

AIRPORT AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Governmental Affairs & Grants

With all federal FY 2025 appropriations applications submitted to our four (4) federal delegation offices, I and our federal lobbyists have fielded additional inquiries and provided multiple letters of support from our business, residents, etc.

On Monday, April 29, 2024, the City of College Park hosted Vice President Kamala Harris' kick-off National Economic Opportunity Tour at our wonderful Georgia International Convention Center. The information was riveting, and small business owners were able to ask questions and get questions answered by the VPOTUS. Our Federal Delegation members, Congresswoman Nikema Williams, Senator Jon Ossoff and Senator Raphael Warnock spoke as well. This event streamed live at [TheWhiteHouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov).

On May 2nd, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced \$3 billion from President Biden's Investing in America agenda to help every state and territory identify and replace lead service lines, preventing exposure to lead in drinking water. Lead has and can cause a range of serious health impacts, including irreversible harm to brain development in children. To protect children and families, President Biden has committed to replacing every lead pipe in the country. Today's announcement, funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and available through EPA's successful Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), takes another major step to advance this work and the Administration's commitment to environmental justice. This funding builds on the Administration's [Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan](#) and [EPA's Get the Lead Out Initiative](#).

EPA and the State Revolving Funds are working collaboratively to advance the President's [Justice40 Initiative](#) to ensure that 40% of overall benefits from certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. Lead exposure disproportionately affects communities of color and low-income families. This \$9 billion in total funding announced to date through EPA's Lead Service Line Replacement Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program is expected to replace up to 1.7 million lead pipes nationwide, securing clean drinking water for countless families.

President Biden's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) invests a historic \$15 billion to identify and replace lead service lines. The law mandates that 49% of funds provided through the DWSRF General Supplemental Funding and DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement Funding must be provided as grants and forgivable loans to disadvantaged communities, a crucial investment for communities that have been underinvested in for too long. EPA projects a national total of 9 million lead services lines across the country, based on data collected from the updated 7th Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment. The funding announced today will be provided specifically for lead service line identification and replacement and will help every state and territory fund projects to remove lead pipes and reduce exposure to lead from drinking water.

The Lead Service Line-specific formula used to allot these funds allows states to receive financial assistance commensurate with their need as soon as possible, furthering public health protection nationwide. The formula and allotments are based on need — meaning that states with more projected lead service lines receive proportionally more funding.

Alongside the funding announced, EPA is also releasing a [new memorandum](#) that clarifies how states can use this and other funding to most effectively reduce exposure to lead in drinking water. Additionally, EPA has developed [new outreach documents](#) to help water systems educate their customers on drinking water issues, health impacts of lead exposure, service line ownership, and how customers can support the identification of potential lead service lines in their homes.

The City is clearly on point regarding our ask of our Federal Delegation. We will be following up on this funding opportunity to advance our current efforts to replace lead/galvanized and terracotta water service lines throughout the City.

Airport Affairs & Community Outreach, Updates & Events

Connecting with local businesses and non-profit organizations who invest in our City and its residents is a key component to sustaining a strong community! With job opportunities available in our major employment center: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, a new career path awaits you!

Aerospace and Aviation are key industries in our Global City and region. The Atlanta Regional Commission was awarded a \$50 million grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program. The funds will be used to:

- Create a cohesive vision for a multi-use trail network on Atlanta's southside that will connect existing trail projects with new trails across the region and along the Flint River.
- Build two segments of the trail – 1.6 miles in East Point and 1 mile in Clayton County – that are the most “shovel-ready.”
- Provide scoping, design, and engineering for an additional 13.2 miles of trail across the four communities.
- Facilitate ongoing community engagement.

College Park is directly impacted by this opportunity which will require alignment in areas of development standards, trails systems, our Comprehensive Transportation Plan and community engagement with our abutting jurisdictions.

In honor of Earth Day, the Office of Communications and Public Affairs (ATLcares) conducted an “Earth Day Flint River Cleanup” on April 19, 2024. In only three hours, a lot was accomplished. After a morning of hard work, our Flint River is cleaner. The Flint River starts in northern Atlanta, flows beneath Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, and empties into the Gulf of Mexico 300 miles downstream. It is a source of pride and ownership for airport employees. On April 19, ATLcares Planning Team brought together **14 stakeholder groups and 82 participants** to commemorate Earth Day

through the ATLcares: Earth Day Flint River Cleanup initiative. ATLcares aligns with the Department of Aviation's core values of being a good neighbor to the communities ATL serves.

