

# THE GREENBELT BULLETIN

## FY 2013 BUDGET REVIEW

On June 4, 2012, the City Council adopted a \$24,961,600 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 (FY 2013). Revenues are estimated at \$25,492,700, a surplus of \$531,100. A proposed budget was presented on March 26, 2012 and over the subsequent two months, the Council reviewed the budget at ten work sessions and held two public hearings.

This budget places expenditures at just slightly higher than the levels they were at four years ago (FY 2009), while maintaining the quality programs and services that Greenbelt is known for and keeping the tax rate flat. Of particular note, the budget supports implementing a speed camera program in school zones in the city, expanding tutoring and GED programs, providing funds to begin the renovation of the theater in Roosevelt Center, making the University of Maryland shuttle available to all residents, and celebrating the city's 75th Anniversary (see other articles in this newsletter).

While the recession has impacted the city government, the impacts have been managed through the leadership of the City Council and staff efforts. Over the past four years, savings and reductions of more than \$2 million have been made to the budget including the elimination of six vacant positions, so no employee layoffs or furloughs have occurred. However, budgeting for city services will remain difficult in coming years as property values and tax receipts will remain lower than just five years ago.

On a more positive note, there is evidence that the economy in Greenbelt is improving. Hotel occupancy is up, corporate tax receipts are returning to pre-recession levels, and there is renewed interest in developing around the Greenbelt Metro Station. Further, it

is exciting that after years and years of advocating for it, a new Greenbelt Middle School opened August 20. Not only is this facility the most energy efficient in the school system, it also houses the newest Talented and Gifted (TAG) program for middle school students.

The City Council and staff believe that Greenbelt is prudently positioned for the coming years and thank you for your involvement in and support of the city. Please participate in and enjoy the 75th Anniversary activities in the coming months, especially the Dinner Dance Gala on October 13!

### REVENUES



Property Taxes	Other Taxes	Service Charges	Lic. & Permits	Other Agen.	Fines	Misc. & Transfers
65.4¢	12.3¢	8.2¢	5.4¢	3.7¢	3.7¢	1.3¢

### EXPENDITURES



General Govt.	Planning & C.D.	Public Safety	Public Works	Gbelt CARES	Recreation & Parks	Misc. & NonDept	Fund Transfers
10.4¢	3.7¢	40.3¢	12.1¢	3.4¢	19.6¢	6.7¢	3.8¢



## 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE GALA

Saturday, October 13 from 7:30-11:30pm  
 Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Drive

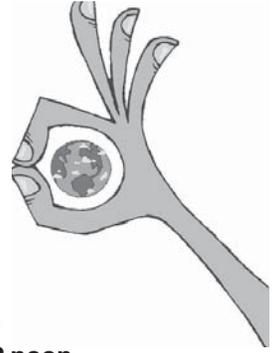
**TICKETS: \$65.00 EACH: Includes: Dining and Dancing to the music of Peaches O'Dell and Her Orchestra. Cash Bar Available.**  
 Purchase tickets Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road or by calling Carolyn West at 240-542-2058.

See inside for more upcoming events!



# GREEN STEPS

Stepping Together Towards a Sustainable Society

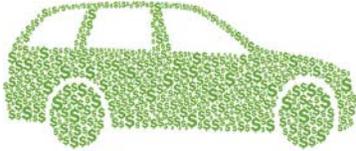


## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE UPCOMING GREEN EVENTS!

### CLEAN CAR CLINIC

Tuesday, September 18, 10 am - 1 pm  
City Hall Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road

### YOU COULD BE SAVING MONEY AT THE PUMP!



### Drive Clean. Save Green.

and help you learn the top 10 ways to save at the pump! (No repairs will be conducted at the clinic.)

Please call Carolyn at 240-542-2058 to sign up for an appointment.

Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, University of Maryland Motor Transportation Services and Maryland Department of the Environment.

ASE-certified technicians from the University of Maryland will perform a FREE 15-minute, 26-point inspection to provide you with a report detailing how "clean" your car is

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, October 27, 9 am - 12 noon  
Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players and more. Info at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/public\\_works/Electronics\\_Recycling.php](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/Electronics_Recycling.php).

