



# CITY OF COLLEGE PARK MUNICIPAL SCENE

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### **COLLEGE PARK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TUESDAY, 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 51<sup>st</sup> Ave.
- Districts 2 and 3 vote at City Hall, 4500 Knox Rd.

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.

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

In order to be eligible to vote in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> City Election, you **MUST** be registered to vote with Prince George's County Board of Elections at your current address in College Park by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. If you have moved since the last time you voted, you must change your address with the Prince George's County Board of Elections.

Voter registration for City elections is handled by the Prince George's County Board of Elections. To check your registration status, call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300, or visit the Maryland State board of Election website at: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>. After finding your registration information look under "My Voting Districts." The Ward shown is your City District.

Voter Registration Forms are available at any City building, or any Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration office.

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST**

To be eligible to vote by absentee ballot, a registered voter must meet one of the following qualifications:

- May be absent on election day from the City;
- Because of accident, illness or physical disability, will be unable to go to the polling place on election day;
- Because of confinement in or restriction to an institution, will be prevented from going to a polling place on election day;
- Because of a death or serious illness in the voter's immediate family, will be unable to go to the polling place on election day; or
- Is a full-time student at an institution of higher education located outside the City, and academic requirements prevent the voter from going to the polling place on Election Day.

Between now and October 27, 2015 an application for an absentee ballot may be picked up at City Hall (4500 Knox Road) or downloaded from our website at [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov). Applications are reviewed by the College Park Board of Election Supervisors and if approved, a ballot will be mailed to the voter. Ballots will be mailed on or after October 9. The voter must return the voted ballot to City Hall using the ballot envelope that is provided, no later than Tuesday, November 3. Absentee ballots are counted on Wednesday, November 4.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. at 240-487-3501.

Chief of Elections: John Robson. College Park Election Supervisors: Janet Evander, Maria Mackie, Mary Katherine Theis, and Terry Wertz.

#### **Election Judges Wanted**

The City may need a few Election Judges to work the polls on Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and you must work the entire day. Judges serve at either Davis Hall or City Hall. The pay is approximately \$200. If you are interested in serving, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR: VOTE FOR 1



**Denise C. Mitchell**  
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*Candidate for Mayor*

It has been my honor to serve as your City Councilmember over the last six years and as Mayor Pro Tem since 2011. Together, we have tackled some tough concerns and worked to enhance our community. I would like to continue to work together to make College Park the best town for families, students and retirees to live in and feel that I am well positioned to be the next Mayor of College Park!

I have lived in the City of College Park with my family since 1975. I am a graduate of Rutgers' University where I obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health and The University of the District of Columbia, with a Masters of Art degree in Early Childhood Education and Administration.

As Mayor, my priorities will be City-wide, and I see many important goals ahead:

- Ensure fiscal responsibility and closely monitor our budget and taxes
- Boost occupancy of vacant properties and promote vitality in all our neighborhoods
- Increasing pedestrian safety and walkability through all parts of College Park
- Ensure that revitalization of US Route 1 remains our top highway development priority

You can call me at 301-660-8513, send an email at [dm4cpmayor@gmail.com](mailto:dm4cpmayor@gmail.com) or visit my web site: [www.DeniseMitchell.us](http://www.DeniseMitchell.us).



**Patrick L. Wojahn**  
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*Candidate for Mayor*

Patrick Wojahn is a community organizer and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and for safe infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, currently working as Director of Government Relations at Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. He has lived with his husband Dave in north College Park for 12 years and has served on the City Council for eight years. In that time, he has made College Park safer, greener, and an overall better place to live. He has worked to build a stronger community in north College Park by establishing a community listserv, started the College Park Community Foundation, which has provided thousands of dollars for local charitable causes, established College Park Day, and strengthened city procedures and practices to fix up rental and vacant properties.

Patrick has been a leader in the region and nationally on issues impacting our community. Patrick has obtained a certificate on local government leadership from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, graduated from the Prince George's County Citizens Police Academy, and was a member of the 2014 class of Leadership Greater Washington. Patrick has also served on the boards of Equality Maryland, the College Park Food Bank, and a variety of organizations advocating for the rights of people with disabilities.

