



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

To: City of College Park Council Members

From: Scott Somers, City Manager

Date: October 20, 2015

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

Attachments: City Halloween Event; Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite; Destination College Park - Open House at the Visitors Center at University of Maryland; Health Department Flu Clinics

Assistant City Manager

- Is working with staff on the Legislative Dinner. Councilmembers are requested to contact him if they have legislative items they wish to discuss prior to the November 4 Worksession.
 - Will work with IT and Code Enforcement staff to review the use of Comcate and explore options for improving customer service.
 - Is working with the City Manager and the City Clerk on a revised Council Orientation Manual.
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City Clerk

- The City Clerk's office is continuing to prepare for the November 3 election. Between now and Tuesday, October 27, 2015, applications for Absentee Ballots may be downloaded [here](#) or picked up from City Hall. For more information please contact the City Clerk's office at 240-487-3501.
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Finance

- No new information
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Human Resources

- The Health and Wellness Fair on October 8, 2015 was a success. There were 82 employees in attendance, 60 got their flu shots, 25 got their hearing tested, 44 got their cholesterol and blood pressure checked. Several employees mentioned that they learned something they didn't know and a few made immediate follow-up appointments with their primary care physicians.

Planning

- In the next few days, M-NCPPC will release a draft of the first module of the rewrite of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance which can be viewed at zoningpgc.pgplanning.com.
 - This module recommends new zoning categories and use tables and a more user-friendly format. Clarion Associates, consultants for the project, will present information sessions on module 1 on October 27, 28, and 29 at three different locations (see attached flyer for details). Staff will place this item on a future worksession agenda for discussion.
 - The Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission is recommending approval of designating 7300 Radcliffe Drive in College Park as a Prince George's Historic Site. The Planning Board and District Council will hold a joint public hearing on the matter on October 27, 2015 with a final decision by the end of the year. This property is located in the Yarrow subdivision and is known as the Marenka House. It exhibits elements of Frank Lloyd Wright's organic architecture applied to a Modern Movement dwelling and is thought to make an important architectural, aesthetic and cultural contribution to the mid-twentieth century development of the county.
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Public Services

- Administrative staff provided support to schedule 2 Noise Control Board hearings. This includes scheduling the Board to achieve a quorum, and determining the complainant's and respondent's availability. Case files are prepared for each property to provide a staff report to the Board which includes a history of past noise complaints, police and code enforcement officer response reports, and relevant written complaints or responses. Names of tenants at the alleged noisy property are obtained to be able to invite them to appear before the Board. Complainants, respondents, tenants/occupants, and property owners are all notified of the scheduled hearing. The Director participates in the hearing to provide the staff report and support the Board in conducting the hearing. In one case the tenants were fined \$250 for a party attended by over 100 people as estimated by police and code enforcement. That property owner was fined \$1,000 for a repeat noise violation within 6 months. In the second case the Board found that a violation had not occurred, based on the evidence provided by the complainants.
- Code Enforcement opened 38 cases for various code violations. We issued 21 municipal infractions. From Thursday through Sunday – Code staff responded to 12 calls for noise complaints. One municipal infraction was issued. Other loud parties were quieted down. A student party in Berwyn was dispersed on Saturday. Six noise calls were handled by Contract police when dispatched by Code officers answering hotline calls when no Code officers were on duty in the City.
 - 35 single family inspections and 2 re-inspections were conducted (single family, condo or townhouse)
 - At Landmark Apartments – 276 units were inspected. In addition, one 2 unit apartment building, and one 7 unit apartment building were inspected.
 - The Quality Inn, was re-inspected
 - 10 commercial inspections were conducted
 - 1 sorority house was inspected

