



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK MUNICIPAL SCENE

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NEWS



COLLEGE PARK DAY

The City of College Park celebrated its 6th annual College Park Day on Saturday, September 24th at the College Park Aviation Museum. This year, we saw over 4,000 attendees, making it the biggest College Park Day yet!

This year's festival was chock-full of events and activities. There were two stages of live music featuring some wonderful talent including the Low Rent Quartet, the Pocket, the Last Year and Joyful Motion. Throughout the day there were fun and invigorating group fitness classes like Zumba, Zoca and Yoga (we spotted Councilmember Brennan Zumba-ing in his fun Committee for a Better Environment Litter Logo outfit). The University of Maryland's Gymkana wowed us all with their flying acrobatics and exhilarating tricks.



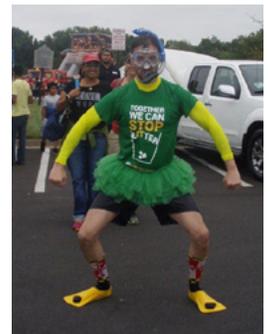
Mayor Wojahn after the dunk tank

There was also plenty of things to do for our littlest College Park residents. From bounce houses, to face painting there was so much fun for all. There was even an 83 foot aircraft carrier obstacle course, 20 foot rock wall, a fire truck obstacle course and lots of

games and activities. The event also featured a community bike ride, Miss College Park and the Princesses, Maryland's Famous Birds - the Oriole Bird and Poe of the Ravens, and tons of vendors and food.

Did you notice Mayor Wojahn and Councilmember Brennan looking a bit wet? To raise money for College Park charities, these two esteemed College Park leaders donned their wet-suits, climbed into a dunk tank and braved the water (and a good throwing arm)!

Thank you to all who attended and we'll see you next year!



Councilmember Brennan



City of College Park's tent at College Park Day

HONORING A HERO



Mayor and Council with Renita Smith (center), residents, members of Prince George's County Public Schools and Prince George's County Fire/EMS, and students (with their parents) who ride Ms. Smith's bus.

On Tuesday, September 27, Prince George's County Public Schools Bus Driver Renita Smith was honored and recognized by the City of College Park for her courage and heroic actions.

On September 12, Ms. Smith safely evacuated 20 elementary school children, when the bus she was driving caught on fire on the 9600 block of 51st Avenue in College Park. It was because of her quick-thinking and heroic efforts that those children were saved and safely returned home to their families. Ms. Smith is an inspiration to our community and her actions are a reminder that heroes walk among us. Thank you to residents who helped during the ordeal and to Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad who were the first responders to the scene.



Please visit the City's facebook page for video links and photos of the event at facebook.com/collegetparkmd.



THE NEW SENIOR SOCIAL CENTER IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!

Wednesday, September 28th marked the grand opening of the City's Department of Youth, Family and Senior Service's brand new Senior Social Center. We had a great turnout at the event so thank you to all who came! Mayor Wojahn, Councilmember Dennis and Councilmember Kabir all spoke to mark the occasion, and there was plenty of food and fun to be had by all.

The Senior Social Center will have weekly events; every Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the City's Youth and Family Services located at 4912 Nantucket Road. The events include watercoloring and other artistic activities courtesy of the College Park Arts Exchange, and group fitness activities such as yoga and aerobics courtesy of M-NCPPC Parks and Recreation. Please call 301-345-8100 for more information or for a schedule of events and activities.

LITTER LOGO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to the Kathy and Gina, the winners of the City of College Park's Committee for a Better Environment Litter Logo Contest!

The Committee for a Better Environment set out to find a logo design that raised awareness of litter, proper waste disposal, and



Council holding the winning design during the September 13 Mayor and Council Meeting

recycling in our city.

A design contest was then held during the month of April. Designers of all ages and abilities were asked to incorporate graphic elements, characters, colors, and/or a text slogan to evoke a liter-awareness message.

The winning submission by Gina Tomko and Kathy Everett from the Non-student/Resident Category is featured on the left. Submissions were placed into three categories: Local Students (Ages 1-17), UM Students, and Other College Park Residents with first place winning \$250, second winning \$100 and third place winning \$50. Girl Scout Troup 1734 College Park Methodist Church won second place and were in the Elementary/High School student Category, and Michelle Delabrer won third place from the University Student Category. Thank you to all who submitted their designs!

WHAT'S IN A SEAL?

