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# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City of College Park Council Members

**From:** Scott Somers, City Manager

**Date:** January 12, 2016

**Subject:** **CITY OF COLLEGE PARK WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Attachments:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute; UMD Traffic Advisory Notice; 3rd Thirsty Thursday; Pepco Tree Work in College Park; Bowling Flyer; City Employment Opportunity; and Sheriff's Office Scam Alert.



**City Offices will be closed  
Monday, January 18, 2016  
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Please note that refuse and recycling will be collected  
one day later during the holiday week.**

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## Administration

- Jill R. Clements, Steve Groh, Scott Somers and Teresa Way-Pezzuti met with representatives from Benecon and Cigna to discuss and review our claims experience for the plan year ending June 2015. Our claims were about where we had expected them to be. We will meet at the end of February to discuss any premium increases for the next fiscal year.

Benecon is our Broker and a part of the Maryland Local Government Health Care Cooperative. Benecon in turn uses Cigna as a third-party administrator for our network of physicians and health insurance claims.

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## Public Services

- CODE ENFORCEMENT
  - Code staff opened 53 cases for various code violations.
  - Clerical staff opened 12 cases relating to residential Occupancy Permit billing, and property updates.
  - 4 complaint calls were received on the hotline during the week.
  - 12 single family inspections and 9 re-inspections were conducted.
  - 2 condo units were re-inspected.
  - 2 fraternity and/or sororities were re-inspected.
  - 9 commercial establishments were inspected.
- ANIMAL CONTROL
  - Investigated 2 complaints of 3 dogs running at large.
  - Investigated a cruelty complaint involving a dog.
  - Facilitated College Park Senior Service representatives meeting with an in-need resident.
  - Facilitated the adoption of 2 cats.
  - Participated in informative dialogue with Councilmembers during a Worksession.
- PARKING ENFORCEMENT
  - A new residential permit parking zone in the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Mineola Road has been established by the City Council.

Public Works has completed the installation of residential permit parking zone signs. Parking Enforcement will begin posting warning notices on vehicles parked in this zone without permits. This warning/grace period will continue for 14 days, until January 26, 2016. Enforcement will then begin. As a reminder, the Council established this zone with the conditions that there will be a maximum of 2 permits per address, sold at \$10 each per year, and 2 visitor permits per address sold at \$1 each per year. As Council approved, this permit zone is enforceable 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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## Public Works

- The curbside leaf collection for the fall 2015 is now complete.
- We will resume weekly yard waste collection this week. Any leaves still being raked will need to be placed into **paper bags** and set at the curb on the day of their refuse/recycling collection. Yard waste is grass, leaves, vines, weeds, small trimmings and clippings, all soft vegetative materials.
- Christmas trees will be collected on the regularly scheduled brush collection days: Thursday and Friday. Trees should be placed at the curb by 7:00am, and be free of lights, tinsel, ornaments, and other decorations.
- Pepco is planning tree work in the City to maintain clearance around their power distribution lines to maintain service reliability. Contractors will develop a scope of work for City trees and for trees on private property. No tree work will begin until after the planned work is agreed upon by the City, private tree owners and PEPCO. If trees on your private property will be impacted, you will be contacted by the planner. For further information, please contact Brenda Alexander at 240-487-3590 or [publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov). Please see the flier on page 8 of this Bulletin.

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## Seniors Program

- Please note that the phone number for the Seniors Program at Spellman House has changed to 301-220-0037.

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**MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:**

**January 12, Tuesday**

- 7:15 pm Public Hearing [15-O-07](#)
- 7:30 pm Mayor & Council Regular Meeting at City Hall

**January 13, Wednesday**

- 7:00 pm Veterans Memorial Committee meeting at Davis Hall

**January 14, Thursday**

- 7:00 pm Lakeland Civic Association Meeting at College Park Community Center
- 7:30 pm North College Park Civic Association Meeting at Davis Hall

**January 16, Saturday**

- 2:00 pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute at Kay Theater, Clarice Performing Arts Center

**January 18, Monday**

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - All City Offices Closed

**January 19, Tuesday**

- 7:30 p.m. Mayor & Council Worksession at City Hall

**January 20, Wednesday**

- 7:00 p.m. CBE – Zero Waste Meeting at City Hall (Council Chambers)
- 7:00 p.m. Tree and Landscape Board Meeting at City Hall (Lower Level)

