



NEWS



BUILDING BRIDGES

June was a busy month for bridges around the City.

On June 22, the bridge connecting Riverdale Park Station (where you can find Whole Foods, District Taco, Gold's Gym, Burton's Grill and more) to the Discovery District (home to the College Park Academy, NOAA, FDA, and other organizations) was finally opened!

The new bridge will make access to the College Park Metro Station, MARC station easier and give bicyclists and pedestrians better access to our trail



From left to right, City of College Park Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn, City of College Park City Manager Scott Somers and Town of University Park Mayor Len Carey at the Riverdale Park Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

system. After ten years of planning and building, the bridge is now available for biking, walking or driving across.

A ribbon cutting was held that morning, and despite the rain, lots of people came out to celebrate the new connection. Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker III, Prince George's County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros, three Riverdale Park Mayors and other dignitaries spoke to mark the occasion and the inaugural passage.

Then several days later, on June 28, the Paint Branch Bridge (and its underpass) was lit up in a wash of rainbow colors. This permanent artistic and illuminating installation will make traveling on or below the bridge much more enjoyable.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

This past June, we congratulated three City employees on their retirements: Director of Public Works, Robert "Bob" T. Stumpff (13 years with the City); Code Enforcement Manager, Jeannie Ripley (almost 49 years with the City!); and Engineering Technician, Rizmy Mahmooth (11 years with the City). Bob, Rizmy, and Jeannie had been with the City for a collective 73 years!

During his time at the City as the Director of Public Works, Robert (pictured left) oversaw the entire Department of Public Works including refuse and recycling collection, curbside leaf removal, snow and ice removal and so much more. He also is credited with designing the first automated side-loader trash truck with a tag axle in North America (it allows the large truck a tighter turning radius) during his time with the City. This year, he was also a winner of the 2017-2018 Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jeannie (pictured top right) began working for the City in 1969 and has held numerous titles over the years including Clerk Stenographer, Code Enforcement Supervisor, Acting Director of the

Department of Public Services, and finally Code Enforcement Manager. She has commendation letters from other agencies, nominations and awards including from former Mayor, Alvin Kushner for her service as Acting Director from September 1986 to February 1987.

Rizmy (pictured bottom right with City Engineer Steve Halpern) began his career with the City in 2007 as a part-time Engineer Technician after greatly impressing City Engineer Steve Halpern during his interview (even outperforming younger candidates when he had to pound nails into the pavement to secure traffic tubes for a traffic counter). In 2009, Rizmy became full-time and you may have seen him around the City investigating residents' complaints or performing construction inspections.

All three employees exhibited exemplary service to the City and have been recognized on numerous occasions. We will miss them, but wish them all a very happy retirement and thank them for their hard work, dedication and service to the City of College Park.

CONTROLLING MOSQUITOES

The City of College Park cooperates with the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) to identify and control mosquito populations. Larviciding treatments are made by the MDA to known areas of standing water to control mosquito larvae to prevent development into adult mosquitoes. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes will continue through September; Wednesday night is the designated day when spraying may occur in College Park. MDA doesn't spray individual properties; they treat neighborhoods that meet certain thresholds.

MDA has initiated a new mosquito complaint procedure; please [click here](#) and provide your information.

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.

For permanent areas of standing water (ponds, rain barrels, etc), mosquito torpedos can be used; they slowly and continuously release an Insect Growth Regular into water that prevents adult mosquito development for up to two months. You can stop by Public Works Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to obtain a mosquito torpedo.

Some tips to reduce mosquito breeding sites:

- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
- Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
- Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers and dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc.
- Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
- Replace water in bird baths at least 2x week.
- Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
- Flush water in the bottom of plant holders 2x week.
- Fix dripping outside water faucets.
- Flip wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.
- Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and water-holding low areas for mosquito larvae.
- Non-flowing ditches with stagnant water for one week or longer can produce large numbers of mosquitoes. Report such conditions to the MDA. Do not attempt to clear these ditches because they may be protected by wetland regulations.