- A single family rental property was damaged by fire in the 4900 block of Muskogee Street and was posted as unfit
- A new unlicensed church/temple was found in Hollywood. Code staff made a joint inspection with a representative from County DPIE so both agencies can cite for extensive renovations completed without County and City building permits, hence no County Use and Occupancy Permit has been issued.
- Contract Police responded to a residence in College Park Woods for a fight call. It was determined that the property owner is renting the house to a family of 4 or 5 who live on the main floor. They in turn were discovered to be renting the basement to 2 women who have a total of 3 children. Those two women attempted to rent one of their basement rooms to yet another family which got the upstairs family upset. However, the upstairs family had told the women in the basement they were allowed to rent out the extra room in the basement. The tenant upstairs allegedly is charging the two women in the basement \$1,300 a month and they told police that the women have lived there for the past 2 months. This house was cited on the annual rental inspection report on August 26, 2014 for having a second unit in the basement and for having non-compliant bedroom egress windows. The owner contacted Code Enforcement after the inspection to advise that he would be moving the basement tenants out of the house and replacing the bedroom windows with compliant egress windows. He was granted an extension of time to complete this process. A \$1,000 Municipal Infraction was issued on January 16, 2015 for failure to have a valid residential occupancy permit. The basement was vacant upon re-inspection in February, 2015. Code Enforcement is following up on the latest information discovered by our Contract Police.
- Although the ACO van was out of service for two days, restricting availability for service calls, the ACO was able to provide services including catching 1 stray dog which was impounded and returned to owner, impounding 2 stray kittens, which will be ready for adoption after vet care, provided a humane trap to a resident to remove a nuisance cat, and removed a cat carcass from a resident's property.
- City Staff (Public Services & public Works) provided support for a community wetlands cleanup event that was held from 9-12, Saturday, October 17, at the wetlands between Columbia Ave and the CSX tracks. Community and UMD volunteers, family and friends met at the Columbia Ave tot lot near College Ave and cleaned up the wetlands area. Future cleanups and environmental projects are being planned here. A special thanks is due to Code Enforcement Officer Cofske for taking the lead in promoting and planning this project.

Public Works

- Last Saturday was the second of two fall cleanup Saturdays, with DPW being open from 7:30am to 12:00 noon. 33 residents dropped off electronics for recycling.
- This morning the Greenbelt bucket truck was here and we hung The Halloween Thing banner over Rhode Island Avenue. Event Saturday, October 24, 2015.
- This Thursday is the annual UMD Safety Walk. Bob Stumpff will be participating again as in prior years.

Youth, Family and Senior Services

- Join the ghosts, goblins, children and parents for this Saturday's Annual Halloween Thing from 10 am – noon at Youth and Family Services 4912 Nantucket Road. All activities are free and include face painting, games, a moon bounce, haunted house, refreshments, arts and crafts. Fun to be had by all. Join us.
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City Engineer

- The Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon at Rhode Island Avenue and Odessa Road is operational.
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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

7:30 pm Mayor & Council Worksession in Council Chamber of City Hall

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

7:00 pm Noise Control Board Hearing in Council Chambers of City Hall

7:00 pm Tree and Landscape Board in Lower Level Conference Room of City Hall

Thursday, October 22, 2015

3:00 pm Board of Election Supervisors Meeting in Council Chambers of City Hall

7:00 pm Cable Television Commission Meeting in Lower Level Conference Room of City Hall

7:00 pm Animal Welfare Committee Meeting at Davis Hall

7:30 pm Four Cities Meeting at Greenbelt City Hall

Saturday, October 24, 2015

10:00 am Halloween Thing at Youth and Family Services, 4912 Nantucket Road, College Park

Monday, October 26, 2015

7:00 pm NQOL Homeownership Committee meeting in Council Chambers of City Hall

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

7:00 pm Public Hearing – permit parking 5200 block Mineola Road

7:30 pm Mayor & Council Regular Meeting in Council Chambers of City Hall

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

7:30 pm Mayoral & District 3 Debate sponsored by Calvert Hills/Old Town Citizens Association in Council Chambers of City Hall

Thursday, October 29, 2015

2:00 pm Housing Authority Meeting at Attick Towers, 9014 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park