## DISTRICT 1: VOTE FOR 2



### **S. M. Fazlul Kabir**

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#### ***Candidate for City Council District 1***

Dr. Fazlul Kabir is a two term City Councilmember of the City of College Park District 1 representing north College Park. He lives in east

Hollywood with his wife and two children.

He works as the Director of Technology in a local software development company. He holds a doctorate degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Manchester and also teaches at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Before he became Councilmember, he served as a four-term Secretary of the North College Park Citizens Association (NCPCA).

He is the co-founder of the College Park Day event, where he worked with community groups and local schools, and established the event's website. Kabir enjoys helping with community projects. He helped organized several Hollywood neighborhood cleanup events with 50+ volunteers for the past five years, the City's first winter clothing drive, the Committee for Better Environment's tree planting event, "National Night Out" and winter snow shoveling projects.



### **Christine Nagle**

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#### ***Candidate for City Council District 1***

Christine lives in the Daniels Park neighborhood. She previously served on the City Council from 2009-2011, and has served with

several local boards and groups, including the North College Park Citizens Association, the Quality of Life Committee, the Animal Welfare Committee, and Meals on Wheels.

A native of Baltimore, Christine first moved to College Park in 2003. She chose College Park over other locations in the DC Metro area because of the sense of community here. She loves meeting and getting to know her neighbors in North College Park.

Ms. Nagle served in the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard. She holds degrees from the Community College of the Air Force & Towson University, and earned her law degree at the University

of Baltimore. She is an experienced mediator, and an advocate of alternative dispute resolution.

Christine is currently employed as a Program Manager at the Maryland Department of the Environment, where she oversees compliance with public health standards that protect public drinking water. She has more than 25 years experience working to protect the environment and public safety.

Christine is a strong advocate of transparency, communication and accountability in government. She is looking forward to serving the residents of College Park again.



### **Cory C. Fitzgerald Sanders**

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#### ***Candidate for City Council District 1***

With a passion for public service and the ability to motivate and mobilize people to action, Sanders' deeply rooted

commitment increased the prominence of his civic leadership that is exemplified by his time in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Lackland AFB TX, his work to improve the education of College Park youth as a member of the College Park Education Advisory Committee, and, most recently, his decision to run for College Park City Council.

Upon receiving his MBA, Sanders worked for Accenture LTD the world's largest consulting firm as measured by revenues. Sanders found another way to serve by spending years advising the current Mayor of Tallahassee, Florida and dissecting the \$400 million dollar budget of the capital of Florida. His passion for government relations led him to make the jump to College Park, Maryland as the Federal Government Manager and Director for ProTelecom, an IT firm in the DC metro area. Since joining the College Park community, he has founded its first Democratic Club, serving as its current President, and becoming a small business owner by founding Sandtech, a video-telecommunications company. Sanders serves on the City of College Park Aging-in-Place Task Force and also President of the Camden College Park Neighborhood Association. Sanders received his BA in Computer Information Systems from Florida A&M University, an MBA from Excelsior College and is currently enrolled in the Masters certificate program at Georgetown University.

## DISTRICT 2: VOTE FOR 2



### **Daniel C. Blasberg, Jr.**

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***Candidate for City Council***

***District 2***

Born and raised in Ohio, Dan served 8 years in the US Army, as a satellite communications technician and a network supervisor with the White House Communications Agency. He worked in the telecommunications industry for 12 years after getting out of the Army, in the DC area. He is currently a small business owner providing technical and installation services of emergency lights and sirens to police and fire departments.

Dan has served the community and the county as the amateur radio coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management for both the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and continues to volunteer as a member of both organizations. He has served in the capacity of Senior Advisor and Deputy Chief of staff for a Maryland State Delegate in Annapolis, responsible for firearms, 2nd Amendment and veteran's issues.

Dan and his wife Sue moved to College Park in 1999, and have been residents of the Berwyn neighborhood ever since. He currently serves as a director on the Berwyn District Civic Association. Dan also serves on the College Park Citizens Corp Council and was one of the first members of College Park's CERT.



### **P. J. Brennan**

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***Candidate for City Council***

***District 2***

P.J. has served on the College Park City Council for the past two years (2014 - 2015). During this time, P.J. has demonstrated a strong commitment to working with residents, city staff, county and state leaders, and the University of Maryland to achieve results. P.J. is a proven leader, keeping his communities informed and engaged, fighting for Smart Growth, and advocating for Quality of Life strategies.

