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MAY 2019

NEWS



FARMERS MARKETS RETURN!

With beautiful flowers, warmer temperatures, and more outdoor activities comes another spring favorite - the College Park Farmers Markets!

On May 4 and 5, 2019 the Hollywood and Downtown Farmers Markets respectively return to begin their seasons! Whether you are looking for local, farm to table fruits and veggies, locally raised meats and eggs, or a variety of artisanal foods and products, it's all there at the farmers markets.

Both markets will return to their previous locations. Hollywood Farmers Market is located in the Hollywood Shopping Center off of Edgewood Road and Rhode Island Avenue by the recently expanded MOMs grocery store. The Downtown Farmers Market will return to City Hall for one more year before construction begins on the new City Hall.

New this year to both farmers markets, the Department of Public Works will have a food scrap drop-off area for residents to bring their collected compostable waste. If you're already going to the farmers markets, then this is a great opportunity to bring your vegetable peelings, fruit cores, food soiled paper products and more to be locally composted while you shop! For more information, visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/foodscraps.

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This year's Downtown Farmers Market season brings many returning businesses and several new ones as well. Dodo Farm, Gentle Flours, Amity Thai, Blue Ming, and Sugar Plug are among the list of vendors returning to the markets this year.

Businesses who are interested in vending at the markets this year should contact the City's Economic Development at rchelton@collegeparkmd.gov or 240-487-3543 for more information.

The Hollywood Farmers Market occurs on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the Downtown Farmers Market operates on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY & 30 YEARS AS A TREE CITY USA

The City's Arbor Day and Tree City USA celebration was held on the morning of Friday, April 26, 2019 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Old Town. Despite the promised rain, the weather held out for this annual commemoration.

At the event, attendees from each district read poems or sang in celebration of all things trees! The College Park Nursery School also came out to celebrate by performing an interpretation of a poem dedicated to the beloved subject.



After a quick demonstration (complete with great tree planting tips), an American Linden tree was planted on the grounds of St. Andrews where a previous (and sickly) Linden tree had stood.

We hope that the children who helped this plant tree will watch it grow and in 10 or 20 years remember that they (in the words of Mayor Pro Tem Monroe Dennis) "helped plant this tree and remember Arbor Day from this perspective."

During the Arbor Day celebration, the City was awarded as a Tree City USA for the 30th consecutive year! Forest Ranger Laura Donaldson of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources - Forest Service,

AWC TIP OF THE MONTH

This tip is provided by the Animal Welfare Committee.

BENEFITS OF MICROCHIPPING

While tags attached to your pet's collar have been the long-standing method of identification if your pet gets lost, microchipping is a modern identification method that can help reunite your pet with you.

Unlike tags or collars that can fall off, microchipping is a permanent identification method for pets. No bigger than a grain of rice, a professional can implant a microchip into a variety of animals including reptiles, birds, cats and dogs. The microchip carries a unique identification number that is registered in a database with the owner's contact information.

When an animal is found, a veterinarian or animal control officer uses a scanner to see if the animal has a microchip implanted. If they do, identifying information can be retrieved. Please note that the microchip is not a GPS device.

For more information about the City's microchipping service, visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/pets.

announced the designation and awarded the 2018 honor to Mayor Pro Tem Dennis on behalf of the City. Tree City USA is part of the Arbor Day Foundation, and is awarded to cities that demonstrate excellence in urban forestry management.

To see a video about the City's 2019 Arbor Day event, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwjRYqRj1iE.

Thank you to Councilmembers Brennan and Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem Dennis, The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the College Park Nursery School, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Department of Public Works staff for helping and participating in this momentous occasion.

CBE TIP OF THE MONTH

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

NATIVE PLANTINGS

Spring is here! As you consider your garden plantings, try to avoid invasive species and choose native plants. Nearly 85% of the U.S. is privately owned, which means that the choices we make on our individual private properties really do add up!

Common invasive plant species to discourage in your yard include Japanese honeysuckle, forsythia, English ivy, creeping euonymus, and bamboo.

Many native plants are beautiful and do well in gardens. Native plants are well-adapted to our area and are part of the natural ecosystem. To learn more about native plants, check out the Maryland Biodiversity Project at <https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com>.

Interested in purchasing native plants? Chesapeake Natives (<http://chesapeake natives.org>), a Maryland non-profit, sells plants native to this area at their nursery and through monthly plant sales.

REMEMBERING JIM KOWMAS

Jim Kowmas, dedicated City of College Park Youth, Family and Senior Services and the Lakeland STARs bus driver, died peacefully in his sleep early morning Sunday, April 14, 2019. He was 70 years old. During his five-year tenure with the City, Jim was always dependable and dedicated to doing everything he could for our City seniors.

