



# MUNICIPAL SCENE

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## NEWS



Mayor Patrick Wojahn (left) with EAC Chair Carolyn Bernache (far right) holding a check for Parkdale High School with Principal Dr. Graves-Henderson, President of the Parkdale Robotics Team, and Technology Education teacher Karen Bogoski. Photo Credit: Norm Bernache

### CITY AWARDS \$45,000 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

At the February 13 and February 27 Mayor and Council Meetings, the City of College Park awarded ten public schools serving College Park neighborhoods \$45,000 in Education Grants. The awarded grants will be used by the local schools to fund educational programs like field trips, a language class, robotics team and technological resources in the classroom. "The City of College Park has strong commitment to the education of its children. We believe that supporting our public schools not only strengthens students, it strengthens our community and our future" said Mayor Patrick Wojahn during the February 13 presentation ceremony.

This year, Hollywood Elementary, Paint Branch Elementary, Parkdale High and Greenbelt Middle were each awarded a \$7,500 grant. The grants will go towards a robotics team, increased technology for students in the classroom, and extended learning opportunities for students.

Principals from Paint Branch Elementary, Hollywood Elementary and Parkdale High were in attendance on February 13, and Greenbelt Middle on February 27 to accept their school's award at the presentation

ceremonies.

Berwyn Heights Elementary, Cherokee Lane Elementary, University Park Elementary, Buck Lodge Middle, Hyattsville Middle and High Point High all received \$2,500 each in grants as well. The schools will use the City's Education Grants to support educational programs like museum and science camp field trips, an Italian language class, a trip to Colonial Williamsburg, and SAT prep workshops.

Since 2008, neighborhood public schools have submitted applications to the City for funding of a school project or program that fulfills an educational

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need and supports the academic achievement of its students. The City's Education Advisory Committee reviews the applications and makes a

recommendation to City Council, who then awards the grants. Schools with the largest number of City students are eligible for a \$7,500 grant.

## MARYLAND SMOKE ALARM LAW

Did you know that nearly two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur because of missing or not working smoke alarms (mainly due to missing or disconnected batteries)?

In July of 2013, a Maryland state law was adopted aimed at reducing the number of home fire deaths. It requires the replacement of any **battery-only** operated smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old with a unit powered by a 10-year sealed-in battery. By sealing the battery inside the alarm, the unit becomes tamper resistant and removes the burden

of having to change batteries every year.

The Maryland Smoke Alarm Law now requires that a smoke alarm be present and working on every level of your home and in newer construction, in every bedroom. Once your current battery powered smoke alarm reaches its 10-year life span, it then needs to be replaced with a 10-year sealed-in long life battery with hush feature smoke alarm.

*(Information courtesy of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Prince George's County Fire Department).*



## LEARNING ALL ABOUT RECYCLING

On February 23, City Sustainability Coordinator, Janet M. visited Paint Branch Elementary School to teach preschool through third grade classes all about recycling and sustainability!

Ms. Janet's class was certainly fun! For instance, the kids had a fun recycling sorting relay game where they had to decide (using the information they learned earlier in the class) whether or not an item could be recycled. To help better understand what happens at a recycling facility and why certain items (like plastic bags) can't be put in with other recycling materials (*hint: take those to your local grocery store*), a short and fun video was shown.

The children also learned all about reusing old or

recycled items to make "new" items. For instance, did you know, newspaper can be tightly rolled around graphite to make a really nifty (and eco-friendly) pencil!

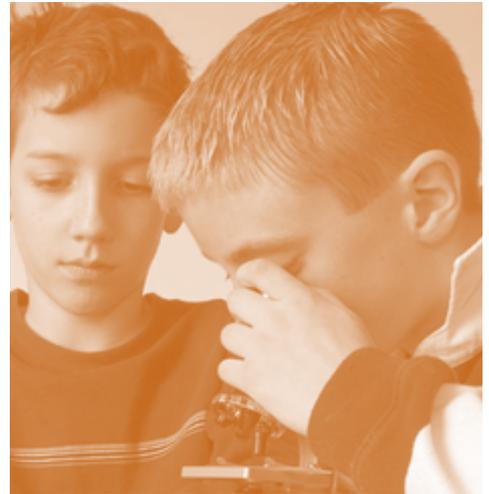
Food scraps can also be recycled into garden compost, which Janet had on hand for the children to touch and discover.

