

AIRPORT AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Governmental Affairs & Grants

The scheduled meetings with our Federal Congressional Delegation went well on March 7, 2024, in Washington, D.C. City leadership was able to convey top Federal priorities as well as hear the top priorities of each of our College Park representatives, Senators Raphael Warnock & Jon Ossoff, Congresswoman Nikema Williams & Congressman David Scott. A special thanks to the team input, leadership, and commitment to making College Park a world class place to live, work and play! Follow up with each elected office has been completed and further conversations with the appropriate office staff is the start of a productive relationship to bridge the gap on specific grant opportunities for our projects and to garner appropriate letters of support for grant applications, etc.



In more great news... The Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2024 was signed into law this past week. This allowed for the funding of two specific College Park projects: Water Supply Project (Water System Improvements Project – water tank and pump) in the amount of \$959,752 and Finding the Flint Nature Preserve for \$500,000. College Park IS winning!! In order to keep winning, College Park must continue to apply for earmarked funding and grants opportunities, as the next phase of the federal priorities process commences. Next week, Airport & Governmental Affairs and our federal lobbyists



will prepare earmarked funding for the lead pipe replacement in areas throughout the City, as well as Camp Truitt property improvements. Other priorities which can be handled via regional, or state grants will be pursued in the coming weeks.

Georgia's 2024 electoral race surged ahead this past week with the commencement of qualifying procedures for state and federal positions. A multitude of candidates representing both the Republican and Democratic parties flocked to the state Capitol to complete paperwork and submit qualifying fees. Concurrently, contenders vying for nonpartisan roles and running as independents queued up across the street to complete their qualifying process at the Secretary of State's office. The deadline for candidates to officially enter the race is set for noon on Friday.

Although the presidential race will dominate Georgia's November ballots, attention is also focused on all 14 of the state's congressional seats, along with its 56 state Senate seats and 180 state House seats, which are up for contention. Primary elections are slated for May 21, the same day Georgia will cast votes for judges and various nonpartisan positions. Subsequently, runoff elections are scheduled for June 18 to resolve any contests where a candidate fails to secure a majority of votes on May 21.

At the end of the fourth qualifying day, March 7th, 92 candidates qualified to run for a State Senate seat, and 306 candidates qualified to run for a State House seat. Please note that this information is on candidates qualifying Thursday and before. Updated qualifying information will be sent shortly upon the availability of additional data.

During the Senate Public Safety and Criminal Justice Appropriations meeting, various departments discussed budgetary adjustments and allocations. Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security highlighted increases for data operation centers. GPSTC proposed state-wide changes, including curriculum specialist and mechanic hires, alongside full-year CPR funding and construction of training facilities. POSTC supported the governor's budget, advocating for salary enhancements for officers, GA Post Reliance programs, curriculum monitoring, and additional staff hires for investigative and training programs. Other departments, such as the Department of Public Safety, also voiced support for increased funding, particularly for career progression, operational expenses, and capital projects. Others like the Department of Pardons and Paroles and the Department of Juvenile Justice outlined requests for software, salary adjustments, and facility maintenance, among others. Additionally, CJCC sought funds for victim services, while the GBI proposed funding increases for crime lab personnel and equipment.

Airport Affairs & Community Outreach

On March 13, 2024, the City of Atlanta, Transportation Committee approved that a substitute be brought forth at a later date based on the request to name Concourse D, located at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, to Michael R. Hollis. Concourse D is a multi-million dollar expansion and upgrade project, currently underway.

Airport & Governmental Affairs is working with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and College Park Public Works Dept. regarding the water system repairs at the Atlanta Fire & Rescue Department on Clipper Drive, which are scheduled to be completed by the end next week. Additionally, with ATL's Real Estate team, we are addressing six (6) properties to be conveyed to the City of College Park. To resolve this, the ATL staff is taking this matter before the Atlanta City Council tentatively in May 2024.

Please be advised that the **MARTA Airport Station, located at 3800 Main Street, Atlanta, will be closed for renovation beginning Monday, April 8, 2023 – Sunday, May 19, 2024. Shuttle buses will replace trains from College Park Station & North Terminal Lower Level.** Please go on-line to learn more at [MARTA \(itsmarta.com\)](https://www.itsmarta.com).