After his passing, Jim's daughter told us that they were so happy to know that Jim had found his niche in his mid-60s when he began driving for the City and that he would have done it for free because he loved it so much.

Jim leaves behind 5 daughters and 13 grandchildren. The family is grateful that they had all gathered the day before Jim's passing to celebrate their long-awaited family reunion, where they all had a



wonderful time. His family is hoping to have an event celebrating Jim's life this summer; the date is yet to be decided.

The City sends our deepest condolences to his family. Jim will be greatly missed.

WILDLIFE IN THE CITY

As temperatures rise and flowers begin to bloom, College Park residents will notice more wildlife in their backyards. Spring is the season for babies, including deer, opossum, raccoons and foxes.

The three most important things to remember with local wildlife are:

1. Do not touch, pick up, or home any species of wildlife. If you find an animal in need, contact City or County Animal Control or a wildlife rehabber who will be able to provide further advice or assistance for each unique situation.
2. Not all "orphans" have been abandoned. Young deer are often left alone for hours; and baby bunnies will typically only be fed by mama twice a day. Baby squirrels may fall from the nest, but if left near the base of the tree, the mothers will search for and recover the babies. Young birds will jump from the nest during their teenage stage called, "fledgling" when they are learning to survive on their own with both parents usually nearby keeping a close eye on the young one.

3. If you are ever bitten or scratched by a wild animal, make sure to report it to Animal Control or a medical professional immediately. Some animals have potential to transmit parasites, bacteria, and viruses to humans, including Rabies. Rabies can be fatal if left untreated.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact City of College Park Animal Control at 240-487-3575 or animalcontrol@collegeparkmd.gov.

You can also visit our webpage dedicated to pets and wildlife in the City at www.collegeparkmd.gov/pets.



Photo courtesy of John Delano

UPCOMING EVENTS



BIKE TO WORK DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 17
6:30 A.M. TO 8:30 A.M.
CITY HALL
4500 KNOX ROAD

Get out your bicycles, because on Friday May 17, the City of College Park invites you to celebrate bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work!

Take a break at the City Hall pit stop on your way to work for food, beverages, fun, and prizes. Register now, it's free! Be one of the first 20,000 to register region-wide and receive a free T-shirt.

For more information or to register, please visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: DUVALL FIELD VISION & PLANNING PROJECT

MONDAY, MAY 13, 7:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.
DAVIS HALL

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 7:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT CITY HALL

The community input received as a result of outreach efforts last winter has been translated by the City's consultant, Greenplay, LLC, into a conceptual plan with new facilities and amenities. You are invited to attend a presentation of the proposed plan at one of the meetings listed above. Your feedback is encouraged and will help the City Council to determine which improvements to move forward with.

Please check the project page on the City's website for updates at www.collegeparkmd.gov/duvallfieldproject.



Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Davis Hall
9217 51st Avenue

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
7:30 p.m.
City Hall
City Council Regular Meeting



NIGHT OUT

IN COLLEGE PARK
MAY 10 | 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

NIGHT OUT IN COLLEGE PARK

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 6:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

Spend the Evening at a Local Restaurant

Bring this flyer in to the College Park Grill (8321 Baltimore Ave) during the event time frame to get happy hour pricing on select dishes.

Xtreme Teens Drop-In

Bring your preteen(s) and teen(s) to the College Park Community Center to have fun while you're out!

Youth aged 10 to 18 are encouraged to attend Xtreme Teens on this and every Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with preteens (10 - 12 y.o.) welcome for the first hour only.

Questions: Call 301.441.2647

Sponsored by the City Recreation Board

FARMERS MARKETS

HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET
SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
SUNDAYS 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Fresh produce, wonderful crafts, local vendors, great food - visit our two Farmers Markets every weekend!

Come to our Hollywood Farmers Market in the Hollywood Shopping Center (near MOM's) every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and our Downtown College Park Farmers Market by City Hall every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

MONDAY, MAY 27
11:00 A.M.

CITY VETERANS MEMORIAL

The City of College Park Mayor, Council and the Veterans Memorial Committee invite you to attend a Memorial Day Observance. All are welcome to attend.

If you have photos (in frames) of those who served, please bring them with you so they can be displayed at the event.

The event is held at the Veterans Memorial located at the corner of Baltimore Avenue and Greenbelt Road. Parking is available for free at Bowlero.

FIRST THIRSTY THURSDAY

5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 2: MILKBOY ARTHOUSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 6: COLLEGE PARK GRILL

Join the City and University Community every first Thursday (of most months) for 1st Thirsty Thursday! Eat, drink and have laughs with colleagues and neighbors!