Whether it's on the City's flag, signs or even on the Municipal Scene, the City Seal is an important and historic representation of College Park. However, many don't know what the Seal's four main pieces represent (although we have heard some interesting guesses). So here's a brief rundown and history of our fine Seal!

Back in the fall of 1959, it was suggested that the City of College Park have both a City Seal and a Flag. So the Mayor and Council agreed that it was necessary and decided to open up the project on a competitive basis to increase participation and options. A committee of eight were selected among the City's prominent and long-time residents to judge the designs. Of the five seal design entries, the committee chose the design by Mel Havenner and recommended it to Mayor and Council. On April 10, 1962 the Havenner design was adopted as the official Seal of the City.



But what does the Seal even represent? Divided into quadrants, each section represents an important facet of the City;

1. the books represent education (being the home of a great university);
2. the airplane and landing field represent the historic College Park airport;
3. the chapel represents religion (did you know that College Park is home to one of the oldest African American churches in Prince George's county?); and
4. the wheels represent industry.

So there you have it, our 54 year old Seal contains a lot of meaning, and symbolism to represent our wonderful community and home.

PURPLE LIGHT NIGHTS

Starting on October 3rd, City Hall will be bathed in purple as part of the Purple Light Nights. The goal of Purple Light Nights campaign; part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, is to raise awareness and to create a unified voice in the fight against domestic violence. The City is participating in this cause to signal our unity against domestic violence by shining purple lights from all outdoor light fixtures at City Hall. The City's Council voted to participate in this month-long event on September 27th.

Residents can also participate by shining a purple light on their porch or in their window throughout the month of October.

PET MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

On Saturday, October 8 and 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 pets to their families if lost. We encourage residents to bring their furry family members to participate in this free event!

Can't make it on Oct. 8 or Nov. 5? The City's Animal Control Officer does make pet microchipping visits for only \$30. Please call 240-487-3575 or email animalcontrol@collegetparkmd.gov to schedule an appointment or for more information.



TAKE A HISTORIC WALKING TOUR AROUND BERWYN, LAKELAND, CALVERT HILLS OR OLD TOWN!

Wondering what those markers around Lakeland, Berwyn and Old Town are? They are part of the College Park historic walking tours! Look for a walking tour brochure holder or visit City Hall for one of our historic walking tour brochures and maps!

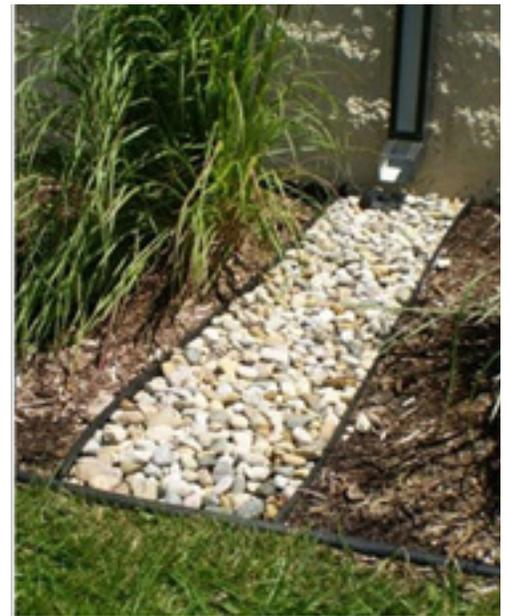
CONTROL SOIL EROSION AND RAINWATER RUNOFF

When rain falls on hard surfaces such as patios, walkways, and driveways, it is easily channeled into nearby storm drains, streams, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Encourage water on your property to move slowly over the soil so that most of it seeps harmlessly into the ground.

- Divert rainwater from roofs, driveways, and walkways onto grass to permit gradual absorption.
- Use a concrete splash block or stones at downspout outlets to reduce soil erosion by water.
- Use grass swales—low sloping areas on your lawn—to move water from one area to another.
- Plant a rain garden using native plants in a low-lying area of your yard to allow storm-water to infiltrate slowly into the ground rather than running off into the nearest storm drain.

(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 brochure)

Prince George's County also offers a Rain Check Rebate Program, for more information please visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/313/Rebates.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER CLEANUP SATURDAYS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 AND OCTOBER 29

7:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DAVIS HALL) 9217 51ST AVENUE, COLLEGE PARK

The City of College Park Public Works facility will be open for City residents the last two Saturdays in October, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to drop-off bulky trash, electronics recycling, brush, and yard trim.