The Aerotropolis Alliance & Fulton County Schools hosted, in collaboration with the Airport, Work Source Georgia and other vendors, the Career, College & Resource Expo Fair on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at College Park's Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) to advance opportunities for careers in aviation. This career fair took place from 9 AM – 1 PM. What a huge success, as student from 15 high schools within Clayton and Fulton counties attended. Other companies like Microsoft, Federal Aviation Administration, Primerica, Clayton County Public Schools (law enforcement), iVue Robotics, Safran, just to name a few. College Park was also a participant.



Additionally, the Airport will participate in the Career Day for The Main Street Academy, charter K-8 elementary school on March 14, 2024. These efforts help the Atlanta region support the aerospace, transportation, and logistics industries, etc. to strengthen our global City's economy.



The Diamond and Ion Arts grand opening will take place on Friday, March 15, 2024, in support of a new, innovative housing development within the City. Representatives from the offices of Senators Ossoff and Warnock, Congresswoman Williams' office and City Leadership will be in attendance. A&GA will be in attendance.

CITY CLERK

Ongoing Education

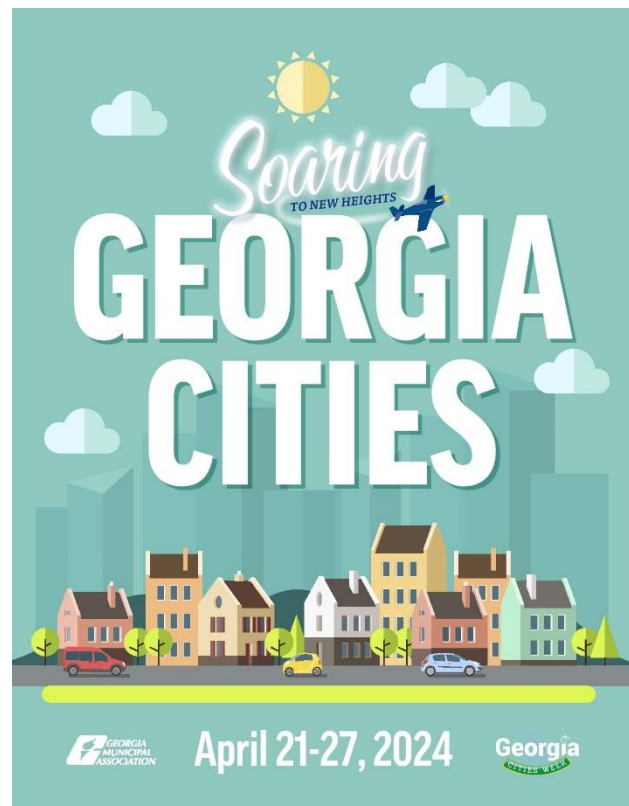


This past week, Deputy City Clerk Queenie Brown had the opportunity to travel to the University of Georgia Lawrenceville, Georgia campus to participate in two courses to help fulfill her state-mandated clerk training. Per the State of Georgia, any person with "clerk" in their name has to complete a 101-hour course to receive the Georgia Certified Clerk designation. As of today, Ms. Brown has completed 50 out of 101 hours, with more courses scheduled in the upcoming year.

Courses taken included: Management and Leadership Styles and Business Writing. By attending these classes, clerks are not only able to earn credits toward official certifications but also network with municipal and county clerks from all over the State of Georgia.

Georgia Cities Week

Georgia Cities week is approaching next month from April 21-27, 2024. The City of College Park is proud to announce that we are partnering with Georgia Municipal Association for this annual event that will aim to recognize and highlight municipalities and all they do across the state. "Going into its 25th year, Georgia Cities Week is also an opportunity to celebrate community achievements and recognize volunteers and city employees". The Georgia Cities Week planning committee held their most recent meeting last week to finalize the weeklong of activities and event. A definite event that has been scheduled for Georgia Cities Week is the 2nd annual Touch-A-Truck event. The final schedule of events for Georgia Cities week will be confirmed and shared with the City of College Park community by March 22, 2024.



ELECTRIC POWER

Residential Electric Rates

The most recent Georgia Public Service Commission survey was released for billings in January.

