



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

To: City of College Park Council Members

From: Scott Somers, City Manager

Date: January 19, 2016

Subject: **CITY OF COLLEGE PARK WEEKLY BULLETIN**

Attachments: 3rd Thirsty Thursday, Bowling Flyer, and Snow Information.

Administration

- Administrative staff participated in a planning meeting of the ICMA Maryland Host Committee for the 2018 ICMA Conference in Baltimore. The Maryland Host Committee will meet quarterly to assist with planning the conference.
- Administrative staff attended the City's Martin Luther King Day event at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.
- Human Resources is interviewing for laborer with DPW; posted Sustainability Coordinator and Communications Coordinator positions, currently reviewing applications as they come in; and working with payroll to prepare 1095C forms to comply with Affordable Care Act.

Public Services

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
 - Code staff opened 48 cases for various code violations.
 - Clerical staff opened 38 cases relating to need for documentation of compliance with lead paint requirements.
 - Staff received 6 calls on the hotline relating to noise, an open fire hydrant or parking complaints.
 - 21 single family inspections and 3 re-inspections were conducted.
 - 56 townhouses were inspected.
 - 7 condo units were re-inspected.
 - 2 fraternity and/or sororities were re-inspected.

- 2 apartment buildings with a total of 110 units was inspected; 1 apartment unit was re-inspected.
 - 15 commercial establishments were inspected.
 - ANIMAL CONTROL
 - Investigated 3 complaints of a dog running at large.
 - Impounded 1 dog for running at large.
 - Removed a bat from a public building, released outside.
 - Redeemed 1 dog to owner.
 - Issued an owner a violation notice for pet running at large.
 - SPECIAL EVENTS
 - Public Services staff provided planning and logistical support for the 25th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration event at the UMD Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Ms. Thelma Lomax, wife of former Mayor Dervey Lomax, received special recognition for her continued contributions in support of this event for the past 25 years.
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Public Works

- Because of Monday's holiday, this week's refuse-recycling collection schedule will occur one day later than usual (Monday collected Tuesday, Tuesday collected Wednesday, and Wednesday collected Thursday). Therefore, there is only one day this week, Friday, January 22, for brush and special collections.
- Christmas trees are still being collected on regularly scheduled brush collection days (only Friday, January 22 this week.) Trees should be placed at the curb by 7:00 am, and be free of lights, tinsel, ornaments, and other decorations.
- The weather forecasters are tracking a potential snow storm that could hit us on Friday and Saturday, January 22–23. DPW will continue to watch the forecasts to be able to respond as necessary. (See "Snow Information" attached.)

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

January 19, Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Mayor & Council Worksession at City Hall followed by a Closed Session to consult with Counsel on a Legal Matter

January 20, Wednesday

7:00 p.m. CBE – Zero Waste Meeting at Davis Hall

7:00 p.m. Tree and Landscape Board Meeting at City Hall (Lower Level)

January 21, Thursday

2:00 p.m. Housing Authority Meeting at Attick Towers

5:00 p.m. 3rd Thirsty Thursday at Ledo Restaurant

7:00 p.m. Cable Television Meeting at City Hall

8:00 p.m. Berwyn District Civic Association Meeting at Fealy Hall

January 25, Monday

7:00 p.m. Committee for a Better Environment at Davis Hall

January 26, Tuesday

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing On Ordinance 16-O-01, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Amend The Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland (Amendment #2)

7:30 p.m. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting at City Hall

**Join us for the next 3rd Thirsty Thursday
January 21, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
at the Original Ledo Restaurant in College Park.**

Sit down for a beverage or a meal with good company!
The City and University will be there with information on programs.

We will be collecting non-perishable food for the
College Park Community Food Bank.

The Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee
presents:

3rd Thirsty Thursdays

Bringing the City/University Community together

January 21st, 5PM-7PM

The Original Ledo Restaurant

4509 Knox Rd, College Park, MD 20740

**Bring non-perishable food donations to
benefit the College Park Community Food Bank**

Happy New Year!



With support from: The College Park City-University Partnership





Family Fun Event

Bowling Bash

Sunday, January 31, 2016

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

AMF College Park Lanes

9021 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, Maryland

The City's Recreation Board hosts its annual family friendly bowling bash.

