

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
WEEKLY BULLETIN**

June 21, 2016



Berwyn Bridge Re-Opening Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who attended the Berwyn Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony this past Saturday! We had beautiful weather and it was wonderful seeing so many residents come out with their families (including the four legged kind). With the Bridge now open, the communities of College Park and Berwyn Heights are once again connected and we are all very happy to have it restored.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pet Microchipping Clinic at Farmers Markets this Weekend

Hollywood Farmers Market, Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Downtown Farmers Market, Sunday from 10:00am to 2:00pm

This Saturday and Sunday at the Hollywood and Downtown Farmers Markets, College Park Animal Control will be offering FREE microchipping for dogs and cats for City residents (or only \$20 for non-residents). Microchipping is a quick and pretty painless procedure that can help return pets to their families if lost. We encourage residents to bring their furry family members to participate in this free program!

Temporary Summer Help Needed

The City of College Park is looking for full-time or part-time temporary help for the summer on our landscaping crew! The hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for three to five days per week. For more information, please visit www.collegeparkmd.gov. The City is an equal opportunity employer.

Summer Day Camps at the College Park Community Center

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission along with the Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation are offering a variety of fun and engaging summer day camps for children 6 to 16! From Modeling Academy, to Basketball camp to Explorers camp, our youngest residents are sure to have tons of fun. Each camp lasts about two weeks; you can choose one camp for the summer or mix-n-match them. Before and after care are also provided at a cost.

To learn more about the summer camps offered at the College Park Community Center, please visit <https://smartlink.pgparcs.com/smartlink/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp?UseLink=true&Course=true&AdvSearch=true&SectionId=11&ComplexId=40>

SafeTrack Metro Commute

Beginning this week, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will begin its SafeTrack repairs on the Metro system. WMATA encourages riders to seek alternate methods of transit including carpooling, Metrobus or slugging (casual carpooling) to help alleviate overcrowding and heavy delays.

SafeTrack will not affect the College Park/UM and Greenbelt stations until November, but it's never too early to start preparing! From November 12 through December 6, 2016, the rails between Greenbelt and College Park stations will become single-track which will mean approximately 50%-69% fewer trains. Please look at Metrobus and Shuttle UM routes and schedules for alternate methods between stations.

Did you know: College Park Residents can ride on the University of Maryland Shuttle for free with a resident pass? Visit http://collegeparkmd.gov/programs_and_initiatives/shuttle-um/index.php for more information.

FROM OUR CITY DEPARTMENTS

Department of Public Works (DPW)

- The crew has been busy this past week power washing the Downtown College Park sidewalks.
- The LED lamp retrofit of the pedestrian lights along both sides of Route 1 between Knox Road & Hartwick Road is complete. The lights were converted from metal halide to LED, which will reduce power consumption and extend the life of the lamps
- Last week, the Maryland Department of Agriculture sprayed for mosquitoes in parts of College Park Woods, Berwyn, Lakeland and Patricia Court. Mosquito spraying occurs on Wednesday nights in College Park if the spray criteria are met and if the area is not listed as 'no spray' areas.

Report mosquito problems and spray requests to Public Works

- Email publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov with your address, the problem area (address if possible), time of day with the most mosquitoes and any area with stagnant water in the vicinity.
- For objections to spraying, please fill out and mail this form to the address listed on the form.
- For any questions, please call us at (240)487-3590

Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development

- Several neighboring jurisdictions and developers have expressed interest in joining the mBike bikeshare system. Discussions have been initiated with UMD and Zagster about the process for expanding outside of the City.
- The City's Annual Program Open Space application was prepared and submitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The City's allocation for FY2017 is approximately \$114,712, of which \$20,000 has been allocated to Hollywood Gateway Park property acquisition funding and \$94,712 is slated to be used towards the proposed wellness trail around the Hollywood Shopping Center
- The Community Development Coordinator participated in a webinar produced by the Sustainable Cities Network. The topics involved urban trees for stormwater treatment and management. The presentation described recent research showing that the water quality benefit of urban tree systems can be equivalent to traditional bioretention systems.
- The Administrative Assistant attended a seminar on "Designing, Financing and Administering First-Time Home Buyer Programs." This program specifically addressed local initiatives and layered financing in home ownership transactions.

