



## NEWS



### DECK YOUR HOME WITH LIGHTS A'PLENTY (FA LA LA LA LA)

Love to decorate for the holidays? Feel like Clark W. Griswold's light display has nothing on yours? Well, get out your bulbs, bows, deer and inflatable snowglobes, because the City's Deck the City Holiday Decorating Contest is happening now!

Nominate your home or a neighbor's home by visiting [www.collegeparkmd.gov/deckthecity](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/deckthecity). Entries can be submitted now through Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

#### HOW TO ENTER:

Entry forms (including digital forms) are available here: [www.collegeparkmd.gov/deckthecity](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/deckthecity).

Completed entries can be mailed or dropped off at:  
City of College Park  
Deck the City Holiday Decorating Contest  
4500 Knox Road  
College Park, MD 20740

Residents can also call 240-487-3501 (with address, name and contact information for the homeowner) to enter a home as well. Entries must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13.

#### JUDGING:

Judging will be held from Friday, December 14

through Sunday, December 16 between 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Holiday lights and decorations must be turned on prior to the start of judging.

There will be three winners in each of the City's four districts (twelve winners total). Winning homes will be notified on Monday, December 17, 2018. Winners must have their lights and decorations on December 17 and 18 between 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for photos.

Photos of winning homes will be posted on the City's website, Facebook page, and Twitter.

Contest Rules and Entry forms may be found on the entry form and on the webpage provided.

Tell all your neighbors and stay tuned to the City's website, and social media for contest updates and announcements!

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## CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

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Curbside leaf vacuuming will continue through the beginning of January. Look for the posted signs in your neighborhood to know when curbside leaf collection will occur. Collection schedules are tentative as they depend on weather conditions. Refer to the city website [www.collegeparkmd.gov/specialcollections#curbsideleaf](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/specialcollections#curbsideleaf) for the most up-to-date collection schedule.

To stay on schedule, leaf trucks will not be able to return to collect leaves once they have already been through your street.



If you put your soft yard waste (grass, leaves and weeds) in bags or containers they will only be collected when the leaf vacuum is scheduled to be in your neighborhood. Weekly yard waste collections on regular trash collection days are suspended during curbside leaf collection period.

### Curbside Leaf Collection Do's and Don'ts:

- No bagging is necessary during leaf collection with vacuums. Grass can be included in your leaf piles, but no sticks, branches, vines or woody material as these items require a special collection.)
- Rake leaves to the curb. Do not put them in the street. Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains. The leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.
- Remove tree limbs, rocks, trash, and other debris from leaves to be collected. These items can damage the equipment and cause delays.
- Noise and dust may be noticeable. Dry conditions generate more dust. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- Weekly yard waste collections on regular trash collection days are suspended during curbside leaf collection period.

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## AWC PET TIP OF THE MONTH

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This tip is brought to you by the City's Animal Welfare Committee.

### Holiday Tips to Keep your Pets Safe

As we celebrate the holidays with delicious food and decor, here are some tips to help keep your furry family members safe, happy and healthy during this festive season.

While we love seasonal treats (and our dogs or cats may think they do as well), please keep in mind that some of the holiday foods really aren't very good for them. Help prevent an upset tummy (or worse) by avoiding these harmful foods: chocolate (all types); baked goods with grapes, raisins and currants; sweets containing the artificial sweetener xylitol; turkey skin; table scraps (including gravy and meat fat); yeast dough; alcohol; avocados; onions and garlic.

Holiday decorations may be enjoyed by all (humans) but they are tempting toys for our pets. Tinsel, wires on lights, batteries, glass or plastic ornaments should be kept out of reach. Other decorations such as poinsettia plants, lilies, holly and mistletoe berries can be toxic if eaten. Don't also let your pets drink from your Christmas tree's water as it could be harmful if ingested. If you think your pet has eaten

any of these items and is showing sudden changes in behavior, depression, pain, vomiting or diarrhea, contact your veterinarian immediately. Pet Poison Helpline (800-213-6680) or ASPCA Poison Control Hotline (1-888-426-4435) may be of help as well.

