



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

To: City of College Park Council Members

From: Scott Somers, City Manager

Date: October 27, 2015

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

Attachments: Maryland Department of Natural Resources Letter funding improvements at Old Town Playground; Halloween Safety Tips; Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite; College Park Blues Festival; Health Department Flu Clinics

Administration

- The Board of Election Supervisors and City Clerk's office received training from Election Systems & Software on the equipment that will be used in the November 3 election.
 - HR is holding the first of two mandatory training sessions this Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Davis Hall. Every employee must attend one of the sessions. The topic is *Sexual Harassment, Sexual Orientation, Sexual Identity, and the Fairness for All Marylanders Act of 2014*. The second session will be Thursday, November 12 in City Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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Finance

- The deadline is approaching for the FY2016 community services grants. These grants are for a maximum of \$2,500 and the eligible organizations are described in the grant criteria. Any organization that receives a direct grant or community events micro-grant from the City is not eligible for these grants. The deadline for submission of applications is **Thursday, November 5, 2015**. Grant applications and criteria were sent to previous grant recipients and posted on the City's website:
http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/programs_and_initiatives/community_services_grants/index.php

Planning

- M-NCPPC has released a draft of the first module of the rewrite of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance which can be viewed at pgplanning.opencomment.us
 - 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.
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Public Services

- Administrative staff provided support to schedule two Noise Control Board hearings held on October 21. This work 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 and property owner of 7304 Princeton Ave. were each fined \$125 for a loud Labor Day weekend party. In the second case the Board fined the tenants of 7525 Rhode Island Ave. \$125 for a loud party on 3 Oct., but found no violation on the part of the property owner due to prior actions taken to prohibit and prevent loud parties. In cases which come before the Noise Control Board, any tenant fines are required by City Code to be "divided proportionately among those occupants..."

- Code Enforcement staff opened 47 cases for various code violations. 27 municipal infractions were issued.
 - From Thursday through Sunday – Code staff responded to 10 calls for noise complaints. Three municipal infractions for noise were issued. Other loud parties were quieted down. One noise call was handled by Contract police when dispatched by Code officers answering hotline calls when no Code officers were on duty in the City.
 - 40 single family inspections and 8 re-inspections were conducted (single family, condo or townhouse)
 - At The View – 352 units were inspected. In addition, 36 multifamily units were inspected.
 - 20 commercial inspections were conducted
 - 1 sorority and 1 fraternity house were inspected
 - Code office staff opened 41 cases for past due license renewals, expired lead permits or no show inspections
- Parking Enforcement staff completed a two-week survey of parked vehicles on the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Mineola Road, and a parking capacity evaluation, in preparation for a public hearing regarding the possible establishment of a residential permit parking zone.

- This week the Animal Control Officer provided the following services:
 - 4 cats were adopted into homes
 - 5 feral cats were trapped and removed from an Auto Body yard
 - 2 cats were accepted into the adoption program
 - 1 squirrel carcass was removed from public property
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Public Works

- On Thursday, October 22, Bob Stumpff participated in the 2015 UMD Off-Campus Safety Walk. College Park looked good. We have no street lights out, no trees or other growth preventing light from getting to the sidewalks; and no broken sidewalks. The SGA student guide and the two UMD Police officers and two PG Police officers all remarked how good Old Town College Park looked.
 - Thursday, October 29, is the annual DPW In-Service Training Day. All DPW employees will be at DPW all day attending and participating in the training. The City's mandatory Sexual Harassment and Sexual Orientation Training will take most of the morning. Snow preparation and removal will be conducted in the afternoon.
 - Good Neighbor Day 2016 will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016.
 - Bids were received and open on Monday, October 26, for the DPW Modular Building. Three vendors submitted bids which will be evaluated this week.
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Youth, Family and Senior Services

- The Seniors Program Activity Team is hosting a Seniors Masquerade Party this Friday, October 30 at 12:30 pm at the Old Parish House. All are welcome to attend this fun event featuring food, prizes, and fun. It is free, but registration is required. Contact the City's Seniors Program at 240-345-8100 to let us know you'll be joining us.
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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

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 On Aging sponsored by Aging-in-Place Task Force in Council Chambers of City Hall

Monday, November 2, 2015

6:30 pm Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

7:00 am to 8:00 pm City Elections

- Districts 1 and 4 Vote at Davis Hall, 9217 51st Avenue
- Districts 2 and 3 Vote at City Hall, 4500 Knox Road

*******TONIGHT*******

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.