Clean-up crews collected **600 pounds of trash**, which included 39 full large garbage bags, seven tires, a metal pot, and sheet metal. Flint River Cleanup Volunteers were rewarded with T-shirts and provided with breakfast and lunch as a token of appreciation for their participation. This community event was sponsored by the following:

- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- Atlanta Airlines Terminal Company
- Flint Riverkeepers
- Finding the Flint

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) celebrated the milestone of moving and installing its first module to widen Concourse D. This groundbreaking move, which involves constructing the concourse modular units offsite and



transporting them for assemble an entire mile across the airfield, showcased the power of collaboration among city officials, federal partners, and leaders across various sectors. This initiative will result in the seamless transformation of ATL's oldest concourse without disrupting its daily operations.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Atlanta's Mayor Andre Dickens, ATL's General Manager, Balram Bheodari, Holder Construction CEO Wayne Wadsworth spoke about the project and City of College Park, Mayor Bianca Motley Broom and other dignitaries were present. This tour offered an up-close look at the cutting-edge technology and processes that will define the future of airport expansions. The ceremony highlighted the federal government's role in supporting such innovative infrastructure projects.

Following the Concessions Tour of the Atrium and Concourses T, A, and the southern portion of B, the City has received approximately six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in outstanding FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment) tax assessments. Collaboration and a thriving relationship between the Commercial Revenue team at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and College Park Airport Affairs, has been instrumental in obtaining these funds. We will continue to work together to ensure all tax assessments and license fees are received.

Please note the following as a REMINDER:

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) Airport Station is temporarily closed due to station renovation. College Park MARTA station will only conduct bus shuttle service to the Airport during temporary closure April 8th – May 19th. The Bus Shuttle Services will take place beginning 22 hours per day, 4 AM – 2 AM, every 12 minutes from College Park MARTA station to Airport Station. Wayfinding signage and additional buses will be on standby and additional staff will be on-site to assist shuttle riders. Please visit [MARTA \(itsmarta.com\)](https://itsmarta.com) to learn more. This important announcement is posted on the City's and Airport's websites.



BUILDING AND PROPERTY SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

FAQ's Concerning Permitting and Development



If you are looking to build new, alter, add to, demolish, or change the use or layout of your property, you likely need approval from the permit division or other departments within the City. The level of approval and permitting depends on your scope of work and your zoning district.

Permitted Projects Include:

- New construction
- Additions/Alterations
- Demolitions
- Accessory structures (Sheds and ADUs)
- Fences
- Decks and porches
- Windows, roofs, and solar panels
- Tree removal
- Signs
- Subdivisions
- Work in special public interest or historic districts
- Change in use or occupancy, tenant finishes, white box.

College Park Municode Building Code Sec. 512. - Permits

Permit application.

- (1) *When required.* Any owner, authorized agent, or contractor who desires to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the construction codes, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the Building Official and obtain the required permit for the work.

- (2) *Work authorized.* A building, electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing permit shall carry with it the right to construct or install the work, provided the same are shown on the drawings and outlined in the specifications filed with the application for the permit. Where these are not shown on the drawings and are covered by the specifications submitted with the application, separate permits shall be required.
- (3) *Minor repairs.* Ordinary minor repairs may be made with the approval of the Building Official without a permit, provided that such repairs shall not violate any of the provisions of the construction codes.

If you have any questions about the need for a permit, please feel free to contact the Department of Building & Property Sustainability at (404) 669-3762.

Spring Into Yard Work: Tips from the Code Enforcement Division



Early spring is a great time to clean up your yard and prepare it for the warmer months ahead! Here are some tips for spring yard cleanup:

1. **Remove debris:** Clear out any dead leaves, branches, or other debris that may have accumulated over the winter. This will help prevent pests and diseases from taking hold in your yard.
2. **Prune trees and shrubs:** Spring is a good time to prune your trees and shrubs to promote healthy growth. Be sure to remove any dead or damaged branches and shape the plant as desired.
3. **Plant new trees and shrubs:** If you're looking to add some new greenery to your yard, spring is a great time to do it! Just be sure to choose plants that are appropriate for your climate and soil type.
4. **Mulch:** Adding a layer of mulch to your garden beds can help retain moisture and suppress weeds. Be sure to use a natural mulch like wood chips or shredded leaves.
5. **Clean gutters:** Gutters can become clogged with leaves and debris over the winter, so be sure to clean them out in the spring to prevent water damage to your home.

As for tree removal, the best time to do it is during the dormant season, which is typically in late winter or early spring. During this time, trees are less likely to be actively growing,

which makes it easier to remove them. Additionally, tree removal companies may offer lower rates during the dormant season.

