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City Hall Bulletin Board

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR & COUNCIL WORKSESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON 15-0-07, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 11, CHAPTER 15, AND CHAPTER 179 OF THE CITY CODE TO UPDATE PROVISIONS OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY, RECREATION BOARD, COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, AND TREE AND LANDSCAPE BOARD

7:30 P.M. MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR & COUNCIL WORKSESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, FOLLOWED BY A CLOSED SESSION TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL ON A LEGAL MATTER

All meetings take place in the 2nd floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD unless noted. All meetings are open to the public except Closed Sessions. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501.

Mayor and Council meetings can be viewed live on Comcast cable channel 71 or Verizon channel 25. Regular Council Meetings and Worksessions are rebroadcast in their entirety at the following times: Wednesdays at 8pm, Thursdays and Fridays at 6pm, and Saturdays at 10am.

Council meetings are streamed live over the internet on the Mayor and City Council page on the City's website at www.collegeparkmd.gov, and click on the menu item "Council Meetings Video". Meetings that are streamed will also be archived for future viewing through the City's website. *Continued on page 2*

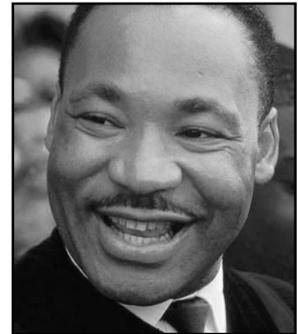
25TH ANNUAL COLLEGE PARK TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

2:00-4:00 P.M.

KAY THEATRE, CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

The theme for 2016 is "The Time is Always Right...to do what is right." Please join us for our 25th annual tribute to Dr. King, featuring musical, dance and literary reflections on Dr. King's dream of peace and unity. This grass-roots, community-based event highlights the extraordinary talent in our collective community. Sponsored by the City of College Park, the University of Maryland, and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. For further information, please call 240-487-3570.



CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Refuse, recycling, and yard waste will be collected according to the following schedule:

- Monday collections will occur on Tuesday
- Tuesday collections will occur on Wednesday
- Wednesday collections will occur on Thursday

For special pickup appointments (bulky items and brush will only be scheduled for Friday, January 22, during this holiday week) call 240-487-3590 or email publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov.

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Meeting Agendas are posted on the City's website on the Friday afternoon prior to the meetings and are available at the City Clerk's office. Meeting back-up materials will be posted to the website on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Meeting schedule is subject to change. For current information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501.

Council Action

In December, 2015, the College Park City Council took the following actions (negative votes are noted):

- Established a working committee to review the Greenbelt Station Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- Approved a lease agreement with UMCPF Property for parking operations at the lot on the southeast corner of Baltimore Avenue and Lehigh Road (former Little Tavern site).
- Reappointed Rita Zito to the Veterans Memorial Committee.
- Approved the 2016 Council Meeting Schedule.
- Approved A Resolution Denying Appeal Number CEO-2015-02, Cruz Development, Branchville Road, Requesting A Variance From City Code §87-23 To Construct A Fence Within The Front Yard (Brennan opposed).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 15-O-07

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 – 7:15 P.M.
2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, 4500 KNOX ROAD
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending Chapter 11 "Authorities", Article II, "Airport Authority", §11-5 "Creation; Members; Compensation; Conflicts of Interest" and §11-6, "Purpose; Use of Airport"; Chapter 15 "Boards, Commissions and Committees", Article II, "College Park Recreation Board", §15-3, "Membership; Terms" and Article VIII, "Committee for a Better Environment", §15-34, "Powers and Duties"; and Chapter 179 "Tree and Landscape Maintenance", §179-2, "Purpose; Applicability", §179-5, "Tree and Landscape Board" and

§179-6, "Comprehensive Landscape Plan; Costs" to Incorporate Changes Recommended by the Airport Authority, Committee for a Better Environment and the Tree and Landscape Board, to Remove Certain References to Conflicts of Interest from §11-5, to Set the Membership of the Recreation Board at Up To Ten Members with the Goal of Representation From Each District, and to make certain Non-Substantive Changes.

