WHAT I DID AT SUMMER CAMP...

At the February 28 Mayor and Council meeting, ten of the 2016 City of College Park’s University of Maryland Youth Summer Camp Scholarship winners were recognized by Mayor and Council. Three students shared their summer camp experiences that evening at the Council meeting; ninth-grader Marcos Silver, fifth-grader Christian Pacheco and second-grader Noah Brown all spoke about how much fun they had and what they learned at camp (and Noah even showed a drawing he did of one of the bugs he learned about in bug camp).

Every year, the City’s Education Advisory committee provides scholarships to local City children to attend a University of Maryland summer camp. Since the program’s inception in 2013, 254 College Park children (from grades K-12) have been awarded scholarships. These scholarships provide an opportunity for resident children to attend summer camps that they may not otherwise be able to. After the summer camps end, each scholarship winner writes and submits an essay regarding their time and experiences at camp.

If you're a resident and interested in applying, the 2017 Application for the City of College Park’s University of Maryland Youth Summer Camp Scholarship is due on March 15, 2017. For more information, please see page 2.
CITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UMD YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Do you live in the City of College Park and are in grades K-12? Want to go to arts, science, reading or sports camp this summer? City residents can get up to $400 per student to attend a UMD youth summer camp, like Lego Robotics, Music/Band/Orchestra, Engineering, Bug Camp, Gymnastics, Basketball, Arts, Reading, Quidditch and so much more!

The deadline to apply for the City of College Park Scholarship to University of Maryland Youth Summer Camp is Wednesday, March 15, 2017. Notification will be by April 3, 2017. Applications are available online here and at Youth and Family Services (4912 Nantucket Rd) and at City Hall (4500 Knox Rd). The application lists some of the UMD summer camps available along with instructions as how to find the full offerings.

Only residents of the City of College Park are eligible to apply. One application per student. Awards are granted up to a maximum of $400 per student. Students are eligible to receive an award for one camp session only. For more information, contact the City's Department of Youth, Family and Senior Services at 240-487-3550 or email phenderson@collegeparkmd.gov.

COLLEGE PARK CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, the artwork created by Hollywood Elementary students for the City’s Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were on display in the Council Chambers during the entire month of February. For pictures of all the artwork, visit our facebook page or click here.
TAX SEASON

It may be only March, but tax season is upon us. This year, federal and state taxes are due on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

City residents, don’t forget that when filling out your Maryland state tax return to note the City of College Park as your municipality.

For more information regarding federal and Maryland state taxes, please visit:

http://www.marylandtaxes.com/
https://www.irs.gov/

PLASTIC BAGS

Did you know that plastic bags are the largest contaminant in the recycling stream? Please don’t put plastic bags in your recycling cart. Why? The Materials Recovery Facility (where the City’s recycling is taken) unfortunately does not accept plastic bags in any form. Bags jam the sorting machines, which causes the entire facility to shut down and increases maintenance costs.

If plastic bags are found in your blue cart, your recyclables will not be collected. All plastic bags/film need to be removed prior to collection on your recycling day. Recyclables should be placed loose in the blue cart.

However, plastic bags/film can still be recycled by taking them to a local store! MOMs Organic Market, Target, Home Depot, Best Buy, Shoppers, and Giant all have receptacles at the front of the store for them.

COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH

It’s almost time to start planting again! Did you know the City makes its own compost and wood mulch? Compost is organic matter that’s been decomposed to become a soil amendment. It’s a great way to plant and improve the soil and is very eco-friendly. The City’s SMARTLEAF® compost is screened to remove non-biodegradable particles and is of the highest quality.

SMARTLEAF® compost and wood mulch is available for sale at the Department of Public Works. SMARTLEAF® compost is $28.00 per cubic yard, and wood mulch is $12.00 per cubic yard (all prices include tax). Material may be picked up from the Department of Public Works in Davis Hall (9217 51st Avenue) Monday-Friday 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Bring your open-bed pickup truck or trailer during the hours listed above and material can be loaded in your vehicle for you. Trucks with a 4” bed can hold 1/2 a cubic yard, a 6” bed can hold 1 cubic yard, and an 8” bed can hold 2 cubic yards.

Don’t have a truck? Bring a shovel and your own containers (bins, buckets, bags, etc.) and be prepared to load your containers yourself. We sell in 1/4 cubic yard increments.