Below are the comparisons of College Park Power to the other 92 power companies and Georgia Power at different kilowatt hour (KWH) levels.

Winter Rates – November through April:

| | 500 KWH | 1000 KWH | 1500 KWH | 2000 KWH |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| College Park | \$71.00 | \$127.00 | \$183.00 | \$239.00 |
| Average | \$78.27 | \$134.19 | \$212.37 | \$244.50 |
| Georgia Power | \$80.84 | \$143.48 | \$206.12 | \$268.78 |
| College Park difference from average | - 9.3% | -5.4% | -13.8% | -2.3% |
| College Park difference from Georgia Power | -12.2% | -11.5% | -11.2% | -11.1% |

Summer Rates – May through October:

| | 500 KWH | 1000 KWH | 1500 KWH | 2000 KWH |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| College Park | \$71.00 | \$137.00 | \$203.00 | \$269.00 |
| Average | \$78.92 | \$138.19 | \$201.63 | \$265.19 |
| Georgia Power | \$80.64 | \$161.66 | \$252.73 | \$343.83 |
| College Park difference from average | -10.0% | -9% | +7% | +1.4% |
| College Park difference from Georgia Power | -12.0% | -15.3% | -19.7% | -21.8% |

Electric rate design supports the Strategic Plan Goal I: Local Economy and Growth under 1.6 - maintain structures for rates, fees, fines and penalties that are both sustainable and in keeping with price points in surrounding communities.

For more comparisons to other power companies, visit the Georgia Public Service Commission website [Residential Rate Survey \(ga.gov\)](https://www.gapsc.com/ResidentialRateSurvey).

FIRE RESCUE

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Department Response Statistics and Activities March 1 through March 14

| NFIRS CATEGORY | | AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 100 - Fire | 3 | 7:11 |
| 200 - Overpressure Rupture | 1 | 7:39 |
| 300 - Rescue & EMS | 147 | 11:26 |
| 400 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire) | 2 | 4:27 |
| 500 - Service Call | 11 | 6:19 |
| 600 - Good Intent Call | 23 | 14:18 |
| 700 - False Alarm | 11 | 6:33 |
| Unassigned Responses | 36 | 9:01 |
| Response Total | 234 | |
| Monthly Response Times Average | | 8:09 |

Personnel Action - Recruitment & Hiring

The Fire Department conducted Computer Voice Stress Analyzer examinations and background screening for four (4) candidates. Three (3) candidates will move forward in the hiring process. The projected start date is March 2024.

FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - Community CPR Community CPR Class:

1. Westin Hotel – March 11, 2024
 - a. 16 Students



EMS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY EMS Product Demonstration – Lucas Device



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL Public Education - Station Tour – Station #3 - Tri-City Home School



Citizen Home Safety Inspection

- Smoke Detector Installation – Jefferson Street

Fire Plan Review Movement Elementary School – 1950 Sullivan Road



Community Risk Reduction Annual Fire Drill – Key Autism Services - 1800 Pheonix Boulevard

Fire Safety Message

Smoke alarms save lives.

Make sure you have working smoke alarms inside and outside each sleeping area, on every level of the home.

Age matters when it comes to smoke alarms. They need to be replaced 10 years from the manufacture date.

When choosing a smoke alarm, ensure it is certified by a national testing lab.

Never disable your smoke alarms. If you can, make sure your smoke alarms are interconnected and speaking to each other. If one sounds, they all sound.

Share smoke alarm materials with your community

A graphic with a blue background. On the left, a circular illustration shows a white smoke alarm with blue sound waves emanating from it, directed towards a human ear. On the right, the text reads: "Can you hear your alarm? If you can't, consider getting a strobe light that will flash or a bed shaker that will shake when the smoke alarm sounds." At the bottom, there are logos for FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Can you hear your alarm?

If you can't, consider getting a strobe light that will flash or a bed shaker that will shake when the smoke alarm sounds.