GREEN HOUSEKEEPING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL 4500 KNOX ROAD

Learn how to keep your household clean, green and healthy! Did you know that some cleaning products can be as bad for your health as smoking? Join us for a workshop highlighting best practices for greening your cleaning routine. Participants will learn easy and affordable ways to maintain healthy households.

Light refreshments will be served. Free parking. For more information or to RSVP, contact Todd Larsen at toddlarsen_99@yahoo.com.

Sponsored by the City's Committee for a Better Environment.

GREEN HOUSEKEEPING WORKSHOP
May 11, 2019

DETAILS
DATE / TIME
May 11, 2019
10:00 a.m. - noon.

LOCATION
City Hall
4500 Knox Road
College Park, MD
20740

TOPICS

- Toxic household products
- Healthy alternative household cleaners
- Indoor air quality
- Green product certifications

Learn how to keep your household clean, green and healthy! Did you know that some cleaning products can be as bad for your health as smoking?

Join us for a workshop highlighting best practices for greening your cleaning routine. Participants will learn easy and affordable ways to maintain healthy households.

Light refreshments will be served.

Door prizes! Free Parking! Make & take your own green cleaner!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP:
Contact Todd Larsen at toddlarsen_99@yahoo.com



This event is appropriate for children of all ages (1 to 101).

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY OFFICES CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY

All City Offices will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Refuse and recycling will occur one day later than normal during this holiday week:

- Monday collections will occur Tuesday, May 28
- Tuesday collections will occur Wednesday, May 29
- Wednesday collections will occur Thursday, May 30

Special collections for brush and bulky items will only be scheduled for Friday, May 31, of this holiday week. You must call 240-487-3590 or email publicworks@collegetparkmd.gov to schedule a pickup before setting your items out on the curb.

JACK PERRY AWARD

In February 2013, the College Park City Council established an award in recognition of Councilman John Edward “Jack” Perry.



Councilman Perry served on the College Park City Council from 1979 to 1983 and from 1989 to 2011, for a total of 26 years. From the time he moved to College Park’s Berwyn neighborhood in 1969, until his death in 2012, Jack was deeply committed to serving his community, which he demonstrated by spending many hours working to improve the quality of life for all who lived and worked in College Park. Through the years, he volunteered on numerous associations, boards, coalitions, task forces and committees at the neighborhood, city, county and state levels. This Award will recognize a member of the community who emulates Councilman Jack Perry’s legacy of public service.

Eligibility: To be eligible for the award, a person must be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter or legal resident of College Park.

Criteria: The Jack Perry award will recognize a College Park resident who has participated to an extraordinary degree in neighborhood, civic, or municipal affairs within the City in a manner that improves public spaces, fosters community cohesion, eradicates blight, informs discussion of public issues, provides leadership, and/or furthers

the best interests of the City as a whole.

Nominations: From May 15 to July 15 each year, any resident, neighborhood association or organization in the City may submit a nomination for the Jack Perry Award. Nominations may be submitted in writing to: City of College Park, City Clerk, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD, 20740, or by e-mail to jsmiller@collegetparkmd.gov. All nominations will be reviewed by a Committee that includes a member of the Perry family. This non-monetary award will be presented by the City Council in the Fall.

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.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

College Park’s growing and vibrant business community is full of unsung heroes who provide well-paying jobs for our residents, develop creative solutions to everyday problems, and take care of the community that they call home.

To show our appreciation for these outstanding businesses and their positive impacts on our community, the City has recently developed a Business of the Year recognition program. The program is designed to highlight the contributions of one particularly outstanding business each year.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to nominate their favorite businesses for the reward. The winning business will be announced in October and will receive a plaque to place in their establishment.

Nominations are accepted via the online web form on our website. For details, visit www.collegetparkmd.gov/econdev.

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CONTROLLING MOSQUITOES

Warm spring days can cause larvae to come alive, producing active mosquitoes. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will begin applying mosquito larvicide control products in known breeding areas to prevent development of larvae into biting adult mosquitoes.

West Nile and Zika virus are both transmitted by mosquitoes. To help control the mosquito population in your community, remember to tip anything that holds water on a weekly basis (birdbaths, old tires, plastic children's toys, tarps, pet dishes etc.)

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES

Any resident who wishes to have his/her property excluded from adult mosquito control pesticide applications by truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) sprayers must fill out this form annually. [Click here](#) for the application.

FOOD SCRAP DROP OFF PROGRAM

The new food scrap drop-off program at the Department of Public Works, is off to a great start! In the first three weeks of the program, 713 pounds of food scraps were diverted from the landfill.



Collecting food scraps and food soiled paper products is easy. When preparing meals, separate food scraps from other garbage to divert this organic material from the landfill to a composting facility.