In addition to his duties as councilmember, P.J. has been very active with Neighborhood Quality of Life, Public/Pedestrian Safety, and Community Building initiatives. P.J. is a Fellow with the UMD and Maryland Municipal League Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.

P.J. is a graduate of UMD, College Park and holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from University of Maryland University College. P.J. works for the federal government and has worked for various cultural and academic institutions in the DC-metro area.

P.J. and his husband Nick have lived in Prince George's County since 2005. They enjoy walking their two dogs on local trails, gardening, biking around town, exploring local restaurants and farmer's markets, and taking advantage of the amenities at UMD, including Campus Recreation Services and the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



### **Vivian M. Conway**

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***Candidate for City Council***

***District 2***

Resident of College Park for 7 years (lived in the Lakeland Community as a child). An heir of most Ancestors of Lakeland.

Married for 14 years, Mother of 6, Grandmother of 7.

Presently Serve:

- Board Member, Re-entry Program for Returning Citizens (Basic Strategy Plan Committee)
- Lakeland Community Neighborhood Watch Block Captain
- Reid Temple AME Church - Licensed Evangelist, Outreach Coordinator, Life Coach, Teacher

Worked for: Prince George's County Board of Education 1996-2002. Served PG County Department of Corrections Data Reporting Program.

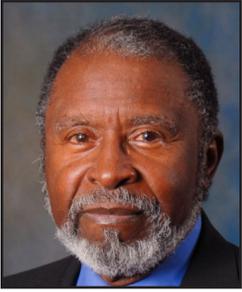
I believe in one College Park. Let's fill the gap in District 2 and move forward in the process and progress in having a continued strong leadership helping to enhance lives through building projects, safety plans for University of Maryland students and all employees. Also focusing on our residents seniors/youth, young adults and most importantly family connect-power groups by networking through county, state and government.

I also believe we can build District 2 of College Park so all people can enjoy our communities, entertainment, restaurants and parks as we learn and implement our plans for an enhanced way of life by being One Force College Park.

I will do my best to serve all of District 2.

*District 2 candidates, continued on next page.*

## DISTRICT 2 CONTINUED



### **Monroe S. Dennis**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 2***

A native Marylander, Dennis finished high school in Worcester County, Maryland. After college studies in Baltimore, having earned a BS degree in Mathematics, he has been employed as a federal employee, and is a US Army veteran. Following military service Dennis was employed by, and has retired from the IBM Company, and from Group1/Pitney Bowes Software, Inc.

Dennis settled in the City of College Park in mid-1990 and soon became involved with the Lakeland Civic

Association (LCA) and other neighborhood advocacy affairs. He has served the LCA in many capacities, and was president for more than 6 years.

During his LCA time, Dennis interacted with City Staff, and Mayor and Council to accomplish a number of initiatives, and considers his ability to grasp the big picture, and to work through details with all stakeholders to arrive at amicable end-results as an asset that will continue to serve well.

Looking forward to this next Council term, his third, Dennis expects to continue to enhance relationships with Council and constituents, and to continue involvement with quality-of-life issues and initiatives. Transparency, honesty, and adherence to ethical standards will govern all of his interactions for the betterment of his immediate community and the whole of the College Park community.

## DISTRICT 3: VOTE FOR 2



### **Ryan T. Belcher**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 3***

I graduated from the University of Maryland this past May with a double degree from Government and Politics with Honors and Environmental Science. I went to high school at Gonzaga in downtown Washington D.C., where I first began to learn the importance of social justice.

I am passionate about community service, participating in environmental service trips throughout the United States. I have also led service trips ranging in distances from Boston to our neighboring communities.

I am running to represent the third district of College Park in the City Council. I believe we are at a unique crossroads in our city that requires a fresh, pragmatic perspective, and I know that my experience in College Park makes me the best candidate for the job. I am running to help guide our city to become a top 10 college town.

My passion for public service stems from my high school's motto, "Men and Women for Others." In essence, this phrase means that those who have an opportunity to better their community should feel compelled to do so. I actively try to live this motto and work to meaningfully improve our community.



### **Robert W. Day**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 3***

I have lived in College Park Estates with my wife Melissa and our sons Robert Jr., Matthew and Maxwell, for 18 years.