Celebrate with us at Building Safety Month



Building Safety Month is an international campaign celebrated in May to raise awareness about building safety. Please note the following link for more information. <https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/building-safety-month/building-safety-month/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Main Street / Virginia Avenue



The Grand Opening/ribbon cutting for **“Smooth – Your Premier Spa-Lounge”** is now open for business at 2459 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. B6, College Park, GA 30337



As part of Main Street collaboration with Buildings and Grounds, we are excited to share the spring flowerbeds and flower pots along Main Street in “Keeping College Park Beautiful”.



Code's Braiding business improvement, received new windows at 3753 Main St.

Economic Development

Tasha Hall Garrison continues working with PHOAA (Preserving the History of the Original African Americans) of the City College Park, led by their President, Gloria Robinson, in preservation efforts concerning the Price Barber Shop on Harvard Avenue. This historic building will house information and photos of the once vibrant African American community that built, thrived, and lived in what is now known as Six West. Funding to support these efforts will be discussed at the May 6th Council Meeting.



***“DID YOU KNOW”** the Six West Area was once home to two elementary schools, florist, doctor office, churches, stores, piano teacher, seamstress, baker, daycare center, funeral home, cab stand, the Indians Negro Baseball Champion Team, single-family homes, housing community, and so much more....*

Business and Industrial Development Authority (BIDA)

BIDA will sponsor an educational Bus Tour of Six West, City Properties, and other Developments in the local area to be attended by BIDA Members, Council, and other partnership guests. The Tour will take place on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00am to 2:00pm and will be filmed by IKON Filmworks to be shared with the public. MTI Limo and Shuttle Services, LLC of College Park will transport the group. We are looking forward to many great developments and opportunities coming to our great City of College Park, GA!



FIRE RESCUE

From the office of the Fire Chief
 Fire Department Response Statistics and Activities

April 11 through May 02

NFIRS CATEGORY		AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES
100 – Fire	8	5:57
200 – Overpressure Rupture	0	
300 – Rescue & EMS	279	8:41
400 – Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	7:11
500 – Service Call	17	8:57
600 – Good Intent Call	21	8:58
700 – False Alarm	10	5:28
Unassigned Responses	66	9:43
Response Totals:	403	
Overall Response Times Average:	7:51	

Community Events

Fire Department's 2nd Annual Touch a Truck Event



Seniors Sip & Paint

Sergeant Sharon Crouch held a Sip & Paint for 13 Seniors in our community. Seniors were given a pre-stenciled canvas to express their artistic abilities. Seniors were served sandwiches, chips, and non-alcoholic drinks. Fun had by all!!!!



Your Fire Department at Work

Structure Fire – 3461 Harris Drive

At 0233 hours, Engine-1, Rescue-1, Truck-2, and Car 205 responded to a structure fire at 3461 Harris Dr. The fire started on the exterior of the structure at the B/C corner. Engine-1 and Rescue-1 were first on scene and pulled a 1-3/4" pre-connected hose line and achieved initial knockdown. Car 205 and Truck 2 arrived on the scene shortly afterward. Truck-2 was directed to assist Engine-1 with checking for hot spots. After the hot spots cooled, a positive-pressure ventilation fan was placed at the door to remove smoke. Fire crews verified all hot spots were extinguished. College Park Power arrived on the scene to secure electricity at the home. The home was returned to the residents and all crews returned to service. The cause of the fire was possibly from a smoldering cigarette in the trash. The Fire Marshal will assess the scene for an exact cause and determination.



Structure Fire – 2135 Godby Road

On April 27, 2024, at 0450 hours, College Park Fire Rescue & South Fulton Fire Rescue responded to a structure fire at 2135 Godby Road. Heavy fire was reported upon arrival. Fire crews kept the fire to the building of origin, but the building was considered a total loss due to the significant fire damage. No occupant or firefighter injuries were reported. Fire personnel provided resuscitative care to one (1) pet.



Partnerships & Collaborations

Community Health Initiatives

On April 5th, 2024, the City of College Park partnered with the Fulton County Board of Health to sponsor the “Healthy Looks Good on You campaign” promoting healthy lifestyles through diet, exercise, and awareness.

Grant Writing

College Park Fire Rescue partnered with Grant Writing USA to sponsor a two-day training session. The class was designed to expose participants to grant funding sources and guide grant writing techniques for successful submissions.

Community Education Community CPR

The Fire Department trained three (3) citizens in CPR, providing critical life-saving skills to the community.



Personnel Action - Recruitment & Hiring

The Fire Department hired two (2) fully certified firefighters and one (1) administrative assistant.