\$5.00 per person for the first 100 College Park Residents

(increases to \$10.00 after)

Cost includes unlimited 10-pin bowling, shoe rental, soda & pizza.

No reservations required

Send comments, questions or suggestions via email to publicservices@collegeparkmd.gov



SNOW INFORMATION



Public Works crews plow and salt City streets and parking lots to clear snow and ice. The following steps will be followed:

1. Snow removal equipment will be dispatched to predetermined routes when snow or ice is imminent. Salting operations will begin at the onset of precipitation.
2. Snow removal routes are divided into primary and secondary streets. Primary streets will be treated and/or cleared first, followed by secondary streets.
3. When snow reaches, or threatens to reach, 2-inch depths, plowing operations will commence. Salt will be used only after streets have been plowed to 1-inch depth of snow.
4. Initially, one lane will be plowed on all streets to make them passable, followed by widening of the plowed lane. All streets will be plowed curb to curb, as conditions allow.
5. City parking lots will be plowed by pickup trucks equipped with salt spreaders.

Information for Residents

Parking

Privately owned vehicles parked on the street are the greatest obstacle for City plows clearing the streets. We ask that residents make every effort to move vehicles off the road during a snow event. The following are parking guidelines for City residents:

- Park off the street whenever possible so plows can clear snow to the curb.
- Park on the EVEN side of the street if off-street parking is not available. Exception: if a resident's address is odd-numbered and the area across from their house is undeveloped, park on the odd side of the street.
- Park close to the curb. Vehicles parked more than 12" from the curb may be ticketed or even towed, as this severely inhibits the passage of snow plow trucks. Vehicles parked in the middle of the street will be ticketed and towed.

Driveways

Crews following the City established snow plan work to clear the travel lanes and move snow back as close to the curb as possible. This process will take multiple passes down the street over an extended period of time. During this process, snow will unavoidably accumulate in driveway entrances. Snow is not intentionally pushed into residential driveways. Residents should be aware that the best way to avoid extra shoveling is to wait for City crews to finish clearing the streets before opening driveway entrances. This will eliminate the need to shovel your driveway entrance more than once.

While clearing driveways, residents are encouraged to deposit snow to the right of the driveway (facing the street). Please DO NOT shovel snow back into the street after the snow plow has cleared it.

Sidewalks

Residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks along their property. It is possible that snow plows clearing the streets will push snow onto the sidewalks. It is advised that residents wait until the snow plows have finished their street before clearing the sidewalks.

Storm Drains & Fire Hydrants

City crews do not clear blocked storm drains or fire hydrants. Residents should work together to clear storm drains and make fire hydrants accessible to emergency crews.

Fences & Mailboxes

All fences and mailboxes abutting City streets should be constructed to withstand the force of snow pushed from the streets by snow plows. The City is not responsible for replacing or repairing property damaged by snow.

Trash & Recycling

Always plan to set your refuse and recycling carts out on your regularly scheduled collection day during snow events. Refuse and recycling collections may occur later in the day than normal, but you should not expect collections to be delayed until the following day. Please check the [Public Works](#) page for any weather event-specific changes to this policy.

Motorists & Snowplows

Please do not follow snow plows too closely. They will stop and back up and it can be difficult to move out of the way if you are right behind them. These trucks will also be spreading salt and it could come in contact with your car if you follow too closely.

Snow plows are not authorized to pull out vehicles that are stuck in the snow.

Patience

Crews work around the clock during snow emergencies to clear the streets. Although your street may not be plowed as quickly as you would like, our crews will make their way to you as swiftly as they can. Your patience is appreciated during these times.

Streets Maintained by Other Agencies

The following are not City streets. Snow and ice issues on these streets should be reported to the appropriate agency:

- **Baltimore Ave/US Route 1:** State Highway Administration, 301-776-7619
- **Greenbelt Rd/MD 430:** State Highway Administration, 301-776-7619
- **University Boulevard/MD 193:** State Highway Administration, 301-776-7619
- **Metzerott Road:** Prince George's County, 301-499-8520
- **Rhode Island Avenue north of Greenbelt Rd/MD430:** Prince George's County, 301-499-8520
- **Kenilworth Ave:** State Highway Administration, 301-776-7619
- **Paint Branch Parkway:** Prince George's County, 301-499-8520