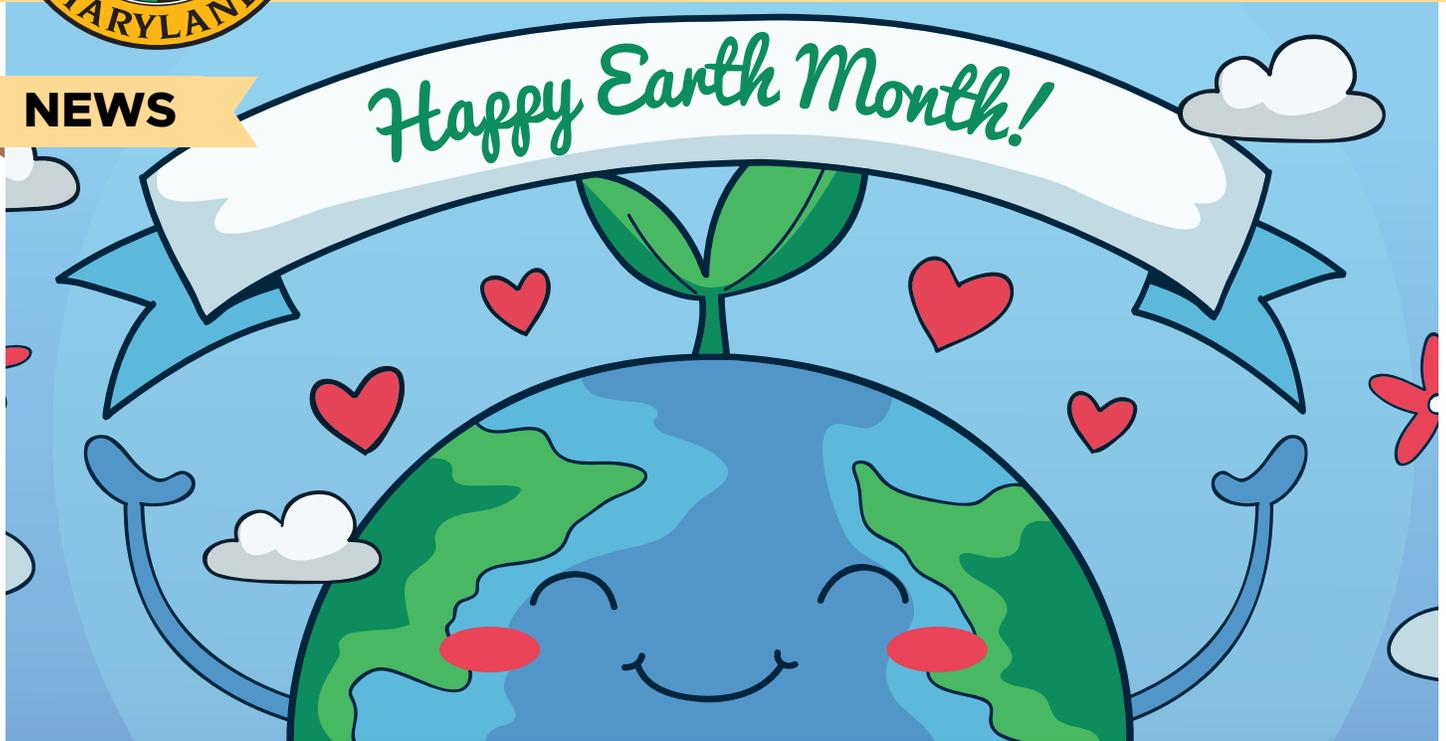




NEWS

Happy Earth Month!



CELEBRATING OUR EARTH

Did you know that April is Earth Month? This month, the City has a ton of events and activities to clean up, beautify, reduce waste, recycle and conserve resources in honor of our wonderful blue planet.

FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF PROGRAM

Beginning April 1, City residents can collect food scraps to drop off at our Department of Public Works for composting (to divert the items from the landfill). For more information, read all about it on [page 2!](#)

MAYOR'S CHALLENGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION

Join Mayor Wojahn in acting to reduce College Park's water consumption and energy use by taking the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Visit www.mywaterpledge.com throughout the month of April to take a pledge to conserve resources around your home. Simple choices like shortening shower times, using reusable bags, and scooping pet waste make a difference. College Park will be competing with other cities around the country to see which city can be the most water wise – your pledge could help us win!

