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## Spring Street Fair Is Back!

*A vibrant spring celebration on May 17 at Davis Hall*

Spring is in full bloom, and the City of College Park invites residents and visitors to join us for the Spring Street Fair on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Davis Hall (9217 51st Avenue).

This lively community event offers an afternoon filled with creativity, entertainment, and connection. As the season comes to life with warmer weather and longer days, the Spring Street Fair provides the perfect opportunity to gather with friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate all that makes College Park unique.

Now in its second year, the event brings together local vendors, performers, and community partners for a welcoming and

engaging experience for all ages. Whether you're browsing handmade goods, enjoying live music, or simply soaking in the atmosphere, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

**A DAY FULL OF SPRING FUN**  
While the fair itself is the main attraction, attendees can look forward to a wide range of activities and experiences throughout the day. The Art & Crafts Marketplace will feature talented local artisans offering handmade goods, unique gifts, and creative works. **Food vendors** will be on site serving a variety of delicious options, while **live music and performances** add energy and excitement to the event.

**Families** can visit the **Family Fun Zone**, where children can enjoy hands-on crafts, face painting, and interactive activities designed to spark creativity and fun. Guests can also take part in free art classes and creative experiences, offering opportunities to learn something new and engage with local artists.

**Live cooking demonstrations** from local favorites Li Chun Cafe and Taqueria Habanero will showcase culinary creativity and give attendees a taste of something special. New this year, don't miss the **Hobby Horse Races**, adding a playful and memorable highlight to the day's festivities.

Events like the Spring Street Fair reflect the City's commitment

to creating welcoming, family-friendly experiences that bring the community together. Whether you're a longtime resident or visiting for the first time, this event is a great way to celebrate the season and connect with others.

Street parking is available near the event site, and no parking restrictions will be in effect during the event. Please note that all vehicles must be removed from designated road closure areas prior to the event, as any remaining cars will be relocated.

Admission is free and open to all. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon in College Park.



## Lakeland Legacy Applications Now Open

*Apply for membership by October 30*

From the 1960s through the mid-1980s, the urban renewal process in the Lakeland neighborhood of the City of College Park resulted in the demolition of many homes and the displacement of 104 of 150 households. This led to the loss of a thriving community and generational wealth built through homeownership. Today, the City's Restorative Justice Commission is working to promote reconciliation and restoration through community engagement and restorative initiatives.

As part of this effort, the City is now accepting applications for Lakeland Legacy Member and Direct Descendant designations. These recognitions honor Lakeland residents and their descendants who were impacted by urban renewal and may be considered for future restorative programs.

Applications will be accepted from May 1 through October 30, 2026. Residents who lived in the Lakeland urban renewal area during that time period, as well as eligible descendants, are encouraged to apply.

To qualify as a Lakeland Legacy Member, applicants must have lived in the Lakeland urban renewal area for at least 10 years, including at least one year between 1969 and 1981, and have been at least 18 years old during that time. Direct Descendants must be at least 18 years old by October 30, 2026, and have a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent who meets the residency criteria.

Residents from all backgrounds and locations are encouraged to apply, including those who were displaced, those who remained in the community, and those who lost property during the urban renewal period.

Apply to become a Lakeland Legacy Member or Direct Descendant by October 30. Share this opportunity with others who may be eligible. Paper applications are available upon request. Applications can be completed online at: [cityofcollegedpark.com/lakeland](http://cityofcollegedpark.com/lakeland) and [cityofcollegedpark.com/lakelanddescendant](http://cityofcollegedpark.com/lakelanddescendant).

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

*Helping students build confidence and strengthen reading skills*

The City of College Park's Summer Reading Program offers students a fun and supportive environment to improve reading skills. Designed for children who may need extra help, the program focuses on phonics, spelling, reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing.

