

AIRPORT AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Federal & State Governmental Affairs

All federal FY 2025 appropriations applications have been submitted at this time. The two projects submitted were the Camp Truitt Revitalization Phase I project and the project for Lead/Galvanized water pipelines replacement within five (5) locations throughout the City of College Park. Discussions with the individual delegation offices will commence next week.

The end of the legislative session reached its apex this past week in the Georgia General Assembly as lawmakers embarked on the final stretch of their 12-week session. With Day 39 falling on Tuesday, March 26th, and Day 40, also known as SINE DIE, on Thursday, March 28th, the atmosphere was charged with anticipation. This week marked the last



opportunity for bills to navigate through the second chamber following their successful passage in the initial original chamber prior to the Crossover deadline on Day 28 several weeks ago. Amidst the urgency, both the House and the Senate worked late into the night, striving to clear their dockets and ensure the passage of as many bills as possible. Now, those bills fortunate enough to have secured approval from both chambers are poised for the next stage: the Governor's office. Here, they await either the signature of approval or the veto stamp within the 40-calendar day signing period, or the possibility of becoming law through executive inaction after the allotted time frame. The Governor's bill signing period ends May 8th, 2024.

SINE DIE, the Latin phrase meaning 'without a day,' marks the culmination of the legislative session, serving as the formal conclusion of the Georgia General Assembly's work for the year. As lawmakers adjourn SINE DIE, they effectively bring an end to their deliberations until the next session. In the 2024 session, the General Assembly grappled with a substantial workload, addressing over 4500 bills and more than 1550 resolutions combined between the Senate and House. The Senate and House Rules Committees played pivotal roles in managing the legislative agenda. The Senate Rules Committee added 53 tabled bills from previous legislative days to the SINE DIE debate calendar, ensuring their opportunity to be considered before adjournment. Meanwhile, the House extracted 45 bills from their consideration calendar, moving them onto the House floor debate calendar, either from the day's agenda or rollovers from prior legislative days. By the conclusion of SINE DIE, both chambers had successfully passed and agreed to 119 pieces of legislation, addressing a diverse array of issues. The House passed 35 bills and resolutions with the Senate passing 26.

Both chambers worked to agree to 59 pieces of legislation total. Among the most pressing matters of the day were discussions on a sports betting constitutional amendment, agreement on the state budget, and deliberations over homestead exemption bills.

FY 25 State Budget

The final agreement to House Bill 916, the Georgia state Fiscal Year 2025 budget, was reached in a conference committee late on SINE DIE. Initially, the House and Senate passed differing versions of the budget, leading to a series of disagreements and insistence between the chambers. Ultimately, a conference committee was appointed, and both chambers reached a consensus. The finalized budget restores cuts to the Department of Education budget, bringing it back to \$15.5 billion, while also fully funding literacy coaches with a \$6 million allocation and increasing dyslexia screening funds by \$1.5 million. Additionally, the budget allocates \$35 million for sexual assault care centers and boosts funding for women's care centers, including a \$1 million increase to address maternal mortality rates. School nutrition funding was restored to \$846 million, and significant investments were allocated across the state for mental health treatment and care centers. Furthermore, \$35 million is designated for the transportation trust fund to support transportation infrastructure, with an additional \$7.5 million allocated for LMIG funding. However, the budget negotiations occurred against a backdrop of concerning revenue trends, with reports indicating consecutive months of year-over-year revenue decline, notably in February, where net tax revenues fell by 4.3%. Overall, the Governor's FY 2024 revenue estimate projects a substantial 13% year-over-year decrease in tax revenues, marking the worst performance on record since at least 1980. These challenges underscore the importance of prudent budget management and strategic allocation of resources to navigate the potential financial turbulence ahead for Georgia.

Election Legislation

On Legislative Day 39, March 26th, the Senate floor took action on both HB 1207 and HB 974. The Senate passed HB 974 with no changes, while HB 1207 was passed with a substitute. HB 1207 is an elections bill that includes language to add proofing of ballots by local superintendents in certain elections, along with language protecting both poll workers and poll watchers. HB 974 includes language for a pilot state-wide system for the posting of scanned paper ballots, watermarked ballots, and risk limiting audits.. Both of these bills were passed through the Senate Ethics Committee with substitutes. HB 1207 received an agreement from the House on Legislative Day 39, and HB 974 received an agreement on SINE DIE.