Copies of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740, call 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.

CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our website at <http://collegeparkmd.applicantpool.com/jobs/> for all current job listings. All vacancies are posted for two weeks. You may complete the online application and receive updates by email.

STATE TAX REMINDER

Please remember to specify "College Park" as your "Incorporated City" on your Maryland Tax Return.

Around Town!

THE FREE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXTENDED INTO 2016

The Four Cities Coalition (College Park, Greenbelt, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights) have partnered on a grant funded through the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay/Neuter Program to provide no-cost spay and neuter services for dogs and cats. City residents are automatically eligible.

All surgeries will be conducted at Spay Now Veterinary Practice in Laurel, Maryland. Dogs and cats that do not have rabies vaccinations will receive one at the time of the surgery. To take advantage of this opportunity, pick up an application at City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park or apply online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/spayneuter.

For more information call 301-345-5417 or email spayneutervoucher@greenbeltmd.gov.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES?

The College Park Cable Television Commission

The City is currently accepting applications for membership on the Cable Television Commission, which meets quarterly. Members are appointed for three-year terms.

The Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the Mayor and Council on cable television franchises in the City; hears and resolves, if necessary, complaints between consumers and the franchisees; and ensures compliance by the franchisee with the agreements with the City.

Individuals interested in serving on the Cable Television Commission should have particular interest in the City's cable franchises, an informed understanding of public cable service, and a willingness to represent the best interests of the community's cable subscribers to the providers.

You may download an application from our website at http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/document_center/Admin/Forms/Board_Commission_Application_Form.pdf or contact the City's Clerk's office at 240-487-3501 for further information.

The College Park Committee for a Better Environment

The City is currently accepting applications for the Committee for a Better Environment (CBE). The CBE advises the Mayor and Council on environmental and sustainability issues affecting the lives of College Park residents. If you have interest in protecting and enhancing the natural environment in College Park, the CBE needs you. The CBE sponsors a wide variety of workshops, films and other educational events as well as volunteer plantings and clean-ups throughout the year.

The CBE usually meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Davis Hall. Committee members are appointed for three year terms.

You may download an application from our website at http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/document_center/Admin/Forms/Board_Commission_Application_Form.pdf or for more information, please contact the Planning Department at 240-487-3538 or sbeavers@collegeparkmd.gov.

DELAY IN THE BERWYN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPAIR

WMATA notified College Park and Berwyn Heights that they were informed by Skanska (the contractor repairing the bridge) of a delay in the fabrication of the bridge span. The fabrication has been shifted from a facility in Roanoke, VA to a facility in Alabama, and the schedule now calls for delivery of the new span in March.

The installation of the new span will require a Green Line shutdown, and WMATA's current projection is that the span will be installed during the latter part of April. WMATA does not perform weekend rail shutdowns from late March to mid-April because of the Cherry Blossom festival and increased demand for weekend travel on the system.

From The Public Services Dept...
4601A Calvert Road 240-487-3570
publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK WINTER ALERT! SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Property owners, occupants and merchants are reminded of the City requirement to remove accumulated snow and ice from all walkways, driveways, parking lots and other areas used by pedestrians or automobiles. The owner or occupant of any property that abuts the sidewalk must clean public sidewalks of ice, sleet and snow for their full width. It is required that snow and ice be removed within the first eight (8) hours of daylight after snowfall stops. These requirements are listed under City Code Sections 157-6(B)(10) and 141-5(A).

Though City code enforcement officers may not cite all such violations immediately after a storm, failure to comply with this regulation in a timely manner could be used as evidence by anyone injured in a fall on or adjacent to your property if you are sued for such injuries.

Be prepared! Keep snow shovels and salt ready for the next storm, and plan to have help available if necessary to make your walkway safe as soon as the snow stops falling.