Students will work in small groups with experienced instructors who use engaging, interactive teaching methods to build confidence and

strengthen skills. The program will be held Monday through Friday, July 7-23 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the University of Maryland, College Park campus (building to be announced). It is open to students in Kindergarten through 7th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. To learn more or register by June 1, 2026, visit [collegedparkmd.gov/readingcamp26](http://collegedparkmd.gov/readingcamp26) or contact Youth, Family & Senior Services at 240-487-3550 or [lmoore@collegedparkmd.gov](mailto:lmoore@collegedparkmd.gov).

# Understanding Senior Housing Options

*Age Friendly College Park*

Choosing a place to call home as you age is no longer limited to staying put or moving into a nursing facility. Today, a range of housing options supports different lifestyles, health needs, and levels of independence. Understanding these options can help you better plan and prepare for the future with confidence.

Independent Living or 55+ communities offer a maintenance-free lifestyle with amenities like social activities, dining options, and housekeeping, without daily medical care. Assisted Living provides help with daily tasks such as bathing, dressing, and medication management, with staff available as needed to support residents while maintaining independence.

Nursing Homes (skilled nursing facilities) provide 24-hour medical care for individuals with more complex health needs, including rehabilitation and

ongoing support. Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) offer multiple levels of care in one location, allowing residents to transition as needs change over time without relocating.

In Maryland, these communities are regulated for safety, quality, and consumer protection. Assisted Living and Nursing Homes are overseen by the Maryland Department of Health, while CCRCs are monitored by the Maryland Department of Aging for financial stability and transparency.

Planning ahead and learning about your options can help make future transitions smoother, more manageable, and less stressful for you and your family.

*Brought to you by Age Friendly College Park. For more information or to volunteer, contact [age-friendlycommunity@collegedparkmd.gov](mailto:age-friendlycommunity@collegedparkmd.gov).*



## BIKE TO WORK DAY

*Ride in on May 15 at City Hall Plaza*

Bike to Work Day returns to College Park, encouraging residents and commuters to start their day on two wheels together. Join us on Friday, May 15 from 6:30-8:30 AM at City Hall Plaza (7401 Baltimore Avenue) to take part in this annual event.

Stop by to receive a free commemorative purple Bike to Work Day t-shirt and enjoy

giveaways, snacks, and beverages while supplies last. Participants will also have a chance to win a new bike and take part in this fun community event.

Whether you're a regular cyclist or trying it for the first time, this is a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle and connect with the community.



CITY OF  
COLLEGE PARK

FRIDAY NIGHT

LIVE

ENCORE!

Fan-requested bands return

6:00 - 8:30PM

CITY HALL

7401 BALTIMORE AVE.

FREE  
ENTRY &  
PARKING

Friday Night LIVE is College Park's favorite summer concert series! On select Fridays, live bands bring bold sounds across genres—from funky grooves to rock anthems. This season is all ENCORE, featuring fan-favorite bands returning by popular demand.

Kids can enjoy hands-on activities and games, while adults can explore food and beer offerings for purchase. Free parking is available at the Downtown Parking Garage at Yale Ave. and Knox Rd.

**MAY 8** GROOVALICIOUS

**JUN 12** DEAD FLOWERS

**JUL 10** THUNDERBALL

**AUG 14** BLACK MASALA

# City Announcements & Events

More information: [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov)

## CLEAN UP SATURDAY & SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, May 16 | 7:30 AM-12 PM | Public Works (9217 51st Avenue)

The City of College Park will host its final spring Clean-Up Saturday on May 16, offering residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky items, electronics, yard waste, and more at no cost. On-site document shredding will also be available from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Bulk trash brought during Clean-Up Saturdays does not count toward regular collection limits, and no fees apply for appliances, televisions, or monitors. Residents must provide proof of residency to participate.

Accepted items include small quantities of household batteries, fluorescent and LED bulbs (intact), and block Styrofoam. A \$4 fee applies to tires. Hazardous materials such as paint, propane tanks, and car batteries will not be accepted. Learn more at [collegeparkmd.gov/cleanupaturdays](http://collegeparkmd.gov/cleanupaturdays).