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## THE CBE TIP OF THE MONTH

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This tip is brought to you by the City's Committee for a Better Environment.

### Winter Weatherproofing

Reducing home energy usage by just 15 percent saves the equivalent of 500 pounds of coal a year. Even if your home is insulated, small cracks can add up to big losses.

The following projects are not high-tech or expensive but can provide significant savings:

- Hold a lit incense stick near doors and windows to find leaks, then caulk them.
- Add a storm door.
- Install weather stripping around doors and windows.
- Seal patio doors with rubber compression strips and door insulator kits.
- Seal entry points for TV, phone and water lines with expanding foam insulation.

## WINTER WEATHER

The City of College Park's priority during a snow event is public safety. Our goal is to clear snow and ice as quickly and efficiently as possible, restoring safe travel for emergency crews, civil motorists, and pedestrians. Snow and ice removal are considered an emergency operation and takes precedence over other Department of Public Works tasks.

The snow plan will go into effect upon the order of the City Manager or the Director of Public Works. The plan consists of an Alert Phase and an Operation Phase. Snow or icy precipitation, which requires roadway treatment, will be considered an emergency under the operational phase.

These steps will be followed during a snow emergency:

- Snow removal equipment will be dispatched to predetermined routes when snow or ice is imminent. Salting operations will begin at the onset of precipitation.
- Initially, one lane will be plowed on all streets followed by widening of the plowed lane. All streets will be plowed curb to curb, as conditions allow.
- Designated crews to clear sidewalks and trolley trail, will be dispatched to maintenance locations throughout the City.
- Snow and ice clearing operations will be carried out in accordance with established priorities as circumstances permit.

Please visit [www.collegeparkmd.gov/snow](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/snow) for more information about snow and ice removal, who to call to report issues with snow and ice on non-City streets, tips and other helpful information during inclement weather.

### UPDATES DURING SNOW EVENTS

Public Works is staffed around the clock during snow events.

Updates will be posted on the City's website ([www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov)), all City social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and emailed (sign up at [www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect)).



You can also contact the Department of Public Works for more information. by phone at 240-487-3590 or email [publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov).

### PARKING DURING SNOW EVENTS

Public Works crews plow and salt City streets and city parking lots to clear snow and ice.

Things you can do to help include:

- Move parked cars off the street so the snow plows can clear snow to the curb.
- If off-street parking is not available during predicted snowstorms, park on the even side of the road (unless your address is odd-numbered or the area across from your house is undeveloped, then park on the odd side of the street). That enables the snow plows to clear more roadway.
- Residents are responsible for clearing snow from their driveways or driveway aprons. It's recommended to clear snow after the trucks have been through. If you begin to remove snow before the trucks are finished, you may have to clear your driveway more than once.
- Don't forget to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks, storm drains and fire hydrants in front of your home.
- City crews work around the clock during snow emergencies to clear the City streets. Our crews are working as fast and safely as possible to clear the roads - we will get to your street! Your patience is greatly appreciated during these times.

Always plan to set your refuse and recycling carts out for your regularly scheduled day during snow events. Refuse and recycling collections may occur later in the day than normal.

## REMEMBERING MIRIAM WOLFF

JULY 28, 1929 -  
NOVEMBER 9, 2018

Miriam Wolff was the City Clerk for the City of College Park from 1970 to 2004 – an historic 34-year tenure as our City Clerk. She passed away on November 9.

In 1942, before the City was incorporated, Miriam and her family moved from Havre de Grace to Fox Street in College Park. Her dad was offered a job in Washington, DC and the family left the family farm in Havre de Grace to join him. She would laugh that all of them were packed in a car with dogs, cats and chickens on their journey. She would reminisce about riding her horse on unpaved City streets as a child. They lived in a Sears Roebuck home.

