



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK MUNICIPAL SCENE

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NEWS



SOMETHING SPOOKY THIS WAY COMES...

Something spooky recently happened in the College Park... A Halloween Thing! Hosted by the City of College Park's Youth, Family and Senior Services with help from the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC); the October 29 event drew hundreds of families to Youth and Family Services, all to delight in spooky family-friendly Halloween fun.

From a haunted hallway, to a costume parade (walked to the tune of the Ghostbusters theme, no less), face-painting and lots of games, there was so much to do during the event.

Most came dressed in wonderful and imaginative costumes, ranging from spine-tingling scary (g-rated of course) to the extremely cute. Even parents and older siblings joined

in the fun, with themed costumes and a trip to the face painter!

Thank you to all who came and had fun - we can't wait to start planning more hauntingly fun surprises for next year's event!

For pictures of this year's event, visit the City's facebook page at www.facebook.com/collegeparkmd.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FALL CLEANUPS

Every spring and fall, the City's Department of Public Works hosts several Clean-Up days, where residents can donate old or used items, recycle electronics, shred documents, drop-off bulky trash and yard trim and buy compost or mulch.

This past October, the Department held two clean-up days on the last two Saturdays of the month. GreenDrop and Community Forklift attended both events, accepting donations to help divert items in good condition from landfills (plus donations are tax deductible). Residents dropped off hundreds of items including old televisions and vcrs, scrap metal, brush, clothes, toys, building materials and more to be donated, recycled or collected.

Document shredding also took place on the final clean-up Saturday, allowing residents to quickly and efficiently shred their old or sensitive documents.

The next planned Department of Public Works clean-up will take place sometime in the spring. Please stay tuned to the City's website and social media for updates and announcements regarding dates.



欢迎来到 COLLEGE PARK!



On Tuesday, October 4, the City of College Park was visited by a delegation from Chengdu, China. The delegation came to learn about emergency management and response. Mayor Patrick Wojahn and Director of Public Services Bob Ryan greeted and gave an informative presentation about the City and emergency response tactics. The delegation also visited the University of Maryland and the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute.

I CAN RECYCLE THAT?

Did you know that the average American creates more than 4 pounds of trash each day? Much of it however can be recycled and made into a wide variety of new items. For instance, plastic from water or soda bottles can be processed into tiny threads that are used to make clothes or rugs; old denim can be made into pencils; milk jugs into playgrounds; metal cans can be made into building parts and bicycles; glass into roads; and the list goes on and on!

Recycling is an easy and sustainable way to help the environment. Here are some helpful tips to help you recycle. And who knows, maybe one day you'll buy a t-shirt made from a water bottle you once recycled!

RECYCLING TIPS:

Empty and clean your food containers before placing them in your recycling bin. If they are dirty, recycling plants can't process them.

The following items are recyclable:

- **Glass:** Food and beverage containers
- **Cardboard:** Milk and juice carton, flattened boxes, frozen food packaging and cereal boxes
- **Metals:** Aluminum, bimetal, ferrous and steel food and beverage containers. Empty aerosol cans, and aluminum foil
- **Plastics:** Water bottles, drinking cups, flower pots, narrow-neck containers, wide-mouth containers, prescription bottles
- **Paper:** Catalogs, magazines, newspapers, telephone books, paper bags and wrapping paper

Please keep the following out of the recycling cart: Styrofoam, oil containers and trash. Unfortunately, plastic shopping bags cannot be recycled as they clog up the recycling machinery, but you can bring those to your local grocery store for recycling.



City Sustainability Coordinator Janet McCaslin posing with a dress made of recycled material designed on the television show "Project Runway." Above, various items made from recycled materials.



Photo of this year's Berwyn Bonfire courtesy of Marina Dullnig.

BERWYN BONFIRE

The annual and much adored Berwyn Bonfire took place on Sunday, October 29. The Bonfire is an annual event, more than 40 years in the making! The Berwyn District Civic Association hosts the event every year in Cherry Hill Park, providing hot apple cider and plenty of s'more supplies. There is also a pot luck where neighbors can show off their excellent culinary skills.

Residents provide the wood for the fire, which comes from fallen trees and branches, at it took several days for the over nine and a half foot wood mound to be built.

CITY HOLIDAY AND REFUSE SCHEDULE

The City and all of its facilities are closed on the following days:

- Election Day - Tuesday, November 8
- Veterans Day - Friday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24
- Day after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 25

There will not be any special trash collections on November 10, 11, 24 or 25 because of the holidays.

For more information, or for City's holiday refuse schedule, please visit the City's website at www.collegeparkmd.gov.