From the Office of the Fire Marshal

Building Final Inspection

Somersby Apartments – 5391 West Fayetteville Road

1. Building 1000 – Leasing Office



Community Risk Reduction Middle College at McClarin High School

1. Pressure Test
2. 80% Walkthrough
3. Hood Exhaust Vent Inspection



Fire Protection Code Enforcement - Facility Closure

1. Howard Johnson by Wyndham Atlanta Airport / College Park
Closure Date: May 2, 2023
Location: 1551 Phoenix Boulevard
Cause: Non-compliant fire protection system non-compliance
Corrective Measure: New fire pump, new fire alarm, updated sprinkler system
*Facility is code compliant

Fire Safety Message

Annual Northern Georgia Burn Ban Begins May 1



* Georgia law no longer requires notification to the Georgia Forestry Commission by people planning to burn yard debris. Charges may apply if wildfire results from escaped burning and evidence show reasonable fire prevention precautions were not taken.

Georgia's annual ban on outdoor burning begins May 1 in 54 counties, mostly in the northern half of the state. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) puts the restrictions in place during the summer months, when increases in ground level ozone may create health risks.

"From May 1 until September 30, open burning of yard and land-clearing debris is prohibited in some counties where particulate matter pollutants and chemicals from smoke are more likely to combine with emissions from vehicles and industrial activities," said Frank Sorrells, Chief of Protection for the Georgia Forestry Commission. "Our agencies closely monitor air quality, weather conditions and open burning for the safety of all Georgians."

The 54 counties affected by the ban are: Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Butts, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Crawford, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Richmond, Rockdale, Spalding, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, Walker and Walton.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

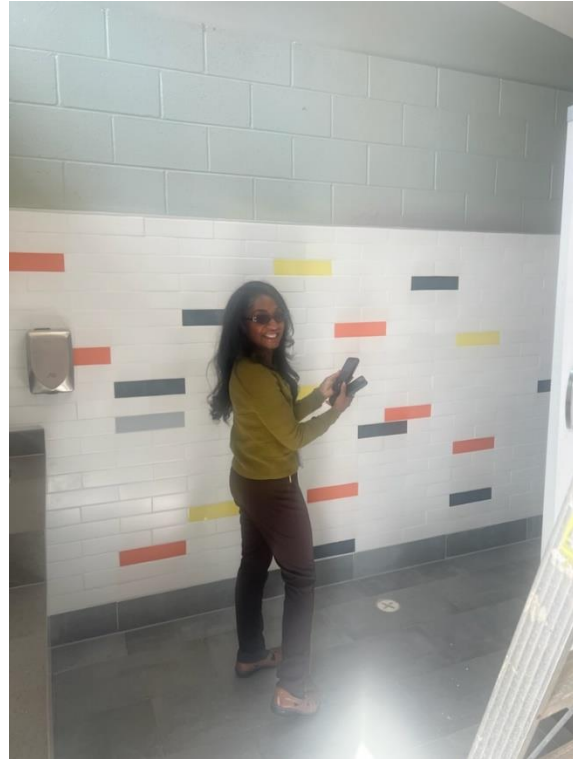
The updates listed below are relative to Strategic Goal: Governance-Customer Service

Bandwidth/Phone Deployment

We have finished all deployment of phones citywide. 😊

Barrett Park

Public Works has the language to make the signs. Once this is done, we will prepare to open based on Councilwoman McKenzie's recommendation.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Background and Recruitment



In our continued efforts to recruit eligible candidates for the police department and assisting them through the hiring process. Background and Recruitment investigators held a physical agility test on April 18, 2024. There were eight (8) potential candidates, two (2) of which were certified Georgia Police Officers traveled from near and far gathered to showcase their agility and strive toward the noble goal of joining the College Park Police Department. It was a true display of grit, passion, and commitment to serving the community.

The College Park Police Department, Command Staff along with other members of the police department held a hiring board on April 30, 2024.

The board recommended two (2) noncertified Police Officers 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.

Community Outreach

The College Park Police Department supported the City of College Park Government and had an amazing time celebrating Earth Day with Keeping College Park Beautiful with some of our special residents.



FREE
Part I & II
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

WOMEN'S FIREARM SAFETY
In partnership with Packing Pretty Firearms
BEGINNERS ONLY
3717 COLLEGE STREET COLLEGE PARK, GA
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
This is a three part series for women only.

PART I
APRIL 22, 2024
Safety

PART II
DATE: TBD
Fundamentals of Shooting

PART III
DATE: TBD
Technique
(Firing Range Cost \$50)

SCAN TO REGISTER

Must register to participate. Do not bring your own firearm. Must attend all sessions to proceed to the firing range.

Logos: Georgia Cities Week, COLLEGE PARK, COLLEGE PARK POLICE, PACKING PRETTY FIREARMS LLC

This event can be found on Event Brite.