**"SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!
REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
IMMEDIATELY TO 9-1-1"**

From The Public Works Dept...
9217 51st Avenue 240-487-3590
publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov

PLASTIC BAGS NO LONGER ACCEPTED IN BLUE RECYCLING CART

Effectively immediately, Public Works is asking all residents to refrain from putting plastic bags in the blue recycling cart. This includes loose plastic bags or plastic film, a plastic bag containing other plastic bags/film, or a plastic garbage bag used to contain other recyclables. Shredded paper should now be contained in a paper bag. It can be secured by folding the top and stapling or taping it closed. Residents should place approved recyclables loose in the blue cart. If plastic bags are found in your blue cart, your recyclables will not be collected. All plastic bags/film need to be removed and your cart will be emptied on your next collection day.

Prince George's County announced they will no longer accept plastic bags in any form at the Materials Recovery Facility where the City's single-stream recycling is taken. These bags jam the sorting machines, which causes the entire facility to shut down and also increases maintenance costs. Residents can ensure their clean, dry plastic bags and film are recycled by taking them to their local grocery store.

Plastic bags/film can still be recycled by taking them to a local grocery store. MOMs Organic Market, Shoppers, and Giant all have receptacles at the front of the store for these items. Plastic bags/film include: retail bags, plastic wrapping on food, plastic sandwich bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, shrink wrap (e.g. around toilet paper and bottled water). For more information on what kind of plastic bags and film should be recycled at the grocery store, visit: <http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>.

KEEP LEAVES OFF THE STREET!

Do not rake or blow leaves or grass into the street. Debris that are left in the street wash into storm drains and storm sewers, potentially clogging them, which may result in flooding. Debris that washes into storm sewers is transported through local waterways and eventually to the Chesapeake Bay, threatening aquatic life.

What should you do instead? There are several options: Place them in paper bags or reusable containers for weekly curbside pickup (on the same

day as your trash and recycling collection), or start a compost pile in your backyard. The Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) has produced a brochure titled "Composting in 4 Easy Steps" to give you some ideas on how to manage yard waste in an environmentally-responsible way. Visit www.collegeparkmd.gov then click on Boards & Commissions, then click on Committee for a Better Environment to download the brochure.

TRAFFIC ALERT – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SPORTING EVENTS

Please be aware of pedestrians along city roads and expect heavier traffic throughout the day and evening for the following UMD events:

- Saturday, 1/2 @ 12:00 pm: UM women's basketball vs. Ohio State
- Wednesday, 1/6 @ 7:00 pm: UM men's basketball vs. Rutgers
- Thursday, 1/7 @ 7:00 pm: UM women's basketball vs. Nebraska
- Sunday, 1/10 @ 1:00 pm: UM wrestling vs. Michigan State
- Saturday, 1/16 @ 12:00 pm: UM men's basketball vs. Ohio State
- Sunday, 1/17 @ 12:00 pm: UM women's basketball vs. Northwestern
- Tuesday, 1/19 @ 8:00 pm: UM men's basketball vs. Northwestern
- Saturday, 1/23 @ 2:00 pm: UM women's basketball vs. Michigan State
- Sunday, 1/24 @ 1:00 pm: UM wrestling vs. Wisconsin
- Thursday, 1/28 @ 7:00 pm: UM men's basketball vs. Iowa
- Saturday, 1/30 @ 2:00 pm: UM women's basketball vs. Indiana

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas trees will be collected after the holidays on regularly scheduled brush collection days, Thursday and Friday. Trees should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m., and be free of lights, tinsel, ornaments, and other decorations.

RECYCLING HOLIDAY LIGHTS

My Organic Market (9827 Rhode Island Avenue; 301-220-1100; www.momsorganicmarket.com) is accepting your old incandescent holiday lights for recycling. Bring in your strings of holiday lights (do not include boxes or packaging) and receive a coupon for 15% off the purchase of LED holiday lights from HolidayLEDs.com (www.holidayleds.com).

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL – PARK ON THE EVEN SIDE!

Public Works crews plow and salt City streets and parking lots to clear snow and ice.