Friday, October 30, 2015

12:30 pm Seniors Masquerade Party at Old Parish House

Saturday, October 31, 2015

9:00 am Exploration in Aging sponsored by Aging-in-Place Task Force in Council Chambers of City Hall

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Proposal to Implement Residential Permit Restricted parking in the 5200 block of Mineola Road
Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. - 2nd floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 4500 Knox Road**

The Mayor and Council of the City of College Park will hold a Public Hearing to take public comment on the possibility of implementing a new Residential Permit Parking Zone in the 5200 block of Mineola Road. This proposed new permit restricted zone would be enforced 24/7, and would allow two (2) parking permits per residence, at the cost of \$10 per year per permit. Guest permits will also involve a fee.

All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. Parking passes will be available from the front window. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501 and describe the assistance that is necessary.

If you are unable to appear in person, you may submit written comment prior to the Public Hearing:

In order to be received by the Council as part of the record, the comment must include the specific topic to which it relates and the full name and address of the person submitting the comment. Written comment should be addressed to the Mayor and City Council, and submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to cPMC@collegetparkmd.gov.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 240-487-3501.

Route 1 Evening Road Closures – Monument Village At College Park West

Update from Contractor (10/20/15) all work is on schedule. Should be completed and road patched by next week (October 27) weather permitting.

Davis Construction Corp. has installed the incoming Domestic Water Service for the property. The overall operation is anticipated to wrap up by October 27.

The incoming water service is fed from a water main which is situated below the furthest outbound lane of US Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue). As a result, selective lane closures will be required to complete the installation and tie-in. Due to the high volume of traffic on US Route 1, Maryland State Highway Authority (MDSHA) and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) are advising that this work be performed during off-peak hours. The specific working hours have been identified below;

Work Hours: Working hours for this operation will take place Sunday – Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM.

All work is taking place along US Route 1 and will not interfere with normal traffic patterns along Cherokee Street, or Autoville Drive. Additionally, this will not disrupt the water service for the community, or any of the surrounding neighborhoods. It should be noted that there will be personnel from James G. Davis Construction onsite at all times while this work is ongoing.

For any specific questions regarding this operation, please contact Ben Mahoney of James G. Davis Construction Corporation at (301) 945-0118, or bmahoney@davisconstruction.com.

ATTICK TOWERS WAIT LIST TO OPEN

**College Park Housing Authority,
9014 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park**



Attick Towers will open its' wait list from November 2, 2015 to November 20, 2015. Attick Towers is an independent living high-rise apartment building located at 9014 Rhode Island Avenue in College Park, Maryland.

All applicants must be 62 years of age or older or be a disabled or handicapped adult. Applicants do not have to reside in College Park to apply; however, people who live or work in the City of College Park will have preference. No children can be accepted. Applicants are subject to a credit and criminal background check.

Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once a unit is available. Rent is based on 30 percent of one's income. Attick Towers has efficiency apartments for one person occupancy and one bedroom apartments for two person occupancy. All applicants are required to pay a security deposit equal to one month's rent or \$300, whichever is less.

To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Authority at 301-345-3600 and an application will be mailed to you.

MobileNOW! 'Pay By Cell'

The City of College Park is proud to offer MobileNOW! 'Pay By Cell' technology to our customers in select metered areas of the downtown core of our city as yet another payment option to metered parking.

Residents, commuters, and visitors alike may now pay for parking using the free MobileNOW! app, or by calling MobileNOW! at 301-276-0593, using the MobileNOW! IVR system to set up an account. 'Pay By Cell' parking will be offered specifically in the College Park Shopping Center (CVS Pharmacy Lot), the City Hall parking Lot, located at 4500 Knox Road, and the city's Municipal Parking Garage, located at the corner of Knox Road and Yale Avenue.

