



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

To: City of College Park Council Members

From: Scott Somers, City Manager

Date: March 22, 2016

Subject: City Of College Park Weekly Bulletin

Attachments: Good Neighbor Day, College Park Book Festival, District 1 Coffee Club, Bike to Work Day and Arbor Day – 2015 Tree City USA.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE: WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2016

- Janeen Miller, City Clerk, Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager, and I met for our weekly office meeting and to review future draft Council agendas.
- Reviewed the requested budget for the Information Technology Division.
- Continued negotiations with the AFSCME bargaining unit. Their contract expires June 30, 2016.
- Mayor Wojahn and I met for our weekly one-on-one meeting. Items discussed improvements to the Council agenda process, updates on personnel recruitment, and the Council intern.
- Jill Clements, Human Resources Director, and I met for our monthly meeting. Items discussed included current recruitments and other personnel related items.
- Jill Clements, Human Resources Director and I continued interviewing applicants for the Finance Director position. Final interviews are scheduled for next week. We hope to make an offer to the top candidate within two weeks.
- Attended the Mayor and Council Worksession.
- Attended a software training session that assist staff with the Strategic Plan Implementation Plan. This software should aid in tracking action items and progress and assist in developing presentation material.
- Participated in the weekly department staff meeting. Staff reviewed the previous night's Council Worksession items and discussed and prepared for future Council meetings.
- Janeen Miller, City Clerk and I finalized the upcoming Council Regular Meeting agenda.
- Steve Halpern, City Engineer, and I toured a resident's property to ascertain and recommend mitigating strategies concerning stormwater runoff.
- Attended the College Park City University Partnership (CPCUP) quarterly Board meeting. Items discussed included the FY16 Report and FY17 Proposal, updates on the University District Vision initiatives, the Annual Report, and a possible TIGER grant application.

- Attended Third Thirsty Thursday, an event focusing on bringing the City/University community together. Third Thirsty Thursday occurs on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at Ledo's restaurant.
- Councilmember Brennan and I met for our monthly meeting. Items discussed included the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, the Live College Park website, a litter campaign, maintenance of the Trolley Trail, and the Aging-In-Place Task Force report.
- Met with Ed Maginnis and Brenda Testa of the University of Maryland to continue developing and building City-University relations.
- Met with staff to discuss several personnel items.
- Continued working with Steve Groh and department heads on finalizing the FY17 Proposed Budget.

NOTEWORTHY DEPARTMENT ITEMS

Human Resources

- HR continues to recruit and interview for several positions:
 - Director of Finance
 - Asst Dir of Operations, DPW
 - Laborer
 - Office Specialist III
 - Communications Coordinator
- Participated in 2nd round of negotiations with AFSCME
- A Safety Award was presented to City of College Park by our Workers' Compensation insurer, Chesapeake Employers Insurance. This award is given only to those clients who have been insured for three years or more, having a minimum premium of \$100,000, and whose loss ratio is less than 25%. The City has won this award for three of the six years that Chesapeake has been giving it. The City of College Park was one of two municipal governments to achieve this recognition for 2015. Thanks to the City's Safety Officer, Carolanne Linder, for her continual efforts to keep our employees safe. Out of 23,000 clients, 74 Chesapeake Employers Insurance clients were this award in 2015.

Public Services

Code Enforcement

- Code staff opened 41 cases for various code violations. Two municipal infractions were issued.
- Issued 21 notices of inspection for commercial establishments were processed.
- 1 new business notified of the need for a County Use and Occupancy Permit.
- 12 commercial Occupancy Permits were released.
- Staff received 5 calls on the hotline, all relating to noise. Four of the calls were received while on call.
- Thursday night noise rotation will begin on March 24th, expanding night shift code patrols to Thursday through Saturday nights for the remainder of the UMD spring semester.

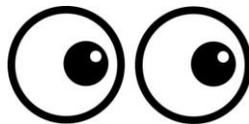
- 18 single family inspections were conducted; 8 re-inspections were completed.
- 9 condo units inspected.
- 6 apartment units inspected.
- 4 commercial establishments were inspected.

Animal Control

- Filed a "found cat" report and posted on social media.
- Filed a "lost dog" report.
- Removed a deer carcass from public roadway.
- Facilitated a reunion between a lost cat and an owner.
- Removed a squirrel carcass from public roadway.
- Removed two opossum carcass from public roadway.
- Removed a rabbit carcass from public roadway.
- Removed a squirrel carcass from City property.
- Removed a cat carcass from public roadway.

The Animal Welfare Committee changed their Thursday, March 24, 2016 meeting to Wednesday, March 30, 2015 to the Lower Level Conference room in City Hall.

Public Safety Reminder



WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING

CALL 9-1-1

- When someone needs emergency medical care
- When you see or smell fire, smoke, or gas leak
- When you see suspicious activity including
 - Someone you don't know on your property
 - Someone trying to open vehicle or house doors
 - Someone vandalizing property
 - Someone breaking into a building
 - Someone assaulting another person

CALL POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 301-352-1200

- When property has been vandalized and there are no suspicious people in the area.

IF YOU CALL 9-1-1 or 301-352-1200

- Stay on the line. Calls are answered in the order received – you will lose your place if you hang up.
- You may get a recorded message, but still stay on the line.

