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# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City of College Park Councilmembers

**From:** Scott Somers, City Manager

**Date:** May 3, 2016

**Subject:** City Of College Park Weekly Bulletin

**Attachments:** Zika Virus Awareness, Bike to Work Day 2016 and mbike

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### City Manager's Update – Week of April 25, 2016

- Attended the Mayor and Council meeting via video streaming from the City's website.
  - Finalized the City Council Worksession agenda packet with Janeen Miller, City Clerk.
  - Continued negotiation process with the AFSCME bargaining unit. AFSCME's contract expires June 30, 2016.
  - Met with Jill Clements, Human Resources Director and staff concerning several personnel related issues.
  - Worked with District 1 Councilmembers, Terry Schum, Planning Director, and Steve Halpern, City Engineer to finalize the location of the bikeshare station and a new sidewalk near the Greenbelt Metro station.
  - Worked with staff members on various Councilmember requests.
  - The City's \$17 million TIGER Grant Application for the reconstruction of Baltimore Avenue (phase 1 of the SHA project) was submitted electronically on Friday, April 29. Sustainable Strategies D.C. was the consultant hired by the College Park City-University Partnership to complete the application. City staff worked on the application with the consultant and the Partnership.
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### Senior Services

With the Aging-in-Place Task Force Report complete, items have been identified that can be moved on right away. Follow-up with the Council regarding the remaining recommendations will occur at a future Council meeting. As a first step in the on-going communications plan, in June the Seniors Program will be hosting and inviting all City Seniors to an Open House luncheon to learn about City services and to sign-up to be on the Senior's program mailing list. An invitation announcing the Open House will be mailed to all College Park households in the next few weeks.

Other action items being addressed are:

- Development of a case management software tool
  - Updating the City Seniors program website to include County and other senior resources
  - Begin the Coordination of Senior social activities to begin in the fall once or twice a week during the day at the Youth and Family Services building.
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## Engineer

- National Pipeline Construction Company, a Washington Gas contractor, will begin replacing 32 gas services in Old Town beginning tomorrow.
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## Planning

- The pre-bid conference for Duvall Field was held on Monday, April 25 with six contractors in attendance. An Addendum will be released and the bid due date will be extended until May 16 based on request.
  - The Director and Senior Planner attended a site visit at the Old Parish House to view needed repairs with the consulting architect.
  - The Director attended the University of Maryland Facilities Council meeting on April 28. Site selection for a new School of Public Policy building was discussed and approval was given to a site adjacent to the Rossborough Inn. New student housing proposed on the west side of Route 1 across from The Hotel was tabled for further discussion. The Council approved \$456,000 for a bicycle path to be constructed alongside the Purple Line through campus.
  - The Prince George's County Planning Board approved the Detailed Site Plan for the Pregnancy Aid Center with all of the recommendations made by the City Council.
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## Public Services

- Public Services Program Statistics may be found in the monthly report to Mayor and Council.
  - The City of College Park, in cooperation with the Prince Georges County Office of Emergency Preparedness, presents a 3- hour Workshop, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 14, 2016 in City Hall Council Chambers. To register please sign up on the following event link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-city-of-college-park-presents-are-you-ready-tickets-24244143887>
  - Be Street Smart – Get Home Safely!  
WALK SMART: Use marked crosswalks-Wait for the WALK signal-Look up from your smart phone and LOOK both ways for oncoming traffic-STAY ALERT  
DRIVE SMART: Slow down-STOP for all pedestrians in crosswalks-STAY ALERT  
BIKE SMART: If you share the road, you are on a vehicle-Vehicle traffic laws apply to you-STOP at red lights and stop signs-YIELD the right of way to pedestrians on sidewalks and crosswalks, and when required by traffic signs – Even when you have the right of way, don't be dead right, larger vehicles are less maneuverable than you – STAY ALERT  
For more information check out this link: [http://www.mwcog.org/news/press/detail.asp?NEWS\\_ID=946](http://www.mwcog.org/news/press/detail.asp?NEWS_ID=946)
  - Zika Virus Awareness, see the attached flyer.
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## Power Outage Friday, April 29

The City downtown area experienced a power outage from about 12:30 until 8:00 pm on Friday, April 29. The outage resulted in the loss of power to City offices at Knox Road and Calvert Road. Below is a summary of the systems we have to address such power outages.

