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	Interviews for Advisory Group, MB, 7:20 PM		Interviews for Advisory Group, CC, 7:20 PM,			Project Grants, 1pm, CC Annual Egg Hunt, 10am,		
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		Advisory Committee on Trees, 7pm, PW	Employee Relations Board, 6PM, MB	Meeting for Operating and	Spring Skate Series, 5pm, SHL	Earth Day Celebration Franklin Park Community		
		Prince George's County Council Budget Public	Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 7:30pm, CC	Project Grants, CANCELLED		Spring Fling, 12-6pm, Franklin Park		
		Hearing, 2pm, CAB Prince George's County Council Budget Public Hearing, 7pm, CAB	Budget Work Session - Public Works/Capital Projects (Greenbriar) 8 PM			Earth Day Celebration		
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	Regular Meeting/1st Public Hearing, MB, 8PM					Shredding Day and Paint Recycling, 9am, Roosevelt		
	Prince George's County Council Budget Public Hearing, 7pm, CAB	Green ACES/Green Team, 7:30 pm, CC) 			Center		
		Free Legal Clinic on Home Tax Sale, 5-8pm, Gbelt Library	. :					
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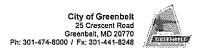
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					Bike to Work Day 2017	Public Works Open House Public Works Open House Celebration of Spring	
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		Green ACES/Green Team, 7:30 pm, CC	Work Session - Citizens Animal Response Team, (CC), 8PM,			American Legion	
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City Manager's Report Week Ending April 14, 2017

- 1. Attached is the letter submitted to the County regarding the North Core Development.
- 2. Please note that Ms. Celia Craze has confirmed that Prince George's County carbon monoxide detector legislation requires detectors at every level of the home. A newspaper article is attached.
- 3. The Recreation Department has submitted the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center's Winter 2017 survey results are attached.
- 4. Staff received a brief survey asking about interest in a City stipend or incentive to participate in a spouse or partner's health insurance coverage, possibly reducing the City costs.
- 5. Chief Kemp requested that officers submit outstanding community pledges. At least one pledge was received from another department. I should receive an update from the Chief and human resources director Mary Johnson when staff returns to the office on Monday. Any other pledges can be incorporated into the City's June Peace Month activities, where the community commitment to the pledge can be reaffirmed. Likewise, I will update the citizen group that we recently met with.
- 6. Met with former Mayor Andrew Fellows, University of Maryland/National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education, regarding potential partnership opportunities with the University of Maryland. The University is working with area jurisdictions on various sustainability projects via multiple departments, centers, faculty and students. Grant writing support may also be available. Departments will be asked to consider potential projects.
- 7. Participated in a multi-jurisdictional conference call with the Governor's Office for Grants and the Governor's Intergovernmental staff as an introduction to available resources and support. The call was scheduled as an alternative to a previously scheduled meeting due to a recent gubernatorial staff change. Follow-up will be made to meet with gubernatorial staff in person.
- 8. Staff is awaiting feedback from the State of Maryland regarding the Greenbelt Lake Dam Project agreement. Met with Ms. Celia Craze and Ms. Jessica Bellah to discuss the status of the project; similarly, teleconferenced with Mr. David Moran and Mr. Jeff Williams to discuss potential funding alternatives. Ms. Bellah is preparing an update for Council.
- 9. Reviewing departmental reports submitted in preparation for the Council budget work sessions, as coordinated by Mr. Moran. This includes public works and recreation. Police employees have submitted revised budget narrative as requested at the last work session.
- 10. Attended the Underwater Egg Hunt.

- 11. Attended Greenbelt Rotary Club.
- 12. Scheduled to attend the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15.
- 13. Please note that State Delegate Ann Healy will be the guest speaker at Greenbelt Rotary on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:45 am, Greenbelt Marriott. Please let the city manager know if you would like to be the manager's guest at the breakfast meeting.
- 14. Assistant City Manager
 - a. Attached is the final Legislative Update.
 - b. Prepared for and staffed a CRAB meeting. CRAB has scheduled the next Police-Community Forum for May 23 in Greenbelt East.
- 15. Finance Department
 - a. On leave.
- 16. Information Technology
 - a. Attended WebEOC Training Landover
 - b. Attended Comcast Negotiation Team meeting Concall
 - c. Developed draft RFP requirements for Document Management
 - d. Deployed coding software to SHL Lab computers for coding class
- 17. Prepared for regular meeting on April 10, work session on April 12 and budget work session on April 19.