Things you can do to help include:

- Move parked cars off the street so the snow plows can clear snow to the curb.
- If off-street parking is not available during predicted snowstorms, park on the EVEN side of the road (EXCEPTION: if your address is odd-numbered and the area across from your house is undeveloped, park on the odd side of the street)
- The City is not responsible for clearing snow from driveways or driveway aprons – this is the resident’s responsibility.
- Be aware that the City begins plowing when snow reaches, or threatens to reach, 2-inch depths and will continue until well after the snow stops, making sure the roads are as clear and safe as possible. This means that your driveway may become accumulated with snow more than once as the trucks continue to plow. If you begin to remove snow before the trucks are finished, be mindful that your driveway may need to be cleared more than once.
- Clear snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of your residence. THIS INCLUDES STORMDRAINS! The City is responsible for clearing the streets; residents should work together to help keep storm drains clear.
- Have patience: crews work around the clock during snow emergencies to clear the streets. Although your street may not be plowed as quickly as you would like, our crews will make their way to you. Your patience is appreciated during these times.



Always plan to set your refuse and recycling carts out for your regularly scheduled day during snow events. Refuse and recycling collections may occur later in the day than normal, but you should not expect collections to be delayed until the following day.

WATER MAIN BREAKS

Water main breaks should be reported to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) at 301-206-4002 or to Public Works at 240-487-3590. Please have the physical address of the water main break available when you call.

WEEKLY YARD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Yard waste (leaves, grass, flowers, soft plants, and weeds) will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. Brush and logs should not be mixed in with soft (vegetative) yard waste as these two types of materials are processed independently of each other. Collected yard waste is processed into compost; trash should be separated out of the yard trim material and disposed of in the refuse cart.

Use paper yard waste bags or reusable containers ONLY, and place at the curb by 7:00 am on your regular collection day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Keep in mind that a small investment in a few reusable containers can quickly outweigh the cost of continuously purchasing biodegradable paper yard waste bags; multiple containers can be stacked to reduce storage space. Drill holes in the bottom of the containers to allow water to drain out. Containers must display a City yard waste sticker; free stickers are available to residents at all City buildings.

SLOW DOWN TO GET AROUND

It can be frustrating to encounter unexpected delays during your day, whether it is because you are behind a refuse truck or a school or Metro bus. However, it is important to remember that there are people in and around these vehicles who expect to arrive home safely at the end of the day. City employees have been injured as a result of distracted drivers. Remember to slow down to get around these vehicles, and that aggressive driving could kill or injure another person.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

It is very easy to get confused about what should, and more importantly, what should not be included in your blue recycling cart.

Here are some items that you should NOT include with your curbside recycling:

- Plastic bags and plastic film – plastic bags and film are no longer accepted in your blue recycling cart. They jam the sorting machines at the recycling facility and often end up too dirty to recycle. Reduce your plastic bag use by bringing reusable bags with you when you shop. Clean/dry plastic bags and film can be taken to MOMs Organic Market, Shoppers, Giant, Target, and Ikea for recycling. They all

have receptacles for customers to drop off these materials.

- Plastic cutlery – reduce the amount of disposable cutlery you use – keep a set of your own cutlery with you in your purse, car, or at work. If it can't be avoided, clean and save them for future reuse. Keep them out of the landfill AND your recycling carts.
- Clamshell containers – hinged containers often used for takeout food, salad bars, soft fruits, and small electronic items. Although they may have the #1 recycling symbol, these containers use a different kind of plastic resin that has a different melting point than most other #1 plastics. Bring your own containers when possible, and avoid purchasing items that are packaged in this way.
- Drinking glasses, ceramic mugs and cookware, window glass, and mirrors – these types of glass have additives that make them different from the glass used for food bottles and jars.
- Paper cups, plates and bowls; paper towels, tissues, and napkins – food contamination on these items make them unable to be recycled. Reduce your use of disposable items or put them in your trash.
- Waxed paper, sandwich wrap, chip bags, and candy bar wrappers – none of these items are recyclable, and they are usually contaminated with food or grease, so throw them away.
- Loose shredded paper and plastic bags – these become litter and create problems for the employees and machines at the recycling facility.
- Foam – any items made of foam, such as meat trays, takeout containers, packaging peanuts and materials. Avoid their use, reuse them, or put them in your trash. Foam packaging can be recycled at the College Park Shipping & Mailing or most UPS stores.
- Containers for motor oil, pesticides, herbicides, and other poisons – these containers often have residue that will contaminate other recyclables in the truck.
- Metal (non-food container items) – including items such as paper clips, clothes hangers, nuts and bolts, hardware, metal blinds, and containers for gas, oil, sealants, or other chemicals. An easy rule – if it was not a container for food or drinks, do NOT put it in your blue cart.
- TRASH and UNCLEAN recycling! This is one of the biggest problems we experience with the curbside recycling program. PLEASE make sure