City IT equipment for the website, AS400, email services, file servers, and telephone services have an “Uninterrupted Power Supply” (UPS) that provides power via a storage battery. The UPS was rated to provide 126 minutes of power, but the power ran out after about 90 minutes and therefore staff was not able to turn off equipment prior to power failure. Staff has contacted the vendor to identify why the battery did not last as long as stated.

In late 2015 the City established a redundant email and website gateway at DPW so that if one fiber line was cut or power failed for the City Hall internet gateway, the City website and email server would be routed to DPW. This would enable DPW staff to continue to have full access to email and the internet. However, the planned website and email redundancy did not work because there was no power to the main fiber switch in City Hall. Power must be provided to this switch in

order for the internet gateway to switch from City Hall to DPW (or vice versa). The City website was not operational for most of the power outage.

The City has two phone systems--one at City Hall and one at DPW. If the City Hall system goes down, all calls get routed to DPW. However, we only have one voice mail server, and it includes the Code Enforcement Hotline. If it loses power or malfunctions, City offices do not have voice mail. The phones did switch to DPW when the power failed.

- The phones switched to DPW. Staff should confirm which DPW phones are set to receive calls from DPS, Administration, and other facilities, and determine if changes are needed.
- The Code Enforcement Hotline was not operational over the weekend.
- After power was restored, VM did not work at DPW or DPS until mid-morning or later on Monday, May 2.

Neither the City Hall nor the Calvert Road facility have back-up generators. Staff brought a small portable generator from DPW to restore the City website, and later City email. Six servers were made operational, but the generator did not have the capacity to power the main fiber switch at City Hall and the other services.

In response to the problems identified above, staff is proceeding with or exploring the steps below:

1. Proceed with the purchase of VMware (planned for May Worksession), which will provide redundancy for all servers in the City. Once the purchase is approved, it might require 2-3 months for full installation, testing, and training.
2. Consider purchasing an additional main fiber switch to provide redundancy in case the one switch fails.
3. Provide a permanent generator at Knox Road to power all IT and phone needs. This will enable full redundancy for power and all servers at both City Hall and DPW.

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## **MEETINGS AT A GLANCE:**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Worksession

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Worksession

Friday, May 20, 2016

6:30 P.M. Reception for Volunteers Appointed To City Boards –  
University Of Maryland Golf Course Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

7:30 P.M. Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 30, 2016

11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Celebration  
Veterans Memorial at the Corner of Us Route 1 and Greenbelt Road