In collaboration with the City of College Park Government to kick off #GACitiesWeek, the Police Department held a free Women's Firearm Safety Event at the Public Safety Complex. These beginner-friendly sessions were designed to help women feel confident and safe around firearms. The experienced Packing Pretty instructor Daphne Jordan covered everything from basic firearm handling to proper storage and maintenance.

A total of fifty (50) women participated in this free invite.



Administrative Professional's Day

April 24, 2024, was Administrative Professionals' Day. This day recognizes the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals. These professionals are central to any business and keep an office organized and efficient.

Chief Rogers and the Command Staff presented our great administrative staff with a boutique of flowers as a small token of our appreciation.



National Telecommunications Week – April 15-20, 2024



From April 14th to April 20th the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) joined the country in celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, a time to honor and recognize 9-1-1 professionals who are frontline responders during crises. It was also a time to promote mental health, well-being and the support these professionals deserve.



Chief Rogers and the Command Staff presented our E911 Dispatchers with a small token of appreciation for their selfless service to not only the College Park Police Department but also its residents and visitors.

Public Safety Joint Collaboration Training



On Saturday, April 13, 2024, the College Park Police Department, in collaboration with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 64 conducted a Use of Force Symposium training. There were approximately 65 officers in attendance from all over metro Atlanta.

Chief Executive Training

Chief Connie Rogers had the opportunity to attend the annual National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE) Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas, NV, held from April 22-26, 2024.

NAWLEE was created to promote women in law enforcement. NAWLEE is open to women and men, both sworn and civilian that support the advancement of women in all ranks and roles in the law enforcement profession.

The opportunities for women in law enforcement are changing daily. NAWLEE provides training, mentoring, programs, and resources to help women and their agencies, pursue and provide these opportunities.

With women holding only 13% of all law enforcement positions, NAWLEE focuses on recruitment and retaining women in our profession.

Crime/Felony Arrests

2301 Sullivan Rd (Hilton Garden), *Possession of a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance*. After responding to a call involving a verbal dispute, a College Park Officer observed a jar containing marijuana. A female on scene admitted the marijuana belonged to her. 35grams of marijuana were seized; one subject was taken into custody. (Ward 2)

2581 Sullivan Rd (MTI Limo), *Possession with controlled substances, Marijuana less than an ounce and traffic offenses*. A College Park Police Officer, while conducting a traffic stop for no insurance and suspended registration, found the driver to be in possession of Xanax a scheduled IV drug and marijuana less than an oz; one subject was taken into custody.

1419 Virginia Ave (Holiday Inn), *Possession with Intent to Distribute/Possession of a controlled substance/Obstruction/Possession of drug related items*. A College Park Police Officer, while conducting a hotel check at this location, noticed a suspicious person on the property. After a field investigation it was found the individual did not have a room at the location, gave a false name and was in possession of 8.14lbs of marijuana and 9.76 lbs. of psilocybin (mushrooms); one subject taken into custody. (Ward 3)



5022 Old National Highway (Valero), *Possession of a Controlled Substance (Psilocybin) Marijuana (1.3 ounces)*. The Police Department was dispatched to the location mentioned, in reference to a suspicious person. Once contact was made with the individual in was found in was in possession of psilocybin (mushrooms), marijuana 1.3 oz, and a digital scale; one subject was taken into custody. (Ward 3)

2451 Old National Highway (Days Inn), *Intent to Distribute/ Possession of Firearm during the commission of a felony*. College Park Police Officers responded to location due to a domestic dispute, upon arrival Officers contacted both individuals and after investigating. Both individuals were charged with intent to distribute marijuana (7oz), possession of two (2) Hydrochloride 4mg pills, drugs to be kept in original container, possession of firearm during commission of a felony; two subjects taken into custody. (Ward 3)

Prostitution Detail

On Friday, April 26, 2024, the College Park Police Department Special Operations Unit conducted an undercover prostitution sting to combat prostitution and human trafficking in the areas of Old National Hwy, Old National Pkwy, and White City Rd.

Seven (7) total arrests were made for City Ordinance 12-17 Loitering for Illegal Sexual Purposes.

After Hours Alcohol Sale Investigations

The College Park Special Operations Unit has been conducting a detailed investigation to see if businesses are in compliance with City Ordinance 03-81, which regulates the hours that alcoholic beverages can be sold. Undercover Officers have ordered, served, and paid for alcoholic beverages in violation of this ordinance.