containers are empty and rinsed to avoid contamination and to reduce flies and other pests. DO NOT use your recycling cart for trash – it is for recycling only!

Trash, food, and incorrect items mixed with recycling usually means that contaminated recycling ends up in the landfill, so do the right thing and recycle correctly. There are plenty of resources to help you: visit our recycling website at http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/government/public_works/recycling.php or contact Public Works at 240-487-3590 or publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov.

**From the Youth, Family
and Senior Services Dept...**
4912 Nantucket Rd. 240-487-3550

Healthy families and seniors are integral to the well-being of our College Park community. In order to help our residents enjoy their lives more fully, the City's Youth, Family and Senior Services Department is dedicated to providing quality service to help address challenges and provides supports for families and seniors that helps people live better lives and enhances the quality of life of our community.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Every family encounters challenges at one time or another. How we think, feel and act about situations affects our mental health and our lives. When we're in a good place, we have a positive attitude about the challenges in life. When we feel good about ourselves, we act accordingly. That is true for our children as well.

Yet stress of life's ups and downs are part of everyone's lives and can at times be both overwhelming and distressing. When your children are experiencing problems or you are becoming worried or frustrated with your interactions with them, we are here to help and invite you to contact us. Our City services may be of help in enhancing your family's overall mental health and well-being or if you have any questions. No one is denied services because of inability to pay. The number is 240-387-3550 #1.

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**For information about shopping,
dining, attractions services, and
accommodations in College Park, visit
shopcollegepark.org**

Services are provided in English and Spanish:

- Family Counseling
- Hispanic Parent Support Group
- Information and Referrals
- Special Events – Halloween Thing & Spring Egg Hunt
- Advocacy with schools, Social Services, etc.

Peggy Higgins, LCSW-C, Director
 4912 Nantucket Road
 College Park, MD 20740
 240-487-3550

SENIOR SERVICES

The City of College Park provides assistance to College Park residents aged 62 and older. City staff help seniors deal with other agencies, to include health insurance companies, Medicare, Social Security, prescription drug programs and Social Services. Staff serves as liaison to other community resources and provide assistance in understanding business correspondence and other personal matters. They work to resolve family and interpersonal issues and provide information and referrals.

Additional services include:

Transportation: The Seniors Program provides limited bus transportation to local medical appointments (Monday – Friday) and shopping centers (Tuesday and Wednesday). Due to demand, we ask that you make any request for shopping excursion or medical appointment transportation one week in advance.

Local Outings: Local outings are planned for our physically challenged seniors. Interested seniors should contact Angie Burns for information at 301-345-8100. These trips operate on a first-come first-served basis.

Day Trips: The City of College Park offers eight day trips a year for our seniors. Trips are subsidized by the City to keep them affordable. Trip notifications are made in March for trips running April through November.

Senior Socials: These are fun events where seniors gather together, new friends and old, and have a good time! A committee of seniors within College Park meets and plans these activities. Events are advertised on the College Park website, www.collegeparkmd.gov, and Comcast cable channel 71 or Verizon channel 25.

To be included on the College Park seniors' mailing list, contact 301-345-8100. Notices are mailed to the homes of those seniors on the mailing list.