I have been an active member of the community for 14 years through many boards and commissions. Until I was elected to the Council, I was the President of the College Park Estates Civic Association, Chair of the Rent Stabilization Board, member of the Noise Control Board, current member and two-term former chair of the Advisory Planning Commission. I have also served as the 2003 Vice Chair and 2011 Chair of the City Redistricting Commission, and member of the Advisory Planning Group for 2002 US 1 Corridor Sector Plan. Current College Park Academy Board Member.

I have worked to represent resident and neighborhood interests to improve the Quality of Life in our community. Throughout all of my board and committee roles, and now as a councilmember, I have been a strong voice, asking the tough questions and focusing on representing the needs and desires of the community. My goal in running for re-election is to continue being a strong leader in building a better College Park which will remain a community that people and businesses want to call home for years to come.

*District 3 candidates, continued on next page.*

## DISTRICT 3 CONTINUED



**Robert J. McCeney**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 3***

Bob is an elementary school teacher, and volunteers for the American Red Cross in Prince George's County as a First Aid,

CPR, Babysitting, and Life Guard Instructor. He is a life-long resident and graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Maryland in College Park. Bob graduated with honors from Bowie State University with a Master of Education degree and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Education Policy, Planning, and Administration from The George Washington University. He has served as the First Aid Chairman for the Prince George's County Red Cross overseeing the volunteers, serving on the Safety Services Committee, and presenting service awards at schools and events.

While working in an elementary school, Bob wrote a proposal to secure a \$2,500 grant from the Four Winds Weather Network for a weather station, and he secured matching funds from the Parent-Teacher Association that enabled the students to advance their study of meteorology.

Bob believes in donating to the University of Maryland, and is a lifetime member of the University of Maryland Alumni Association, National Education Association, Maryland State Teachers Association, Montgomery County Education Association, Environment Maryland, and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.



**John B. Rigg**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 3***

John Rigg has lived in the Calvert Hills neighborhood of College Park since 2007, where for the past three years he has served

as President of the Calvert Hills Citizen's Association. A natural collaborator and tireless community activist, John has worked hard to protect the character of College Park's neighborhoods while helping to bring amenities and smart development to our city.

John volunteers his time extensively throughout our community. He is a volunteer Paramedic, sings in community and church choirs, and coaches his sons' soccer teams. John and his family are active at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in College Park.

John has master's degrees in Public Administration, with a focus on Urban and Regional Affairs, and in Health Administration. He directs a large policy office within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

John would love to hear your thoughts about ways in which our City can become an even better place to live, study, do business, worship, and build community. Feel free to email him at [jrigg@jrigg.net](mailto:jrigg@jrigg.net), or visit <http://jrigg.net> to get in touch, and for more information on his campaign.



**Stephanie E. Stullich**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 3***

A City Councilmember since January 2007, Stephanie has lived in College Park with her husband Bob Schnabel for

21 years. She previously served as president of the Old Town Civic Association and on the Committee for a Better Environment, and co-authored a book on the history of College Park. She currently co-chairs the City's Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee. Stephanie works at the U.S. Department of Education.

Stephanie is proud of our efforts to make College Park a more vibrant, safe, and attractive community, and will continue to work on making College Park a more vibrant college town by creating a thriving and walkable downtown, attracting high-quality locally-owned retail and restaurants, and ensuring that new developments meet high standards for environmental sustainability. She has been a vocal advocate for investing in police and public safety, building more student housing near the University campus, and decreasing traffic through smart growth and increased transit (especially the Purple Line).

Stephanie believes constituent service and keeping the community informed is one of a councilmember's most important roles. She invites residents to share their concerns and ideas so that we can work together to make College Park a better place.

## DISTRICT 4: VOTE FOR 2



### **Mary C. Cook**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 4***

Mary came to College Park via the Middle East where she was employed as a journalist.

Upon arriving in the City,

she immediately joined the Committee for a Better Environment. She and her husband found their Cherry Hill neighborhood so inviting, they chose to remain there when choosing their second home.

Mary has a comprehensive understanding of City issues. Her agenda has always been to serve the residents. Dedicated to the community, she has held a range of positions including: City Councilmember, Advisory Planning Commission Chair, Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee Chair, as well as North College Park Civic Association President.