**January 21, Thursday**

- 2:00 p.m. Housing Authority Meeting at Attick Towers
- 5:00 p.m. 3rd Thirsty Thursday at Ledo Restaurant
- 7:00 p.m. Cable Television Meeting at City Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Berwyn District Civic Association Meeting at Fealy Hall

The City of College Park  
Invites you to its  
25th Annual Tribute  
to  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Saturday, January 16, 2016

2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Kay Theater, The Clarice Performing Arts Center

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland  
*(University Blvd and Stadium Drive)*

***The Time is Always Right...to do what is right***

***Keynote Address: Maryland Delegate Talmadge Branch, 45<sup>th</sup> District***

***Mistress of Ceremonies: Tracee Wilkins, WNBC4-Washington***

*Musical, dance and literary reflections*

*Call 240-487-3573 for additional information*

*Parking is Free in Lots 1b & Z  
Stadium Drive Garage Parking is available at \$3 per hour*



# University of Maryland Police Department

Good Afternoon College Park Residents,

On Saturday, January 16, 2016, the University of Maryland Men's basketball team will host the Ohio State University at Xfinity Center for a 12 p.m. tip off. Ending time for the game is estimated to occur between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., depending on pace of play. As people leave the Xfinity Center, there will be an impact to the roadways around campus, particularly Baltimore Avenue. We strongly encourage residents to avoid traveling along Baltimore Avenue during the incoming traffic pattern and the outgoing traffic pattern. We suggest using alternative routes, such as Adelphi Road or Paint Branch Parkway to Kenilworth for North/South travel.

Please plan your travel accordingly, as we are anticipating a large crowd at this game.

For traffic updates, please follow us @UMPD on Twitter.

Sent by **University of Maryland Police Department**  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742

**Join us for the next 3rd Thirsty Thursday  
January 21, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
at the Original Ledo Restaurant in College Park.**

Sit down for a beverage or a meal with good company!  
The City and University will be there with information on programs.

We will be collecting non-perishable food for the  
College Park Community Food Bank.

The Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee  
presents:

# 3rd Thirsty Thursdays

Bringing the City/University Community together

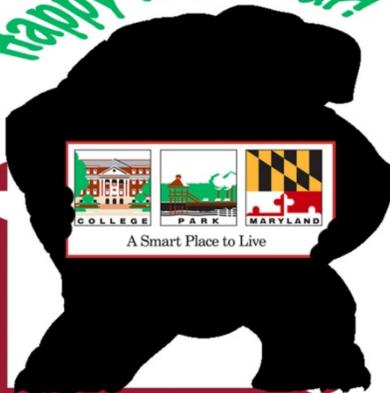
**January 21st, 5PM-7PM**

The Original Ledo Restaurant

4509 Knox Rd, College Park, MD 20740

**Bring non-perishable food donations to  
benefit the College Park Community Food Bank**

Happy New Year!



With support from: The College Park City-University Partnership





## PEPCO TREE WORK IN COLLEGE PARK

### BE INFORMED ABOUT YOUR TREES KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Pepco is performing tree trimming and removals in your neighborhood this year to improve reliability and reduce outages caused by trees.

#### **Notification by Pepco**

Pepco shares its tree trimming plans and schedules in College Park with the City Department of Public Works (City DPW). Pepco will continue to work with the community to keep neighborhoods informed of when and where crews will be working.

#### **Planning for Tree Trimming and Removal**

Pepco vegetation management professionals and arborists will meet with City DPW staff to review tree trimming plans for trees in the City right-of-way. Pepco and City officials will jointly assess every tree in the public right-of-way considered for removal. The City can approve or deny tree trimming or removal in the public right-of-way, which is documented and reported to the Maryland Public Service Commission.

Elected officials and civic associations can access tree trimming and removal information through the City DPW to share with residents. Tree maintenance might not be scheduled this cycle for every street. If you would like more information, please contact City DPW at 240-487-3590 or [publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov)

The City will request replacement trees when trees threatening power lines in the right-of-way are removed. The City promotes Pepco's 'Right Tree, Right Place' policy to reduce the need for future trimming. Trees will be replaced with appropriate species that will not impact power lines in the future. A third party will audit and review all completed work.