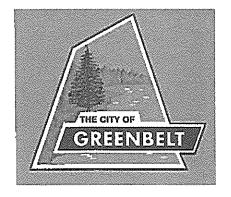
cc: Department Heads
David Moran, Assistant City Manager
Cindy Murray, City Clerk
Mary Johnson, Human Resources Officer
John Shay, City Solicitor

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April 11, 2017

Cella W. Craze, AICP Director

Chairman Elizabeth M. Hewlett Prince George's County Planning Board 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 Terri S. Hruby, AICP Assistant Director

RE: North Core Infastructure Detailed Site Plan (DSP-16063)
Greenbelt Station Town Center and Metro Garage

Dear Chairman Hewlett,

On April 10, 2017, the Greenbelt City Council reviewed the North Core Infrastructure Detailed Site Plan (DSP-16063). The Council voted to approve the plan subject to twenty-seven (27) conditions of approval. The City has reviewed these conditions with the Applicant, Renard Development Company LLC, who has agreed to include them in future revisions of the plan.

The City respectfully requests the Planning Board include in its final resolution the Council's conditions of approval as outlined below:

Environmental Considerations

 Final engineering of the Narragansett Run bridge crossing shall be designed to minimize impact to the existing stream channel and shall consist of the minimum stream mitigation activities necessary to achieve the crossing.

A condition of the Prince George's District Council's approval of the Conceptual Site Plan for this development reads that "the cumulative environmental impacts associated with previously approved variation requests shall not be exceeded by any proposed development or construction within the project area" (SP-01008/01 Condition #62).

The City does not support the wholesale realignment and stream relocation of Narragansett Run shown in the plan set and strongly discourages such an alignment. It is strongly recommended the Applicant meet with the City and MDE case reviewer to discuss the Greenbelt Station Parkway bridge crossing and its impacts to Narragansett Run.

- 2) The proposed forest retention and restoration plans on the Tree Conservation Plan shall limit the removal of existing healthy trees. The City does not support the clearing of existing mature forest within the 100-year floodplain in order to create wetland habitat.
- 3) The Applicant shall demonstrate at final engineering (permitting) of the storm drain network that the proposed outfall system addresses the following concerns:
 - Storm water outfalls are aligned to discharge in a downstream orientation.
 Outfalls shall not discharge in a perpendicular nature.
 - Channelization of the storm drain outfall in Outparcel B does not result in loss of existing mature forest and does not negatively impact the stable functioning of Narragansett Run.

The City is concerned that the direct outfall of untreated College Park storm water to Indian Creek without tie in to a storm water management network could result in either no net improvement or worsening conditions of the Indian Creek stream bed. It is strongly recommended that the Applicant pursue tying this stormwater into a comprehensive stormwater management system. The City supports revisiting the use of Outparcel B as a storm water attenuation site subject to review by appropriate agencies and the City of Greenbelt.

- 4) Prior to application for the first building permit, the Applicant shall obtain approval of a stormwater management concept plan that corresponds with the approved site plan. This plan shall be subject to City of Greenbelt review and approval.
 - The City makes no endorsement or approval of stormwater management facilities currently shown on DSP 16063.
- 5) Prior to final inspection and acceptance of public roads dedicated to the City, plantings at the "Concrete Mountain" mitigation site shall be completed and the open MDE permit closed out.

Transportation

- 6) The preferred South Core (Outparcel B) hiker/biker trail alignment connecting Greenbelt Station South Core to the WMATA Metro facilities shall be shown on approved plans for DSP-16063. The shown alignment may be subject to change based on further environmental studies. Construction of the trail shall begin upon approval of a final alignment.
- 7) Prior to Plan Certification the South Core trail connection shall be shown on DSP-16063 in such a manner as to meet prior CSP and Preliminary Plan of Subdivision approvals.

This shall include at a minimum:

- a. The addition of a 10ft wide side path to the western side of Greenbelt Station Parkway's bridge where it spans Narragansett Run.
- Extension of the side path south of the bridge to make a direct crossing to the South Core Stream Valley Trail network.
- c. A trail connection from the north side of the bridge span that ties directly into the southern side of the WMATA Metro garage's rear sidewalk. Final alignment subject to City of Greenbelt approval.
- 8) The South Core hiker/biker trail to the WMATA Metro facilities shall be constructed of permeable materials.
 - The trail shall be sited to minimize impact to wetlands and environmental features such as Narragansett Run and forested areas.
 - b. The trail should be lit and security features such as call boxes and cameras shall be incorporated into the design of the trail.
- Prior to Plan Certification, the northern hiker/biker trail that connects the North Core to Cherrywood Lane through State of Maryland land shall be removed from DSP 16063.
- 10) Permit plan sets for future shared use paths shall incorporate recommended trail markings, especially at termination areas, per MD SHA's Bicycle Policy & Design Guidelines (2015).
- 11) The F-barriers proposed on Greenbelt Metro Drive are not sufficiently decorative to meet the standards and expectations for this development.
 - Prior to plan certification, the developer shall propose an alternative decorative barrier which shall be subject to City of Greenbelt review and State Highway Administration approval.
- 12) F-barriers shall be removed from the westbound direction on Greenbelt Metro Drive between Station 3+00 and 9+00. Regular curb shall be utilized and a landscape buffer between the road and cycle track shall be used where feasible.
- 13) Any future revision to DSP- 16063 that proposes the reduction of travel lanes on Greenbelt Station Parkway shall result in the allocation of additional area to provide for:
 - a. Street tree planting in the median of Greenbelt Station Parkway from Intersection #3 through Intersection #6.

- b. The addition of street trees on the eastern side of northbound lanes on Greenbelt Station Parkway unless prohibited by either the security standards or site needs of the FBI headquarters.
- 14) The sidewalk on either side of the I-495 ramp pedestrian crossing at Intersection #6 shall be widened to 8 ft.
- 15) The Applicant shall ensure adequate stormwater sheet flow from the cycle track into the adjacent biorentention/landscape area.
- 16) Signs indicating bicyclists should "stop for signal" are shown along the cycle track. The City strongly recommends bicycle signal heads be installed and timed in sequence with pedestrian and motorist signal movement along the length of the cycle track. These signals are necessary to avoid conflict between bicyclists and turning motorist movements. "No Right Turn on Red" should be utilized at these intersections to prevent motorist and bicycle/pedestrian conflicts.
 - Signalization shall match recommendations of restricting vehicular turn movements where they may conflict with bicyclist movement through intersections.
- 17) The Applicant shall coordinate with the City and the State Highway Administration on the following issues:
 - a. Final Prince George's County Planning Board resolution should note that the City shall not be responsible for maintenance of the Greenbelt Metro Drive retaining wall which is designed to accommodate the State Highway Administration's SWM facility.
 - b. The right-of-way lines shown on the plans near Intersection #6 and the SHA SWM facilities do not logically correspond to the road and site features of the plan. The right-of-way lines shall be adjusted to align between the northern edge of Greenbelt Metro Drive and the SHA maintained SWM facility/I-495 ramps. The final plat shall reflect a right-of-way line agreeable to both the City of Greenbelt and SHA.
 - The City and SHA shall establish a maintenance and operation agreement regarding intersection signal maintenance and signalization.
- 18) Prior to plan certification, the following revisions shall be made at Intersection #2 regarding bicyclist facilities:
 - a. Address a possible conflict between a northbound rider, waiting to cross Greenbelt Station Parkway, and southbound driver making a permitted U-turn. The turn traces appear to conflict with the staging area where stationary cyclists would wait for their turn to cross.

- b. Provide dashed outline and sharrow intersection markings for the southbound bike path as it transitions between the cycle track and the GSP southbound bike lane. (see Figure 1)
- c. It is strongly recommended the Applicant redesign Intersection #2 to provide protected staging and movement zones for bicyclists as demonstrated in Figure 1.

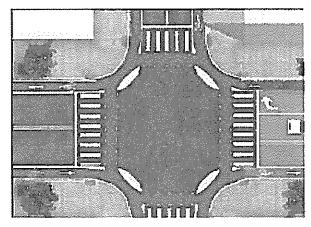
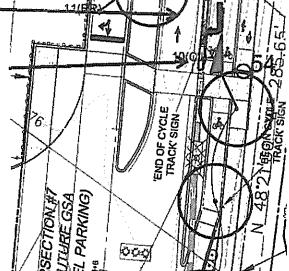


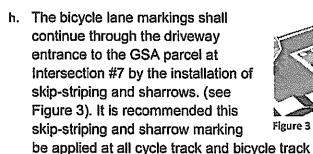
Figure 1 Protected Staging and Movement Zones

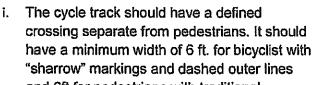
- 19) Prior to plan certification and subject to final review and approval by the City, DSP 16063 shall be revised to address the cycle track termination/entrance on Greenbelt Metro Drive at Intersection #7 as outlined below:
 - Add "cross here" and directional arrow to the "End of Cycle Track" sign.
 - b. Near termination, design a physical separation between the west and east cycle track lanes to encourage eastbound users to make the provided crossing of Greenbelt Metro Drive and prevent wrong-way movement. City preference is for a planted median at least 2 feet in width.