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2026 | Hybrid

The City of College Park invites residents to attend the upcoming Public Safety Community Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026. These meetings provide an opportunity to learn about current public safety initiatives, receive updates, and share feedback on neighborhood concerns affecting the community.

City staff and representatives will be present to share information, highlight ongoing efforts, and answer questions. Additional details, including meeting time and participation options, will be available on the City's website. Residents are encouraged to attend, stay informed, and take part in the discussion.

## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY & OBSERVANCE

Monday, May 25, 2026

All City of College Park offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day. Refuse and recycling collection services will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

The City will also host its annual Memorial Day Observance at

11:00 AM at the College Park Veterans Memorial (Route 1 and Greenbelt Road). The program will include music, speakers, and a wreath laying ceremony honoring those who have served. This year's featured speaker is Major (Ret.) George Onyenyonwu, Veterans Affairs Director for Prince George's County.

Residents are invited to attend and reflect in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

## STATE OF THE CITY

The City of College Park's State of the City address was presented on April 6, 2026. The annual address highlights key accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, and future priorities that guide the City's work and planning efforts.

Residents are encouraged to watch the full presentation on the City's YouTube page (@collegepark\_md) to stay informed about recent progress and upcoming plans for the community.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE! ENCORE

Friday, May 8, 2026 | 6-8:30 PM | City Hall (7401 Baltimore Avenue)

Friday Night LIVE! returns with a new ENCORE series, bringing back crowd-favorite bands for a summer of music and community fun. Join us on May 8 for live music from Groovealicious, along with food and beverages for purchase.

Enjoy activities for all ages, including games and crafts for kids, plus free popcorn and slushies. Free parking is available at the Downtown Parking Garage at Yale Avenue and Knox Road.

## GARETH HINDS LIVE AT CITY HALL

Thursday, May 21 | 7 PM | City Hall

Join the City of College Park for an evening with graphic novelist Gareth Hinds. Known for his illustrated adaptations of classic works such as Beowulf and The Odyssey, Hinds will share insights into his creative process and present a live drawing demonstration.

This free event offers a unique opportunity to experience visual storytelling and connect with the local arts community.

## SPRING STREET FAIR

Sunday, May 17 | 12-4 PM | Davis Hall (9217 51st Avenue)

Celebrate the season at College Park's Spring Street Fair! Enjoy an afternoon filled with local vendors, live entertainment, food, and activities for all ages.

From handmade goods to performances and family-friendly fun, there's something for everyone. Learn more at [collegeparkmd.gov/springfair](http://collegeparkmd.gov/springfair).

## OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

Make a splash this summer at the Outdoor Aquatic Center! The facility features a slide, diving board, lap swimming, splash pool, shaded seating,

and upgraded deck amenities.

In partnership with the City of College Park, residents receive 30% off individual and family memberships.

Learn more and sign up at [go.umd.edu/recoac](http://go.umd.edu/recoac).

## MARYLAND FOOTBALL TICKET OFFER

City of College Park residents can take advantage of exclusive discounted season tickets for the 2026 Maryland Football season. Special pricing is available for both upper and lower-level seating, offering a great opportunity to enjoy Terps football at a reduced rate. Tickets are limited and available to residents only. Learn more and purchase at [umterps.com/cp](http://umterps.com/cp).

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK**

# MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON LUNES	TUE MARTES	WED MIÉRCOLES	THU JUEVES	FRI VIERNES
25 Memorial Day No Collection	26 YARD WASTE TRASH NEW MONDAY COLLECTION	27 YARD WASTE TRASH FOOD NEW TUESDAY COLLECTION	28 YARD WASTE TRASH NEW WEDNESDAY COLLECTION	29 BULK & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ALL COLLECTIONS SLIDE FORWARD ONE DAY

THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK COMMEMORATES

# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

**MAY 25, 2026 11AM**

COLLEGE PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL  
INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 1 and GREENBELT RD.

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK**  
City of College Park  
Veterans Memorial Committee