MAYORAL AND DISTRICT 3 DEBATE

Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 pm

City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 4500 Knox Road, College Park

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 and Old Town College Park Civic Association for providing this opportunity!

EXPLORATION ON AGING, COMMUNITY MEETING

Resources for Aging in the Community - What's Available, What's Needed!

Saturday, October 31, 2015

City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 4500 Knox Road, College Park

9:30 am Coffee/Bagels | 10:00 am – 11:45 am Program

Join us at this 2nd event centered on aging in place with a panel of experts from City and County services and a counselor from a private eldercare management group. Program includes copies of the Area Resource and Retirement Guides and time for questions/answers. Sponsored by Explorations On Aging with support of a community grant from the City of College Park. Questions? mccbonnie@verizon.net 301-935-5111.

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, MD.

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 College Park Housing Authority at 301-345-3600 and an application will be mailed to you.



COLLEGE PARK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 3, 2015

The City of College Park will hold elections for the offices of Mayor and eight district Councilmembers, two from each of the four Council districts, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

POLL LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Polling Locations:

- Districts 1 And 4 Vote At Davis Hall, 9217 51st Avenue
- Districts 2 And 3 Vote At City Hall, 4500 Knox Road

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.

**HALLOWEEN
FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

Make Halloween safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips...

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns.
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric.
- Teach children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

NFPA CHECK OUT **SPARKY.ORG** FOR MORE SPOOKY FUN!
The name and image of Sparky are trademarks of the NFPA.

The infographic features a dark blue background with silhouettes of a haunted house, trees, and bats. It includes several illustrations of jack-o-lanterns and a cartoon skeleton character.



MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor
Mark J. Belton, Secretary
Mark L. Hoffman, Acting Deputy Secretary

October 13, 2015

The Honorable Andrew M. Fellows
Mayor
City of College Park
4500 Knox Road
College Park, Maryland 20740

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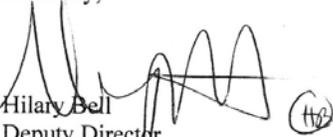
Dear Mayor Fellows:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Public Works has approved your request for Community Parks and Playgrounds funds regarding Old Town Playground in Prince George's County. A copy of the agenda item is enclosed for your reference.

You may proceed with this project at your earliest opportunity. When the project commences, please have your staff contact the Community Parks and Playgrounds representative with whom they have been working so that arrangements can be made to coordinate reimbursement.

Thank you for your interest in improving the quality of our parks and recreation for the citizens of Maryland. It is a pleasure to be able to provide these funds and to assist you with this important public outdoor recreation project. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other Community Parks and Playgrounds matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 260-8450.

Sincerely,


Hilary Bell
Deputy Director
Land Acquisition and Planning

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Enclosure

cc: Terry Schum
Benita Henderson

Tawes State Office Building – 580 Taylor Avenue – Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-260-8DNR or toll free in Maryland 877-620-8DNR – dnr.maryland.gov – TTY Users Call via the Maryland Relay

5. **Old Town Playground - \$46,275**
City of College Park, Prince George's County
CPP #6381-16-790 MD20150807-0754

Background: Replace the existing outdated playground equipment at Old Town Playground with new play structures that meet current safety standards and ADA requirements.

Fund Source:

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015, Chapter 495, Acts of 2015
Community Parks and Playgrounds
Source Code: 15160 Item 160 \$46,275



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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For press inquiries

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8th Annual
**COLLEGE PARK
BLUES FESTIVAL**

Saturday, Nov. 14 ★ 6–11:30pm

Ritchie Coliseum, 7675 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20742

Dancing ★ Vendors ★ Craft Beer ★ Food

Featuring Sensational Live Blues Music



**The Patty
Reese
Band**

photo by Melia Hartley

**Jesi Terrell &
The Love
Mechanic Band**



The Ron Hicks Project

**And DC Mudd
Winner of the 2015 DC Blues Society
Battle of the Bands**

brought to you by the College Park Recreation Board and the DC Blues Society



Schedule and artists subject to change

More info: www.dcb blues.org or shopcollegepark.org/events/cpbf





"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.