You can bring your food scraps and food soiled paper products at any time – 24/7 to the Department of Public Works' designated food scrap cart located in the public parking area. Either empty the materials directly into the cart or bring them in compostable bags.

The composting facility only allows the use of BPI certified compostable bags. Do NOT use regular plastic bags for your food scraps, this practice could contaminate the entire cart resulting in it being disposed in the regular garbage taken to the landfill.

A dispenser with compostable bags is located at our drop off location. Residents may take a bag home to help get started.

For more information, visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/foodscraps.

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.
- Yard Waste Carts - \$25 for City residents
- Backyard Compost Bin - \$20.00 City residents / \$40.00 non-residents.
- SMARTLEAF® Compost & 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 PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 14, 2019

7:30 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK CITY HALL

2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ORDINANCE 19-O-10

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund Budgets of The City of College Park

All Public Hearings will be held in the 2nd floor Council Chambers at City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park. Parking passes will be available from the front window. All interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard.

If you are unable to appear in person, you may submit written comment prior to the Public Hearing. In order to be received by the Council as part of the record, the comment must include the specific topic to which it relates and the full name and address of the person submitting the comment. Written comment should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing to cpmc@collegetparkmd.gov.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office and describe the assistance that is necessary.

MUNICIPAL SCENE

TWO OPTIONS TO STAY IN TOUCH!

EMAIL:

Sign up for "College Park Connected" at www.collegetparkmd.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@collegetparkmd.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 Number.....301-699-8029
Finance.....240-487-3509
Human Resources.....240-487-3533
Parking Enforcement Division.....240-487-3520
Planning/Economic Development.....240-487-3538

Housing Authority

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

Public Services: 8400 Baltimore Ave. 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 Avenue.....301-659-6295
Councilmember Kate Kennedy (District 1)
9730 51st Avenue.....202-400-1501
Councilmember P. J. Brennan (District 2)
4500 Knox Road.....202-288-5569
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 Avenue.....443-646-3503
Councilmember Denise C. Mitchell (District 4)
4500 Knox Road.....301-852-8126
Councilmember Dustyn Kujawa (District 4)
9238 Limestone Place.....240-620-2105

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 Center.....301-441-2647
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

PEPCO - Power Outages, Lines Down...1-877-737-2662

WSSC: Water Mains.....301-206-4002

Prince George's County Storm Drains.....301-499-8523



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK 2019 ELECTION

ELECTION UPDATE MAY 2019

APPLY TO BE AN ELECTION JUDGE

Do you have some free time? Could you use some extra money?

The City is recruiting Election Judges to work the polls this fall and we pay \$16.00/hour!

Qualified judges must be:

- A registered voter in the state of Maryland
- Able to work the entire day on Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Able to attend mandatory training for four hours on Saturday, October 26

In addition, some Judges will:

- Be needed to work the evening of Monday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for set up
- Be needed to work on Sunday, October 27 for Early Voting

Preference will be given to individuals who have recently worked County, State or City elections. Bi-lingual applicants are encouraged to apply!

Interested? Please complete the application on our website at www.collegeparkmd.gov/elections.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Voter registration is handled by the Prince George's County Board of Elections. If you are already registered to vote at your current City address, you are automatically registered to vote in the City Election.

If you have moved, or changed your name, since the last election, you must update your voter registration information with the County.

Here's how:

- On-Line:
tinyurl.com/onlinevoterregistration
- By Mail or in-person:
Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774

You must register no later than October 8, 2019 to vote in the City's election.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR OFFICE?

This fall, the residents of the City will elect the Mayor and City Council. All seats are up for election.

The Mayor is elected at-large, and the eight district Councilmembers (two from each of the four Council districts) are elected from their respective districts.

QUALIFICATIONS:

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 must be a current registered voter in the City, having been so registered since at least November 5, 2018.

The Mayor must continuously reside in the City for the full two-year term.

Each Councilmember must continuously reside in their respective district for the full two-year term.

PROCESS:

College Park uses a petition process to qualify candidates. Candidates for Mayor must collect signatures from 20 qualified voters per Council district.

Candidates for City Council must collect signatures from 25 qualified voters from their own Council district.

Candidacy packets with the petition forms and other required paperwork will be available from the City's website on August 1, 2019. The completed forms must be submitted to the City Clerk by September 20, 2019.

MORE INFORMATION:

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.

The Maryland Municipal League has a publication entitled *So You Want To Be An Elected Municipal Official: What You Need To Know First* that includes valuable information about what it means to be elected to the City's legislative body. The publication is available from their website at tinyurl.com/mmlnewcandidatebrochure.

STAY TUNED!

We have some changes planned for the upcoming election, so please watch this space for regular updates. Election information is always available at www.collegeparkmd.gov/elections.

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.