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

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

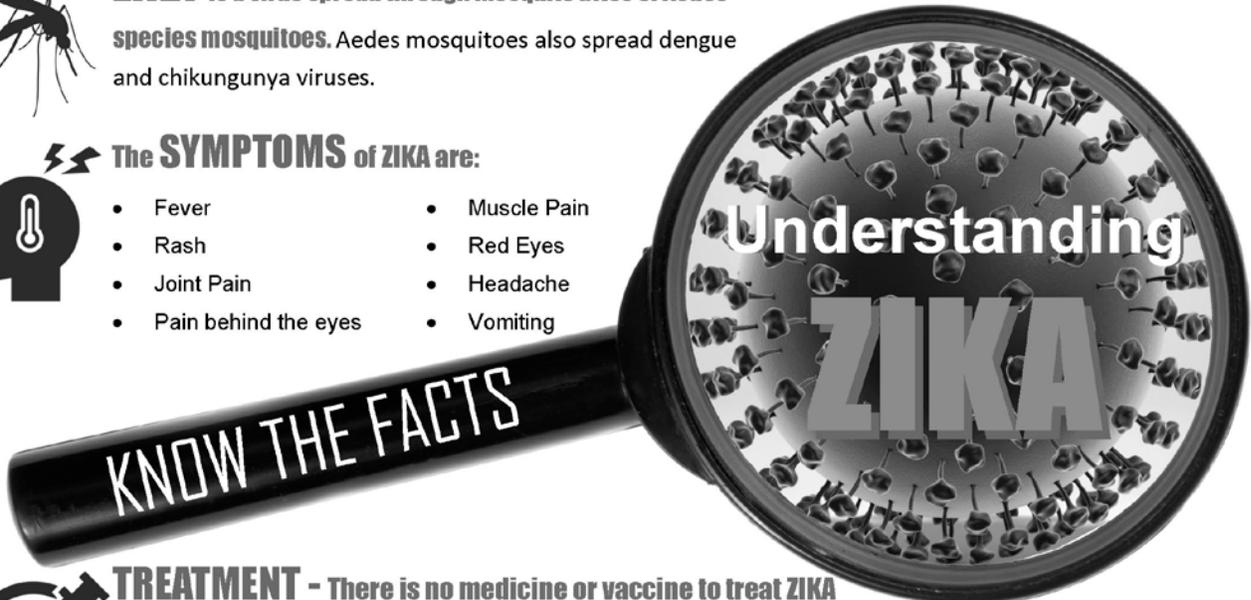


**ZIKA** is a virus spread through mosquito bites of *Aedes* species mosquitoes. Aedes mosquitoes also spread dengue and chikungunya viruses.



The **SYMPTOMS** of ZIKA are:

- Fever
- Rash
- Joint Pain
- Pain behind the eyes
- Muscle Pain
- Red Eyes
- Headache
- Vomiting



**TREATMENT** - There is no medicine or vaccine to treat ZIKA virus disease.

- See your medical provider for follow-up
- Get plenty of rest and drink fluids to prevent dehydration
- Take medicines, such as acetaminophen, to relieve fever and pain
- Avoid Aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs until dengue can be ruled out to reduce the risk of bleeding

### RISK REDUCTION

- Use insect repellents and wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants
- Use air conditioning or window/door screens to keep mosquitoes outside
- Use mosquito bed nets if accessible during your travels
- Empty standing water from containers such as flowerpots or buckets



**TRANSMISSION** - Zika virus is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species.

- **Through mosquito bites**  
Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on a person already infected with the virus. Infected mosquitoes can then spread the virus to other people through bites.
- **Rarely, from mother to child**  
A mother already infected with Zika virus can pass on the virus to her newborn during pregnancy or around the time of birth.
- **Rarely, through infected blood or sexual contact**  
There has been at least one reported case of spread of the virus through blood transfusion and possible spread of the virus through sexual contact.

### TRANSMISSION

- **Pregnant Women**  
Men who reside in or have traveled to an area of active Zika virus transmission who have a pregnant partner should abstain from sexual activity or consistently and correctly use condoms during sex (ie. vaginal intercourse, anal intercourse or fellatio) for the duration of the pregnancy.
- **Non-Pregnant Partners**  
Men who reside in or have traveled to an area of active Zika virus transmission who are concerned about sexual transmission of Zika virus might consider abstaining from sexual activity or using condoms consistently and correctly during sex.



Visit Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene website for more information.



Robert L. Baker, III  
County Executive



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## PREGNANT WOMEN

- CDC recommends that all pregnant women who have traveled to or reside in areas with known Zika transmission be offered Zika virus testing.
- Postpone travel to the areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellent and follow instructions provided.
- Talk to healthcare provider first and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites during the trip.