The following businesses have been in violation and cited:

- Central Station 3 – 4855 Old National Highway.
- Crab Boil Bar Atlanta – 4829 Old National Highway

PUBLIC WORKS

Building and Grounds

It's fascinating how the Building and Grounds **John Deere 5230 tractor** captured the imagination of both kids and adults during our City's Annual "**Touch-A-Truck**" event. Perhaps it's the combination of its impressive 64-engine horsepower and hefty 3.1-ton weight that makes it so intriguing. Or maybe it's the fact that this versatile machine is used for essential tasks like hauling, mowing, and bailing, contributing to the city's well-maintained grounds. Whatever the reason, it's heartwarming to know that so many people enjoyed interacting with this powerful workhorse!

Bringing in the Spring

Amidst all the recent events, rest assured that the Buildings and Grounds team remains committed to their tasks. They diligently uphold the importance of maintaining our city grounds and flower beds, ensuring their beauty and aesthetics are never overlooked. See below as this team brings in the spring with their collection of floral goodies.



Park Attendants & Litter Collectors

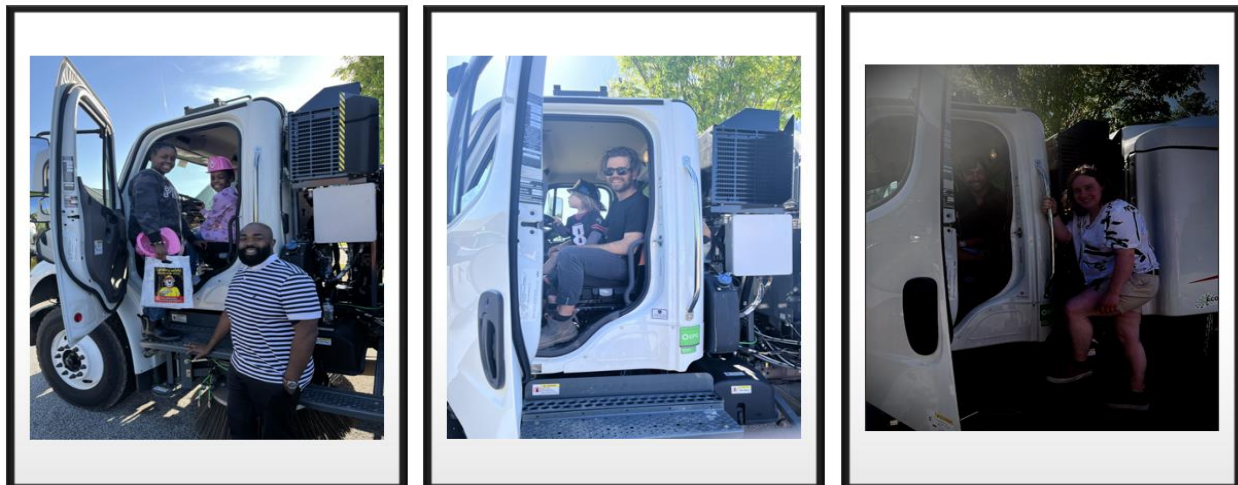
Buildings and Grounds has made an excellent choice in assembling its new team of **Litter Collectors** and **Park Attendants**. With guidance from the Superintendent and Supervisor, this team is learning the vital role they play in maintaining the city's grounds. While we've successfully secured the required number of Litter Collectors, we're still one Park Attendant short to complete our seasonal hiring. Interviews have been conducted, and Human Resources processing is underway. We're optimistic about achieving great

results, given the promising interviews we've had. When you see our team members, stop, and say, "Hi". They'll be the ones in the orange safety vests.



HIGHWAY, STREETS AND STORM WATER

Finally, this department had the opportunity to formally introduce our new 2024 Street Sweeper to our city residents. Seeing it close and personal goes beyond the experience of encountering it on our city roads – it becomes more than just a spectacle. I'm confident that not only children but also adults found enjoyment in that!





LOTTIE MILLER

Great news! Ninety-five percent of Lottie Miller Boulevard's Street signs have been installed. The department placed the jersey walls at the intersection of Camp Creek and Lottie Miller Boulevard to prevent vehicles from passing through until the street opens.



Upgrading Utility Infrastructure

Highway and Streets were given the green light to commence repairs on Lakeshore Drive following the installation of new utility components. This department used a hot mix to upgrade the infrastructure after the utility cut. This process involves backfilling the area with granular materials to ensure stability and support. Proper compaction is crucial to prevent settling. In summary, it entails meticulous planning, cutting, and excavation to maintain the integrity of the paved surface. Look at this team in action.



KEEP COLLEGE PARK BEAUTIFUL (KCPB)

Keep College Park Beautiful participated in Hazardous Waste and Shred Day with Sanitation, April 13, 2024. We had 39 participants and collected a combination of materials from paint to aerosols and tires to paper for shredding. It was a good day, with pounds of material collected.