FEMA | U.S. Fire Administration | U.S. Department of Justice

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The updates listed below are relative to Strategic Goal: Governance-Customer Service

Bandwidth/Phone Upgrade Deployment

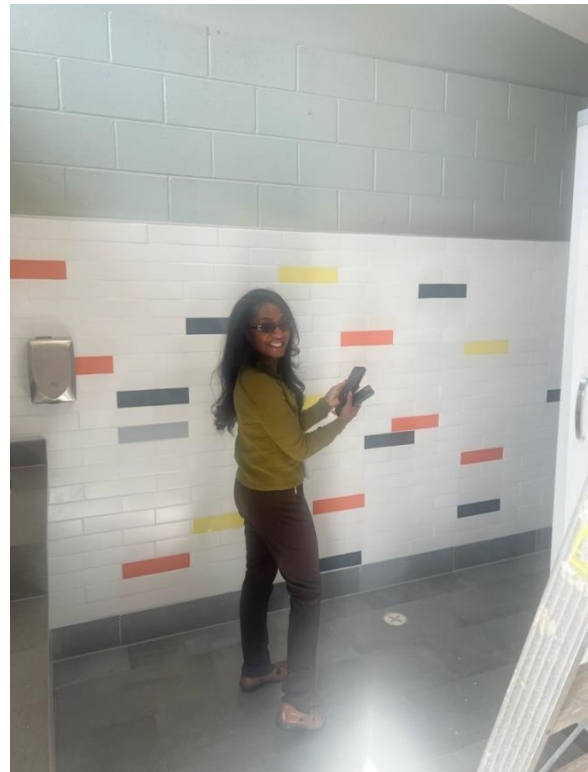
Our phone deployment in City Hall has been pushed back to March 28th because of scheduling conflicts for Customer Service. All other locations have been upgraded to a “Cloud Voice” system.

Backups *Limited Information*

The backup appliance is installed and receives data. We are now focusing on our “Fort Knox” in cloud storage,

Barrett Park

We now have “WIFI” in the park at Barrett Park. I will be testing the range and speed this week. Once this is complete, I will talk with Councilman McKenzie about a launch date. Once I complete the testing phase, all residents’ numbers have to be loaded in the system.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Background Recruitment

In our continued efforts to recruit the College Park Police Department, Command Staff along with other members of the police department held a hiring board on March 6, 2024.

The board recommended two (2) Certified Police Officers, a noncertified Police Officer, and a Jailer for hire. These individuals will undergo an intensive background check. Once they meet all background and hiring guidelines, we look forward to them joining the College Park Police Department Family. [Strategic Connection: Public Safety and Security]

Community Outreach

On Friday, March 8, 2024, members of College Park Police Department assisted the Fulton County Board of Health with an inspection detail at the Travelodge hotel, located at 2471 Old National Pkwy.

The Travelodge hotel consists of two buildings on the property with a total of 104 rooms. More than ninety percent of the rooms were occupied with guests. The range of stay varied from 1 day of stay to more than 30 days of stay (months).

During the inspection numerous violations were identified within each hotel room. Some of the violations consist of roaches, bugs, leaks, faulty leaks, water stains in ceiling, peeling paint, warming plates, microwaves, faulty bathroom conditions, fire hazards, missing smoke detectors, etc.

Police observed rooms in deplorable condition. Foul odors and unkept living arrangements. Rooms were occupied by several occupants to include several children, ages ranging from infant to 15 years of age. Some of the children advised they were not in school. Several notations were made for a Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) follow up.

The Board of Health detail coordinator will initiate the notification process directed at the Travelodge manager, who will then have a grace period of thirty days to address the issues, particularly pertaining to odors, bugs, mold, and mildew.

Failure to rectify the identified problems within the specified timeframe may result in the hotel's closure. A full report of today's findings will be requested from the Board of Health. Additionally, numerous citations were issued to the manager/owner of the Travelodge Hotel. [Strategic Connection: Public Safety and Security, Quality of Life]



Public Safety

1777 Harvard Ave (The Pad Apartments), *Aggravated Assault/Strongarm-Robbery/Damage to Property*, A Male and female were involved in a verbal dispute over money. The male subject became irate. The male subject physically assaulted the female and damaged the female subject vehicle using a hammer. After physically assaulting the female subject, the male snatched the female purse without her consent; one subject taken into custody.

5110 Old National Hwy (Chevron), *Suspicious Person*, College Park Police Officer , while conducting patrols along the Old National Highway and Godby Rd corridor observed a male loitering in front of the gas station, after making contact with the male in was discovered he was in possession of methamphetamine: one subject taken into custody.

