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# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City of College Park Councilmembers

**From:** Scott Somers, City Manager

**Date:** April 25, 2016

**Subject:** City Of College Park Weekly Bulletin

**Attachments:** Arbor Day, Maryland Day, Save the Date – University of Maryland Bike Week and Bike to Work Day 2016

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### City Manager's Update – Week of April 18, 2016

- Janeen Miller, City Clerk, and I finalized the draft Council Regular Meeting Agenda.
- Peggy Higgins, Youth, Family and Senior Services Director, and I met to discuss potential improvements to the City's Senior Service programs.
- Attended the CMAST Public Safety meeting.
- Jill Clements, Human Resources Director, and I met to review progress made concerning labor negotiations and several personnel items.
- Attended the City Council Worksession.
- Attended the weekly City Staff meeting.
- Bob Ryan, Public Services Director, and I met to review Code Enforcement forms and to discuss several personnel items.
- Terry Schum, Planning Director, Steve Beavers, Community Development Coordinator, and I met to review the Zagster bike share station implementation and location plan. There had been discussion about delaying the Greenbelt Metro station bike share location until the local community could further review and determine a different location. After numerous field analyses with staff, discussions with WMATA and with District 1 Councilmembers, it was decided to move forward with the originally selected location, which is the south side of Lackawanna Street, immediately prior to entering the Greenbelt Metro fenced in area. In addition to the bike share station, a sidewalk will be installed along Lackawanna Street, adjacent to the planned bike share station.
- Staff met with AFSCME representatives and stewards to continue labor negotiations since the current contract expires June 30, 2016.
- Attended the ICMA (International City/County Managers Association) Northeast Summit in Annapolis. Seminar items included How to Be a Resilient Leader, Working With and Changing Existing Organization Culture, and Developing Effective Meetings.
- Attended the MCCMA (Maryland City/County Managers Association) quarterly meeting.
- Worked with Councilmembers and residents on several constituent requests and items.

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## Planning

- Final preparations are in progress for the launch of our new bikeshare system, mBike, on May 4, at 3:00 pm (please note the new time). Stations will be installed starting this week.
- On April 20, two meetings were held to present the concept of Bicycle Boulevards on City streets and obtain input. One was a stakeholder meeting with local, state and university bicycle professionals and the other was a public session for residents and other interested parties. The results of the meetings will be included in a final report to be presented by the consultant in June.
- Bids were advertised on April 11 for the Duvall Field project. A pre-bid meeting was held on April 25 and bids are due on May 9.
- This is the last week for the Mayor's Water Challenge. We are currently ranked #16 in our population category. Please go to [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com) to participate on behalf of College Park and improve our ranking.

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## Public Works

- The final Cleanup Saturday is this weekend, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. You must be a City resident to bring items for disposal. We are also selling Smartleaf® compost and wood mulch from 8:00 am to 11:45 pm and you do not have to be a resident to purchase.
- We will celebrate Arbor Day, Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 11:15 am along the Trolley Trail in the 8500 Block of Rhode Island Avenue. We will be planting a native tree with Holy Redeemer School's fourth grade class.

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## Engineering

- The replacement RRFB crosswalk signal at Rhode Island Avenue and Muskogee Street is operational.

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## Public Services

Public Services program statistics may be found in the Monthly report to Mayor and Council.

### WALK SMART- DRIVE SMART - BIKE SMART - GET HOME SAFELY

It's springtime and more of us are out enjoying the weather.

**WALK SMART:** Use marked crosswalks-Wait for the WALK signal- Look up from your smart phone and LOOK both ways for oncoming traffic-STAY ALERT

**DRIVE SMART:** Slow down- -STOP for all pedestrians in crosswalks – STAY ALERT

**BIKE SMART:** If you share the road, you are on a vehicle- Vehicle traffic laws apply to you- STOP at red lights and stop signs-YIELD the right of way to pedestrians on sidewalks and crosswalks, and when required by traffic signs – Even when you have the right of way, don't be dead right, larger vehicles are less maneuverable than you – STAY ALERT

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## MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

Monday, April 25, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

- Public Hearing on the Greater College Park Rise Zone Application
- There will be a closed session at the conclusion of the meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2016

7:30 P.M. Four Cities Meeting in New Carrollton

Monday, May 2, 2016

7:00 P.M. Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Worksession

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Worksession

Friday, May 20, 2016

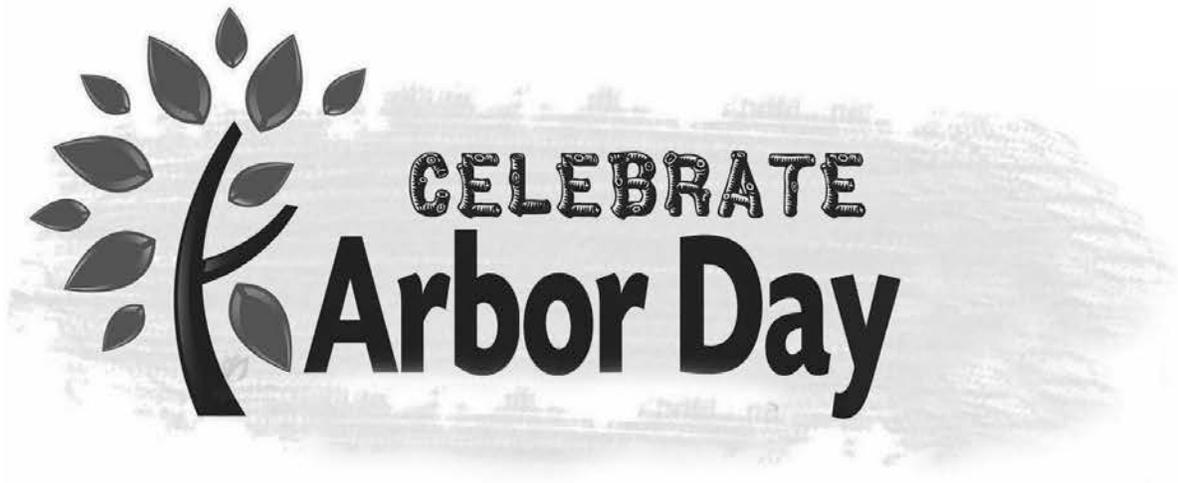
6:30 P.M. Reception for Volunteers Appointed To City Boards –  
University Of Maryland Golf Course Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 30, 2016

11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Celebration  
Veterans Memorial at the Corner of Us Route 1 and Greenbelt Road



Join the City of College Park  
as we celebrate Arbor Day

April 28, 2016

11:15 a.m.

8500 Block of Rhode Island Avenue  
College Park, MD 20740

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BIKE WEEK 2016

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# BIKE TO WORK DAY 2016

## FRIDAY MAY 20



COMMUTER CONNECTIONS



Takoma Bicycle

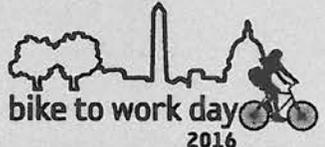


Pre-register by May 13 for Free T-shirt\* and Bike Raffles!



FREE FOOD, BEVERAGES and GIVEAWAYS at all locations

Visit [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org) for pit stop locations & times.  
 \*T-shirts available at pit stops to first 15,000 who register.  
 Over 80 pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.



Bike to Work Day is also funded by D.C., MD, VA and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

Register free at [BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG](http://BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG) or call 800.745.7433

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