The House agreed to SB 212, now awaiting the Governor's signature. SB 212 was proposed by Senator Burns, and the bill serves to end activities and duties of probate court judges relating to elections, and mandates all counties adopt a local election board. On SINE DIE, the House combined numerous elections bills and replaced the language of SB 189 with new unvetted language, language from HB 976 and others. The bill contains language removing the Secretary of State from the State Election Board, a nepotism clause for all election vendors, language surrounding third parties, homeless voter provisions, voter challenge language, the removal of tabulation by QR codes for

ballots, timelines for tabulation of absentee ballots, chain of custody measures, and measures relating to vacancies and ballot questions.

Transportation Legislation

In the House Transportation meeting on March 25th, several bills were covered, along with an airport hangar presentation. Two bills were not heard in the meeting due to a timing conflict for the presenting Representative. HB 1491 and HB 1492, both from Representative Jasperse, were not presented at this meeting. HB 1491 is a Department of Agriculture bill, taking on the idea of a regulatory authority. This bill would extend the effective date of provisions related to that regulatory authority. HB 1492 is a bill regarding the Georgia Airport Development Authority, and it aims to expand purpose, function, and powers for this organization. Both of these bills will now not progress through this session because they were not heard, but these bill ideas can be reintroduced next year if support for these ideas remains.

In a presentation given to the committee, President Amber Clark discussed the Georgia Airport Association's members and programs. There are varying hangar demands throughout the state, with each of the seven regions needing roughly 1,400 additional spaces statewide to meet demand. This cost is estimated at roughly \$450 million. The GAA also lays out the varying levels of tiers for grants and loans, some counties receiving 100% loans while other counties receive much larger grants and smaller loans. The presentation also breaks down the loan payoff program for 100% loans and for 50% loans and 50% grants. Both programs take roughly 30 years, with 2% interest, with the loan amount depending on full or half loans. The presentation then introduces the State Height Restriction Legislation for Georgia Airports. The bill, SB 236, will be introduced to begin discussion in 2025. The GAA presented several reasons why the State legislation is necessary, mentioning that there are only three states without state legislation for airport height restrictions. These restrictions are left to local governments, and decisions can restrict or reduce operations into airports. Additionally, there is not a collective tool utilized to help local governments and airports in understanding the required area for protections. The presentation closed by saying the GAA Airspace protection subcommittee will have influence over this bill and soliciting a height restriction study for Georgia Airports.

Learn more about SINE DIE at [VIDEO: What is Sine Die? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

Community Outreach, Updates & Events

Over the past weeks, Airport & Governmental Affairs has had the opportunity to meet with ATL leadership, take concessions and Rental Car Center tours and work collaboratively to coordinate with ATL staff on next weeks Quarterly Meeting between the City of College Park and the City of Atlanta – Department of Aviation/ Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

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://www.itsmarta.com) to learn more.

This important announcement is posted on the City's and Airport's websites.



Due to the volume of respondents for the Airport Career/Job Fair for Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10 AM – 3 PM, registration had to be capped at 4,500 attendees. College Park will be present to document attendance at Benjamin E. Hays High School (3450 Benjamin E. Mays Dr., SW, Atlanta, GA 30331). This event was posted on the City's website more than two (2) weeks ago to inform City residents and students of the career opportunities at ATL. Continued efforts to bring pertinent information to our City leadership and our community are ongoing.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

Permits and Inspections SagesGov Software Reports

The Department of Buildings and Property Sustainability’s quarterly summary report has had a productive and busy first quarter. Based on the numbers below you can read about the progress of our online permitting and business license system.

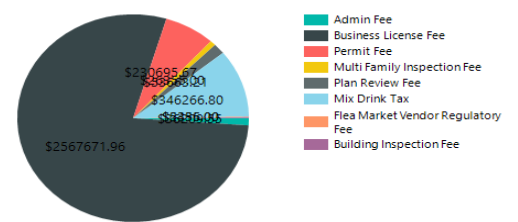
- The total fees collected using SagesGov software was **\$4,528,373** in 4 months.
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- The total plan reviews using SagesGov software was **260 reviews** in 4 months.
- The total inspections using SagesGov software was **1902 inspections** in 4 months.
- The total Code Enforcement cases created using SagesGov software was **235 cases** in 4 months.
- Total Business Licenses renewed/issued using SagesGov software was **317 licenses** in 2.5 months.
- The total number of College Park citizens, businesses, contractors, and builders registered for an account in SagesGov was **989 users** in 4 months.
- The Inspections and Permits division has worked on a total of **792 project cases** this first quarter.

Fee Transactions between 12/01/2023 and 04/04/2024. Fee Type: Any. Payment Class: Any Payment Method: Any

Daily Totals (First 15)



Totals by Fee Type (Top 8)



Grand Total for 12/01/2023 - 04/04/2024 : \$4,528,372.65

Item Description	Value
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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/>

CITY CLERK

Swearing In – New Police Officer

We have another member who has joined the College Park Police Department. The Office of the City Clerk had the honor of swearing in another great addition to the City of College Park. Officer T. Moorer is the first officer sworn in by the City Clerk for 2024. It is always an absolute pleasure to officially welcome new members to the city who are truly here to serve.