PET MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

On Saturday, November 5 at the Hollywood Farmers Market, City of College Park Animal Control will be offering FREE microchipping for dogs and cats for City residents (or only \$20 for non-residents). Microchipping is a quick and pretty painless procedure that can help return lost pets to their families. We encourage residents to bring their furry family members to participate in this free event!

Can't make it on November 5? The City's Animal Control Officer does make pet microchipping visits for only \$30. Please call 240-487-3575 or email animalcontrol@collegeparkmd.gov to schedule an appointment or for more information.

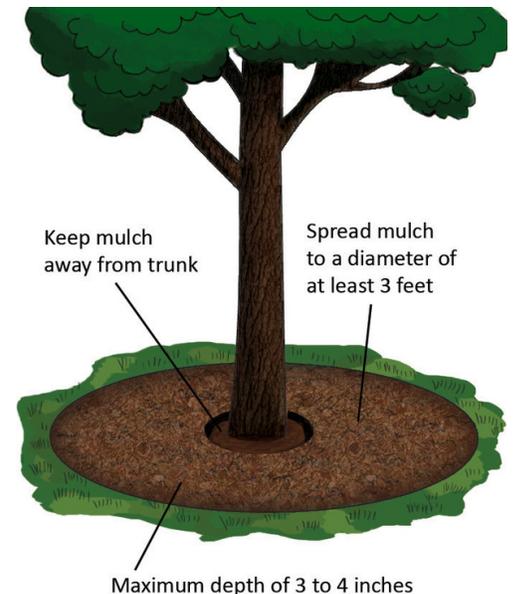
A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND DANCING

College Park danced the night away on October 21, when the NightLife Band played at the College Park Moose Lodge. Hosted by the City of College Park's Recreation Board, the event featured a night of vivacious and non-stop music and dancing (our feet are still sore)!

CITY ENGINEER'S MONTHLY TIP: COVER THE SOIL

Bare soil is highly susceptible to erosion by both wind and water. Here are some tips about how to cover the soil and to help prevent damage from erosion:

- Seed newly graded areas immediately after construction is completed. Grass clippings, bark mulch, straw, or other temporary covers will reduce erosion until permanent cover can be established.
- In heavy traffic areas where plants cannot be used, use permeable materials such as stone, bark mulch, landscape fabric, bricks, or flagstones.
- Protect newly planted trees and shrubs with a two to four-inch layer of mulch that is no higher than the heel of your hand and extends, if possible, to the tree's drip line. Keep mulch three or four inches away from the trunk. This will help keep the bark dry and limit hiding places for rodents that chew on bark.
- Plant windbreaks of trees or tall shrubs to reduce soil erosion by wind and provide habitat for wildlife.
- Use compost on flower and vegetable gardens to enrich the soil. Mulch shrubs, trees, and bare soil along hedges to reduce erosion.
- Plant cover crops in vegetable and flower gardens in the fall to keep the soil covered and reduce the risk of erosion. Cover crops increase organic matter in the soil and tie up leftover nutrients. Annual ryegrass, winter wheat, crimson clover, winter radish, and oats are examples of cover crops that you can use.



This is an excerpt from Maryland Department of Agriculture, "Backyard Actions you can do." Visit http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/documents/tip3.pdf for the full brochure.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9TH ANNUAL COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.
RITCHIE COLISEUM 7675
BALTIMORE AVE, COLLEGE PARK
FREE ENTRY & FREE PARKING

The 9th Annual College Park Blues Festival is happening on Saturday, November 5 from 6 to 11pm. This festival showcases great blues bands, plenty of dancing, vendors and craft beer!

Featuring: Carly Harvey & Sol Roots II, Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes, Mike Westcott Band featuring Richard Tommy Lepson, Andy Talamantez with Roomful of Blues Members Philip Pemberton & Doug Woolverton.

For more information, please visit [facebook.com/collegeparkbluesfest](https://www.facebook.com/collegeparkbluesfest).

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 11:00 A.M.
COLLEGE PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL
BALTIMORE AVE AND GREENBELT ROAD, COLLEGE PARK

Join the College Park Mayor and Council at the 2016 observance of Veterans Day. The program will include music, speakers including key note speaker Monsignor Karl Chimiak; pastor of St. Josephs Church, and wreath laying in fitting tribute to the men and women who have served our country. The event is sponsored by the College Park Veterans Memorial Committee.



Memphis or Bust!



FREE!