Above: Hundreds of mosquito larvae in a water container. Right: Studying mosquitoes at the June MDA mosquito workshop at City Hall



Contact the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture for additional assistance and advice. For more information [click here](#) to visit their website or call them at 410-841-5870.

Recently the MDA held a workshop at City Hall about how to identify and control mosquitoes. For the presentation, [click here](#).

BEAT THE SUMMER HEAT

July certainly brings on the summer heat! With temperatures in the 90s and above, it's vital that you try and stay cool.

Did you know that the College Park Community Center (5051 Pierce Avenue) is a permanent M-NCPPC Cooling Center Location? Any time temperatures reach 90° or higher, residents may stop in the facility to cool off. For more information, please visit www.mncppc.org/2900/Cooling-Centers.



Keep safe during times of high or extreme heat by following some of these helpful tips:

- Keep hydrated and drink plenty of fluids
- Wear loose, lightweight and light-colored clothing. Wear a hat wide enough to cover and protect your face.
- Avoid strenuous /high-energy outdoor activities
- Never leave a child, adult or animal alone or unattended in a vehicle even on a warm day. For instance, if the outside temperature is only 80°, within 10 minutes the inside temperature can reach 99° and in 30, 114°.
- Recognize and respond to signs of heat-related illness like heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke by visiting www.ready.gov/heat.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT & FIREWORKS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
5:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
PARKING LOT 1

The City of College Park and the University of Maryland are once again breaking out the red, white and blue for a fabulous Independence Day celebration!

A free concert and fireworks spectacular are on tap for Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at the University of Maryland Campus in Parking Lot 1 adjacent to Campus Drive.

The NightLife Band will entertain from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. followed by a 30-40 minute Fireworks Extravaganza at dusk! Fun for all ages!

Please follow and like the City's Facebook and Twitter for the most up-to-date event information!

Concessions open at 5:00 p.m. offering hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, ice cream, snow cones, soda and bottled water. Grass seating is limited, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Personal coolers are also allowed, but alcohol is not permitted. If you're



thinking of bringing your pets to this event...Think again! Loud noises, flashing lights and large crowds can have traumatic effects on your pets. Let's do our best to keep them safe by leaving them at home.

In case of storm or the sounding of the weather warning siren, guests should seek shelter as directed by the University of Maryland Police Department.

Rain date (fireworks only): Thursday, July 5, 2018. For more information, please contact the City's Department of Public Services at (240)487-3570.

FREE PET MICROCHIP CLINICS

SATURDAY, JULY 28
HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET

SUNDAY, JULY 15
DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

City of College Park Animal Control, in cooperation with the City's Animal Welfare Committee, will be offering two free microchip clinics for City residents' pets at the Hollywood Farmers Market on Saturday, July 28 and at the Downtown Farmer's Market (by City Hall) on Sunday, July 15.

Microchipping is a quick and pretty painless procedure that can help return pets to their families if lost. We encourage residents to bring their furry family members to participate in this free program!

Owners must have dogs properly leashed and cats and ferrets must be restrained in a carrier or on a leash. Proof of College Park residency is required.

Non-residents are welcome to take advantage of the clinic with a low cost microchip for only \$20 each.





NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FRIDAY, JULY 20
7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
9273 53RD AVE

Come and join us for a fun and FREE Night at the Movies on Friday, July 20 Bring your picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a movie with the whole family under the stars.

The film will be the animated feature, "Ferdinand the Bull" starring John Cena, Kate McKinnon, Gina Rodriguez and Daveed Diggs for enjoyment by all! Show-time is at 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the City of College Park Recreation Board.

For more information call 240-487-3570. For the Facebook event, please click here.

COLLEGE PARK RAIN BARREL SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 14
10:00 A.M. TO NOON

DAVIS HALL
9217 51ST AVE

The City of College Park, the City's Committee for a Better Environment, the College Park City-University Partnership and the Prince George's County Department of the Environment are holding a rain barrel sale.

Rain barrels cost \$67.50 and using the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate, the only cost is for the gutter attachment! This discounted rate is only available until July 10, 2018 at 11:00 p.m.

