Mayor and Emmett V. Jordan as the Mayor Pro Tem.

Thanks to everyone that participated in this year's election!

CITY OF GREENBELT PHONE NUMBERS

City Offices	301-474-8000	Police Emergency	301-474-5454
Planning & Comm. Development	301-345-5417	Recreation Dept.....	301-397-2200
Animal Control.....	301-474-6124	Rec. Weather Line	301-474-0646
Public Works.....	301-474-8004	Community Center.....	301-397-2208
Recycling	301-474-8308	Aquatic & Fitness Center	301-397-2204
Greenbelt Connection.....	301-474-4100	Springhill Lake Recreation Center	301-397-2212
Greenbelt CARES	301-345-6660		
Police Non-Emergency.....	301-474-7200		

POSTAL SERVICES AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING



When mailing out your holiday letters, cards, and packages, remember that you have a quick and easy option right at the Municipal Building. The City of Greenbelt operates a limited service postal facility at the:

**Finance Office Window
1st Floor**

**25 Crescent Road,
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

**Hours: Tuesdays-Saturdays
between 10am-2pm**

Services Available:

- First Class Mail
- Priority Mail
- Parcel Packages (up to 10 lbs.)
- Express Mail
- Media Mail
- International Air Mail
- Customs Declaration
- Delivery Confirmation
- Signature Confirmation
- Insured Mail
- Return Receipt
- Certified Mail
- Stamps
- Commemorative Stamps
- Hold Mail Forms
- Change of Address Forms

The following services ARE NOT available at this location:

- Money Orders
- Mailing of Packages Over 10 lbs.
- Payment by Bank Cards (credit, debit, check cards),

A full service Post Office is located at 7600 Ora Glen Dr, Greenbelt, 301- 345-1722.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Festival of Lights is Greenbelt's community-wide celebration of holiday events. People of all backgrounds, customs and traditions are invited to participate in these special activities. Come celebrate together as family, friends and neighbors in the spirit of the season.

Highlighted below are Recreation Department sponsored events. Please make sure to also support the holiday activities of Greenbelt faith-based groups, organizations and neighborhoods. A more detailed schedule will be posted on Greenbelt CityLink www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tree Lighting

Friday, 12/4, 7:00pm
Community Center front lawn
Musical performances by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir and the Pearls of ERHS. Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Santa!

Greenbelt Museum Holiday Tour

Friday, 12/4, 6:00pm-9:00pm
10B Crescent Road
Take a free tour of the Museum decorated for the holidays. Check out holiday merchandise.

Juried Art and Craft Fair

Free concerts and hands-on crafts!
Greenbelt Community Center
Saturday, 12/5, 10:00am-5:00pm:
Craft Fair open. Free admission.
Sunday, 12/6, An Artful Afternoon
11:00am-4:00pm: Craft Fair open
1:00pm-3:00pm: Make a wreath
2:00pm -4:00pm: Free concert featuring Harp 46

Santa's Visit

Saturday, 12/12,
10:00am-12:00pm
Greenbelt Youth Center
Receive a free picture with Santa.
DVD of visit will be mailed to you.

Elves' Holiday Workshop

Saturday, 12/12,
1:30pm-3:30pm
Greenbelt Youth Center
Ages 6-12, \$5 pre-register at 301-397-2200.

North Pole Calling

Tuesday, 12/15-Thursday, 12/17
6:00pm-7:30pm, free.
Pre-school-2nd Grade
Santa and his helpers will make a special call to your home. Fill out a registration form at Greenbelt Youth Center.

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov

PLANT TREES WITH A \$25 COUPON



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is lowering the cost of planting trees this fall. Residents can get a coupon worth \$25 toward the purchase of a tree. It's an easy way for each of us to do something that helps our treasured Chesapeake Bay and our own communities. The State's program, called PLANT and BE COUNTED, offers a \$25 coupon to purchase any native tree costing \$50 or more from participating nurseries (Behnke's Nursery in Beltsville is participating). There is no limit on how many coupons can be used and they can be printed directly from the website. For more information, visit the website, www.trees.maryland.gov.

GREENBELT NEW YEAR

Thursday, December 31, 7:00pm-12:00am

Greenbelt Community Center and Youth Center

\$5 in advance, \$7 at the door

Children 5 and under admitted free

Back to the 80's we go for this year's community New Year's Eve celebration. Featured entertainment includes: **On Strike**-who performed in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival; the **John L.T. Band**; **Jim Olson's** piano lounge with scrumptious treats from the one and only Chef Lou; and **Harp 46**, a local band. Other activities on the Community Center schedule for the evening are IZOLDA - tarot card reader; songs and stories for children; and Rubik's Cube fun. Teens can get-together once again at the Youth Center to enjoy amusements such as giant action games, fun with the hula hoop and a hands-on-workshop and circus performance with Greg May. Buy your wristband for \$5.00 in advance at the Greenbelt Community Center or the Greenbelt Co-Op, or pay \$7.00 at the door. Children 5 and under are admitted free. Check Greenbelt CityLink, www.greenbeltmd.gov, for updates.