Mayoral and District 3 Debate
Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 PM, City Hall, 4500 Knox Road

This debate is sponsored by the Calvert Hills and Old Town Civic Associations, but is open to the entire city. The debate will be moderated by WTOP's Shawn Anderson (also a resident of College Park, District 3). Mr. Anderson has significant moderating experience, including moderating a gubernatorial debate last October between Governor Hogan and Anthony Brown. Following the Mayoral debate, there will be a council candidate forum for District 3 council candidates, but there will be a break in-between so non-District 3 residents may depart at that time.

Hope everyone can take advantage of what may be the only opportunity our Mayoral candidates have to debate in an organized forum and many thanks to the Calvert Hills Civic Association for providing this opportunity!



THE HALLOWEEN THING



SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2015

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

COLLEGE PARK YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

**4912 NANTUCKET ROAD
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740
240-487-3550**



FREE!

*Haunted Hallway, Moon Bounce, Arts & Crafts, Games,
Tattoos, Fire Truck, Face Painting, Raffle,
Costume Parade, and More!*



Sponsored By: College Park Youth & Family Services and College Park Youth Services Center
The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities.
Register a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation.
Prince George's County Public Schools is not sponsoring, endorsing, or recommending the activities announced in this material/flyer.



Prince George's Zoning Rewrite

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Creating a **21st** Century Zoning Ordinance

DRAFT MODULE 1 PREVIEW

PRESENTED BY CLARION ASSOCIATES

Do you want to learn how Prince George's County plans to build a 21st Century Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations? Attend an information session exploring the first module focusing on zoning districts and use categories.

Meet with the project's consultants to understand how their recommendations will help modernize the County's zoning code into a more user-friendly document that is aligned with the County's vision for smart growth, economic development, and improved quality of life for Prince George's County residents.

Meeting locations

OCTOBER
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Southern Technology Regional
and Recreation Complex
7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

OCTOBER
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Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

OCTOBER
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Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center
7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

For more information

☎ 301-780-8173 | TTY: 301-952-4366
✉ zoningpgc@ppd.mncppc.org
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CONFERENCES & VISITOR SERVICES

Presents

DESTINATION COLLEGE PARK

OPEN HOUSE

11.05.15 VISITOR CENTER 1-4 PM

Conferences & Visitor Services is a resource to the campus and community. We welcome and assist visitors, and those who plan and produce meetings, conferences, and events.

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ON YOUR OWN BIG TEN TURF!

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Conferences & Events, Summer Group Housing, Meeting Planning Services, Registration Services, Visitor Services, Volunteer Service Corps, & more!

DISCOVER the wide array of services we offer to the entire campus community under one roof. Enter to **WIN** very special door prizes!

CHECK THIS SITE ON OCTOBER 17TH TO RSVP & REGISTER FOR THE CAMPUS BUS TOUR
VISITORS.UMD.EDU/OPENHOUSE

It All Begins at Our Visitor Center
in Turner Hall!



7736 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20742

Optional Guided Tour of Campus Venues:
2-3 pm (Pre-Registration Required)



Tour stops include: Riggs Alumni Center, The Clarice, Stamp Student Union, a Dining Hall, and a Residence Hall.



"I'm Stronger
than the Flu."

Each year an average of 20,000 children under the age of 5 are hospitalized because of flu complications.

Protect you and your child by visiting one of Prince George's County's **Flu Vaccination Clinics**.

Source: cdc.gov



Wednesday, October 28, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Spring Lake Recreation Center

6101 Cherrywood Lane
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Saturday, November 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sports & Learning Complex

8001 Sheriff Road
Landover MD, 20785



Saturday, November 21, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Northwestern High School

7000 Adelphi Road
Hyattsville MD, 20782

Call Us! 301-883-7879

Visit Us!

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/health/Pages/default.aspx



Rushern J. Baker, III
County Executive



The Prince George's County Public Schools is not responding, endorsing, or recommending the activities announced in the flyer/material.

The Clinics Are Open to ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS.

- No appointments required.
- FluMist® will be available for **all between the ages of 2 and 18** (FluMist® is a gentle nasal mist that is sprayed up the nose).
- All children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian.
- Injectable flu vaccine will be available to anyone age 6 months and older.