One Meeting Software Update

The Office of the City Clerk along with the Chief Information Officer met with representatives from Granicus regarding the concern of implementing the new meeting management system One Meeting. The representatives stated that implementation will not be as soon as the leadership team was expecting. Overall implementation, which includes onboarding and training, will be completed by the end of this year and even into early 2025. Until that time, the current meeting management system will still be available and is not expected to be obsolete until 2026. The Chief Information Officer is in communication with Granicus to potentially move forward on the voting module which would allow City Council Members to cast their vote electronically instead of verbally.

District 3 Listening Session



The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) held its Spring District 3 Listening Session at the GMA headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. During this time, mayors, councilmembers, city clerks, and other municipal figures gathered to discuss the latest developments regarding recently adopted legislation, current trends and needs of the community. Specific topics included: Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) steps, which noted that the ten-

year cycle of review does not change and timelines for negotiations are standardized;

and Flexible Penny Local Option Sales Tax (FLOAT) which noted that if your city has the Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST) then your city is not eligible for FLOAT and vice versa. As a whole, most of the municipal leaders in attendance agreed that housing is an overall issue in their cities, specifically affordable and housing options. More of these discussions will be had at the GMA Convention that is being held this summer in Savannah, Georgia.

Records Requests

The Office of the City Clerk has been steadily maintaining the onslaught of records requests both internally and externally. Although it is our highest intention to provide all records within a three-day period, that unfortunately is not always the case. In addition to the day-to-day operations, record requests account for about 50% of the tasks that MUST be completed by staff to avoid any legalities. As the official record keeper for the city, the Office of the City Clerk does not create new records per se, however, we do maintain the records that are received by staff and elected officials. If a department, staff member, or elected official should need a record or information that is in our possession, we are pleased to oblige. It is likely the information that is often requested is available, however, it may not be in the preferred presentation for the requester. In any event, the Office of the City Clerk seeks to strive for quality and is constantly working to assist staff, residents and elected officials with providing available records and information within our possession.

CONVENTION CENTER ARENA & GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE

Director's Overview



March was an active month for the Georgia International Convention Center with Sports competitions to include the Junior Olympic National and International Championships. We hosted pet shows and beauty tradeshows.

The ATLNext Industry Day commemorated Mayor Maynard Jackson's 50th anniversary of his election. The event included panel discussions, workshops, and recognitions.



The Legacy of Pearls Cotillion had 500 attendees.

The Gateway Arena hosted a season high of eight SkyHawks home games. They also hosted the championship game for the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association (GACA), as well as the SkyHawks Court of Dreams featuring local schools.

Our Historic Golf Course started to rebound from the weather, as well as completing major renovations and improvements to the course. The Georgia International Convention Center, The Gateway Center Arena and the Historic College Park Golf Course reported the following year-to-date revenues. The GICC reported revenues of \$10,682,845.99 or 79.1% of the adopted budget. The Gateway Center Arena reported \$4,049,500.75 equivalent to 54% of their adopted year-to-date budget. The Historic College Park Golf Course reported year-to-date revenues of \$414,248.20 reflecting 55% of their adopted budget.

Sales and Marketing

March was another busy month with most weeks exceeding 70% occupancy. We hosted several repeat customers and two new clients, Junior Olympic National/International Championships and OmniLife, both booked via our ATL Airport District CVB.

Sites and Bookings

GICC site: Location Scout for Tyler Perry Studios

GICC site: Location Scout for The Saint

Signed contract received for Chick-fil-A @ Gateway Arena for August 14-15, 2024

Atlanta Dream contract has been signed for 2024 Season @ Gateway Center Arena

Special Events



AKA Legacy of Pearls Debutante Ball – 48 Debs/48 Escorts, 500 attendee's total.



Tradeshows/Networking

Gateway Campus staff members attended Airport Chamber

Luncheon @ Marriott Best Rd.

GICC Sales team attended Women's Day luncheon @ Gateway Marriott, Mercedes Miller and Cookie Smoak were panelists.



Marketing

Published monthly newsletter:

<https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?u=8373ff6fe521f4ae4f2038a79&id=fd69ad9dec>

- Began designing ad concept for Atlanta Braves Yearbook and Q3/Q4 ads
- Working on the SoFu magazine ad which will list our summer events to encourage residents to support and engage with our Campus
- Hosted March All Teams virtual meeting
- Submitted ABC ad for Women's Month featuring Mercedes Miller and Cookie Smoak
- Meeting with ATL Dream to discuss 2024 season marketing strategy.