While on Council, she initiated the Strategic Plan as a tool for future construction and budget development. In addition, Mary implemented the first and only “Go Carless Day” while supporting the residents’ use of the UM shuttle. She edited former Mayor Anna Owens’ publication on the history of Attick Towers out of her concern for the City’s seniors.

Mary has worked in higher education for 20 years as an English as Second Language Instructor and Academic Advisor. She has a M.S. in Student Personnel and Counseling, and a B.S. in Arabic.



### **Oscar E. Gregory**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 4***

Oscar Gregory is a life-long resident of Maryland, growing up in Beltsville before moving to College Park Woods in 1973.

A graduate from High Point HS, he worked his way through college (University of Maryland, Prince George’s CC, Strayer University). He counts being a member of the UMD wrestling team and creating the first Annual Community Square Dance at PGCC as two fond college experiences.

In 2010, Oscar and his family decided to move from Gaithersburg back to College Park Woods to keep his mom company and help at home after his dad passed away.

His thirty five year professional career in corporate accounting and finance for various industries include banking, telecommunications, information technologies, national security, health and environment, labor unions and government contracting. He brings a well developed customer service centered focus.

It is clear that the foundation of College Park lies with each unique neighborhood and the public servants that help them every day. Oscar will fight for a homeowner infrastructure tax credit. If elected, he will donate this recent council pay increase to a new “leave” pool for the hard working city employees.

Oscar’s number one priority is “put the neighborhoods first.”



### **Alan Y. Hew**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 4***

My experience with College Park began in 1991 while attending the University of Maryland. I graduated in 1994 with a B.S. in

Natural Resources Management, I continued working at UMD, living nearby in Adelphi. I moved to College Park in 2005.

In 2007 I actively participated with the Jefferson Properties Inc. (JPI) West efforts to develop in our community. The economy derailed that development. Then I was actively involved in the update to the County’s Sector Plan for US Rt 1.

In 2013 I became the Autoville community liaison working with the Monument Village at College Park project (successor to JPI West) on their Detailed Site Plan. That development is currently under construction.

In the past years I’ve attended conferences and lectures pertaining to Smart Growth and Economic Development issues. A great community doesn’t happen by chance and I want to be able to help College Park be the best community to live in that it can be.

I believe community involvement is essential to any community worth living in. College Park is the current focus of the County’s redevelopment efforts. Assuring smart growth and development that will complement its surrounding community is why I am running for City Council.

*District 4 candidates, continued on next page.*

## DISTRICT 4 CONTINUED



### **Dustyn Burkart Kujawa**

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***Candidate for City Council  
District 4***

Dustyn Kujawa has lived in College Park for 9 years with her husband, Chris, and has worked hard to be a part of the community

at large. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management. She currently works as a project manager for an aerospace engineering company in the Lanham area.

Community is important to Dustyn, and she enjoys getting to know her neighbors and getting involved. She has served on the College Park Woods Pool Board, as a member of the College Park Redistricting Commission, and as Co-Coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch. Dustyn is well respected among her friends and neighbors and is excited to help the residents of District 4.

As a Councilmember for District 4, Dustyn would like to implement the visions of the residents and work to meet the needs of District 4. As a resident, neighbor, and friend, she knows the strengths of the community and what matters most. She will work diligently and impartially to bring change for the district and the City of College Park.



## City Hall Bulletin Board

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015**

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015**

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015**

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

All meetings take place in the 2nd floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD unless noted. All meetings are open to the public except Closed Sessions. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501.

Mayor and Council meetings can be viewed live on Comcast cable channel 71 or Verizon channel 25. Regular Council Meetings and Worksessions are rebroadcast in their entirety at the following times: Wednesdays at 8pm, Thursdays and Fridays at 6pm, and Saturdays at 10am.

Council meetings are streamed live over the internet on the Mayor and City Council page on the City's website at [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov), and click on the menu item "Council Meetings Video". Meetings that are streamed will also be archived for future viewing through the City's website.

Meeting Agendas are posted on the City's website on the Friday afternoon prior to the meetings and are available at the City Clerk's office. Meeting back-up materials will be posted to the website on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Meeting schedule is subject to change. For current information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501.