Miriam was hired by the City of College Park as a Meter Maid on January 24, 1966, back when they really were called meter maids. On June 8, 1970 she was appointed City Clerk by Robert Edwards, City Administrator, who asked her to take on the job. She said she grew to enjoy it and found she loved working with the citizens of College Park. Many of our older residents may remember interacting with her.

Miriam worked with seventeen different Councils during her years with the City. She served under seven City Administrators/Managers, and under nine Mayors beginning with Mayor William W. Gullett in 1966 to Mayor Stephen A. Braymen in 2004 when she retired.

Miriam obtained her certification as a Certified Municipal Clerk on September 5, 1980.

Miriam was a loyal and avid University of Maryland sports fan. Some of you may remember her by her pen name, “Frugal Fran.” Under that moniker, Miriam wrote sports columns for the College Park Local News, the Municipal Scene, in the Gazette Newspaper and The Diamondback.

Miriam was a passionate golfer. Over the years she financially supported or fostered many unwanted cats that appeared at City Hall.

When Miriam retired, the City established the Miriam Wolff Award to recognize City employees that



emulated her best qualities:

- **HONESTY:** Keeps his/her word; does not spread gossip or untruths.
- **DILIGENCE:** Hardworking; keeps at it until the job is done; does not give up.
- **RESPECT:** Has earned the respect of others and treats others with respect.
- **FLEXIBILITY:** Willing to change course with good grace in mid task when necessary.
- **DEDICATION:** Always acts to further the organization’s goals and helps others to do so.
- **RELIABILITY:** Here when needed; is not tardy; does not take time off unnecessarily.
- **LEADERSHIP:** Will take charge when needed; is a good role model for others.
- **INITIATIVE:** Always thinking of how to make tasks easier or better; a problem solver

During her tenure as City Clerk, Miriam established organizational systems that are still in use in the City Clerk’s office to this day. Current City Clerk’s staff, Janeen Miller and Yvette Allen, regularly think of Miriam and thank her for the legacy that she left when she retired. She will always be a part of the College Park City Clerk’s office.

Miriam is survived by her daughter, Paula, her granddaughter, Devon, and her two sisters, Ferol and Mary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15  
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.  
COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
5051 PIERCE AVE

'Tis the season for a holly jolly Breakfast with Santa! Join Santa on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. until noon at the College Park Community Center for yummy complimentary continental breakfast.

Bring your camera to capture photos with Santa. There may also be a surprise or two! Children of all ages are invited to participate.

Sponsored by the City of College Park's Recreation Board and the The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Reservations are not required. For more information, please call 240-487-3570.

Visit our [Facebook event page](#), [Eventbrite Page](#) or call 240-487-3570 for more information. Sponsored by the City's Recreation Board Committee.



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

# 1<sup>ST</sup> THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Bringing the City and University Community Together

*Dates and Locations*

**DECEMBER 6** Original Ledo Restaurant

**JANUARY 3** Board & Brew

**FEBRUARY 7** Old Maryland Grill @ The Hotel

**MARCH 7** TBA

**APRIL 4** Nando's Peri Peri

## 1<sup>ST</sup> THIRSTY THURSDAY

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6  
ORIGINAL LEDO RESTAURANT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3  
BOARD & BREW

Join the City/University Community every first Thursday (of most months) for 1st 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!

For more information call 240-487-3543. or visit [www.collegeparkmd.gov/events](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/events).

# SAVE THE DATE

City of College Park Tribute to  
**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019**

2:00 - 3:30p.m.

