1960s

Springhill Lake, one of the largest apartment complexes on the east coast, opens. In 2010 new owners renamed the complex Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station.

Greenbelt Museum

Lakeside North apartments and the Capital Beltway open.

Greenbelt Museum

The new Youth Center building is dedicated. Funds for the construction were raised through the sale of bonds and from proceeds of the Annual Labor Day festivals.

Greenbelt Museum, photograph by Paul Kasko

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Tugwell Room, PGCMLS

Greenbelt residents hold first Citizens for Fair Housing meeting. 200 people attend.

Greenbelt Museum

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center is dedicated in March 1961. It was built on land that was originally part of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

NASA

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Greenbelt Museum

Boxwood Village forms its civic association. The development consisting of 240 houses was constructed between 1965 and 1968.

Greenbelt Museum

Charlestown Village opens. According to its advertising brochure, it is “part of a new space age center of apartments, townhouses, shopping and schools.”

Greenbelt Museum

Fire destroys the Co-op store. The newly rebuilt store opened in November 1962.

Greenbelt Museum, photograph by Nick Verga

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