#### **Trees on Private Property**

Pepco has easement rights which allow tree pruning or removal without permission in some areas. Pepco will send letters to customers in areas where work is scheduled to be performed. Pepco arborists will leave a door hanger with contact information if there is a tree on private property planned for trimming or removal.

**Be Proactive:** If residents do not want crews to trim or remove trees on their property, please notify Pepco before crews arrive, so Pepco can contact you to address your concerns. Residents and the community should be aware that untrimmed trees near power lines may cause future power outages. Customers who choose not to allow Pepco to perform tree trimming or tree removal on their properties will be documented. Pepco provides vouchers for tree replacements from local nurseries for customers who have trees removed. If you are concerned and would like additional information about the tree trimming planned on your property, please contact the certified arborist's phone number on the door hanger to discuss your concerns.



## *Family Fun Event*

### *Bowling Bash*

*Sunday, January 31, 2016*

*1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.*

*AMF College Park Lanes*

*9021 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, Maryland*

*The City's Recreation Board hosts its annual family friendly bowling bash.*

*\$5.00 per person for the first 100 College Park Residents*

*(increases to \$10.00 after)*

*Cost includes unlimited 10-pin bowling, shoe rental, soda & pizza.*

*No reservations required*

*Send comments, questions or suggestions via email to [publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov)*



## City Employment Opportunity

# Communications Coordinator

Full-time position to perform a variety of responsible professional and technical duties in support of the City Manager, staff, and the City Council. Work involves the coordination of all internal and external communications for the City; the development and enhancement of communications methods which support open, friendly, and responsive government; overseeing media relations, including crisis communications; and the performance of special projects related to communication. Must exercise considerable independence and be well versed in methods to communicate reliable, consistent, and timely information about the programs, procedures, responsibilities, and activities of the City and the City Manager's office.

Requirements include a Bachelor's degree in communications, graphic design, public relations, marketing, English, political science, or other related field; a minimum of one year professional experience in the communications field; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. We would consider a graduate student on a part-time basis until available full-time.

Minimum salary is \$49,000 (DOQ) with excellent benefits. Please apply at [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov). Open until filled. EEOE.

**SHERIFF'S SCAM ALERT: DO NOT SEND MONEY TO ANYONE CLAIMING TO BE THE SHERIFF**



**Melvin C. High  
Sheriff**

**January 8, 2016**

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
Prince George's County, Maryland**  
5303 Chrysler Way, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772  
Phone 301-780-8600/Fax 301-780-7452



**Media Advisory**

**Scam Callers Impersonate Law Enforcement Officers/Demand Payment  
SCAM ALERT: DO NOT GIVE MONEY!**

**Upper Marlboro, MD...** The Sheriff's Office today said it continues to receive notifications from citizens who receive calls from phone scammers who claim to be from the Sheriff's Office. "We're asking the media to help us notify the public again," said Chief Assistant Darrin C. Palmer.

In the most recent calls, all received this week, scammers tell citizens that they have failed to appear for grand jury duty and that they have to pay a fine. In another citizen-reported call the scammer claimed to be a Sgt. Jackson calling from 301-514-4308 who notified several citizens that they had to pay a fine to avoid further legal action.

According to the citizens who called the Sheriff's Office and as reported in the past, scammers instructed citizens to go to 7 Eleven or other retail outlets and to buy a prepaid money card in the amount of \$600.00 and \$500.00, respectively.

Chief Assistant Palmer said there was good news because all of the callers contacted the Sheriff's Office before sending money to the scammers. "There are absolutely no circumstances under which the Sheriff or any other law enforcement agency would ask citizens to wire or send money on a prepaid card," said Chief Assistant Sheriff Darrin C. Palmer.



With some scam calls reported in the past, the scam call can appear to be coming from a local number or a 1-800- number and may actually come from out of state or even out of the country. The last time the Sheriff notified citizens, the callers were impersonating Chief Assistant Sheriff Darrin Palmer. "We'll keep repeating ourselves; these people are predators, and the calls are scams – pure and simple," he said.

Residents should file a report and call the Prince George's County Police at 301-772-4420.

For more information contact the Communications and Public Affairs Division at 301-780-7354.



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