If your class/school serves the College Park community and you would like your students to learn more about recycling and sustainability with the City's Sustainability Coordinator, please call or email Janet at 240-487-3593 or [jmccaslin@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:jmccaslin@collegeparkmd.gov).

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## CITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UMD YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

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Do you live in the City of College Park and are in grades K-12? Want to go to an arts, science, reading or sports camp this summer?

City residents can get up to \$400 per student to attend a University of Maryland youth summer camp, like Lego Robotics, Music/Band/Orchestra, Engineering, Bug Camp, Gymnastics, Basketball, Arts, Reading, Quidditch and so much more!

Applications are available [here](#) on the City's website, and printed copies are available at Youth and Family Services (4912 Nantucket Rd) and at City Hall.

The deadline to apply for the City of College Park Scholarship to University of Maryland Youth Summer Camp is Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Notification will be by April 2, 2018.

The application lists some of the University of Maryland summer camps available along with instructions as how to find the full offerings.

For any questions, please contact the City's Department of Youth, Family and Senior Services at 240-487-3550.

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## IT'S TIME TO PREPARE YOUR GARDEN!

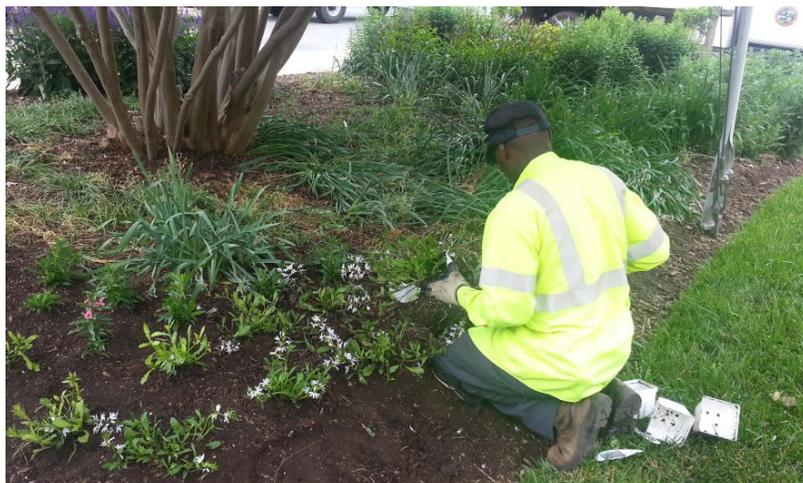
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Spring is almost here, which means time to begin planting!

Did you know the City makes its own compost and wood mulch? Our SMARTLEAF® screened compost and wood mulch is available for sale at the Department of Public Works. SMARTLEAF® compost is \$28.00 per cubic yard while wood mulch is \$12.00 per cubic yard. Material may be picked up at the

Department located at 9217 51st Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Prices include tax.

Bring your open-bed pickup truck or trailer during the hours listed above and material can be loaded onto your vehicle. Trucks with a four-foot bed can hold half cubic yard, a six-foot bed can hold one cubic yard, and an eight-foot bed can hold two cubic yards.



Don't have a truck? Bring a shovel and your own containers (bins, buckets, bags, etc.) and be prepared to load your containers yourself. We sell in 1/4 cubic yard increments.

- 1/2 cubic yard is approximately 20 five-gallon buckets
- 1/4 cubic yard is approximately 10 five-gallon buckets; or 3 paper yard waste bags filled half full

Deliveries start mid-March, weather permitting! For more information click [here](#) to visit our web page, or call us at 240-487-3590 or email [jmccaslin@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:jmccaslin@collegeparkmd.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BRUNCH WITH BUNNY >>

SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
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, March 24 from 11am until 1pm at the College Park Community Center (5051 Pierce Ave).