Sanitation



The Sanitation Division recently hosted our annual Household Hazardous Waste Day. We had nearly 40 residents come by to get rid of several buckets of paint, household chemicals, batteries, tires, and a total of 16 garbage bags worth paper to shred.



We also allowed 4 residents to drop off their items before the scheduled event due to pre-planned vacations. We strive to accommodate our residents the best we can. As you can see, the event was a huge success!

Water and Sewer

The Water & Sewer crew repaired a 2' water line leak while Cambridge Avenue.



The Water & Sewer Division are working in conjunction with Customer Service on a Meter Replacement Program. We are working to have all commercial and residential dead meters replaced throughout the city. We are currently working in phases, until the entire city has been completed. This project will provide customers with accurate billing and generate revenue for the city.



RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS

Family Fun Day in the Park!

Spring Baseball registration for the Marquis Grissom Baseball Association, MGBA, program opened on February 27, 2024, in collaboration with the College Park Recreation & Cultural Arts Department. Registration fee for 4-5 yrs. \$80, 6-8 yrs. \$90, 9-10 yrs.\$95 and 11-12 yrs. \$100. MGBA and College Park will

host the annual Family Fun Day at Richard D. Zupp Park on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Fun Day will include pre-ceremony and team line up with photos at 10:00am and the ceremony at 10:30am and games to begin at 11:00am. The community is invited to come out along with the Mayor and Council to provide words during the ceremony for the kickoff of opening day for baseball. Baseball games will kick off at noon.

On April 5, 2024, former Atlanta Braves centerfielder and World Series Marquis Grissom, MGBA founder, was honored in throwing out the ceremonial first pitch on opening day at Truist Park. Marquis is such an amazing support for the youth on the southside of Atlanta and the community and College Park are proud to collaborate the MGBA programming in the City of College Park.



Youth & Women’s Kickball

On Thursday March 28, 2024, we hosted our first Youth Kickball Clinic at Brannon Memorial Park, where we introduced our future players to the game of kickball and its rules and regulations. This is the first time in many years that programming has been re-established at the newly renovated Brannon Park due to the developmental agreement with Rocklyn Home for Hawthorne Station subdivision.

Our inaugural Youth Kickball League’s first games were held on Thursday April 18, 2024, at 6:00pm and 7:00pm. Games will be held every Thursday at 6pm and 7pm at Brannon Memorial Park through June 13, 2024, which will be the day we have our Championship game. Teams will practice every Tuesday from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Brannon Memorial Park and Brady Recreation Center Field.




Women’s Kickball is in its third year and this season began on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, at Brannon Memorial Park. In prior years practice and games were held at Zupp Park. Flyers out to all teams that participated last season. Created a ten-week kickball schedule that will be completed in seven weeks. The season will end Wednesday, June 5th, 2024. There are four teams participating in the league this season. Each team will play 10 regular season games, and at least one playoff game.

Youth Flag Football & Cheerleading

College Park Recreation and Cultural arts registration opened cheerleading registration on April 1, 2024, and registration for the Flag Football program will open on May 1, 2024. For the upcoming 2024 fall season a decision has been made to discontinue tackle football for the upcoming fall 2024 season was based on the safety recommendations from the CDC Head Up regarding risks of concussion in youth sports in the measures to protect participants from unnecessary risks.



A registration poster for College Park Rams Cheerleaders. At the top is a photo of a cheerleading squad in blue and white uniforms. Below the photo, the text reads "COLLEGE PARK RAMS CHEERLEADERS AGES 5-11". In the center is a blue oval containing a photo of a cheerleader in a blue uniform. At the bottom, registration details are listed: "REGISTRATION \$125", "REGISTRATION OPENS April 1, 2024", "Register online @ collegeparkrca.com", "Contact: Allison Prather", "aprather@collegeparkga.com", and "404-669-9206". A small logo for College Park Recreation & Cultural Arts is in the bottom right corner.



A registration poster for Flag Football. The background is blue with a yellow border. At the top left, a white circle contains the text "REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1ST- UNTIL FULL". At the top center is the College Park Recreation & Cultural Arts logo. At the top right, a white circle contains the text "VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED". The main text in the center reads "FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION" above a large image of a football. Below the football, it says "FEE: \$50" and "AGES 4-12 CO-ED". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "CONTACT: KIRKLAND ARNOLD", "404-669-3773", "KARNOLD@COLLEGEPAKGA.COM", and "WWW.COLLEGEPAKRCRCA.COM".