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

Good Neighbor Day is back on April 13. Join your neighbors and hundreds of volunteers in a variety

of activities to help our community. See [page 4](#) for details and registration information.

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT DPW

Residents can bring items that can be reused and recycled (electronics, clothes, tools, appliances, and more) to the Department of Public Works each Saturday in April. For details, see [page 3](#).

ARBOR DAY

Once again the City will be hosting an Arbor Day celebration. Stay tuned to the weekly bulletin, website and social media for details.

WANT TO GO SOLAR?

This CBE event is an information session regarding a local solar co-op. See [page 5](#) for details.

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FOOD SCRAPS DROP-OFF

In honor of Earth Month, the Department of Public Works is pleased to announce the April start of the brand-new Food Scrap Drop-off Program!

Beginning April 1, City residents can drop off food scraps at Davis Hall (9217 51st Avenue) in the designated food scrap container. In addition, there will be drop-off locations at the Downtown and Hollywood Farmers' Markets beginning in May.

Items that can be accepted for the drop off include: fruit and vegetable scraps; coffee grounds and tea leaves; dry goods - breads, pasta, nuts, rice and grains; dairy products, eggs and egg shells; meat, fish, poultry and bones – cooked or uncooked; food soiled paper products – napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, and tea bags. Dropped off food waste will be composted locally at the Prince George's County Organics Compost facility.



The first 50 residents to visit the Department of Public Works during regular business hours (starting April 1) can pick up a free 5-gallon container for their food scraps (see the picture on the left!)

NOT SURE HOW TO GET STARTED?

Food scrap composting is very easy. Separate the accepted food scrap items from other trash and place in either a BPI certified compostable bag (available at all locations for free) or in a container with a closed lid (for example - empty coffee containers with sealing lids are great for this). Once it gets full, bring the food scraps to the designated drop off area at Davis Hall or during the farmers markets and follow the instructions provided to dispose!

Just a quick note, please do not include plastic products of any kind, pet or human waste, diapers, shells, grease or fats, or ash from wood or charcoal as they cannot be accepted.

For more information, go to www.collegeparkmd.gov/foodscraps for a video, accepted list and more.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

If you haven't already, submit your comment to the Charter Review Commission!

The City of College Park has established a Charter Review Commission (CRC) to hear from our residents on the benefits and concerns associated with changing the length of the term for elected officials from two to four years, and on the benefits and concerns related to staggering those terms or having them run concurrently. For more information about the Commission or for transcripts, visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/boards#CRC.

The Commission is still taking written comments at www.collegeparkmd.gov/crccomment. Comments submitted by April 30, 2019 will be included in the public record.

AWC TIP OF THE MONTH

This tip is provided by the Animal Welfare Committee.

DOGGIE DANGER ZONE: YOUR BACK YARD

Finally spring has arrived and the daffodils are beginning to bloom. But who would think that a cute yellow daffodil is considered poisonous to dogs?

Daffodils and other common yard plants (like tulips, azaleas, chrysanthemums, calla lilies, and morning glories) can be hazardous to our pets. While many can cause stomach upset, some (like foxglove) have more serious effects. When planning your garden this spring, research which plants are safe for your furry family member.

For a list of pet toxic plants, [visit the ASPCA's website here](#).

CBE TIP OF THE MONTH

This tip is provided by the Committee for a Better Environment.

TIPS ON HOW TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WITH FERTILIZERS

Use the Right Mix of Nutrients

- Avoid overusing fertilizers.
- Do a soil test to determine the mineral needs of your soil and apply the necessary amendments.
- Research the nutrient needs for your plants before fertilizing.
- Apply no more than 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn.

Watch the Weather

- Never apply fertilizer before it rains.
- Fertilize only once in the fall for cool season lawn grasses like fescue.
- Fertilize on calm days.

