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City of College Park Responds to Resident Complaints About Disruptive Parties in the City

COLLEGE PARK, MD, September 22, 2017 - The City of College Park will immediately begin instituting measures to address resident concerns regarding noise, large parties, and related issues that negatively impact the quality of life throughout the City.

On Monday, September 18, City Manager Scott Somers and Director of Public Services Bob Ryan attended a meeting of Old Town and Calvert Hills residents to hear their complaints about large parties, noise, and other related neighborhood issues. In response, the City Manager has created a small task force of City and University of Maryland officials to recommend strategies and actionable items that address these long-standing concerns. It is expected that certain measures will be immediately implemented, while other measures will be presented to the City Council for consideration. A complete list implemented actions and recommendations will be provided to City Council this fall.

As part of the City's response, the City Manager has approved overtime funds to increase staffing in City Code Enforcement and contract police patrols this weekend. Further, the City's contract police officers will issue referrals to the University of Maryland's Office of Student Conduct of all students caught violating local ordinances and state laws, such as possession of an open alcohol container in public, disorderly conduct, vandalism, and public urination. City officials and police officers will also focus on properties with prior complaints to discourage repeat offenses and to protect the quality of life in these neighborhoods.

Residents can report possible noise code violations to the City's Code Enforcement hot-line at 240- 487-3588. Residents should report any crimes, vandalism, and suspicious behavior immediately to police at 9-1-1.

A high quality of life for all residents is important to the City of College Park. The City encourages residents to safely celebrate the impending victory of the University of Maryland Terps over the UCF Knights safely and with regard to all City residents and regulations.

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