### RECYCLE RIGHT CONTEST-WIN WITH YOUR BIN

You can win prizes by being the best recycler in your neighborhood during the weeks of October 22 and November 2. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Make sure you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day! Check our website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/public\\_works](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works) to see what goes in your bin.

## GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

Call 301-345-6660 to enroll or learn more about these programs.

**FREE TUTORING:** EVERY Saturday morning, from 10 am - 12 noon at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

**FALL GED COURSES:** GED is now being offered at both the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. The class at the Municipal Building will run on Mondays from September 10 to December 3. Classes at Springhill Lake will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 11 to December 6. At both locations, GED I will be from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm and GED II will be from 1- 3 pm. Course is free to Greenbelt residents. A textbook (\$35) and calculator (\$10) are required.

**ANGER MANAGEMENT TRAINING: THE DRAMA CLUB (Dispute Resolution And Managing Anger):** Mondays from September 17 to November 12, 7 - 8:15 pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. \$25 fee for workbook. Adult Group, Ages 18 & up.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) programs. More information will be posted at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and in the News Review as the date approaches.

**NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING DAY:** Tuesday, October 9 from 5 - 7 pm. Various locations.

**HEALTH FAIR AND FLU CLINIC:** Tuesday, October 23 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

**MEDICARE WORKSHOPS:** Wednesdays, October 24, 31, and November 7 from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

**AGING IN PLACE WORKSHOP:** Saturday, October 27 from 10 am - 2:30 pm at the Greenbelt Community Center. \$15 includes lunch.

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SATELLITE OFFICE:** The Prince George's County Department of Social Services operates a satellite office in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, on Mondays from 1 - 8 pm and Fridays from 1 - 4 pm. For more information contact Mr. Ogbu at 240-542-2031.

**ACTIVE AGING WEEK** is September 23-29. Look for lots of free intergenerational programs during this week. The programs are designed to keep individuals of all ages active and healthy. For more information, call 240-542-2054.



## POOCH PLUNGE

**Saturday, September 8 from 11 am - 2 pm**

**Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center**

A swim/splash party for you and your canine pal! Participation is limited to 75 dogs and 75 handlers. One dog per handler. A nominal fee per dog.

No charge for dog handlers. (Must be 18 years of age or older.)

All spectators welcomed!

## HOMETOWN HEROES: A CELEBRATION OF GREENBELT WOMEN

**August 31 – October 26**

alight dance theater presents an interactive exhibition in conjunction with their multi-dimensional Hometown Heroes project. The exhibit will feature photographic tributes to Greenbelt by 5th grade girls at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Also included will be costumes and props from alight's summer performances at the Greenbelt Museum historic house, as well as hand-crafted fabric art created by alight's Artistic Director Angella Foster.

## GREENBELT TREE TOUR

**Saturday, September 22**

Explore Greenbelt's award-winning trees with City Horticulturalist, Lesley Riddle. Registration is required, space is limited. Three tour times to choose from. Download the Recreation Activity Guide from [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) for more information.

## JAMES ROOSEVELT SPEAKS

**Saturday, September 22, 2 pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center,**

**15 Crescent Road FREE**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greenbelt would not be complete unless the Roosevelt connection was a part of the celebration. We welcome James Roosevelt, grandson of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt, who will speak about his historic family. This event will include a performance by the **Greenbelt Community Choir**.



## TREASURE HUNT

*Musical Gems From Greenbelt's First Year*

**Sunday, September 23 - Give My Regards To Broadway and**

**September 30 - Songs From The Silver Screen**

**3 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center Room 201.**

Two cabaret talks and concerts by Performing Arts Program Coordinator Chris Cherry, featuring pianist Stefan Brodd and guests. Refreshments will be served. FREE.

## TUGWELL'S FOLLIES

**Saturday, September 29**

A Post-Prohibition Evening. Greenbelt Museum 25th Anniversary, Greenbelt Arts Center, tickets required, see [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org).

## AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

**Sunday, October 7 from 1 - 4 pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center**

Enjoy this monthly mini arts festival featuring: Hands-on arts for all ages, a reception for the new HomeTown Heroes exhibit in the art gallery, Artists in Residence studio open house and sale (visual arts) and Greenbelt Museum tours (\$3 or free with membership, 10-B Crescent Rd).

## FALL FEST

**Sunday, October 14 from 2 - 6 pm**

**Schrom Hills Park**

Join us as we celebrate not only Greenbelt's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Schrom Hills Park. Bring family and friends to the park for hay rides, games, amusements, pumpkin patch, and art activities. Silver City will be returning to provide musical entertainment. The Greenbelt Babe Ruth organization will be selling food and beverages.

## COSTUME CONTEST & PARADE

Friday, October 26, Registration 4 – 4:30 pm

Roosevelt Center - Grassy area in front of Curves

The Parade will start at 4:30 pm sharp! FREE

Come dressed in your finest Halloween costume! Prizes will be awarded to contestants with the most innovative costume in their age group. There will also be a category for the best family and best pet. Refreshments and a performance by Gregory May and "The Mayhem Magical Circus" will follow the parade.

## GHOUL SKATE PARTY

**Saturday October 27 from 5 - 7pm**

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Ages: 6 - 13**

Grab your skates and mark the date! Springhill Lake Recreation Center will host the Second Annual Ghoul Skate Party. Put on your best costume and roll into fall. Trick or treat bags will be distributed. Roller Skates are available free of charge or bring your own! For additional information call Frank Jones or Brian Butler at 301-397-2212.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT

**Wednesday, October 31 from 6 - 8 pm**

Residents wishing to participate in trick-or-treat are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on their door.

## AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

**Sunday, November 4 from 1 - 5 pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center**

**Greenbelt Dances!**

Enjoy a free performance showcasing many styles of creative movement, a dance workshop for all ages and abilities, a video screening and exhibit reception with sculptor Stephanie Santos, an Artists in Residence studio open house (visual arts) and a family dance party! Also, Greenbelt Museum historic house tours (\$3 or free with membership, 10-B Crescent Rd)



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## GET ACTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

The Recreation Department offers many opportunities for families and individuals to get active and live a healthier life and many different classes for all ages and abilities. Look through the quarterly recreation activity guide available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) to find something that interests you. Below are just a couple of upcoming events that you can participate in with your friends and your family.

### FALL FAMILY FIT NIGHT

**Friday, November 9, 6 - 8 pm, Greenbelt Youth Center Gym**

GET ACTIVE! Join family and friends for a night of fitness activities that will get you moving. Activities include inflatable orb racing, hot shot drills, jump rope endurance, hula hoop dance challenges and much more! Families with children ages 5-16 are welcome. Greenbelt, an official Let's Move! City, created the Family Fit Night program in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign against childhood obesity. All participants are eligible to enter a raffle for Recreation Center & Aquatic and Fitness Center day passes!

### GOBBLE WOBBLE

**Thursday, November 22, Registration begins at 8 am, Race begins at 9 am, Greenbelt Youth Center**

Spend your Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 2012 Gobble Wobble. This is a 5K race (2 laps) and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk (1 lap) around Buddy Attick Park lake path, which is an ideal way to get some exercise in before your Thanksgiving feast. Awards will be given to top finishers. All youth participants receive a medal. **\$15/racer; Family 4-pack: \$50**

## CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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

## The City of Greenbelt Prepares to Launch Speed Camera Program

The City of Greenbelt will be joining other Maryland jurisdictions in utilizing speed cameras. It is expected that the first camera will be installed in September. The program will start with a 30-day period in which only warnings will be issued.

After the trial period, citations will be issued to owners of vehicles that are photographed going at least 12 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Fines for violations will be \$40, but no points will be assigned to a driving record for convictions. Citations can be contested in Maryland District Court.

The cameras will be used in school zones. Possible locations of the cameras will be publicized in a number of ways, including news releases, City publications and at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

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