

# 1940s



First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt speaks at a Defense Rally in Greenbelt, organized to raise funds for medical equipment and supplies. She is pictured here with Greenbelt policeman George Panagoulis. Greenbelt Museum



The Woman's Club of Greenbelt is honored by having its name painted on an active North American P-51 Mustang fighter plane. Greenbelt Museum



Schrom Airport, which had been closed briefly when WWII began, reopened to serve as a training center for the Civil Air Patrol and for commercial use. Many Greenbelt children, such as Richard Rosenzweig pictured here, visit the airport in the 1940s. Greenbelt Museum, courtesy Richard Rosenzweig



The new Drop Inn youth center opens, complete with a library, snack bar, game room and lounge. It is largely run by the teenagers themselves with supervision from parents and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Greenbelt Museum, photograph by Paul Kasko



Elizabeth Harrington (front left) is elected Mayor of Greenbelt, the first female mayor in Greenbelt and in the state of Maryland. Greenbelt Museum



U.S. Government announces that 1000 additional war-time homes will be built in Greenbelt. Library of Congress



The Greenbelt Community Band was first formed in 1940. Library of Congress



Over 350 victory gardens are planted in Greenbelt. The allotment plots, included in Greenbelt's original plan, were ideal sites for the gardens. Additional land was plowed and utilized near the American Legion. Library of Congress, photograph by Marjory Collins



North End School, an elementary school in the northern section of Greenbelt, was built to accommodate a booming population of children. Greenbelt Museum



A new building to house the Co-op Supermarket opens. Greenbelt Consumer Services by this time owns a supermarket, pharmacy, variety store, luncheonette, valet shop, tobacco store, theater, beauty shop, barber shop, service station, and bus. Greenbelt Museum, photograph by Paul Kasko

February 21, 1942

February 1941

May 1942

April 1943

Spring 1943

September 1944

September 1945

May 1947

November 1948

October 1949