2505 Godby Rd, *Hit and Run Accident*, Our Crime Analyst was able to locate a suspect vehicle through FLOCK. With this information, one of the College Park Police Department's Accident Investigators was able to locate the registered owner's home in East Point and make contact. The vehicle in question was present at the home and had visible damage. The owner/driver confessed to driving the vehicle at the time of the accident; one subject was taken into custody.

4060 Herschel Road (Village of College Park Apartments), *Damaged to Property (Family Violence)*, Male and female were involved in a verbal dispute over relationship issues. The male subject became irate and damaged the female subject vehicle car; one subject taken into custody.

[Strategic Connection: Public Safety and Security, Governance and Customer Service, Quality of Life]

PUBLIC WORKS

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Staffing

Good news! The Building & Grounds team is pleased to share that we have made progress in sourcing for potential new hires. We proactively sought assistance from Human Resources to expand our reach beyond the confines of our City of College Park employment website. This collaborative effort aims to attract a wider pool of potential candidates.

Our efforts are yielding positive results. Over the past two weeks, our department has interviewed or reached out to a total of twenty-five (25) candidates. Currently, we have ten (10) candidates awaiting processing by Human Resources.

This potential pool of new hires includes Part-Time Litter Collectors, Labor I's, and Park Attendants. The Building and Grounds team is particularly excited about this new crew of candidates. Our overarching goal as a department remains focused on serving the College Park community more efficiently and effectively.

Landscaping and Refreshing

The Building and Grounds team began the task of refreshing our Jack P. Longino, City of College Park City Hall monument. This sign had extreme weather wear and tear.

Monument signs, like the one at City Hall, plays a crucial role as point-of-reference for both visitors and residents. By cleaning, scrubbing, and repairing areas in need of restoration, the team will not only improve the signs aesthetics, but also create a positive first impression for anyone entering our community. A visually appealing welcome sign sets the tone for a pleasant experience within the city.





Highway, Streets and Storm Water

Recently, the Highway, Streets and Storm Water department has been actively addressing the impact of heavy rainfall in our city. This persistent rain has resulted in several infrastructure challenges, including the emergence of potholes, sinkholes, and drainage issues. To better manage these on-going concerns, the department is utilizing CCTV technology to gather essential data.

Additionally, the department has undertaken several other initiatives, from curb repair on Colonial Drive, sidewalk repair on Virginia Avenue, installation of a street sign on Herschel Road and Riverdale Road, installation of an RPM on Lakeshore Drive from Herschel Road to Janice Drive to sinkhole repair on Lakeshore drive.

During the sinkhole repair, the team applied additional GAB into the hole for repacking.



Keep College Park Beautiful (KCPB)

Keep College Park Beautiful marked its first-year anniversary with joy and gratitude. We reflect on our achievements and extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us, especially our dedicated volunteers. Their commitment has been the cornerstone of our success.

During this milestone celebration, we were honored to have not only our esteemed board members but also three City Councilpersons – Arnold, Carn, and McKenzie-join us. Their presence underscores the importance of our missions.

As we step into our second year, we eagerly look forward to welcoming more members from our vibrant community into the KCPB volunteer network. Together, we'll continue to create beauty, foster sustainability, and a positive impact. Let's #DoBeautifulThings!



Keep College Park Beautiful recently conducted an exploration of the creek areas within the city in response to litter complaints. As a result, we are actively developing a creek litter cleanup program. During our assessment, we encountered several examples of litter that need our attention.



Water and Sewer

As part of their routine work, the Water and Sewer team is actively addressing water line breaks across our city. Recently, they repaired a one-foot water line at the location of 2728 Camp Creek Parkway and a 2-foot water line on Lyle Avenue.



Sanitation

This team is again addressing the illegal dumping concerns within our city. 2709-2719 location on Sullivan Road became a major dumping area with furniture, yard debris and other waste. The city is currently working on ways to better manage targeted areas to come up with a solution to help minimize this reoccurring problem.



RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS

College Park Teams Dominate Across the State



The College Park Tumbleweeds Xcel Silver team brought home a first-place trophy at the Courtney Kupets “Pink Gymnastics” Invitational in Savannah on March 1-3, 2024. Level USA Xcel Silver gymnast, Lailah Abdur Rahman, scored the highest score on the floor exercise with a 9.95 out of a possible 10.00. Level USA Xcel Silver gymnast, Madidson Jones, had the highest All-Around score of 39.075 out of a total of 3200 competitors in the entire meet.

The College Park Recreation & Cultural Arts basketball program had three teams dominate in the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association (GRPA) State tournament. The Girls’ 8U team finished first at the tournament at Whitfield and the Girls’ 10U Runner Up.

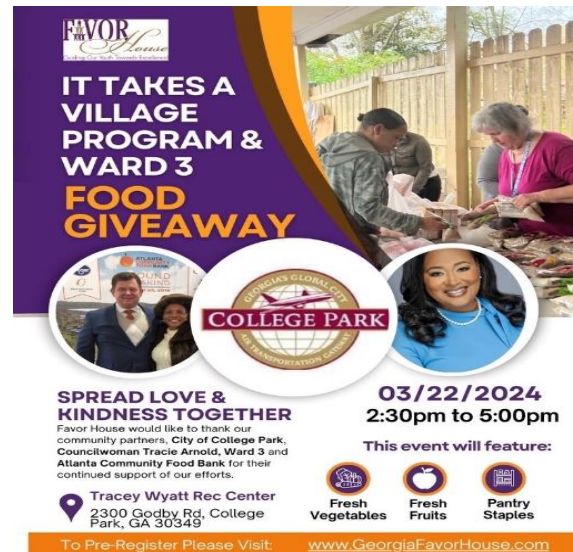
The Boys’ basketball program had two teams finish first. The 8U Boys’ won district in Kenesaw and the 10U Major won in Albany. GRPA State was held on March 1-2, 2024, weekend across the state of Georgia.





The 3rd annual Spring into Favor Classic will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Bill Badgett Stadium Track. All are invited to come out and support the College Park track team. Admission is \$5 and the Running Event will include the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1600m and Field Events include Running Long Jump and Shot Put.

It Takes a Village Program and Ward 3 Food Giveaway will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024, from 2:30-5:00 pm at the Tracey Wyatt Recreation Center, 2300 Godby Road. The event will feature fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, and pantry staples.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Thursday, March 28th from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at Bill Badgett Stadium, 3636 College Street. All are welcome and to register please go to www.collegeparkrca.com or contact Jerisha Bronson, Program Coordinator at 404.669.9206 extension 4113. During the event there will be Easter Bunny visit with music, games, gifts and more.

To celebrate Women’s History Month the Recreation and Cultural Arts is hosting a free movie on the City Auditorium lawn. 3633 Main Street, on Friday, March 29, 2024, from 8:00 PM. The feature movie for movie night is The Little Mermaid. The funding is supported by Fulton County Arts and Culture. All are invited to come and enjoy the night with friends and family on the lawn.



COLLEGE PARK RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS
YOUTH SPRING BREAK CAMP 2024
LET'S Explore ART

AGES 6-11 **DATE: APRIL 1-5, 2024** **Cost: \$100 per Camper**
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!
CAMPERS MAY PACK A LUNCH

Wayman & Bessie Brady Recreation Center
 3571 Brenningham Drive
 404.669.3776

Tracey Wyatt Recreation Complex
 2300 Godby Road
 404.669.9206

Hugh C. Conley Recreation Center
 3636 College Street
 404.669.3773

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.COLLEGEPAKRCRA.COM

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
 Contact: Jeisha Bronson, Program Coordinator
 jeishab@collegeparkga.com
 404.669.9206 ex.413

20 SPACES PER CENTER LOCATION!

PEACE MAKER
 Camp Offerings: PeaceMaker projects,
 Art, gardening, recreation sports,
 outdoor activities, and more.

Spring Break will be offered at the Brady Recreation Center, Conely Recreation Center, and the Wyatt Recreation Center the week of April 1-5, 2024. The camp hours are 8:00 am-4:00 pm. The cost of the camp is \$ 100 for the week. The camp includes PeaceMaker projects, Art, gardening, recreation sports, outdoor activities and more. To register please visit www.collegparkrca.com.