## Countries and territories with active **ZIKA VIRUS** transmission:



- Barbados
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, US territory
- Costa Rica
- Curacao
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- French Guiana
- Guadeloupe
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Martinique
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Saint Martin
- Suriname
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- Venezuela
- American Samoa
- Samoa
- Tonga
- Cape Verde

Ongoing **Zika Virus transmission** has been documented in 27 countries and territories, mostly in **Central America** and **South America** (list of affected countries at <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>)

## RESOURCES



For current information visit the following websites:

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Zika Virus - <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>
- Zika Affected **Countries** - <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>
- Zika **Birth Defects** Facts - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/microcephaly.html>
- Zika **Travel** Notices - <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>

### Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH)

- Zika Virus - <http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/Pages/zika.aspx>



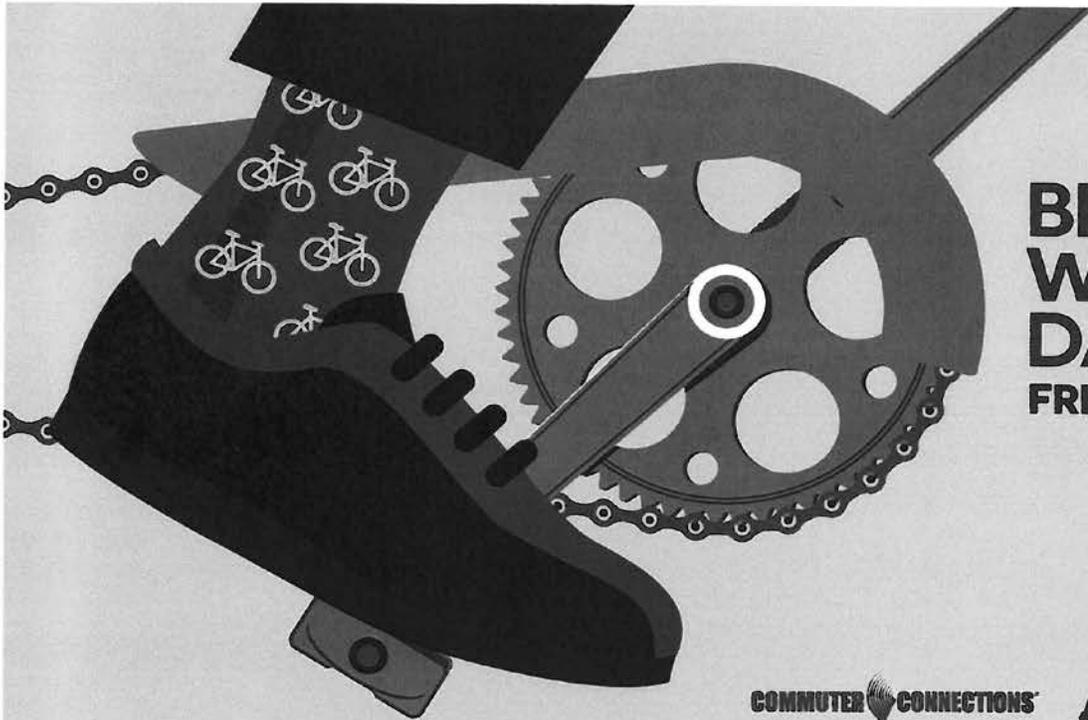
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# BIKE TO WORK DAY 2016

## FRIDAY MAY 20



COMMUTER CONNECTIONS



Takoma Bicycle



Bike Arlington



KIMPTON hotels & restaurants



BicyclePASS

Pre-register by May 13 for Free T-shirt\* and Bike Raffles!



FREE FOOD, BEVERAGES and GIVEAWAYS at all locations

Visit [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org) for pit stop locations & times.

\*T-shirts available at pit stops to first 15,000 who register.

Over 80 pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.



#BTWD2016



Bike to Work Day is also funded by D.C., MD, VA and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

Register free at [BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG](http://BIKETOWORKMETRODC.ORG) or call 800.745.7433

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