APRIL IS SPRING CLEANUP MONTH

EVERY SATURDAY IN APRIL
7:30 A.M. TO NOON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
9217 51ST AVENUE

The City of College Park's Department of Public Works facility will be open for City residents to drop-off bulky trash, block Styrofoam, electronics for recycling, brush, and yard trim. Residents can also purchase compost, wood mulch, a yard waste cart, or a backyard compost bin.

You must be a resident of the City of College Park and bring proof of City residency in order to participate, although anyone can buy compost or wood mulch during this event.

Residents may dispose of one of each of the following items per year for free: air conditioners, heat pumps, dehumidifiers, and refrigerators. Tires will incur a disposal fee of \$4.00 each.

The following will be available for purchase and pick-up: Rain barrels (\$72), yard waste carts (\$25), and backyard compost bins (\$20).



Wood mulch and Smartleaf® screened compost will also be available; you don't need to be a City resident to purchase! Check out our Early Bird Compost special - 25% off through April 30! For details see ad below.

Please note that hazardous materials will not be accepted (light bulbs or tubes, batteries, shingles, propane tanks, paint, etc.)

REDUCE...REUSE...RECYCLE!

Two participating organizations, Community Forklift and GreenDrop, will be accepting donations that are still in good condition at the events. Clean out your homes, garages, and sheds, and bring the items you no longer use or need to donate them for reuse. Donations are tax deductible.

The following types of items will be collected separately:

Community Forklift accepts donations of surplus, gently-used, and salvaged home improvement supplies, appliances, doors, landscaping tools, bricks, blocks, hardware and much more. [Click here](#) for full list of acceptable items.



GreenDrop accepts all articles of clothing, shoes, blankets and bedding, as well as collectibles, kitchenware, toys, small appliances, electronics and sporting goods. [Click here](#) for full list of acceptable items.

Document Shredding

On-site document shredding services will be available at the Department of Public Works during the Saturday, April 20 Cleanup event from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. only. Bring your paperwork to be shredded while you wait. City residency is required.

EARLY BIRD COMPOST SALE!



**SMARTLEAF COMPOST 25% OFF THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019
VALID FOR PICK UP ONLY, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.**

Screened compost:
Regular price \$28/cubic yard
Sale price \$21/cubic yard*

Pick up at our facility
9217 51st Avenue, College Park
Mon.-Fri. 7:30-11:45 am & 1:00-3:00pm &
Saturdays in April, 7:30am-Noon
Residency is not required.



For more information visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/compost



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
9217 51st Avenue, College Park, MD 20740
240-487-3590 • publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov

UPCOMING EVENTS



Photo credit: Office of Community Engagement

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
5051 PIERCE AVE

Join your fellow College Park neighbors as we plant, clean, beautify, collect food and much more for this year's Good Neighbor Day! Across College Park there will be planting, invasive plant species removal, meal packing, a food drive, mural painting, litter reduction and other beautification and community events.

This year, the projects include opportunities that benefit gardens, green spaces, playgrounds, trails/walking paths, and local food pantries.

BRUNCH WITH BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
5051 PIERCE AVE

You're invited to Brunch with Bunny! Join us on Saturday, April 6 from 11am until 1pm at the College Park Community Center (5051 Pierce Ave).

The first 200 guests will enjoy free refreshments, photo ops with the Bunny and friends, arts and crafts and a special show by magician Tim Hall from 11:15 until noon.

For more information, email publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov or call the Community Center at 301.441.2647. Please note that the event is limited to 200 guests.

Presented by the City of College Park's Recreation Board.

As part of Good Neighbor Day, we encourage the community to collect canned and non-perishable goods to benefit the College Park Food Bank and UMD Campus Pantry. Donations may be dropped off at on and off-campus locations (including City Hall and Davis Hall) through April 8.

Volunteer registration ends soon. Further information is available at www.goodneighborday.umd.edu. The event will go on rain or shine. Registered Volunteers should plan to go to registration at the College Park Community Center when the event begins.

Parking is available in and around the Community Center and neighborhood parking restrictions are lifted between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

City of College Park Recreation Board presents...