9th Annual College Park Blues Festival

Saturday, November 5, 2016
6pm-11pm

Ritchie Coliseum 7675 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20742

9:30 **Andy T Band with Roomful of Blues Members**
Phil Pemberton & Doug Woolverton

West Coast jump blues stompers, Chicago and Texas horns, & Louisiana swamp grooves

8pm **Mike Westcott Band featuring Tommy Lepson**
dancin' & rockin' blues

7pm **Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes** - DCBS Battle of the Bands Winner

6pm **Carly Harvey & Sol Roots** - DCBS Solo / Duo Winner

Memphis or Bust! donations help send DC Blues Society winners to the 2017 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN

Bands ~ Shopping ~ Dancing ~ Craft Beers



Brought to you by the College Park Recreation Board and the DC Blues Society

www.dcb Blues.org ~ www.facebook.com/CollegeParkBluesFest ~ #FreeCPBF

Prizes / Artists / Schedule Subject to change

FARMERS MARKETS

HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET
SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
SUNDAYS 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Fresh produce, wonderful crafts, local vendors, great food - visit our two Farmers Markets every weekend through November! Come to our Hollywood Farmers Market by REI every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and our Downtown Farmers Market by City Hall every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!



MEET...



THESHEIA WILLIAMS

This month, meet Theresheia Williams, Administrative Assistant for the Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development! She has been with the City for over 18 years in the Planning Department, so you may have met her when applying for one of the City's homeownership program, or looking for more information about living in College Park.

Theresheia is a Maryland native; born and raised in Annapolis. A true Annapolitan, she loves to eat crabs with of course, Old Bay (is there another way?). She's also quite the literary buff and a voracious reader; some of her favorite authors are Ernest J. Gaines, Maya Angelou, Terry McMillian and Toni Morrison to name a few. Theresheia is an avid traveler; cruising around the Caribbean, piña colada in hand to escape the cold (or fickle Maryland weather).

Even as she's seen the City grow, Theresheia loves College Park's strong sense of community and all the wonderful events for residents to enjoy. As the administrator of the City's Homeownership Program, she has had the opportunity to meet so many new people who are excited to find a home in College Park. [Hint, hint potential homeowners - Theresheia is an excellent resource when looking for a new home here!] She has also won numerous employee awards (see all of them in the background) including Employee of the Year and the Miriam Wolff award.

So we'll end this month's column with a quote from one of Theresheia's favorite authors, the great Maya Angelou, "try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

In this column, we will introduce you to City councilmembers and staff who work hard to make the City of College Park a Smart Place to Live

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEPCO ELECTRIC POWER LINE TREE WORK

PEPCO's contracted tree crew, Asplundh, will complete tree pruning and tree removals throughout the City between now and December. Specific information about this work will be sent via the Weekly Bulletin and social media ([Facebook.com/collegparkmd](https://www.facebook.com/collegparkmd) or [Twitter.com/collegpark_md](https://www.twitter.com/collegpark_md)) as it becomes available. To sign up for the weekly bulletin, visit collegparkmd.gov/cpconnect.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 31, 2016

Starting Monday, October 31, the Public Works Department will begin curbside vacuum collection of leaves.

Look for the posted signs in your neighborhood to know when curbside leaf collection will occur. Collection schedules are tentative; please refer to the City website www.collegparkmd.gov and the City's [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/collegparkmd).

NOTE: To stay on schedule, leaf trucks will not be able to return to collect your leaves once they have already been through your street. Each area of the City is scheduled to be serviced at least four times during this period, so you will have several opportunities to have your leaves collected. Additionally, our vacuum hoses are not able to reach around cars or other obstructions, so it is imperative that your leaves are not blocked.

Brush, branches, sticks, and shrubs are collected Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only; call 240-487-3590 or email publicworks@collegparkmd.gov before setting your brush out at the curb. Brush collections will continue throughout the duration of curbside leaf collection.

LEAF COLLECTION TIPS

- Rake leaves, grass, flowers, and light clippings to the curb (but not in the street) - bagging is not necessary
- Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains - piles blocked by obstacles will not be collected
- Watch for the posted signs in your neighborhood to know when to rake your leaves to the curb. Visit the website for updates to the collection schedule.

PLEASE DO NOT:

- Include brush, branches, sticks, bamboo, vines, rocks, or debris (trash) in your leaf piles. These

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items may damage the leaf vacuums and delay collection.

- Use plastic bags for leaves and clippings. You also do not need to use paper bags or reusable containers during curbside leaf vacuum collection.
- Block storm drains or fire hydrants, as this can lead to storm water and emergency access problems.
- Pile leaves in the street. Leaves in the street can create a slipping hazard, parking problems, and clog storm drains.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SPORTING EVENTS TRAFFIC ALERTS

University of Maryland athletic game days mean a lot of fun, but also heavier traffic and a lot of pedestrians especially in the Downtown area.

