

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

June 7, 2016



### College Park at its Freshest

Fresh produce, local vendors, great food - visit our two Farmers Markets every weekend! Come to our Hollywood Farmers Market by MOM's and REI every Saturday from 9am-1pm and our Downtown Farmers Market by City Hall every Sunday from 10am-2pm!



### If I Were Mayor, I Would...

Fourth grade students across the City participated in this year's Maryland Municipal League's If I Were Mayor, I Would... essay contest. The City is very proud to announce that it had four MML Outstanding Essayists and six School Outstanding Essayists.

The distribution of participation certificates to all participating fourth graders from Hollywood, Paint Branch, Al Huda, Holy Redeemer and Friends School is almost completed.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Changes to City Hall Service Hours and Addition of City Services at Davis Hall

Starting June 6, the City Hall lobby window will be open Monday through Friday from 8 am until 6 pm, and on Saturday from 1 pm until 5 pm. City Hall is closed on Sunday. Previously the window was open until 7 pm Monday through Friday.

Also starting on June 6, City parking permits, visitor permits, animal licenses, non-resident permits, and MVA flag releases services will be available at Davis Hall Monday through Friday from 8 am until 6 pm. Staff have changed their schedules and taken on additional responsibilities to provide these services at Davis Hall, which will be convenient for north College Park residents.

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## I-95 College Park Exit Ramp Closure

Starting on or about June 7

The exit ramp for College Park/Route One (exit 27) on Interstate 95 will be closed on or about June 7th, and remain closed for about two weeks depending on weather. While the ramp is closed, a detour will be provided that will route drivers through the truck weigh station and park-and-ride area to the ramp towards I-95/I-495 southbound and Route One. The ramp is being resurfaced, which requires a complete closure.

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## 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](http://collegeparkmd.gov/programs_and_initiatives/shuttle-um/index.php) for more information.



## New Luxury Apartment Groundbreaking

Today, Wood Partners along with the City of College Park, College Park City University Partnership and the University of Maryland held its groundbreaking ceremony for the new 275-unit luxury apartment building on Berwyn House Road. These apartments are geared towards young professionals with its very close proximity to the College Park Metro Station and will feature numerous amenities including a rooftop pool, ground floor retail and pet spa!

# FROM OUR CITY DEPARTMENTS

## City Manager's Report

### City Computer System

- The City's main computer system that handles financial transactions, permits and licenses, and other services has required frequent technical support since the Pepco power failure in April. Unfortunately, the system has been down on several occasions during which staff could not process certain payments or permits for residents and businesses.
- The City will purchase a new system and a refurbished system for backup. The backup system will eventually be installed at Davis Hall and will be available if the City Hall system goes down. This summer the City will re-locate a generator from Davis Hall and install it to provide backup for IT services at City Hall. These steps should ensure that the City does not experience the loss of services and IT outages that we have experienced recently.

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## Department of Public Works (DPW)

- Davis Hall is now open from 8am to 6pm Monday through Friday for parking permits, visitor permits, animal tags, non-resident permits and MVA flag releases.
- Two new trash trucks are in operation, designed by our very own Director of Public Works
- Move-outs still continue and DPW had a two person crew collecting move-out debris this past Saturday, June 4.
- Last week, the Maryland Department of Agriculture sprayed for mosquitoes in the Hollywood section, east of Rhode Island Avenue and in College Park Woods. 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@collegetparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegetparkmd.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

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## Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development

- Submitted a grant application to the Maryland Bikeways program for a feasibility study and 30% design for a shared-use sidepath on the north side of Paint Branch Parkway from the Trolley Trail to US Route 1.
- Coordinated installation logistics for the bikeshare station to be installed at University View.
- The Community Development Coordinator met with Prince George's County Community Development staff for a site visit to the Randolph Macon project which is under construction.
- The Director and City Attorney met with representatives from Toll Brothers to tour the site and discuss the status of uncompleted roadway improvements related to pedestrian safety.
- The Senior Planner presented three variance cases before the Advisory Planning Commission.
- The Director, along with the Assistant City Manager and Human Resources, conducted three interviews for the vacant Economic Development Coordinator position.

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## Youth and Family Services (YFS)

- City Senior staff and Department Head Peggy Higgins are developing strategies to address issues identified in the Aging in Place report. The strategies will include ongoing methods to inform City seniors of City services and assistance with County and Federal programs.

- YFS staff is working closely with Hollywood parent liaisons in building parent participation at Hollywood Elementary. Building on that initiative, staff is coordinating a meeting with North College Park Civic Association and Hispanic College Park parents whose children attend Hollywood Elementary to help build a strong community.
- YFS staff have been collaborating with Community Advocates for Families and Youth (CAFY); a well-regarded program that assists victims of crime in the County. YFS has been sharing information with CAFY staff about the success that our agency has had in working with families and children using the sand and play therapy models.
- On June 3, Youth and Family Services hosted a clinical training on “Relationship-based Interventions including Play Therapy Techniques with Autism” presented by Dr. Jodi Cobb, a specialist in the area of autism. There has been an increase in the number of children with autism receiving services at Youth and Family Services and Dr. Cobb’s training provided insights as to how best to work with these children and their families.
- The deadline for the City’s Education Enhancement grants application is June 8 and the applications will then be reviewed on Monday, June 13 by the Education Advisory Committee. Eligible schools are Hollywood Elementary, Paint Branch Elementary, Berwyn Heights Elementary, Cherokee Lane Elementary, University Park Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Buck Lodge Middle, Hyattsville Middle, Parkdale High, Northwestern High, High Point High and College Park Academy.

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## Human Resources

- Human Resources has scheduled Employee Orientation Meetings with Management Advisory Group on June 15 and 16. These meetings will explain to all employees the purpose of the Compensation and Classification Study and what each employee will need to do in order to participate. Meetings are also scheduled with City Council and Department Directors and Managers.
- The Annual City of College Park Employee Picnic will be held this Saturday, June 11 at Adelphi Manor Recreation Center from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. All employees and their families are invited and encouraged to attend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mosquito Workshop and Zika Virus Prevention

Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers of City Hall, 4500 Knox Road (Second Floor)

Join us in welcoming Jeannine Dorothy, Entomologist with the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) as she educates us about the type of mosquitoes in our area, their habitat and vectors they carry, as well as what you can do to help reduce the population of mosquitoes in your neighborhood.

Sponsored by the Department of Public Works

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### 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

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## 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, June 7, 2016 7:30 p.m. - Mayor and Council Worksession
- Tuesday, June 14, 2016 7:30 p.m. - Mayor and Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-O-03
- 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 permit restricted parking around the "Boulevard at 9091" development