BRUNCH WITH BUNNY

SAT., APRIL 6, 2019
11 a.m. UNTIL 1 P.M.

College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

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SPRING EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES
4912 NANTUCKET ROAD

It's the City of College Park's Annual Spring Egg Hunt! Join us on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the City's Youth and Family Services (4912 Nantucket Rd) for a spring-time fun egg hunt.

There will be face painting, games, prizes, arts and crafts, meet the Bunny and more! This event is free and for all ages.

For more information, contact the Department of Youth, Family and Senior Services at 240-487-3550.

THIRD THIRSTY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
NANDO'S PERI-PERI
7400 BALTIMORE AVE

Join the City and University Community every third Thursday (of most months) for 3rd Thirsty Thursday! Eat, drink and have laughs with colleagues and neighbors!

MARYLAND DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAMPUS

Saturday, April 27 marks the University of Maryland's 21st annual Maryland Day! Maryland Day is the University's Open House to show off all the amazing things their students, faculty and departments are doing.

The event holds tons of events and festivities for the whole family all across campus. There are hundreds of activities, demonstrations and more going on throughout the day. Stop by the barn to learn about their agricultural programs and the sheep, cows and horses who call it home. Or visit the Clarice to watch (and participate in) fun student-run performances. Or check out all the fun kids activities happening on McKeldin Mall!

The City will once again host a booth on McKeldin Mall! There'll be fun activities, information, and much more from the City. Stop by and say hi!

For more information about the event, [click here](#).

This event is appropriate for children of all ages (1 to 101). This month's event will be held at Nando's Peri-Peri in Downtown College Park!

Events are held throughout the City! Please check our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/collegetparkmd) and website (www.collegetparkmd.gov) regularly for updated locations for each month!

WANT TO GO SOLAR?

April 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Davis Hall
9217 51st Avenue

Join the City's Committee for a Better Environment & the Solar United Neighbors Prince George's County Solar Co-Op for an Information Session.

Learn more or sign up at solarunitedneighbors.org/pgcounty or mdteam@solarunitedneighbors.org

COLLEGE PARK
 COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

The City of College Park will hold municipal elections in November. We have some changes planned, so stay tuned for regular updates in The Municipal Scene, on our Website (www.collegeparkmd.gov/Elections) and through the mail.

EARLY VOTING

If voting on Election Day is difficult for you, mark your calendar for Early Voting, which will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the College Park Community Center.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are already registered to vote with the Prince George's County Board of Elections at your current City address, you are automatically registered to vote in the City Election. However, if you have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must update your Voter Registration with the current information no later than Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Voter registration 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 301-341-4300, or visit www.elections.state.md.us. Voter Registration Forms are available at any City building or any Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration office.

The last day to register to vote, or update your voter registration with current information, is Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

RUNNING FOR OFFICE

The College Park City Council consists of the Mayor, who is elected at-large, and eight district Councilmembers, two from each of the four Council districts in the City. All seats are up for election on November 5, 2019.

College Park uses a petition process to qualify candidates. Candidates for the office of Mayor must obtain the signatures of 20 qualified voters per Council district. Candidates for the office of Councilmember must obtain signatures from 25 qualified voters from their own Council district. Candidacy packets with the petition forms and other required paperwork will be available on August 1, 2019. All forms must be returned to the City Clerk no later than September 20, 2019.

At the time of taking office, which will be in December of this year, the Mayor and each Councilmember must be 18 years old, must be a citizen of the United

States and a current registered voter in the City, so registered for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election. The Mayor must continuously reside in the City during his or her term of office, and Councilmembers must continuously reside in their respective districts during their term of office.

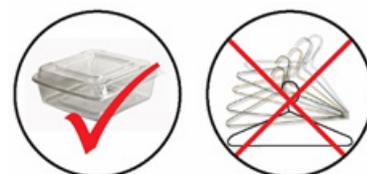
The College Park City Council meets on Tuesday nights. Elected officials are compensated: the Mayor receives \$10,500 per year and each Councilmember receives \$7,000 per year.