November Home Football Games:

Saturday, November 12 - vs Ohio State - TBA

Saturday, November 26 - vs. Rutgers - TBA

November Home Basketball Games

Friday, November 11 - vs American - 7pm

Thursday, November 17 - vs St. Mary's College - 7pm

Sunday, November 20 - vs Towson - 2pm

Tuesday, November 22 - vs Stony Brook - 7pm

Tuesday, November 29 - vs Pittsburgh - 7pm

To receive game day texts messages on traffic and other information, text TERPSGAMEDAY from your cell phone to 888777 and receive instant updates. Anyone can sign up to receive these text messages and you can opt-out at any time. For the complete University of Maryland football schedule, please visit: www.umterps.com

EARLY VOTING

THURS. OCTOBER 27 - THURS. NOVEMBER 3

8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

5051 PIERCE AVENUE, COLLEGE PARK

Early voting for the General Election will take place from October 27 through November 3 at the College Park Community Center. For more information, please visit the Maryland State Board of Elections at <http://www.elections.state.md.us/index.html>.

RETRO COLLEGE PARK



This month, we feature an image from 1919 of a parade on Berwyn Road honoring those who had served in World War I.

Every month we will feature a historic photograph of College Park. If you would like to submit your historic photo for inclusion, please email the photograph, background or information about the photograph and any requested credits to cpcommunications@collegeparkmd.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 7:30 P.M.
2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, 4500 KNOX ROAD COLLEGE PARK

ORDINANCE 16-O-11

An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council of the City of College Park Amending Chapter 38, "Code Of Ethics", By Repealing and Reenacting Article I, "General Provisions", Section 38-4, "Definitions", To Provide the Definition of Immediate Family to Clarify What Financial Information Is Required to be Disclosed By City Elected Officials and Candidates to be City Elected Officials Under §38-15.

ORDINANCE 16-O-12

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland (Amendment #1).

Copies of these Ordinances may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740, or by calling 240-487-3501, or visit www.collegeparkmd.gov.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office and describe the assistance that is necessary.

MUNICIPAL SCENE

TWO OPTIONS TO STAY IN TOUCH!

EMAIL:

Sign up for "College Park Connected" at www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect. Choose the "General Interest" category to receive the Municipal Scene directly to your inbox every month.

MAIL:

Did you know that College Park residents can receive the Municipal Scene through the mail? Please submit your name and address to the City Clerk's office to get on our mailing list. Contact us at 240-487-3501, or send an email to lrberts@collegeparkmd.gov.

The Municipal Scene is also posted on our website at www.collegeparkmd.gov. Click on the "About Us" tab and scroll down to "Municipal Scene" for the link.

DIRECTORY

City of College Park Main Number..... 240-487-3500
City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-6pm; Sat. 1-5pm; Sun. - Closed

City Hall Departments

Administration.....240-487-3501
City FAX Number 301-699-8029
Finance.....240-487-3509
Human Resources 240-487-3533
Parking Enforcement Division 240-487-3520
Planning/Economic Development..... 240-487-3538

Housing Authority

(Attick Towers) 9014 R.I. Ave. 301-345-3600

Public Services: 4601A Calvert Rd..... 240-487-3570

Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Public Safety and Recreation. Parking Enforcement is at City Hall.

24 Hour Hotline 240-487-3588

For Urgent Code Enforcement, Noise Control, Animal Control Issues.

Public Works: 9217 51st Ave.....240-487-3590

Trash Collection, Recycling and Special Pick-ups.

Senior Program.....301-345-8100

Youth and Family Services

4912 Nantucket Rd.....240-487-3550

Drop-In Recreation Center..... 301-345-4425

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn

5015 Lackawanna Street 240-988-7763

Councilmember Fazlul Kabir (District 1)

9817 53rd Avenue 301-659-6295

Councilmember Christine Nagle (District 1)

4500 Knox Road 240-965-0214

Councilmember P. J. Brennan (District 2)

4500 Knox Road 202-288-5569

Councilmember Monroe S. Dennis (District 2)

8117 51st Avenue 301-474-6270

Councilmember Robert W. Day (District 3)

7410 Baylor Avenue 301-741-1962

Councilmember Stephanie Stullich (District 3)

7400 Dartmouth Avenue..... 301-742-4442

Councilmember Mary C. Cook (District 4)

4705 Kiernan Road 202-213-5579

Councilmember Dustyn Kujawa (District 4)

9238 Limestone Place 240-620-2105

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: FIRE-AMBULANCE-POLICE.....911

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICES

P.G. County Police (Hyattsville Station) 301-699-2630

P.G. County Police (Non-Emergency)301-352-1200

P.G. County Park Police (M-NCPPC)....301-459-9088

State Police (College Park Barrack) 301-345-3101

University of Maryland Police 301-405-3555

College Park Community Center 301-441-2647

5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

PEPCO - Power Outages, Lines Down 1-877-737-2662

WSSC: Water Mains.....301-206-4002

Prince George's County Storm Drains 301-499-8523