Gateway Center Arena



The Gateway Center Arena@College Park hosted a total of eight NBA G-League home Games and the championship game for Georgia Athletic Coaches Association (GACA/GBCA). The Skyhawks closed out their '23-24 season winning four (4) of eight (8) home games in March, giving a very valiant effort that put them so close to making an appearance in the playoffs. Most noteworthy, the Skyhawks sold out 4 of 8 games this month with a total of 10 sell out games this season! As always, the Arena staff enjoyed hosting the Skyhawks Organization during their '23-24 NBA G-League season.

One of the biggest highlights of The Skyhawks' season is their fan experience known as "The Court of Dreams" which allows groups to play on their court and then return that night for the game — most often, the groups are youth teams from underserved communities. "The Court of Dreams" that stood out this month hosted patrons Jefferson Park Rec Center on 3-9-24 which featured the championship game between Main Street Academy vs. KIPP Academy. The parents, cheerleaders, and the players were well organized and had so many emotions as the game went on. The event was a huge success, and it was due to the great partnership we have with the Skyhawks' staff. Fan experiences like these speak to the heart of the College Park Skyhawks' organization. The team that calls the Gateway Center Arena home, and all that they do to connect with the surrounding local community and the wonderful way their outreach efforts incorporate our venue. Go Skyhawks!



The Court of Dreams

There is a lot of work behind the scenes that goes into maintaining an NBA regulation Arena, much of it is compliance with NBA operations regulations and NBA security regulations. The Arena Team must be knowledgeable and stay prepared for frequent audits from NBA league compliance officials. Currently, the Gateway Center Arena@ College Park is "THE" top-ranking Arena out of 28 other arenas in the NBA regarding operations & security! Kudos to the Arena Team! As we look to the future of this premier venue, we are working with the Sales and Marketing staff to strategize and plan innovative ways to market the Gateway Center Arena to new potential clients and to attract new types of business.

Gateway Center Arena Event Revenue:

- *3/1/24 Skyhawks vs. Cleveland:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$10,957.08.
F&B Revenue= \$14,485.21
- *3/3/24 Skyhawks vs. Ignite:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$11,393.83.
F&B Revenue= \$13,855.37
- *3/5/24 Skyhawks vs. Delaware:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$10,619.77.
F&B Revenue= \$4,236.84
- *3/8/24 Skyhawks vs. Magic:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$11,028.64.
F&B Revenue = \$10,451.70
- *3/9/24 Skyhawks vs. Magic:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$11,534.89.
F&B Revenue = \$14,295.70
- *3/23/24 GACA:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$12,301.68.
F&B Revenue = \$4,729.47
- *3/26/24 Skyhawks vs. Maine:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$11,558.58.
F&B Revenue = \$12,883.28
- *3/28/24 Skyhawks vs. Maine:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue = \$10,668.70.
F&B Revenue = \$9,132.59
- *3/30/24 Skyhawks vs. Long Island:* Gateway Center Arena Revenue \$12,781.95.
F&B Revenue = \$16,050.83

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HISTORIC COLLEGE PARK GOLF COURSE

As the month of March comes to a close and with the arrival of spring, we have been busy making some exciting changes at our golf course. Firstly, we have replaced the old flags with new ones, giving our course a fresh and updated look. I'm delighted to inform you that our golf course continues to witness a steady increase in the number of golfers visiting us on a daily basis, thanks to the favorable weather conditions. Moreover, I am pleased to announce that the renovation of our clubhouse has been successfully completed, resulting in a truly remarkable transformation.



Furthermore, we have recently added two new gazebos to the seating area on the driving range, enhancing the overall experience for our valued guests. In order to provide the utmost comfort to our visitors, we have also replaced the old and outdated patio furniture.



We have corrected the issues with the Golf Now Reservation system, which was discontinued on March 11th. Rest assured, we have been diligently working with Golf Now to receive the necessary training and updated hardware required for the implementation of software.