Electronics that may be recycled include, but are not limited to: TVs, computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, VCRs, CD, DVD & MP3 players, cell phones & PDAs, printers, scanners, fax machines, telephones, radios, stereos, electric tools, game systems, handheld games, microwaves, and cords/cables.

Hazardous materials will not be accepted (shingles, propane tanks, paint, etc.). Air conditioners, heat pumps, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, and freezers may incur a disposal fee; tires will incur a disposal fee of \$4.00 each.

Once again we will be working with Community Forklift and GreenDrop to divert items from the landfill that are still in good condition. All 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. The following types of items will be collected separately so they may be reused:

- Community Forklift: Building, remodeling, and gardening materials – any surplus or salvaged (in GOOD condition) items from your latest home or garden improvement job, including but not limited to: bricks and pavers, plumbing and light fixtures, tiles and flooring material, cabinets, doors, gardening supplies, and tools. Click here for full list of acceptable items: <http://communityforklift.org/donate/donate-materials/donation-guidelines/>
- GreenDrop: Clothing and household items – cookware, dishes, books, linens, games, toys, clothes, shoes, and intact furniture items (NO upholstered furniture or mattresses/box springs). Click here for full list of acceptable items: <https://www.greendrop.com/what-we-accept>

We will also be selling wood mulch and SMARTLEAF® screened compost. You do not need to be a resident in order to purchase. Wood mulch is \$12.00 per cubic yard and Smartleaf® is \$28.00 per cubic yard. (Prices include tax).

DOCUMENT SHREDDING - OCTOBER 29 ONLY

On-site document shredding services will be available on Saturday, October 29, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bring your old tax records, medical paperwork, and any other confidential information to be shredded while you wait. All paper will be recycled.

Call or email the Department of Public Works with questions or for more information at 240-487-3590 or via email at publicworks@collegetparkmd.gov. You must be a resident of the City of College Park and bring proof of City residency in order to participate in these events.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK SENIORS PROGRAM - SENIORS AWARENESS DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

5051 PIERCE AVENUE, COLLEGE PARK

Join us to learn about wellness and legal information and to receive your flu shot (flu shots are free for individuals who have Medicare Part B- so bring your ID and Medicare card). **Registration is required, please RSVP at 301-345-8100.**

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...



FINANCE DIRECTOR GARY FIELDS

This month, meet our brand new Finance Director, Gary Fields!

Gary was born in Oklahoma but grew up in a suburb of Dallas (we shall not speak of where his football team allegiances lay). He's lived in quite a few states throughout the country including Michigan, Texas, Oklahoma and Virginia. In his spare time he remodels various rooms in his home, and even dabbles in a bit of wood-working. A fan of the Urban Sombrero, Gary also designs and creates intricate and beautiful stained glass pieces, while wearing the confident yet ruggedly luxurious French Farmer's shirt from the J. Peterman catalog. As can probably tell, yada yada yada "Seinfeld."

While Gary has only been here in College Park for a little over two weeks, he already really likes all the activity going on in our community. Whether its the development happening in the City or seeing countless people walking past his window, he really enjoys the energy and vibrancy of College Park. His favorite part of being Finance Director? Being involved with a wide variety of aspects of the City and helping with various projects and initiatives to benefit the City. And with Gary now on-board, perhaps this year we may see some true Festivus miracles!

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 signs posted in your neighborhood for collection dates or visit www.collegparkmd.gov and click on Curbside Leaf Collection on the left side under Latest News for the collection schedule.

Until curbside leaf vacuum collection begins, residents should continue to set out yard waste on regularly scheduled collection days (same day as refuse and recycling collection), using only paper yard waste bags or properly labeled reusable containers (reusable containers must display a yard waste sticker, available to City residents at City buildings). Weekly yard waste collection will end on October 26. 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.

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 or contact Public Works for the most updated information.

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 4 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.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SPORTING EVENTS TRAFFIC ALERTS

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

Here is a list of some upcoming University of Maryland home football games:

October Home Football Games:

Saturday, October 1 - vs Purdue - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 15 - vs. Minnesota - TBA
Saturday, October 22 - vs Michigan State - 7:30p.m.

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



In October of 1909 (107 years ago) the Wright brothers trained members of the Army on their airplanes at the newly built College Park airport. The College Park airport is the oldest continuously operating airport in the world!

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.

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.

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Facebook: facebook.com/collegeparkmd
Instagram: [@collegeparkmd](https://instagram.com/collegeparkmd)

DIRECTORY

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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 Hotline240-487-3588
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)
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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