For more information about voting in the City, or running for office, please contact the City Clerk, Janeen S. Miller, at 240-487-3501 or jsmiller@collegeparkmd.gov, or the Chief of the Board of Election Supervisors, Jack Robson, at boeschief@collegeparkmd.gov.

RECYCLING CHANGES

Occasionally the Materials Recycling Facility (where we bring our recycling to) changes what is and is not accepted in the recycling program.

- Plastic clamshell containers are now **accepted** in the blue recycling cart.
- Hangers (plastic or metal) are now **not accepted** in the blue recycling cart; they become entangled in the mechanisms causing shut downs.



Continue to recycle the main five items: plastic, glass, metal, paper and cardboard. All items should be empty, clean and dry with the lids on.

BIKE TO WORK DAY IS BACK!

On Friday, May 17, 2019, join new riders and veteran bicycle commuters in a celebration of biking as a fun, healthy way to get to work.



Drop by the City Hall pit stop on your way to work for food, beverages, fun, and prizes!

Be sure to register early – the first 20,000 to sign up across the region will be guaranteed a free t-shirt. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

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TAX SEASON

Tax season is here! This year, federal and state taxes are due on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

City residents, don't forget that when filling out your Maryland state tax return to note the City of College Park as your municipality.

For more information regarding federal and Maryland state taxes, please visit:

<http://www.marylandtaxes.com/>
<https://www.irs.gov/>

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following items are on display and are available to purchase and pick up Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Department of Public Works - 9217 51st Avenue, College Park.

For more information call 301-487-3590 or email publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov.

RAIN BARRELS - \$72.00.

Size is 50-gallon. Once installed, Prince George's County residents can apply for a [Rain Check Rebate](#), off-setting most of the cost! Rain barrels come with lid, overflow cap, pre-installed screen and ring, flex overflow hose, ball valve – spigot, re-usable zip ties, hose clamp and rubber washer. Diverter kit is not included.

YARD WASTE CARTS - \$25.00 FOR RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE

The beige 65-gallon yard waste cart can be used for either "soft yard waste" or "woody yard waste." The two products are collected on separate days and processed into different products. This sturdy cart has wheels and a lift-bar for easy collection.

BACK YARD COMPOST BIN - \$20.00 CITY RESIDENTS / \$40.00 NON RESIDENTS.

Composting is a great way to dispose of your household food waste and yard waste diverting them from the landfill. Size: 33" high x 31" wide, large capacity – 11 cubic feet with convenient 12"x16" offset, front access door.

SMARTLEAF® COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH

Compost is \$28.00 per cubic yard and wood mulch is \$12.00 per cubic yard. Deliveries may start toward the end of the month. For more information on compost [click here](#), or wood mulch [click here](#).

WANT TO PLANT A TREE?

Now is a great time to plan for the future by planting trees. Trees provide many benefits such as reduction of cooling and heating costs, interception of rain water, increasing property values and improving air quality.

The City offers a few ways to help.

REQUESTS FOR STREET TREES.

- The City of College Park has a program that provides for street tree planting in the City of College Park right-of-way area, which includes the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk.
- College Park residents interested in requesting a tree can contact the Brenda Alexander at 240-487-3590 or balexander@collegeparkmd.gov. The location will be inspected to determine if it is suitable. Planning for tree planting is an ongoing activity.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TCEP).

- College Park property owners can apply for reimbursement of up to \$150.00 annually for approved tree(s) planted on their residential lot.
- The completed application should be sent to balexander@collegeparkmd.gov for review and approval.
- [Click here](#) for a link to the guidelines and application.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FAIR SUMMARY

ORDINANCE 19-O-07

Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending Chapter 132, "Litter and Graffiti", by repealing and re-enacting Article II, "Littering", §132-8, "Violations and Penalties", and §132-9, "Notice of Violation; Cost of Removal to Become Lien"; and Chapter 110, "Fees and Penalties", By repealing and re-enacting §110-2, "Penalties", to Increase the Penalty for First and Subsequent Violation of §132-3, "Littering", Clarifying the Conditions Under Which Litter May Be Removed From Public Property and Updating Code References.