### **CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND NOTICE OF FAIR SUMMARY ORDINANCE 15-O-04**

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending Chapter 175 "Taxation", Article IV, "Revitalization Tax Credit", Sections §175-9 "Eligibility Requirements"; §175-10 "Eligibility Criteria"; §175-11 "Tax Credit – Amount and Term"; §175-12 "Application Process"; and §175-13 "Waiver", to Change Eligibility Requirements and Criteria, to Clarify that a Tax Credit Will Be Granted Only If Financially Feasible, to Clarify the Application Process, and to Delete a Certain Waiver Option.

This Ordinance was introduced on August 11, 2015, a Public Hearing was held on September 8, 2015, it was adopted on September 8, 2015, and will become effective on September 29, 2015.

Copies of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland 20740, call 240-487-3501, or visit [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov).

## COUNCIL ACTION

In a Special Session held during the regularly scheduled Worksession on September 1, 2015, the College Park City Council took the following action:

- Approved Jackie Kelly as 2015 Jack Perry Award recipient.

At the regular Council Meeting on September 8, 2015, the College Park City Council took the following actions:

- Approved a Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendations Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Variance Application Number CPV-2015-04, 4803 Lackawanna Street, College Park, Maryland, Recommending Approval Of Variances From The Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance: Section 27-442(C) Prescribing Maximum Lot Coverage And Section 27-442(E) Prescribing Minimum Front Yard Setback.
- Approved a Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendation Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Request For Certification Of A Non-Conforming Use CNU-2015-01 For College Park Wesleyan Church, 4915 Edgewood Road, College Park, Maryland Recommending Approval Of The Request For Certification Of A Non-Conforming Use.
- Approved a Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland To Dissolve The Farmers Market Committee.
- Approved a Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland To Dissolve The Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team.
- Approved Fall Field Use Requests from College Park Boys and Girls Club for use of Duvall and Calvert Road Fields.
- Approved a Sunday Field Use Request for Duvall Field from Berwyn Baptist Church.
- Approved a Sunday Field Use Request for Duvall Field from Open Bible Deaf Church.
- Approved a request by Mr. John Saylor, 5209 Kenesaw Street, to park a prohibited vehicle (trailer) on Kenesaw Street.
- Approved the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with University of Maryland Department of Transportation Services for resident and City employee ridership of Shuttle-UM in the amount of \$6,000.
- Approved a bonus to Joe Nagro, our retiring City Manager, in the amount of \$5,000, to be applied toward his purchase of the City vehicle he used, a 2009 Chevrolet Equinox. This vehicle is valued at approximately \$10,000. Mr. Nagro will purchase the vehicle from the City for the remaining balance of \$5,000.

- Approved a city-position of “no opposition” to the application by College Park Liquors for a BOLC Special Sunday Off-Sale Permit, subject to the applicant entering into a Property Use Agreement with the City.
- Approved a contract for a City-University bikeshare program to Zagster, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the City-funded portion of the program, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.
- Adopted Ordinance 15-O-04, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Amending Chapter 175 “Taxation”, Article IV, “Revitalization Tax Credit”, Sections §175-9 “Eligibility Requirements”; §175-10 “Eligibility Criteria”; §175-11 “Tax Credit – Amount And Term”; §175-12 “Application Process”; And §175-13 “Waiver”, To Change Eligibility Requirements And Criteria, To Clarify That A Tax Credit Will Be Granted Only If Financially Feasible, To Clarify The Application Process, And To Delete A Certain Waiver Option.
- Appointed Taylor Roethle, Adler Pruitt and Ryan Belcher to the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

During a Special Session held during the September 15, 2015 Worksession, the College Park City Council took the following action:

- Approved a city-position of “no opposition” to the application by Town Hall Restaurant for a BOLC Special Sunday Off-Sale Permit, subject to the applicant entering into a Property Use Agreement with the City.

At the regular Council Meeting on September 22, 2015, the College Park City Council took the following actions:

- Awarded a contract for two replacement trash trucks to Heil Environment in an amount not to exceed \$551,768 to be funded from Master Lease #3 effective January 2016, subject to contract review and approval by the City Attorney.
- Adopted 15-R-18, A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Adopting The Recommendations Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Departure Number CPD-2014-01, 4618 College Avenue, College Park, Maryland, Recommending With Conditions A Departure Of 11.4-Foot From The Required 22-Foot Driveway Width.
- Approved an Agreement with Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S) for Electronic Voting Machines and associated costs in the November 3 elections.