Public Works

- Bob Stumpff attended the Maryland Municipal Public Works Officials Association meeting on Thursday, March 17.
 - The planned PEPCO line clearance work that includes tree pruning in the College Park Estates and Yarrow neighborhoods as well as three tree removals in the Kropps Addition area, off Paint Branch Parkway, has been approved. No date has been set as to when this work will begin; however, PEPCO has indicated they want to start work this spring.
 - City offices will be closed on Friday, March 25. There will be no special collections, etc., on Friday.
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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

7:30 A.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016 (ONLY IF NEEDED)

7:30 A.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

7:30 P.M. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

7:30 P.M. FOUR CITIES MEETING IN NEW CARROLLTON



GOODNEIGHBORDAY

MARYLAND IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

9 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
5051 PIERCE AVE., COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

COME JOIN US FOR

FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT
COLLEGE PARK FOOD BANK

HOLLYWOOD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION

INVASIVE SPECIES AND LITTER CLEANUP

Cherry Hill Road Trail • UMD Campus Creek Trail • Calvert Hill Frog Pond
Guilford Drive • Trolley Trail Edible Garden

RAIN GARDEN DESIGN, RAIN BARREL DECORATION AND MORE

For more information and to register, visit GOODNEIGHBORDAY.UMD.EDU



4th Annual College Park Book Festival

Saturday, April 9, 2016
2pm – 4pm

RAIN OR SHINE!

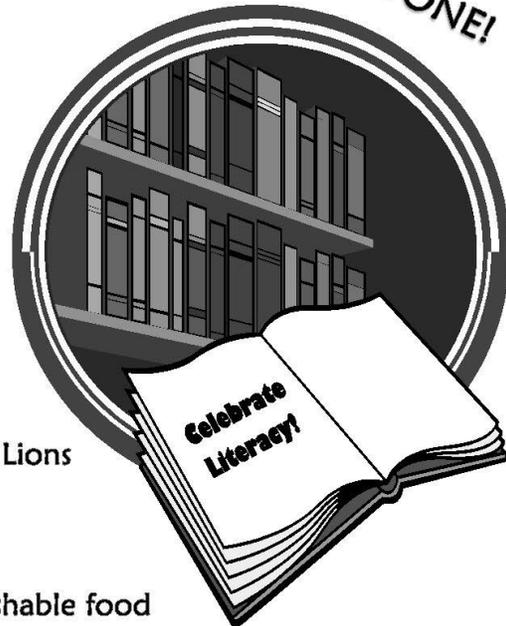
NEW LOCATION!

College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Ave, College Park

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING!

- ~ Meet & Greet over 15 local authors & illustrators!
Purchase books & get autographs! (Great for gift giving!)
- ~ Attend a Self-Publishing Seminar
- ~ Free Health Screenings in the Lions Mobile Health Unit!
- ~ Visit the PG County Police Child ID Unit
- ~ Kids read to Bella, the library dog
- ~ Buy the perfect book at the Used Book Sale
- ~ Crafts & Coloring for ALL ages
- ~ Readings by local “celebrities”
- ~ Balloon Creations by Lisa
- ~ Face Painting
- ~ Join the CPC Library
- ~ Donate used Eye Glasses & Hearing Aids to the Lions
- ~ Give your old books new life! Donate them to the CPC Library
- ~ Support College Park Families! Bring a non-perishable food item for the College Park Food Bank

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



DISTRICT I, COFFEE CLUB

Location: Jason's Deli, 7356 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD

The Prince George's County Police Department, District I Coffee Club will meet every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Our goal is to meet with residents of the community to discuss public safety matters, crime statistics and other citizen concerns. This forum is an excellent opportunity for the community and police to engage in comprehensive discussion of all topics related to public safety. Come share ideas on building a stronger police and citizen relationship. The setting will always be casual with an open format. Together let us explore how we can make our area a more livable community.

All of the topics to be discussed are interrelated as we strive to work together to keep District I a place that we are all proud to work and call "Home". The Coffee Club is a public forum for ALL citizens, business owners, organizations, and public officials who share our goal. Everyone is provided an opportunity to share his or her views on any topic of discussion.

It is understood that the Coffee Club does not endorse any political or religious organization.

-The District I Coffee Club meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

-During the summer months of June, July and August, it meets bi-weekly on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month

-During the winter months, it will follow the Prince George's County School System. If the schools are delayed or canceled, it will not meet.



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City of College Park
Administration Office

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Mayor Patrick Wojahn
4500 Knox Rd
College Park, MD 20740

Dear Tree City USA Supporter,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate College Park on earning recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA. Residents of College Park should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

College Park is one of more than 3,400 Tree City USAs, with a combined population of 140 million. Started in 1976, The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. In honor of this milestone a national public awareness campaign is being executed across the country including a strong emphasis on media relations and a social media contest which are referenced in the tool kit received by your state coordinators.

As a result of your commitment to effective urban forest management, you already know that trees are vital to the public infrastructure of cities and towns throughout the country, providing numerous environmental, social and economic benefits. In fact, trees are the one piece of community infrastructure that actually increases in value over time.

We hope you are excited to share this accomplishment. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact local media and the public.

State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward information about your awards to your state forester's office to coordinate presentation. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your community's Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of College Park and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for all of us.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DL" or "Dan Lambe".

Dan Lambe
President

cc: Brenda Alexander

enclosure

For more information, contact:
Danny Cohn, 402-473-9563
dcohn@arborday.org



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Arbor Day Foundation Names College Park Tree City USA

College Park, MD was named a 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Started in 1976, the Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

College Park achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at arborday.org.