• 1/2 cubic yard is 18 five-gallon buckets
• 1/4 cubic yard is 9 five-gallon buckets; or 3 paper yard waste bags filled half full

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Deliveries start mid March – weather permitting! For more information click here to visit our web page, or call us at 240-487-3590 or email jmccaslin@collegeparkmd.gov.
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MODULAR BUILDING**

In February, the four modular buildings located at the Department of Public Works' Davis Hall were installed. Work has begun to connect the four pieces together to form one building. The building's roof, electrical and plumbing is also being worked on and the building should be finished by the end of March or early April.

**APRIL IS SPRING CLEANUP MONTH**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 8, 22 & 29, 7:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, 9217 51ST AVENUE**

The City's annual spring cleanup for City residents is coming! The four April cleanup days are for residents only; proof of residency is required. As part of the cleanup dates...

- Resident can drop-off bulky trash, yard waste and brush, and electronics for recycling.
- Styrofoam will be collected for special recycling (molded #6 expanded polystyrene foam; foam coolers & electronics packaging). The styrofoam cannot be contaminated with tape, stickers, food, or other impurities. No food or beverage containers or packing peanuts.
- Air conditioners, heat pumps, refrigerators and freezers may dropped off and could incur a disposal fee.
- Tires will incur a disposal fee of $4.00 each.
- Hazardous materials will not be accepted (shingles, propane tanks, paint, etc.).
- SMARTLEAF® compost and wood mulch will be available for sale – residency is not required.
- Residents can also donate to two different non-profits. Donating helps divert items from the landfill that are still in good condition, and donations are tax deductible. Clean out your homes, garages, and sheds, and bring the items you no longer use or need and donate them for reuse. We will once again be working with two non-profits:
  - Community Forklift accepts donations of surplus, gently-used and salvaged home improvement supplies. Click [here](#) for a full list of acceptable items.
  - GreenDrop, an organization selected by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the National Federation of the Blind and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Philadelphia, to raise funds through the collection of donated clothing and household items. Click [here](#) for a full list of acceptable items.
UPCOMING EVENTS

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
5051 PIERCE AVE

Join your fellow College Park neighbors as we plant, beautify, collect food and much more for this year’s Good Neighbor Day! Across College Park there will be planting, invasive plant species removal, meal packing, a food drive, litter reduction and other beautification events.

Volunteers can enjoy a relaxing yoga session afterwards at the College Park Community Center. There will also be a College Park ParkRun 5k as well.

As part of Good Neighbor Day, we encourage the community to collect non-perishable goods to be delivered to the College Park Food Bank. Food donation boxes are located at:

- City Hall, 4500 Knox Road
- Public Works, 9217 51st Ave, College Park

Volunteers are wanted - register today at www.goodneighborday.umd.edu. The event will go on rain or shine. Plus you can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours!

SPRING EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
YOUTH, FAMILY AND SENIOR SERVICES
4912 NANTUCKET ROAD

The annual City of College Park’s Department of Youth, Family and Senior Services’ Spring Egg Hunt will be on April 8 from 10am to 12pm at the Youth and Family Services building. There will be an egg hunt, face painting, games, prizes, arts & crafts, meet the bunny and more! The event is free and for all ages.
MEET...

YOUSSEF OULAHYANE

This month, we’ll be introducing you to Youssef Oulahyane, an Information Systems Technician III for the City of College Park!

Originally born in Morocco, Youssef emigrated to the United States over 29 years ago and has lived in the D.C. area ever since! He has also been with the City for over 20 years, first serving as a parking enforcement officer, then a fiscal support specialist and then finally an Information Systems Technician within our Department of Information Systems (thank you for your dedication and service to the City, Youssef!). He enjoys the City’s diversity and charm and finds College Park to be a really cool place to work and live.

Youssef is an avid soccer player (don’t get him started on the last World Cup), cyclist, tennis player and swimmer. When you don’t catch him playing on one of the several tennis courts in the City during his lunch break, you can usually find him tinkering with his cameras while he’s taking beautiful photos (especially when he travels). He can also speak three languages and loves to cook (his holiday season breakfasts for fellow coworkers are legendary and go way too quickly).

He is one of our tech and website gurus in the City; using technology to solve issues and enhance daily operations of the City and City staff. Merci beaucoup Youssef!