- Appointed Drew Hogg to the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.
- Approved City Revitalization Tax Credits for The Hotel at the University of Maryland and for College Park Place.

## COLLEGE PARK WELCOMES NEW CITY MANAGER



Please join us in welcoming Scott Somers, our new city manager. Mr. Somers started with the city on Monday, September 28, 2015.

The City Council worked closely with residents and other stakeholders on developing the criteria for the type of person the City needed.

In accepting the position, Somers said, “It’s a real honor and privilege to be selected as College Park’s next City Manager. I have big shoes to fill. I’m looking forward to continuing the good work of Mr. Nagro in terms of building relationships and collaborating with the University on sustainable redevelopment and economic development efforts.” Somers said one of his priorities will be working with the Mayor and Council to move forward on the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, particularly the One College Park goal.

Somers perviously served as the County Manager of Clatsop County, Oregon, as well as City Manager of Reedsport, Oregon, and before that municipalities in Minnesota. Originally from Tucson, Somers received his Bachelor of Social Work from Arizona State University and his Master of Public Administration from the University of Arizona.

## CITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### FINANCE DIRECTOR

The City of College Park, MD is seeking an experienced Director of Finance. Responsibilities include budget preparation, investments, financial forecasting, and oversight of accounting, payroll, bookkeeping, and information systems. Requirements are: minimum 7 years of progressively responsible experience in financial management, preferably in government; CPA plus Bachelor’s degree (Master’s preferred) in accounting, finance, public administration, or related field; experience managing a staff; demonstrated public speaking ability; excellent writing skill; and some background in information systems. This position is a member of the City Manager’s leadership team. The City offers a competitive salary (DOQ) plus excellent benefits. Apply online at [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov) and include a cover letter and resume. Closing date October 2, 2015. EOE

## Around Town!



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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 4-10, 2015

Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom!

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half!

For more info. go to [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

### THE HALLOWEEN THING SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2015

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES  
4912 NANTUCKET ROAD

Join us for this free event, which will include the haunted hallway, moon bounce, arts & crafts, games, tattoos, fire truck, face painting, raffle, costume parade, and more!

Sponsored by the College Park Youth & Family Services and College Park Youth Services Center, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. For more information, call 240-487-3550.

### 2015 JACK PERRY AWARD RECIPIENT



Mayor Fellows presented Jackie Kelly with the 2015 Jack Perry Award during the September 8th Mayor and Council Meeting. Shown here are (L-R) Mayor Fellows, Sean Perry, Jackie Kelly, Mary Ann Hartnett, Denise Kelly, Kathy Perry, Councilmember Dennis, Donna Perry and Joseph Perry.

## TRAFFIC ALERT – UMD SPORTING EVENTS

Please be aware of pedestrians along city roads and expect heavier traffic throughout the day and evening for the following UMD events:

- Saturday, 10/3: UM football vs. Michigan (8:00 p.m.)
- Friday, 10/9: UM volleyball vs. Minnesota (7:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, 10/10: UM volleyball vs. Wisconsin (7:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, 10/24: UM volleyball vs. Rutgers (7:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, 10/25: UM wrestling, Red and Black Wrestle-Offs (12:00 p.m.)

## UMD GAME-DAY TEXT ALERTS

If you would like to receive game day information text alerts regarding incidents, traffic problems, notifications about the start and end of incoming and outgoing traffic pertaining to sporting events, send a text message from your mobile device to 888777 with keyword: TerpsGameDay.

## VISIT OUR FARMERS MARKETS

**HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET**  
SATURDAYS – 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
9801 RHODE ISLAND AVE.  
HOLLYWOOD SHOPPING CENTER  
[www.hollywoodmarket.org](http://www.hollywoodmarket.org)

**DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET**  
SUNDAYS – 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.  
4500 KNOX RD., CITY HALL PARKING LOT  
[shopcollegepark.org](http://shopcollegepark.org)

## CITY OF COLLEGE PARK OFFERS SHUTTLE-UM BUS PASSES TO RESIDENTS

Complimentary Shuttle-UM passes are available at City Hall, Davis Hall and Youth and Family Services. Residents need to live in the incorporated area of College Park. They will need to complete an application and show a photo ID and proof of residency. Residents can apply for the bus passes at:

- City Hall, Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sat. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Davis Hall, Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Youth and Family Services, Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

University of Maryland students do not need a resident pass to ride Shuttle-UM. For information on Shuttle-UM routes and schedules go to [www.transportation.umd.edu](http://www.transportation.umd.edu), or call 301-314-2255.