College Park Seniors Program
Angie Burns, Program Manager

9014 Rhode Island Ave 4711 Berwyn House Rd
 College Park, MD 20740 College Park, MD 20740
 301-345-8100 301-474-0025

DIRECTORY

City of College Park Main Number.....	240-487-3500
City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740	
<i>Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-7pm; Sat. 1-5pm; Sun. - Closed</i>	
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
<i>(Mon.-Fri. 8am-10pm/Sat. 1-7pm)</i>	
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
<i>Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Public Safety and Recreation. Parking Enforcement is at City Hall.</i>	
24 Hour Hotline	240-487-3588
<i>For Urgent Code Enforcement, Noise Control, Animal Control Issues.</i>	
Public Works: 9217 51st Ave.....	240-487-3590
<i>Trash Collection, Recycling and Special Pick-ups.</i>	
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

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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 Stulich (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

2015 – 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

After a lengthy public process, in August 2015 the City Council adopted a new five-year Strategic Plan. The plan includes a new City vision, mission, values, goals, and an action plan for 2015 through 2020.

Below is a summary of the Strategic Plan goals and some activities that have been done or are in process to help the City meet its goals. The full plan and updates are on the City's website at http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/programs_and_initiatives/2020strategicplan.php.

Goal 1: One College Park

The City of College Park and its residents, the University of Maryland and its students, faculty and staff, and all stakeholders are connected to the community and work together for the best interest of College Park. All stakeholders are actively engaged in achieving our vision.

Staff is or will be:

- Identifying effective models to strengthen citywide community building
- Evaluating recommendations from the Aging-in-Place Taskforce
- Identifying resources and developing processes to improve communications

Goal 2: Environmental Sustainability

The City is a leader in the protection and restoration of natural resources and the implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, technologies, and plans.

- 90 percent of the Trolley Trail Permaculture Garden survived their first growing season. Phase 2 is planned for 2016.
- The City Council endorsed a City Operations Sustainability Plan that will (over time) reduce the environmental impact of City services.
- A County stormwater management consultant is working with the City to develop stormwater quality improvement projects in the City. A sand filtration project at Davis Hall is moving forward. The consultant will present to the City Council and neighborhood associations recommendations for projects, which would be funded by the County.

Goal 3: High Quality Development and Reinvestment

The City works with partners to facilitate investment along Baltimore Avenue, in the College Park metro station area, Berwyn Commercial District, and the Hollywood Commercial District to expand commercial development and housing options and increase the tax base to finance improvements in services and infrastructure.

- The University has shared with the County and the City a draft application to have part of the City designated as a Regional Institutional Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone to incentivize new commercial development. Council will discuss the application in January or February.
- WMATA and Prince George's County are evaluating proposals to develop part of WMATA's property at the College Park Metro Station and a County-owned parcel adjacent to the station.

Goal 4: Quality Infrastructure

The City's infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, paths, technology, utilities, parks, playgrounds, City Hall, and other City facilities are constructed and maintained at a high quality standard and meet the needs of residents, employees, and visitors.

- The Planning Department will present to Council a draft Complete Streets Policy in early 2016.
- The City and the University have signed a contract with Zagster, a bike-share vendor, and will implement the initiative in the spring.

Goal 5: Effective Leadership

The City models excellent leadership and teamwork among Council, staff, and community partners to achieve the City's vision and goals.

- A new Council Orientation Handbook was developed and has been provided to all Councilmembers and senior staff.
- The City Manager and Council are discussing a retreat to be held in February.

Goal 6: Excellent Services

College Park has high quality, consistent, and cost-effective services in every department that contribute to a desirable, welcoming, and safe City.

- Each department is reviewing current performance measures and developing or revising measures for the new Strategic Plan and the FY17 budget.
- The City Manager and the Assistant City Manager meet with department directors monthly to review the Strategic Plan and service delivery.
- IT and Code Enforcement staff have completed the clean-up and partial reconfiguration of the data and software used to track code violations and business licenses. Staff training is being scheduled so all staff understand the new processes for using the software.