Youth and Family Services (YFS)

- Peggy Higgins met with College Park and Greenbelt Marriott HR staff. Marriott has an organizational commitment to community service and the meeting was to discuss possible community volunteer opportunities for Marriott staff as well as to explore the possibility of the Marriott serving as a employment resource for a possible workforce development initiative with College Park Youth and Family Services, Alden-Berkeley Townhomes, Greenbelt CARES and the Training Source, located in Prince George's County.
- In July, Peggy Higgins of Youth, Family and Senior Services and Ms. Pat Thompson of Alden-Berkeley Townhomes will be hosting a listening session for Alden-Berkeley residents to get their ideas as to what could improve the community.
- Principals from local schools will be joining Youth and Family staff for lunch on June 23rd to relax and share information about the year's highlights
- The Education Advisory Committee has decided to conduct an essay contest for College Park youth attending University of Maryland summer camps through the City's scholarships. Details to follow
- Youth and Family Services staff is continuing to work Hollywood Hispanic parents who attended June's North College Park Civic Association meeting are interested in developing their relationship with the Civic Association

Engineering Division

- The 9400, 9500 & 9600 blocks of 48th Avenue are going to be milled and resurfaced during the week of June 27th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House for College Park Seniors

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

4912 Nantucket Road, College Park

Did you know the City provides transportation for seniors to local medical appointments and grocery stores and provides help in enrolling in Medicare and other programs? The City of College Park Seniors Program invites you to our Open House! Learn more about all the services the City provides seniors and exchange ideas for possible social activities and programs.

A light lunch will be served and there will be door prizes for those who attend. Transportation to the Open House is also available.

Can't make it? Contact us at (301)345-8100 for services information or to sign up for our College Park Super Senior mailing list.

Sponsored by Youth and Family Services

Independence Day Concert and Fireworks

Monday, July 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

University of Maryland, Lot 1

The City of College Park and the University of Maryland are once again breaking out the red, white and blue for a fabulous Independence Day celebration! Come out and enjoy The Nightlife Band at 7:00 p.m. Fireworks Extravaganza will then entertain us with a 30 to 40 minute program starting at dusk - about 9:00 p.m. In case of hazardous weather, a siren will be sounded and UMPD will direct where to seek shelter. In case of rain cancellation, the event will be rescheduled only to Tuesday, July 5. Concessions open at 5:00 p.m. offering various treats including hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, ice cream, snow cones, soda and bottled water.

Grass seating is limited, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Personal coolers are also allowed, but alcohol is not permitted. For more information, please call (240)487-3570.

If you're thinking of bringing your pets to this event...Think again! Loud noises, flashing lights and large crowds can have traumatic effects on your pets. Let's do our best to keep them safe by leaving them at home.

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Meetings at a Glance

City of College Park Mayor and Council Notice of Meetings

- Tuesday, July 5, 2016 7:30 p.m. - Mayor and Council Worksession
- Tuesday, July 12, 2016 7:30 p.m. - Mayor and Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on: 1) permit restricted parking around the "Boulevard at 9091" development; 2) Ordinances 16-O-4 and 16-O-05, amendments to chapter 139 "Noise"; 3) Charter amendment 16-CR-01, to eliminate the requirement to provide public notice in certain circumstances in a newspaper of general circulation
- Thursday, July 28, 2016 7:30 p.m. - Four Cities Meeting in Berwyn Heights
- Wednesday, August 3, 2016 7:30 p.m. - Mayor and Council Worksession
- Tuesday, August 9, 2016 7:30 p.m. - Mayor and Council Regular Meeting