



THE GREENBELT BULLETIN

A New Greenbelt Middle School!

After a wait of 22 years, ground was broken for a new Greenbelt Middle School on September 27, 2010. The new school will be located just behind the current middle school, and is scheduled to be completed and ready for students in August 2012. The building will be over 140,000 square feet and will be the school system's third Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) school. It will be at a Gold LEED level with a geo-thermal heating and cooling system and a green roof among other environmentally sensitive features.

The building will have a capacity of 990 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, and College Park, with classrooms for science, art, technology and Special Education. In addition, there will be a gymnasium, cafeteria, and lighted soccer, softball and baseball fields.

There are also funds to help renovate the existing historic



portion of the middle school for future uses. The existing middle school includes the original Greenbelt High School which was built as part of the historic Greenbelt community. The city has established a Middle School Task Force for the purpose of identifying possible future uses of the historic building. Anyone interested in serving on this task force should contact the city offices at 301-474-8000.

MAJOR BUS SERVICE CHANGES COMING IN DECEMBER

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, which operates TheBus service in the County, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which operates Metrobus service in the County, will be implementing major service changes in the bus routes that service Greenbelt and surrounding areas on or around December 20, 2010. The proposed changes will impact hours of operation, frequency of service, and service coverage. If you are a current transit user, or wish you had access to transit, you are urged to consult the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov to learn more about the pending service changes and how they may impact you. If you have questions, please contact Terri Hruby, Assistant Planning Director, at 301-345-5417 or via e-mail at thruby@greenbeltmd.gov.



LEAF VACUUM COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The City's Public Works Department will continue collecting loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum until January 14, 2011. 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.

Nov. 29- Dec. 3	Lakeside, Greenspring I & II
Dec. 6 - 10	Boxwood
Dec. 13 - 17	Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates

Dec. 20 - 24	Lakewood, Greenspring I & II
Dec. 27 - 31	Lakeside, Windsor Green
Jan. 3- 7	All areas
Jan. 10 - 14	All areas

There will be no collection on the following holidays: November 25-26, December 24, & December 31.

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.



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 organizations, neighborhoods, and faith-based groups.

A more detailed schedule will be posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

The City has an Emergency Assistance Relief fund which was established to assist Greenbelt residents in need of assistance to pay rent to avoid possible eviction from their home. It is meant for use on an emergency, one-time only basis. Requests for assistance are reviewed by the City's Emergency Assistance Fund Volunteer who conducts an assessment of the individual's financial need and provides information about, and assists in connecting the person to, other available financial community resources. Persons granted monies from the fund are asked to sign a form agreeing to repay, if possible.

Contributions to this charitable fund are made by churches, organizations, and private individuals. Contributions are tax-deductible. No City funds are contributed. Residents wishing to contribute or in need of assistance can call Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660.

Tree Lighting

Friday, 12/3, 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, 12/3, 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, 12/4, 10:00am-5:00pm:

Craft Fair open. Free admission.
1:00-3:00pm: Free winter decoration workshop

Sunday, 12/5, An Artful Afternoon

11:00am-4:00pm: Craft Fair open

1:00pm-3:00pm: Make a wreath

2:00pm -4:00pm: Free concert featuring Djesben

Santa's Visit

Saturday, 12/11,

10am-12pm at Greenbelt Youth Center
Receive a free picture with Santa.

Elves' Holiday Workshop

Saturday, 12/11,

1:30pm-3:30pm

Greenbelt Youth Center
Ages 6-12, \$5 pre-register at
301-397-2200.

North Pole Calling

Tuesday, 12/14-Thursday, 12/16

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.

THE GREENBELT RECREATION BROCHURE HAS GONE GREEN!

Make sure to download it at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Hard copies of the brochure are available at all recreational facilities or by calling 301-397-2200.



Become a fan of the City of Greenbelt page at www.facebook/cityofgreenbelt.com. Stay in touch with the lighter side of Greenbelt, view pictures from recent events, give us your opinions, and get up to date announcements!

AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER CLOSING



The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closed for replacement of major mechanical equipment starting Monday, November 29th at 6:00am. We will be replacing the air handlers that regulate the temperatures in the fitness wing, locker rooms, and indoor pool.

It is anticipated that the Fitness Wing will re-open on Saturday, December 11th at 8:00am; and the indoor pool on Saturday, December 18th at 8:00am. Please know that

should circumstances beyond our control develop, we may need to extend the closure. Notifications will be made via e-mail, a message will be left on the GAFC main number, and a notice will be put on the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

We regret the inconvenience this may cause you. To thank you for your understanding, we will extend all current memberships for one month. If you have any questions, please contact our staff at 301-397-2204.

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GREEN STEPS

Stepping Together Towards a Sustainable Society



QUARTERLY REPORT ON PESTICIDE USE

This is the first quarterly report that details the action the City is taking to reduce and eliminate the use of fertilizer and pesticides on City property.