Enjoy a complimentary brunch, be entertained by local performers and create fun arts and crafts while you wait for the Bunny to hop in!

For more information, please call 240-487-3590.

No reservations are required for this free event.

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

For the Facebook event page, please [click here](#).

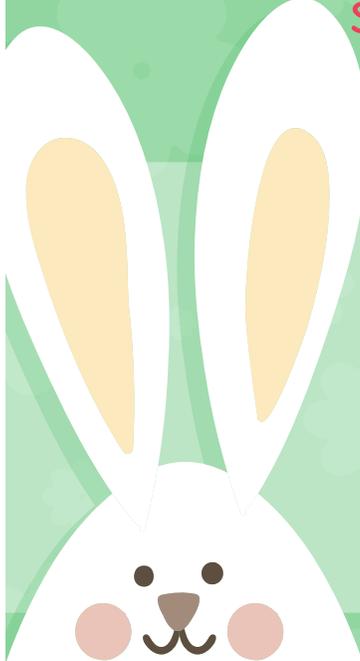
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College Park Community Center  
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

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For more information, please call 240-487-3570.  
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City of College Park's  
Department of Youth and Family Services presents

# Spring Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 24  
10am - 12pm

Plus...  
Face Painting, Games & Prizes  
Arts & Crafts, Skate Mobile,  
Meet the Bunny and More!

4912 Nantucket Rd, College Park | Free & For All Ages

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES  
4912 NANTUCKET ROAD

It's the City of College Park's Annual Spring Egg Hunt!

Join us on Saturday, March 24 from 10am to 12pm 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, Skate Mobile, Meet the Bunny and more!

This event is free and for all ages.

For the Facebook event page, please [click here](#).



## GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

Mark your calendars - this year's Good Neighbor Day is on Saturday, April 7! Join your fellow College Park neighbors as we plant, 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, litter reduction and other beautification events. As part of Good Neighbor Day, we encourage the community to collect 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 between March 12 through April 4.

Volunteer registration (available early March) and further information is available at [www.goodneighborday.umd.edu](http://www.goodneighborday.umd.edu). The event will go on rain or shine.

(Photo credit: University of Maryland Office of Community Engagement)

*The City of College Park Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee presents...*

# **3<sup>RD</sup> THIRSTY THURSDAYS**

*Bringing the City and University Community Together*

## THIRD THIRSTY THURSDAY

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**  
**5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**OLD MARYLAND GRILL**  
*THE HOTEL, 7777 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!

This event is appropriate for children of all ages (1 to 101). You may even win some College Park swag!

This month's event will be held at the Old Maryland Grill in The Hotel.

\*\*\*Events are held throughout the City! Please check our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/collegeparkmd](http://www.facebook.com/collegeparkmd)) regularly for updated locations for each month!\*\*\*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CITY NOTARY SERVICES

The City now offers free notarizing of documents for City residents during regular business hours. For more information, or to have a document notarized, please see one of the employees at the front window in City Hall.

## SAVE THE DATE - PUBLIC WORKS' SPRING CLEANUP DAYS ARE APRIL 7, 14, 21 AND 28!

The Department of Public Works' annual Spring Cleanup Days are coming up! Every Saturday in April, the Department will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for City residents to drop off trash or recycling.

Residents can bring bulk trash, yard trim, brush, branches, stumps, electronics, scrap metal, block styrofoam, or donate items (in good condition) to Community Forklift or Green Drop. There may be a charge for A/C units, heat pumps, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, and freezers. There is a \$4 charge for each tire.

## TAX SEASON

It may be only March, but tax season is upon us. 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/>

## CITY AFTER-HOURS HOTLINE

Did you know that the City has an After Hours Hotline that residents can call? For issues with noise, downed trees and more, residents can call 240-487-3588 to report any non-emergency issues. For all emergencies, please continue to call 9-1-1.