Kay Theatre, The Clarice  
University of Maryland College Park

**INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A  
THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE**

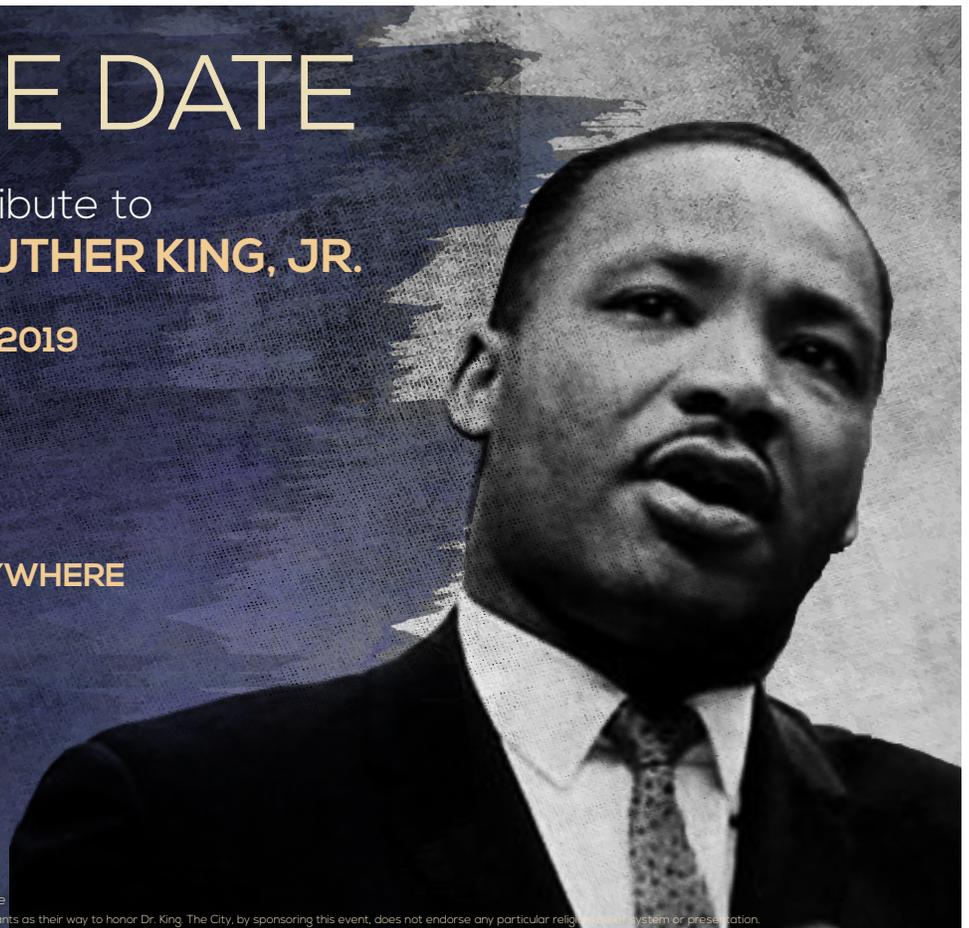
Keynote Speaker  
**MELVIN C. HIGH**  
Prince George's County Sheriff



**CITY OF  
COLLEGE PARK**

**FREE**  
INSPIRATION & ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES  
Organized by the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee

The selections and songs presented during the event are chosen by the participants as their way to honor Dr. King. The City, by sponsoring this event, does not endorse any particular religion, belief system or presentation.



## CITY TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**  
**2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**  
**KAY THEATRE, THE CLARICE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

Join us for the 28th Annual City Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at The Clarice located on the University of Maryland campus. This inspirational and educational event is free and for all ages.

The City's annual event honors Dr. King's legacy through a keynote address, performances, art and a City proclamation. Every year a new theme is

selected, showcasing how his work still impacts our community and our country and what we can do to continue his efforts in our current era.

This year's theme is "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere" presented by the 2019 Keynote Speaker Melvin C. High. Mr. High is Prince George's County Sheriff.

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## SENIOR SOCIAL CENTER - ILLUSIONS BY VICK

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**9601 RHODE ISLAND AVE**

City seniors - join the City's Seniors Program for a magical time on Thursday, December 5 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall.

Be amazed by beautiful and original illusions by master magician Vick. Share smiles and magic in an interactive and wondrous entertainment experience.