Purchased rain barrels can be picked up at the College Park Sustainability Expo on July 14, which will include a presentation and information about the



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.!



College Park Rain Barrel Sale

Place your order for a discounted 50-gallon rain barrel between May 16th and July 10th and pick it up on July 14th at the College Park Sustainability Expo. Prince George's County residents can apply for a Rain Check Rebate, off-setting most of the cost! This discounted rate is only available through July 10.

To order your rain barrel, please visit: www.rainbarrelprogram.org/collegepark
To learn more about the Sustainability Expo and to register, please visit:
www.collegeparkpartnership.org/sustainabilityexpo

Discounted Rain Barrels Cost \$67.50!



Anacostia Watershed, the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program, The City of College Park's Tree Canopy Program, and sustainable projects - and their benefits - for your home like rain barrels, rain gardens, green housekeeping and more! For more information, visit collegeparkpartnership.org/sustainabilityexpo

To Purchase your Rain Barrel visit www.rainbarrelprogram.org/collegepark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR JULY 4 HOLIDAY

All City offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday. The refuse and recycling schedule will adjust as follows for next week:

- Monday collections will occur as usual on Monday, July 2
- Tuesday collections will occur as usual on Tuesday, July 3
- Wednesday collections will occur on Thursday, July 5

Special and brush collections will only occur on Friday, July 6.

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@collegeparkmd.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.

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 for review and approval. [Click here](#) for a link to the guidelines and the application.

BACKYARD COMPOST BINS ARE AVAILABLE

Backyard compost bins are currently available to City residents for \$20.00 and non-residents for \$40.00.

A compost bin is on display in the lobby of the Department of Public Works at 9217 51st Ave. Composting is a great way to dispose of your household food waste and yard waste diverting them from the landfill.

Purchase and pick-up at the Department of Public Works Monday through Friday from 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.

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

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WEEKLY SOFT YARD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS

Did you know that, green or soft yard waste (grass, flowers, leaves, soft plants, and weeds) will be picked up on your regularly scheduled collection day? Make sure that brush and logs are not be mixed in with soft yard waste as these two types of materials are processed independently of each other. Soft yard waste is processed into compost; trash should be separated out of the material and disposed of in the refuse cart.

You can use the new beige yard waste cart, paper yard waste bags or reusable containers*for your soft yard waste. Be sure to place them at the curb by 7:00 am on your regular collection day. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

**Containers must display a City yard waste sticker; free stickers are available to residents at the Department of Public Works.*

COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH



Does your garden need a little tender loving care? Maybe it's time to replenish your tired soil with compost!

Do your flower beds dry out too quickly, or are you tired of pulling weeds? Wood mulch helps conserve soil moisture and inhibit weed growth.

Both products are available for pickup or delivery. 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 of Public Works located at 9217 51st Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Deliveries may also be arranged for an additional fee, please call 240-487-3590 for more information.

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

For more information, [click here](#) to visit our site.

PLASTIC BAGS

Please don't put plastic bags (like the ones you get at grocery stores) in your recycling cart.

Plastic bags are the largest contaminant in the recycling stream. 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. Recyclables should be placed loose in the blue cart.

Plastic bags/film can still be recycled by taking them to a local store. MOMs Organic Market, Target, Home Depot, Best Buy, Shoppers, and Giant all have receptacles at the front of the store for these items.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

July 17, 2018

7:30 p.m.

City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

ORDINANCE 18-O-06

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland (Amendment #1).

PETITION REQUEST FOR THE 9500 BLOCK OF RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, ON THE WEST SIDE SERVICE ROAD, BETWEEN HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND IROQUOIS STREET

A petition request to install traffic calming devices on the block referenced above was received by the City on February 20, 2018. Following receipt and validation of this petition request, the City Engineer

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conducted a traffic study on the block. The results and staff report are available on the City's website at www.collegeparkmd.gov. Click on "Public Hearing Notice." The report is also available from the City Clerk's office.

Copies of the 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.

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@collegeparkmd.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.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 broberts@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 Road202-288-5569
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 Place240-620-2105

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