The City is using control products that are considered least harmful to the environment, such as weed control that consists of pelargonic acid. "Pelargonic acid is a chemical substance that is found in almost all species of animals and plants. Because it contains nine carbon atoms, it is also called nonanoic acid. It is found at low levels in many of the common foods we eat. It is readily broken down in the environment" (EPA.gov, 2010).

Last year two athletic fields were chosen to be tested for fertilization with only compost. The test fields are equally as healthy as the other fields that were treated with fertilizer. As a result, the City will be converting its fertilization program to a compost only program.

In early March, local garden center and landscape vendors who practice sustainable landscape methods will be invited to participate in the second annual winter Workshop..

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE ... THROUGH THE ARTS!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is taking the "three R's" to heart in the development of visual art workshops and exhibitions. Participate in the magic of transformation by donating materials or by taking part in a variety of workshops offered this fall at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Through November 30

Donate scrap lumber. Select items may be incorporated by sculptor Lat Naylor in the creation of new artwork for his upcoming exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery, opening in mid-January. Wanted - materials associated with building construction, including both scrap and salvage: framing stock, plywood, floor or roof joists, clapboards and trim boards are welcome. The older the materials, the greater their appeal...as long as they are clean and free of hardware.

Saturday, December 4, 1-3pm

Make decoupaged gift packages.

FREE. All ages. In conjunction with the Festival of Lights. Wanted: sheet music, illustrated children's books, maps, buttons and light cardboard boxes (as from cereal, cookies or laundry soap).

Sunday, December 5, 1-3pm

Wreath-making workshop, while supplies last.

Wanted: ribbon and small decorations to incorporate.

To contribute materials for any of the above programs, contact Beth Fendlay, Art Studio Manager, at bfendlay@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2051. Participants also may bring items with them to any of the workshops described above. Please do not drop off any items without prior arrangement.

For more information about programs utilizing re-purposed materials, look for the recycling logo in the art class listings in the Greenbelt Recreation Department brochure posted online at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER: PET CARE IN COLD WEATHER



Don't forget your furry friends this winter season. Colder temperatures can be dangerous for your pet. If your pets will be spending time outside, please make sure that they have adequate shelter. During those times of the year when the temperature (accounting for wind chill and precipitation) is 45 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, ensure that any outside shelter has a doorway that is protected by a self closing door or flexible flap. You should also place bedding materials, such as cedar shavings, straw, or some other non-absorbent material, in the shelter. If the bedding becomes overly soiled or wet, it should be replaced.

During a snowstorm, please keep your pet indoors as much as possible. If they go outside, please check the padding of their paws and remove any caked on snow. It could cause frostbite. Also, there may be chemicals on the snow that could be harmful.

Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

For more information, visit the pet tip section of the ASPCA website at www.aspc.org.

If you have considered a pet, why not visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (behind the Police Station). The shelter is open for visitations on Saturdays from 9am-12pm & Wednesdays from 4pm -7pm, or by appointment.

If you don't have room in your home for a pet at this time, you can always support the shelter by making a donation. Pet supplies are always needed and monetary donations are more than welcome. For more information, call 240-508-7533. Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook and receive updated information.

Postal Customer



PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER

As we were all reminded last winter, a major snow event can become a real problem without everyone's cooperation. While the City's Public Works Department provides quick and thorough

snow removal, you can help by being prepared for weather events and being a helpful neighbor. Here are some winter weather tips.

Have your emergency supplies ready. These include snow shovels, ice melt, food and water supplies, flashlights, a battery powered radio, cell phone or hard wired phone, and spare batteries — in case of a power outage.

If you have a driveway, park your vehicles there. If you don't have a driveway, coordinate with your neighbors and park on 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.

If you or someone you know uses life-support equipment that requires electricity to operate, contact the PEPCO customer care service center now at 202-833-7500, so that PEPCO can put your address on a list to prioritize restoration efforts in your area. Also, identify a location with emergency power capabilities and make plans to go there or to a hospital during a prolonged outage.

Clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of, or adjacent to your residence. If there is a fire hydrant or bus stop nearby, please help keep it clear of snow. Also, make sure to clear

a path to your refuse and recycling area so that 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).

WEATHER INFORMATION RESOURCES

During weather emergencies, the City makes every effort to keep citizens informed and city facilities opened. City emergency information will be available to you through:

Local news channels: Information is provided to all local news channels concerning conditions and closings. Information is also posted on Greenbelt's cable channels - Verizon 21 or Comcast 71.

On the city website: Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt ALERT: a free emergency notification system accessible through your cell phone messaging and your email. Register at <http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov>.

Nixle: An on-line municipal and public safety alert system. Register at www.nixle.com.

Facebook: Check out the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt.com. Announcements and information are posted on this site on a regular basis.

Greenbelt Recreation Weather Information Line: 301-474-0646. Updated frequently to provide you with information on program cancellations and facility closings.

Be sure to check these resources before venturing out!

At any time, if you find yourself in an emergency situation, contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or 301-474-5454.

CITY OF GREENBELT PHONE NUMBERS

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