This free event is brought to you by the City of College Park's Seniors Program. For details including transportation questions, please contact the City's Seniors Program at 301-345-8100.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CITY HOLIDAYS

All City Offices will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. All regular refuse & recycling collections will slide forward two days; no special collections will occur during the holiday week.

All City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 in observance of the New Year holiday. Monday refuse and recycling collections will occur as normal, however Tuesday and Wednesday collections will slide forward one day. Special collections will only occur on Friday, January 4, 2019.

## HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING

All holiday lights, working or not-working, are accepted for recycling at MOM's Organic Market, 9801 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park. Holiday lights are collected for recycling in December and the beginning of January.

Please remove lights from bags/packaging and place in designated holiday lights recycling bin located in the lobby when you enter MOM's Organic Market.

What happens to the waste? Collected lights are broken down through smelting or shredding to recover raw commodities. These raw commodities are then used to create roofing and construction materials, piping, car batteries, other electronics, lead wheel weights, flatware, jewelry, and more!

## ATTICK TOWERS WAITING LIST OPENING

This is a notice from the College Park Housing Authority.

College Park Housing Authority  
9014 Rhode Island Avenue  
College Park, MD 20740  
(301) 345-3600

College Park Housing Authority will open its waiting list for housing in Attick Towers, the independent living high-rise apartment building located at 9014 Rhode Island Avenue in College Park, Maryland effective November 1, 2018 until January 29, 2019.

Applications can be picked up at Attick Towers or mailed by calling the number listed above.

## WATER MAIN BREAKS

Water main breaks should be reported to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) at 301-206-4002. Please have the physical address of the water main break available when you call.

## AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following items are on display and are available to purchase and pick up Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Department of Public Works - 9217 51st Avenue, College Park.

For more information call 301-487-3590 or email [publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov).

### RAIN BARRELS - \$72.00.

Rain barrels are a great way to keep runoff from leaving your home. Outdoor watering accounts for a large percentage of water consumption. By having a rain barrel and storing rainfall, you'll have water for outdoor irrigation. Size is 50-gallon.

Once installed, Prince George's County residents can apply for a [Rain Check Rebate](#), off-setting most of the cost!

Rain barrels come with lid, overflow cap, pre-installed screen and ring, flex overflow hose, ball valve – spigot, re-usable zip ties, hose clamp and rubber washer. Diverter kit is not included.

### YARD WASTE CARTS - \$25.00 FOR RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE

The beige 65-gallon yard waste cart can be used for either "soft yard waste" or "woody yard waste." The two products are collected on separate days and processed into different products.

This sturdy cart has wheels and a lift-bar for easy collection. Using the new yard waste cart can save time and money – single use paper lawn bags become expensive over time and can tear or fall apart when wet.

### BACK YARD COMPOST BIN - \$20.00 CITY RESIDENTS / \$40.00 NON RESIDENTS.

Composting is a great way to dispose of your household food waste and yard waste diverting them from the landfill.

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

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**SMARTLEAF® COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH**  
Compost is \$28.00 per cubic yard and wood mulch is \$12.00 per cubic yard. Material may be picked up Mon.-Fri. between 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Deliveries have been suspended for the season. For more information on compost [click here](#), or wood mulch [click here](#). For further questions, or to place an order, please call 240-487-3590

## SPECIAL TRASH/BULK TRASH – CALL TO SCHEDULE

You must call to schedule an appointment to collect special trash, white goods, electronics for recycling, or brush. Please don't place items at the curb until you have scheduled an appointment. Call 240-487-3590 or email [publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov) to schedule a collection on Thursday or Friday.

Keep in mind that appointments are scheduled on a first come first serve basis and occasionally slots fill up and collections will be scheduled for the following week. Upcoming holidays will impact the availability of special collections. Have your items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled day.

## 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 [lr Roberts@collegeparkmd.gov](mailto:lr Roberts@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:** 8400 Baltimore Ave. .... 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