Proof of the Pudding

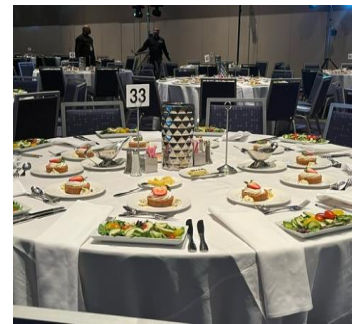
F&B Update:

In March 2024, the GICC hosted: Legacy of Pearls Debutante Cotillion, CheerSport, Fredrick Douglass Prayer Brunch, TechOps Leadership Fall Conference, Groom'd 2024, Career Expo, 16th Ga Beauty Trade Show, Revival is Now ATL, AJC Aging in Atlanta, 2024 Provoked Conference, OmniLife Conference, Athletic, Atlanta Region GM's Rally, 2024 South Metro Development Outlook Conference, Junior Olympic National & International Championship, Ga Minority Business Awards, Collaborative Firm, Spirit of the South Nationals, H.M. Turner Annual Alumni Breakfast, ATLNext Industry Day, GA Planning Association, LandCare National Conference Showcase, Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter - Debutante Cotillion and All Star Basketball Classic

Total F&B Revenue: \$1,004,266.98

F&B Gallery of Events

Collaborative Firm



Legacy of Pearls Debutante Cotillion



Stone Mountain- Lithonia Alumnae Chapter- Debutante Cotillion



FIRE RESCUE

Fire Department Response Statistics and Activities March 29 through April 10

NFIRS CATEGORY		AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES
100 - Fire	4	6:56
200 Overpressure Rupture,	0	
300 – Rescue & EMS	153	9:05
400 – Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	7:58
500 – Service Call	3	17:17
600 – Good Intent Call	8	7:28
700 – False Alarm	6	7:06
Unassigned Responses	34	7:26
Response Total	209	
Monthly Response Times Average		9:02

Partnerships and 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 fully certified firefighters and one administrative assistant.

From the office of the Fire Marshal

Community Risk Reduction

Middle College at McClarin High School

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



Fire Safety Message



Be fire smart

with electricity in your home.

Did you know?

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There are approximately **47,000** home electrical fires each year.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance directly into a wall outlet at a time.



Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.

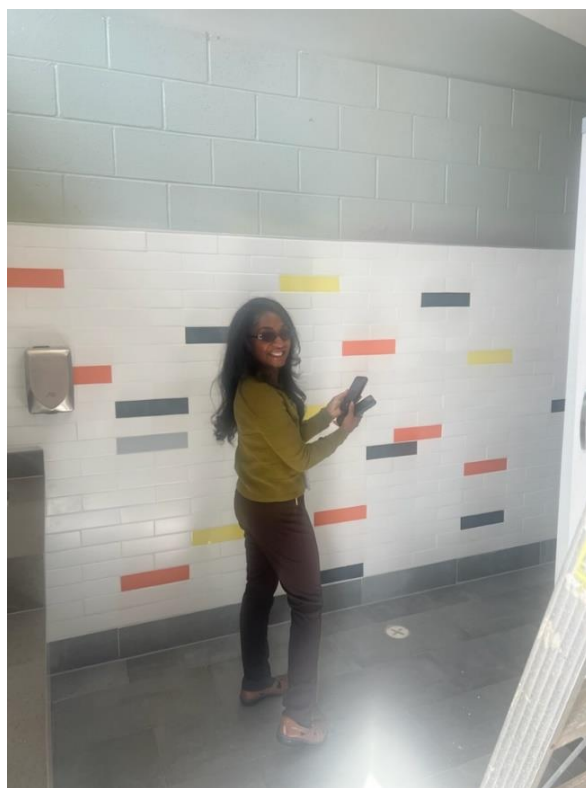


INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

Bandwidth/Phone upgrade deployment Update: Update: We are preparing for phone deployment in City Hall on April 16th. My staff will make sure Customer Service is comfortable with the deployment. We are almost finished. 😊

Barrett Park-Update: I have passed on to Public Works the language/instructions needed to place on the equipment so people will know how to use the technology. Once Public Works make the signs, we will prepare to go live. Councilwoman McKenzie is excited.



Camera Upgrade:

I have added the updated quote that the Mayor/Council asked me to have prepared for the April 16th. Council meeting. I am favoring the “Cloud” system with Cradle points as the equipment used to house the signal. We will need to select a carrier to push the signals across each camera.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer Graduation



On March 29, 2024, Officer Travis Moorer graduated from Fulton County Public Safety, Basic Law Enforcement Class.

Officer Moorer will enter the Police Department forty (40) working day Field Training Program. The Field Training Program is universally described as the most important stage in the process of becoming an independent law enforcement officer. The Field Training Program is important because it provides new officers with a natural progression of learning to ensure that academic principles taught in the academy are properly applied in the field.

Chief Spotlight



Chief Connie Rogers was presented with the Trailblazer Award, from Chief Keith Meadows, and the South Fulton Police Department, at its inaugural Women of the Shield Awards Ceremony, that was held on March 29, 2024, at the Southwest Arts Center.

The Trailblazer Award recognizes an outstanding example of a mentor and leader who has helped "blaze a trail" for the next generation of law enforcement professionals.