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

WEEKLY YARD TRIM COLLECTION REMINDERS

Yard trim (grass, flowers, leaves, 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 trim as these two types of materials are processed independently of each other. Collected yard trim is processed into compost; trash should be separated out of the yard trim material and disposed of in the refuse cart.

Use paper yard trim bags or reusable containers*, 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.

WHAT TO DO IF A WATER MAIN BREAKS

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

BRUSH AND LOG COLLECTION

Brush (sticks, branches, shrubs, trees, and bamboo) and logs are collected on Thursday and Friday by appointment. Please email publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov or call 240-487-3590 to schedule an appointment. Please bundle and tie items with string (do not use wire or put in plastic bags). Bundles should be less than 5 feet long and weigh less than 75 pounds.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

The City is not permitted to collect hazardous material. Please do not include with your trash or recycling any of the following: household or car batteries, paint that is not dried up, propane tanks, shingles, fluorescent light bulbs, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, smoke detectors, solvents, varnishes and stains, swimming pool chemicals, automotive fluids and fuels. Prince George’s County accept hazardous materials Thursday-Saturday.

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from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Brown Station Landfill, located at 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Please call 310-883-5045 or visit http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Acceptance-Sit-115 for more information. Proof of residency is required.

SHARPS AND MEDICAL WASTE
Items such as syringes and needles are a danger to refuse collectors. To dispose of these types of items, please make sure that they are capped and placed in a sharps container. Check with local doctors' offices, hospitals, pharmacies, health departments, or fire stations as they may provide free collection sites. These items are not recyclable and must be placed in the trash. Fines may be issued for inappropriate disposal.

REQUESTS FOR STREET TREES
The City of College Park has a program that provides for street tree planting in the city right-of-way area, which includes the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk. College Park residents interested in requesting a tree can contact the City Horticulturist at 240-487-3590 or publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov. The location will be inspected to determine if it is suitable. Planning for tree planting is an ongoing activity.

• Why plant trees on your property? Trees provide many benefits for homeowners, including interception of rain water and reduction of storm water runoff, reducing residential cooling & heating costs, carbon sequestration, and increasing property values (just to name a few).
• There are several programs available to residents to provide funding for tree planting on private property. Now is a good time to begin planning for the spring planting season! Click on the links below for more information and to get started.
  • Click here to learn more about the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program and click here for an application.
  • Click here for a Maryland DNR Tree Coupon

PUBLIC FORUM

PROPOSAL TO LEASE THE CALVERT ROAD SCHOOL SITE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FOR A CHILD DAY CARE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M.
2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS (4500 KNOX ROAD, COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740)

The College Park City Council will hold a Public Forum on March 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. to present the proposed terms for a long-term lease agreement between the City and the University of Maryland for a Child Day Care program at the Calvert Road school building. The lease will also make provision for community meeting space.

On July 5, 2016, University of Maryland representatives Carlo Colella (Vice President for Administration and Finance) and Anne Martens (Assistant Vice President for Administration and Finance) formally presented a concept plan to the College Park City Council for a City-University sponsored Child Day Care Program at the Calvert Road School site, which is owned by the City. The building has been vacant since the Friends Community School ended its lease in 2007.

At a subsequent Worksession on September 6, 2016, representatives from Bright Horizons, which is the child care provider selected by the University of Maryland, met with the Council to discuss their proposal for an employer-sponsored child care program at the Calvert Road site.

On September 20, 2016, the City Council formally authorized staff to begin negotiations with the University of Maryland on the proposal. City staff and University of Maryland representatives have been engaged in these negotiations since last fall. A Public Forum will be held on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. to present the proposed terms reached with the University of Maryland and to answer any questions from the public. The City Council will not be voting on the proposed terms at this meeting.

For more information please contact Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk, at 240-487-3501.
MUNICIPAL SCENE

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 lroberts@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.

GET SOCIAL!

Like or follow the City’s social media accounts for the most up-to-date news, community information, events, development and more in College Park!

Twitter: @collegepark_md
Facebook.com/collegeparkmd
Instagram: @collegeparkmd

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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
PEPICO - Power Outages, Lines Down ... 1-877-737-2662
WSSC: Water Mains ......................... 301-206-4002
Prince George's County Storm Drains .... 301-499-8523