- c. Install a sign further west on Greenbelt Metro Drive that notifies users "Cycle Track Ends Prepare to Cross".
- The F-barrier on Greenbelt Metro Drive should be removed allowing the eastbound cycle track to flare toward the crossing of Greenbelt Metro Drive
- e. Install "Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists" sign at Intersection #7.

- f. At Intersection #7, design a wider right-turn staging area with appropriate arrow markings for the eastbound bicyclist by adjusting the cycle track and sidewalk alignment north. (See Figure 2)
- g. Pedestrian crossing markings should be installed at Intersection #7 where pedestrians cross the cycle track. (Figure 2)





crossing throughout the project area including

and 6ft for pedestrians with traditional crossing markings.

Intersections # 2 and #3.



Figure 2 Example of Staging area for cycle track crossing

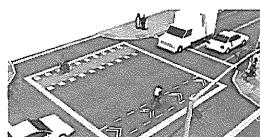


Figure 3 Intersection Markings



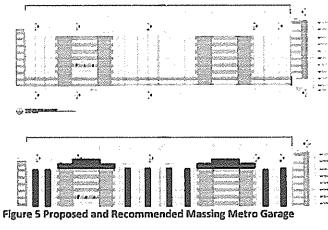
Figure 4 Crossing Markings

20) The plans shall be revised to show the bicycle lanes on Greenbelt Metro Drive ending approximately 120 ft. west of the Cherrywood Lane intersection. Bicycle lanes shall transition from a dashed termination of the bike lane into sharrow markings. This transition is necessary to allow cyclists to safely merge with traffic and take the full lane through the traffic circle, enabling them to make left turns onto and from Cherrywood Lane and to join the bike lane on Greenbelt Metro Drive both from the slip lane and roundabout.

WMATA Metro Garage

21) The Applicant shall coordinate with the City and WMATA on the following issues regarding the Metro garage to reduce the dominance of the horizontal planes. This can be achieved by adding height to the vertical features above the roofline and through the addition of vertical column and infill panels. It is recommended the design of the garage be altered at a minimum as follows:

a. Alter the east building elevation to raise the sections of "precast shear wall" above the horizontal plane of the roof line. This change will improve the massing of the building profile and reduce its negative impact on the streetscape.



- b. Install additional precast columns and infill panels to further break the horizontal dominance of the eastern façade.
- c. To support the retail success in the development and full 24/7 use of the site, adjust the internal WMATA Station fencing so that the underpass to College Park and Marc Station may remain open 24/7.
- 22) Subject to WMATA approval, the Applicant shall provide bike parking in the Metro garage.
- 23) Electronic vehicle charging stations shall be provided in the Greenbelt Metro garage.

Site Amenities

- 24) The playground areas show on Lot N-2 shall be dedicated to the City for use as public park area with details for design and cooperative maintenance to be established under a DSP for Lot N-2.
- 25) The location and desirability for a bus stop pull-off on the southbound side of Greenbelt Station Parkway in front of the residential building shall be determined at the time of a future DSP for Lot N-2.
 - If it is determined that a bus stop and bus shelter at this location is desirable, Greenbelt Station Parkway shall be reconstructed to accommodate this facility.
- 26) Benches shall be provided at intervals on Greenbelt Metro Drive where feasible and advisable.

27) Future DSP's for Lot N-5 shall provide a kiosk in the Metro plaza. Details of the kiosk design will be determined in the future DSP but shall generally include such items as an area map, WMATA bus schedules, and "Welcome to Greenbelt" sign.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Greenbelt City Council,

Celia W. Craze, AICP

Director

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Celia W. Craze

Department of Planning and Community Development

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Jessica Bellah, Community Planner

The Washington Post

Public Safety

Prince George's to require carbon monoxide detectors starting July 1

By Lynh Bui June 26, 2014

After an unusually cold April night two years ago, Prince George's County firefighters were called to an Oxon Hill home. There, they found five people, all dead. But there were no signs of forced entry and no visible injuries on the bodies.

Authorities later discovered that everyone in the house had died of carbon monoxide poisoning. An exhaust pipe from the furnace broke overnight, leaking gas into the home and slowly poisoning them as they slept.

"That family never work up," County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor said. "They had no alarm. Nothing to warn them."

Since then, four more people in Prince George's have died of carbon monoxide poisoning. But officials hope a law that goes into effect July 1 will prevent similar tragedies.

Starting next week, all houses in the county with gas service, an attached garage or a fireplace must have a carbon monoxide detector on every level.