New Members Joining the Police Department

On April 8, 2024, The College Park Police Department welcomed the following individuals to the family:

- Certified Police Officer Timothy Taylor
- Police Officer Recruit Idris Ahmad
- Police Officer Recruit Eric Ammons
- Police Officer Recruit Pierre Jean Baptiste
- Police Officer Recruit Samuel Saint Louis
- Police Officer Recruit Jamal Savoy
- E-911 Dispatcher Lemuel Ruth
- Jailer Vivian Herndon

Community Outreach

The College Park Police Department supported the Department of Recreation & Cultural Arts during its annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Ward 3 Town Hall Meeting



Chief Rogers provided an update on Ward 3 crime stats, and initiatives or future projects the police department hopes to address in the next few months.

Ward 3 accounts for 50% of the crime conducted in the city. To help reduce that number we have reopened the Godby Rd police precinct. Patrol shifts have been operating from the precinct since February to allow for faster response times, the ability to start patrolling assigned areas without traveling from the north end of town, and an increase in police presence along the Godby Rd and Old National Hwy corridor.

Along with the Uniform Patrol Division, the Traffic Unit, and the Crime Suppression Unit spend 95% of their efforts proactively enforcing city, state, and federal laws along the Old National Hwy and Godby Rd corridor. Since January 1, 2024, there have been **162 arrests** made for traffic, drug trafficking, family violence, aggravated assaults, and others along the Old National Highway and Godby Rd corridor.

Public Safety Joint Collaboration

The College Park Police Department Special Operations Division, in collaboration with the MARTA Police Department, conducted a joint operation on Thursday, March 28th, 2024, targeting street-level crimes around Old National Hwy and Godby Rd. The operation included enforcement by uniform and plainclothes officers. These officers conducted high visibility directed patrols and surveillance at the MARTA bus stops, businesses, apartments, & hotels in the area.

Thanks to our officers' collective efforts, we made 46 cases and eight arrests. These cases ranged from traffic violations to the apprehension of wanted offenders and the

discovery of controlled substances to confiscating weapons. This successful operation is a testament to our commitment to your safety.

Crime/Felony Arrests

Intersection of Best Road and Sullivan Road, *Possession of firearm by felon X2/ Marijuana with Intent to Distribute*, College Park Police Officer, while conducting a traffic stop for running a stop sign and speeding. Once contact was made with the driver of the vehicle, Officers detected a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. One individual was found to be in possession of a large quantity of marijuana, 3.4 ounces packed for distribution: two subjects taken into custody. (Ward 2)

2471 Old National Parkway (Travelodge), *Possession of a Controlled Substance/ Obstruction/ Loitering & Prowling*, The Police Department was dispatched to the location mentioned, in reference to a suspicious person. Once contact was made with the individual it was found was in possession of methamphetamines and marijuana less than 1 oz.: one subject was taken into custody. (Ward 3)

5209 Old National Highway (Texaco), *Possession of a Controlled Substance X2*. A College Park Police Officer contacted two (2) individuals loitering, after investigating. Both individuals were found to be in possession of methamphetamines and marijuana less than 1 oz.: two subjects taken into custody.

PUBLIC WORKS

Building and Grounds

Our Park Attendants are in full affect and rental requests for our Pavilions have begun. Management is extremely happy with this cluster of new hires. We currently have two more applicants that are being processed through Human Resources, which will complete our requirement of six Park Attendants.

As previously stated, this team is dedicated to enhancing the aesthetics of our city. Their task is ongoing care for our city facilities and grounds as it relates to tree trimming, pruning, shrubbery removal and lawn maintenance, in addition to ensuring the safety, cleanliness, and functionality of our public spaces. Look at some of the before and after transformations achieved by this team.



Our Crape Myrtles, situated along Skyline Drive, are a favored landscape selection for our city. These trees are not only beautiful but also resilient. The pruning of the limbs is necessary. A practice performed before the summer months is essential for promoting blooming. As a result, the trees will produce twice the number of branches and blooms compared to the previous year, with branches sturdy enough to support the blossoms.

Highway, Streets and Storm Water

Last year, the City of College Park honored the legacy of Lottie Miller, a local leader and activist, by renaming a street in her memory. The street formerly known as Rhodes Street will now be called Lottie Miller Boulevard. This special event was marked by a renaming ceremony that included remarks from Miller's daughter, son, College Park City officials and more. The renaming of Rhodes Street bears tribute to her remarkable life.

The Highway, Streets and Storm Water have commenced the installation of the Lottie Miller Boulevard signs making this event official.



Lottie Miller will run from Camp Creek Road all the way to Red Wine Road.