The CDC recommends no one under the age of 14 years old to participate in tackle football for concussion concerns. Other concerns for the program concern have been behavior at the games on the City athletic fields to include drinking, smoking and illegal substances on the premises creating an environment that is not conducive to the safety and well-being of our young athletes. Along with the pending sale and loss of green space of Bill Evans field space and part of the back practice field poses a significant challenge to continue to accommodate the program. The loss of the field space to development will also take away parking and construction development will impact the ability to accommodate parking for the large numbers the program brings to the area surrounding residential area.

Youth Programming

The Tracey Wyatt Recreation houses many free youths programming. Youth Open Gym for Basketball is offered, Monday-Friday from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. The Rockwall is also a free activity at the center but is currently closed due to the annual scheduled maintenance for the auto belays to be serviced under the contract with the wall donation with Climbing for Change in 1Climb. The maintenance is taken care of by Stone Summit who comes out and regularly updates and resets the routing and takes down the auto belays and sends off for them to be maintenance and serviced. This unfortunately takes a period for them to get taken down, services and set back out and re-installed for use.



The Wyatt Center has re-established the free computer lab. The prior computer lab was removed during COVID due to the computers and software needing to be replaced. Three computers have been re-established for community use and more are planned to be added through the upcoming fiscal budget. The hours of the operation are Monday-Thursday from 9:00am - 2:00pm, adults only, and 3:00pm - 6:00pm, kids and teens only. Friday hours are 9:00am - 2:00pm, adults only and 3:00pm - 5:00pm, kids, and teens only, and Saturday's 9:00am - 1:00pm all ages.



College Park Favor Track Team

The City of College Park Favor Track Team had 25 athletes qualify and traveled to Morrow, Georgia on April 26th and 27th, to participate in the Georgia Recreation Parks Association (GRPA) for Class "A" State Track Meet held at Morrow High School.



The College Park Favor Track Team had a total of one first place state champion. Awardee includes Austin Parks in the 8U Boys 200M Dash with an impressive time of 31.27 seconds. The team had a total of seven second place state champions. Awardees include Blue

Johnson in 8U Boys Long Jump; A'Mia Boyd in the 8U Girls 400-Meter Dash; Amaya Boyd in 10U Girls 400-Meter Dash; and A'Mia Boyd, Pheonix Fountain, Kamaya Stephens, and Amina Moore in the 8U Girls 4X400-Meter Relay. The team also had a total of two third place state champions. Awardee includes Austin Parks in 8U Boys 100-Meter Dash and 8U Boys Softball Throw.

Annual Gymnastics Spring Performance

The annual end of the year performance for gymnastics classes will include the Tumbleweed Olympics, held on Saturday May 11, 2024, and KiDsGyM USA Olympic Day held on May 17-18, 2024, at the Conley Center.

TUMBLEWEED OLYMPICS

Schedule

4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
May 6-9: Hand Out Leotards (During Classes)

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
May 10: Gym Set Up

4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
May 10: Picture Day (Multi Purpose Room)

COACHES ARRIVAL 8:30 A.M. -
May 11: Tumbleweed Olympics Performances

ARRIVAL 9:00 A.M. PERFORMANCE 9:30A.M.-10:30 A.M.
Bronze/Little Tumbleweeds

ARRIVAL 11:00 A.M. PERFORMANCE 11:30A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Novice

ARRIVAL 1:00 P.M. PERFORMANCE 1:30P.M.-2:30 P.M.
Silver/Gold

ARRIVAL 3:00 P.M. PERFORMANCE 3:30P.M.-4:30 P.M.
extra

There are a total of 653 participants in the Spring session of gymnastics. Olympic day performance gives the participants an opportunity to showcase their talents that they have learned in the gymnastics program. It also allows the gymnastics program to recognize and get the participants excited about the upcoming Olympics.

KiDsGyM USA

“OLYMPIC DAY”
2024

Friday, **May 17th** for Super Mites, DynoMites And Tumblin’ Titans
*Performance times for your child will be determined: 5 or 7 PM

Saturday, **May 18th** for Wiggle Worms and Mighty Mites
*Performance times for your child will be determined: 10, 11:30 or 1:30 PM

The Events Will be Held at the
Conley Recreation Center

Registration ends April 8th!
Visit <https://bit.ly/kenolympics>
or scan the QR code:

On May 18, 2024, there is also a Special Permit that was approved by Mayor and Council for May 18th and 19th, at the Badgett Football Field for Bridge Gap Sports, a U.S. based FIFA Licensed Soccer Player & Consulting Agency, owner and operator of the Diaspora trials. There are approximately 300 boys and girls ages 13-16 from throughout the United States East Coast, who will attend the two-day event - one day for boys and one day for girls.

This event along with the annual scheduled KiDsGyM USA Olympic Day on May 18, 2024, will have an impact with parking for the two events surrounding the Conley Recreation Center.