## CITY TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TCEP)

Beginning in 2017, City of College Park property owners can apply for reimbursement of up to \$150.00 annually for approved tree(s) planted on

their residential lot.

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 completed application should be sent to [balexander@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:balexander@collegeparkmd.gov) for review and approval. [Click here](#) for a link to the guidelines and the application.

Why plant trees on your property?

- Trees provide many benefits for homeowners, including interception of rain water and reduction of storm water runoff, reducing residential cooling & heating costs, carbon sequestration, and increasing property values (just to name a few).
- There are several programs available to residents to provide funding for tree planting on private property. Now is a good time to begin planning for the spring planting season!
- [Click here](#) to learn more about the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program and for an application.
- [Maryland DNR Tree Coupon](#) is also available.

## RECYCLE SMART. NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CART!

Plastic bags are the largest contaminant in the recycling stream. Please do not bag recyclables. Empty the contents into the cart. If plastic bags are found in your blue cart, your recyclables will not be collected. All plastic bags/film need to be removed and your cart will be emptied on your next collection day.

Do not use plastic bags to hold overflow recycling; instead use either paper bags or cardboard boxes.

Plastic bags/film can be recycled by taking them to a local grocery store.

## BACKYARD COMPOST BINS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

Backyard compost bins are available now for only \$20.00.

A compost bin is on display in the lobby of the Department of Public Works located at 9217 51st Ave. Start making your own "black gold" compost for all your gardening needs!

Purchase and pick-up at the Department Monday

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through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information or to arrange a delivery, call 240-487-3590 or email [publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov).

Size: 33" high x 31" wide, large capacity – 11 cubic feet with convenient 12"x16" offset, front access door.

## WEEKLY YARD TRIM COLLECTION REMINDERS

Yard trim (grass, flowers, leaves, soft plants, and weeds) will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day. Brush and logs should not be mixed in with soft (vegetative) yard trim as these two types of materials are processed independently of each other. Collected yard trim is processed into compost; trash should be separated out of the yard trim material and disposed of in the refuse cart.

Use paper yard trim bags, reusable containers or yard waste carts (available for \$25 at the Department of Public Works) and place at the curb by 7:00 am on your regular collection day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

Please note that containers must display a City yard waste sticker; free stickers are available to residents at all City buildings.

## MOSQUITOES

Spring brings flowers, good weather, longer days and to unfortunately, 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.

# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

## ORDINANCE 18-O-02

MARCH 13, 2018

Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 144 "Occupancy Permits", by Repealing and Reenacting §144-6 "Inspections" and Chapter 110, "Fees and Penalties", §110-1, "Fees and Interest" to Authorize Biennial Inspection of Dwelling Units in Certain Hotels and Apartment Buildings and to Set a Fee.

Copies of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740, or by calling 240-487-3501, or visit [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov).

## PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE 4500 BLOCK OF ALBION ROAD

MARCH 27, 2018

The Mayor and Council of the City of College Park will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to take public comment on the petition request to install traffic calming devices (speed humps) in the 4500 block of Albion Road. The Public Hearing will be held in the 2nd floor Council Chambers at City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park. All interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Following receipt and validation of this petition request, the City Engineer conducted a traffic study on this block. The results can be found in the staff report which is posted on the City's web site at [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov). Click on "Public Hearing Notice." The report is also available from the City Clerk's office.



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.

You may park for free in the City Hall parking lot while attending these hearings by displaying a parking pass in your windshield. Passes are available at the window inside the lobby of City Hall. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's

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Office at 240-487-3501 and describe the assistance that is necessary.

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@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Clerk's office at 240-487-3501 and they will be happy to assist you.

## MUNICIPAL SCENE

### TWO OPTIONS TO STAY IN TOUCH!

#### EMAIL:

Sign up for "College Park Connected" at [www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect](http://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 [lroberts@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:lroberts@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 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:** 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 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