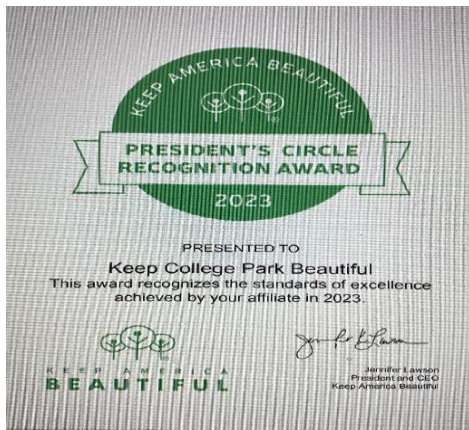
The Highway, Streets and Storm Water team are busily engaged in a range of activities. These include repairing, investigating, updating, and meticulously mapping out areas within the city. One of their primary goals is to address constituent concerns related to the distinction between homeowner property and city property. Quite often this department may receive requests for repairs, only to find out that the issue is on the homeowner's property. Before any repairs are undertaken, they ensure that all "I's" have been dotted and all "T's" are crossed.

As stated, the entire Public Works department is obligated to address the concerns raised by our governing body and citizens. Recently, the team focused on repairing a damaged catch basin located at the intersection of Skyline and Herschel Road. Additionally, they removed traffic cones from the Winthrop Road junction.

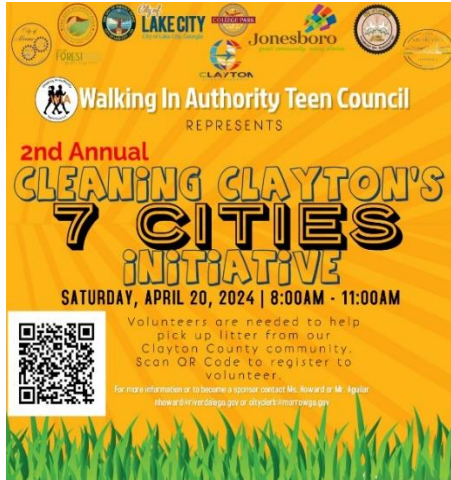


Keep College Park Beautiful (KCPB)

Keep College Park Beautiful achieved the President’s Circle (KAB) 2023 reporting year. Through this accomplishment, Keep College Park Beautiful has upheld the KAB mission, values, and vision. Keep College Park Beautiful maintains certification in the KAB national network through compliance with the KAB annual reporting and fulfillment of the other necessary requirements.



Keep College Park Beautiful is working for the second year with the 7 Cities Cleanup Initiative. Information regarding the event is below. Please contact Keep College Park Beautiful at fkennedy@collegeparkga.com to volunteer for this event. The location for College Park is to be determined. Each city involved will select their location.



Sanitation

Spring is in the air, and our residents are taking full advantage of our April Clean-Up Month. We are busy with calls and daily pick-ups of excessive clutter and old furniture. It has been our priority to render service the day of each call.





Just a few pictures above, and leaving behind nothing but grass and concrete. Lastly, the Sanitation Division is preparing for our annual “Household Hazzardous Waste Day”. This day is prepared for the community to further get rid of items and debris normally not collected. The best part of this entire month is, all of these services are offered **at no additional cost!**

100% FREE

Water and Sewer

The Old National Pump Station has 2 sewage pumps that move sewage from lower to higher elevation. Unfortunately, one pump completely stopped working. The life expectancy is normally seven to ten years. We took the opportunity to have both pumps replaced. (See below pictures)



RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS

Women’s History & Empowerment Month

Women’s History & Empowerment Month
Celebration: Her Story: Freedom, Unity, and Women’s Rights.

Movie Night
 free event

THE COLOR PURPLE

Screening intro provided by Ashley Harris appeared in *The Color Purple* and College Park Tumbleweeds head coach

Friday, March 29, 2024 | 7 PM
 Words of Encouragement: 7 - 8pm | Movie Screening: 8 - 10pm | PG-13
 Refreshments Provided

Words of Encouragement From:

Jessie Phillips KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Cynthia Hightower WORDS OF WISDOM	Jasmine Nashokhan WARD 1 SPEAKER	Shawn Neason WARD 2 SPEAKER	Kara Hill WARD 3 SPEAKER	Pamela Gay WARD 4 SPEAKER

College Park Auditorium Lawn 3633 Main St, College Park, GA 30337

SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT COLLEGEPAKRC.A.COM

On March 29, 2024, the Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, with the Cultural Arts Committee volunteers spearheaded a “**Celebration: Her Story of Freedom, Unity, and Women’s Rights for Women’s History Month**” for March. Women were selected from each ward to speak to words of encouragement from resident Jasmine Nanhekahn, Ward 1, Shawn Neason, Ward II, Kara Hill, Ward III and Pamela Gay, Ward IV. The City of College Park Mayor and Council also spoke with special guest and Keynote Speaker, Jessie L. Phillips. Music was provided by Victor Beasley and The Color Purple movie was shown on the lawn with a special introduction for the movie was provided by Ashley Harris, Head Coach of the College Park Tumbleweeds who is known professional for appearing in the “The Color Purple. The event was a great moment to recognize and celebrate Women’s History Month in March.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Themed Need for Speed

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
Need for Speed
 RACERS START YOUR ENGINES...
 SPECIAL THANK YOU 2024!!!!