LEAF VACUUM COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The City's Public Works Department will collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 3, 2009, until January 16, 2010. 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 machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

November 30- December 4	Lakeside, Greenspring I & II
December 7 – 11	Boxwood
December 14 – 18	Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates
December 21 – 25	Lakewood, Greenspring I & II
December 28 – January 1	Lakeside, Windsor Green
January 4 – 8	All areas
January 11 – 15	All areas

There will be no collection on the following holidays: November 26-27, December 25, & January 1.

In the GHI Neighborhood: Leaves must be bagged in paper bags. Do not overstuff— bags should be able to close. Ten free bags are supplied to GHI owners and may be picked up at the GHI Maintenance facility. Bags can also be purchased at the City finance office at 25 Crescent Road and at local grocery and hardware stores. Bags will be collected on yard waste days (fridays). You must call 301-474-8004 to schedule a pick-up.

PREPARING FOR THE SNOW

The City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works prides itself on quick and thorough snow removal. You can help by being prepared for weather events and cooperating with your neighbors in the snow removal process. Here are some helpful hints.

Have your snow supplies ready in advance. This includes snow shovels and salt. Food supplies, flashlights, a battery powered radio, cell phone or hard wired phone, and spare batteries are very helpful—especially in the case of a power outage.

If you don't have a driveway, coordinate with your neighbors and park as close to the even numbered side of the street until the odd numbered side of the street has been plowed. Vehicles should then be relocated so the other side of the street can be plowed.

It is each homeowner's responsibility to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their house. This is for the safety of pedestrians.

Also, you must make sure to clear a path to your refuse and recycling area so that city collectors can provide service to your home. During significant snow/ice storms, and the days immediately following, containers must be placed at the curb (single family homes) or adjacent to a cleared parking lot (GHI Homes).

During snow emergencies, the City of Greenbelt makes every effort to keep city facilities opened. If closing does become necessary, notice will be given at 301-474-0646, Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov, Comcast Channel 71 or Verizon 21, or your local news stations. Be sure to check before venturing out.

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 301-474-8004 or City offices at 301-474-8000.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are now being accepted from residents who are interested in serving on the volunteer planning committee.

Council will begin interviewing applicants for this committee soon. You can download an application at www.greenbeltmd.gov, or you may contact the City Clerk by calling 301-474-8000 for more information.



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GREEN STEPS

Stepping Together Towards a Sustainable Society

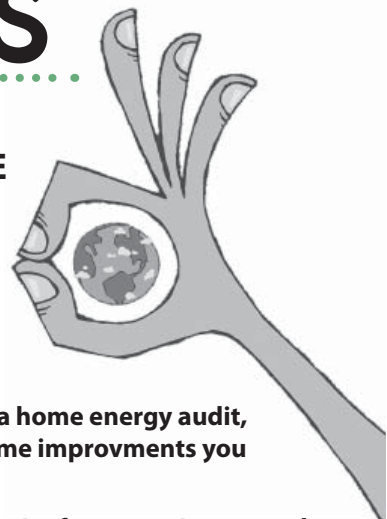
SAVE \$\$ ANNUALLY WITH MARYLAND HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR PROGRAM

One way to save on energy costs this winter is to have your home evaluated by a participating contractor in the Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program. This whole-house approach can effectively improve the comfort, safety, and energy efficiency of your home.

Certified contractors participating in this program will come to your home, perform a home energy audit, and provide recommendations for improving your energy use. You decide which home improvements you would like to go forward with.

The average homeowner saves more than 20% on their energy bill through the Home Performance Process. Also, the contractor can help you take advantage of federal and state tax credits and incentives for energy efficiency improvements. All participating contractors must go through a rigorous quality assurance program.

To find a contractor participating in the Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, or for more information, visit www.mdhomeperformance.org.



The City of Greenbelt has a Facebook page. Follow the link from Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov and become a fan of the Greenbelt Page. Stay in touch with the lighter side of Greenbelt, view pictures from recent events, give us your opinions, and get up to date announcements!

Also, now you can visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook and learn about all of our available pets. Located behind the Greenbelt Police Department at 550-A, the Greenbelt Animal Shelter is open to the public on Wednesdays, from 4:00pm-7:00pm and on Saturdays, from 9:00am-12:00pm. For information call 240-508-7533.

NEWSLETTER INPUT: The Greenbelt Bulletin is published by the City of Greenbelt, City Manager's Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. We want your story ideas! Please let us know if there are any topics that you would like to see covered in the Greenbelt Bulletin. Please refer all questions, comments or suggestions about this newsletter to Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, 240-542-2026 or bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov.

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