The Maryland American Civil Liberties Union and Prince George's County NAACP send a letter to the Greenbelt City Council questioning the city's election system. The City of Greenbelt, along with the ACLU, NAACP, and FairVote, host three community meetings to discuss the issues raised.

Greenbelt purchases the movie theater building. The city restored the marquee in 2000.

Greenbelt implements election reforms aimed at increasing diversity. The number of city council members increases from five to seven members, an additional precinct is added in Greenbelt East, and early voting is instituted.

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The Greenbelt Farmers Market, established by volunteers, begins its first year. The market runs from May to November and only allows vendors within a 100-mile radius.

The Greenbelt News Review, originally called the Cooperator, celebrates its 75th anniversary. The all-volunteer, cooperatively run newspaper has never missed an issue. Library of Congress, photograph by Marjory Collins

Greenbelt successfully passes a ballot initiative allowing residents to participate in a city-wide referendum. The initiative, termed “Direct Democracy,” passed by a vote of 75%.

Greenbelt Homes Incorporated and the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) host a series of visioning sessions with Greenbelt residents as part of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative. At an August Artful Afternoon workshop with the AIA, area children got to be the architects and city planners.

The City of Greenbelt, photograph by Beverly Palau

The Greenbelt Recreation Department

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