VROOM! VROOM!

Welcome Race Fans!

The Recreation and Cultural Arts Department hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the Badgett Stadium football field from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. The annual Easter Egg Hunt has been traditionally offered on the Thursday before Easter each year for children in the community who are not in school ages 2-6 years old. The Easter Bunny made an appearance and plenty of eggs were to be found with prizes.

Spring Break Day Camp

Spring Break Camp was offered at Brady, Conley, and Wyatt Recreation Center on April 1-5, 2024. This year is the first time in the history of the department that all three centers offered a Spring Break Camp. The camp was offered for ages 6-11 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM for a cost of \$100 per camper. We partnered with the Dylan Scott Foundation to offer the Peacemakers program. Peacemakers is a youth leadership and empowerment program to provide STEM programming and projects which include art,

COLLEGE PARK RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
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.COLLEGEPAKRC.A.COM
 ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
 Contact: Jerisha Bronson, Program Coordinator
 jbrishab@collegeparkrc.a.com
 404.669.9206 ex. 4113

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

20 SPACES PER CENTER LOCATION!



gardening, recreation sports and outdoor activities. Free breakfast, snacks and lunch were provided during the week camp.

Summer Day Camp

The Recreation and Cultural Arts will be offering the 2024 Summer Day Camp. There are three two-week sessions being offered at three centers to include the Brady, Conley, and Wyatt Recreation Center. The cost is \$120 per two-week session. Daily activities are designed to promote creativity, athleticism, and social skills. This summer will explore visual and performance arts, non-competitive sports and team building exercises. All activities are child development based and will help children build self-confidence.

COLLEGE PARK RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
SUMMER FUN DAY CAMP 2024
HIGH FIVES GOOD VIBES

Hugh C. Conley Recreation Center
 404.669.3773

Tracey Wyatt Recreation Complex
 404.669.9206

Wayman & Bessie Brady Recreation Center
 404.669.3776

AGES 6-11

CAMP TUITION: \$120 PER SESSION
 "occurring every two weeks"

Enrollment in a camp session does not secure placement for the following session. Advance registration is encouraged.

CAMP HOURS 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- Session 1: Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 14, 2024
- Session 2: Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 28, 2024
- Session 3: Monday, July 1 - Friday, July 12, 2024

NO CAMP DAYS CENTERS CLOSED
 Juneteenth Holiday
 June 19, 2024
 Independence Day
 July 4, 2024

OUTDOOR GAMES
 - ARTS & CRAFTS
 - CHEERLEADING
 - NEW FIELD TRIPS
 - ATLANTA BRAVES CLUB

Lots of Summer Fun activities waiting for you!

- Inspiring & Creative Activities
- Camp T-Shirt Included
- Proper Swim Attire Required
- Breakfast & Lunch options provided
- Campers may bring a lunch & snack
- Athletic shoes must be worn each day

PEACEMAKER

REGISTER @ WWW.COLLEGEPAKRC.A.COM

Outside the Summer Day Camp there will also be other enrichment camps offered at each center through the department's year around programming and partnership camps to include the following:

1. Aerospace Awareness Camp-Brady Center- June 3-14, June 17-28, July 12-19
2. Lean into STEM Robotics-Brady Center-July 15-July 19 and July 22-26
3. Dancing Toward Sisterhood-TBA
4. Cooking Camp-Conley TBA
5. Entrepreneurship-Conley Center TBA
6. Gymnastics Fun Friday-Conley Center-June 21, July 12, July 19
7. Recreational Gymnastics Camp-Conley Center-July 1-3
8. Ninja Camp-June 14
9. Friendship Formulas Camp-Conley Center-July 22-26, July 24-28, July 29-August 2
10. Skills Boost ATL Basketball Camp-June 3-7, June 24-27, July 15-19
11. Cheer Camp 1-Wyatt Center-June 10-14, July 15-19
12. Jewel Dance Camp-Wyatt Center- June 17-21, July 22-26
13. Dream Chasers Volleyball Camp-Wyatt Center-July 8-12
14. Teen Mentoring Camp-Wyatt Center-TBA