This Ordinance was introduced on March 12, 2019 and a Public Hearing was held on March 26, 2019.

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The Ordinance was then adopted on March 26, 2019 and will become effective on April 16, 2019.

ORDINANCE 19-O-08

Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Amending City Code Chapter 172, "Streets and Sidewalks" Article II, "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in Public Rights-Of-Way" by repealing and re-enacting §172-7, "Scope", §172-8 "Definitions", §172-9 "General Standards for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Rights-Of-Way", §172-10 "Application Submission Requirements", and Amending Chapter 110, "Fees And Penalties", §110-1, "Fees and Interests", to add a Definition Allows the City to Hold a Public Hearing with Respect to the Proposed Installation of Wireless Facilities Set Additional Standards for Installation Set Standards for Identification and Maintenance, Prevent Spooling or Coiling of Cables on Poles, Require Additional Information to be Submitted as Part of the Application, Set a Consideration Deadline for Applications Not Otherwise Set By Federal Law and Add a Fee Provision.

This Ordinance was introduced on March 12, 2019 and a Public Hearing was held on March 26, 2019. The Ordinance was then adopted on March 26, 2019 and will become effective on April 16, 2019.

Copies of these Ordinances may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740, call 240-487-3501, or visit www.collegeparkmd.gov.

MUNICIPAL SCENE

TWO OPTIONS TO STAY IN TOUCH!

EMAIL:

Sign up for "College Park Connected" at www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect. Choose the "General Interest" category to receive the Municipal Scene directly to your inbox every month.

MAIL:

Did you know that College Park residents can receive the Municipal Scene through the mail? Please submit your name and address to the City Clerk's office to get on our mailing list. Contact us at 240-487-3501, or send an email to broberts@collegeparkmd.gov.

DIRECTORY

City of College Park Main Number.....240-487-3500
City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-6pm

City Hall Departments

Administration.....240-487-3501
City FAX Number301-699-8029
Finance.....240-487-3509
Human Resources.....240-487-3533
Parking Enforcement Division240-487-3520
Planning/Economic Development240-487-3538

Housing Authority

(Attick Towers) 9014 R.I. Ave.301-345-3600

Public Services: 4601A Calvert Rd..... 240-487-3570
Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Public Safety and Recreation. Parking Enforcement is at City Hall.

24 Hour Hotline..... 240-487-3588
For Urgent Code Enforcement, Noise Control, Animal Control Issues.

Public Works: 9217 51st Ave.....240-487-3590
Trash Collection, Recycling and Special Pick-ups.

Senior Program..... 301-345-8100

Youth and Family Services

4912 Nantucket Rd.....240-487-3550
Drop-In Recreation Center 301-345-4425

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn
5015 Lackawanna Street.....240-988-7763
Councilmember Fazlul Kabir (District 1)
9817 53rd Avenue301-659-6295
Councilmember Kate Kennedy (District 1)
9730 51st Avenue.....202-400-1501
Councilmember P. J. Brennan (District 2)
4500 Knox Road202-288-5569
Councilmember Monroe S. Dennis (District 2)
8117 51st Avenue.....301-474-6270
Councilmember Robert W. Day (District 3)
7410 Baylor Avenue.....301-741-1962
Councilmember John Rigg (District 3)
6809 Dartmouth Avenue443-646-3503
Councilmember Denise C. Mitchell (District 4)
4500 Knox Road301-852-8126
Councilmember Dustyn Kujawa (District 4)
9238 Limestone Place240-620-2105

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: FIRE-AMBULANCE-POLICE.....911
NON-EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICES
P.G. County Police (Hyattsville Station)301-699-2630
P.G. County Police (Non-Emergency) 301-352-1200
P.G. County Park Police (M-NCPPC)...301-459-9088
State Police (College Park Barrack).....301-345-3101
University of Maryland Police.....301-405-3555
College Park Community Center301-441-2647
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park
PEPCO - Power Outages, Lines Down...1-877-737-2662
WSSC: Water Mains301-206-4002
Prince George's County Storm Drains.....301-499-8523