## WHERE IS THE MUNICIPAL SCENE?

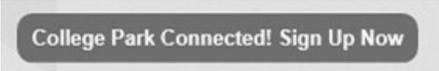
In 1999 the City began publishing the *Municipal Scene* in the *Gazette Newspaper*. As you may know, the Gazette published their final edition in June and we are reviewing our options for how to deliver the *Municipal Scene* in the future. In the meantime, until a long-term solution is found, we are producing an electronic *Municipal Scene* that is emailed to our College Park Connected subscribers once a month and then posted on the City website.

College Park Connected is the City's email listserv. You can sign up to receive emails from the City in the following categories:

- City Council (meeting agendas, public hearing notices, special meetings)
- General Interest (*Municipal Scene*, press releases, new programs and initiatives)
- City Events (farmers market, community events and College Park Day)
- Public Works Information (refuse, recycling, leaf collection and snow removal)
- Development News (general development updates and Business Beat newsletter)
- City Job Listing
- SMARTLEAF® compost and wood mulch notices

## TO SIGN-UP:

1. Go to the City's website: [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov)
2. Click on the green sign up button:



3. Enter your name and email address, and specify the type of information you want to receive. You can change your selection or unsubscribe at any time.

## FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT USE EMAIL:

On a temporary basis, we will mail the *Municipal Scene* to you as we continue to explore other options. Call 240-487-3501 and let us know your name, address and the district you live in to get on our mailing list.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – 11:00 A.M.  
COLLEGE PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL  
US ROUTE 1 AND GREENBELT ROAD

**8TH ANNUAL COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015  
6:00 P.M. TO 11:30 P.M.  
RITCHIE COLISEUM  
4533 ROSSBOROUGH LANE, COLLEGE PARK

**From The Public Works Dept...**  
9217 51st Avenue 240-487-3590  
publicworks@collegetparkmd.gov

Please note: Columbus Day is not a city holiday! Refuse, recycling, and yard trim are collected on your regularly scheduled day.

## **OCTOBER CLEANUP SATURDAYS OCTOBER 10 AND 17, 2015**

The City of College Park Public Works facility (9217 51st Avenue) will be open for City residents the second and third Saturdays in October, 10/10 and 10/17, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon ONLY to drop-off bulky trash, electronics and molded/block Styrofoam® for recycling, brush, and yard waste. 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. Number 6 expanded polystyrene foam, commonly known as Styrofoam®, cannot be contaminated with tape, stickers, food, or other impurities. Additionally, we can only accept molded foam such as blocks used in packaging – no food or beverage containers or packing peanuts.

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.

We will also be working with several non-profits again this year 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:

- 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.
- Clothing and household items – cookware, dishes, books, linens, games, toys, clothes, shoes, and intact furniture items (NO upholstered furniture or mattresses/box springs).

Remember – you **MUST** be a resident of the City of College Park AND bring proof of City residency in order to participate. Call or email Public Works with questions or for more information (240-487-3590; publicworks@collegetparkmd.gov).

## **DOCUMENT SHREDDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015**

Document shredding services will be available to City of College Park residents at the Department of Public Works (9217 51st Ave) on Saturday, October 10, 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. You must be a resident of the City of College Park and bring proof of residency to participate.

## **CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

Starting Monday, November 2nd, the Public Works Department will begin curbside vacuum collection of leaves. Look for signs posted in your neighborhood for collection dates or visit [www.collegetparkmd.gov](http://www.collegetparkmd.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 30th. Brush, branches, sticks, and shrubs are collected Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only; call 240-487-3590 or email [publicworks@collegetparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegetparkmd.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.

## **SPECIAL AND BULKY TRASH PICKUPS – APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED!**

Special and bulky trash are collected on Thursdays and Fridays **by appointment only**. Call 240-487-3590, or email [publicworks@collegetparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegetparkmd.gov) to schedule an appointment at least one day in advance before setting items out for collection. Items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.