The gas is "colorless and odorless," Bashoor said. "You don't know it's there until it's too late."

Prince George's is one of the first counties in Maryland to require carbon monoxide detectors in homes, Bashoor said. The detectors cost at least \$20, and the fire department recommends 10-year alarms that don't require frequent battery changes.

Bashoor said he understands that some homeowners may be reluctant to spend the money, but the small investment could save a family. "It's probably the cheapest insurance policy you're going to find," he said.

Although there is a civil penalty for violating the legislation — a \$100 fine — the department will probably be generous with warnings, officials said. The fire department plans to "passively enforce" the law, fire department spokesman Mark Brady said. County officials won't be going door-to-door to check whether alarms have been installed.

"We'll try to help you get an alarm as opposed to giving you a ticket," Brady said.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

NICOLE ARD, CITY MANAGER

FROM:

STEPHEN PARKS, AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER SUPERVISOR

SUBJECT: FACILITY CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

DATE:

APRIL 10, 2017

CC:

JULIE MCHALE, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION JOE MCNEAL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES GREG VARDA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

From January 3rd - 17th a user survey was conducted at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC). There were 168 responses to the survey; 158 were completed online (52 via the web link, 106 via Facebook), while 10 were completed at the facility, with 126 respondents listed as Unknown. During the survey period, the surveys were made available to all users of the facility at the Welcome Counter, online at the City of Greenbelt website (WWW.GreenbeltMD.Gov) with links posted on the City & Facility Facebook page. An email was sent out to GAFC participants and pass holders that had valid email address in our RecTrac system, while the front Desk Staff were instructed to invite all who entered the facility to take a moment to complete the survey and drop the completed surveys in a locked drop box in the Lobby area.

This year's survey structure had two (2) major modifications made at the recommendation of Marketing and Communications Audit performed by LMD Marketing Agency. (1) Modify the first question that asked for a multiple response into two questions. (2) The tabulated responses were converted to a five-level Likert scale with a scored response:

Strongly Agree

- 5 point

Disagree

- 2 points

Agree

- 4 points

Strongly Disagree

- 1 point

Neutral

- 3 points

There are 2 attachments to this memo which reflect responses to the survey: (1) Tabulated information from the "scored" responses with a percentage breakdown, (2) Listing of the written comments that were made on the surveys.

With the changes in the scale and rewording of the question regarding the satisfaction of their visit to the facility, 87% of the participations had a "Satisfactory" visit, and 87% stating they would recommend the facility to others. "The Maintenance and/or Cleanliness of the facility was Satisfactory- Entrance Counter" received the top score (4.44 out of 5). The area that received the lowest score was "The Maintenance and/or Cleanliness of the facility was Satisfactory-Men's Locker Room Area" (3.50 out of 5).

There were 124 comments made on the surveys. The comments were broken into 9 categories:

- 1. Compliments
- 2. Equipment Suggestions / Comments
- 3. Maintenance Issues / Public Works
- 4. Programming / Schedule Comments
- 5. Staff Comments

- 6. Temperature Issues
- 7. Pool Comments
- 8. Rules Issues
- 9. Miscellaneous Comments

There were many positive comments as well as some constructive criticism for staff to consider, some which the GAFC staff has already addressed at the facility while passing on other comments onto the appropriate people.

ATTACHMENT: (1) Scored Responses with Percentage Breakdown; (2) List of written comments

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Compliments

- 1. Big Thank You to all the staff. The classes are great, too.
- 2. Carol Mealey is superb at the front desk. Consistently make everyone feel welcome. She helps those who need assistance with grace and cheerfulness. Need more like her.
- 3. Cheryl is always around, visible and accessible and aware of issues & does what can to make the GAFC a great place
- 4. GAFC is sensational! Always friendly, well kept, professional, inviting! Especially appreciate Little Dan and fitness staff for enthusiasm, know how, and energy! Great management from Cheryl! An A-1 asset to our community! Can't say enough good things!
- 5. I am a big fan of the fitness center and routinely recommend it to my friends.
- 6. I appreciate this survey and the work everyone does to maintain and improve the fitness center.
- 7. I find the staff very friendly, accommodating, and overall exceptional.
- 8. I like all the improvements you have made to the facility with the updated equipment, new pool roof, and repairs to the locker rooms.
- 9. I love the Center and recommend it, especially to new residents of Greenbelt
- 10. I love the new Cybex equipment -- just wish to get there more often!
- 11. I was a pass-holder through last year, but it recently lapsed and I have paused due to budget. I am very grateful for the fitness wing upgrade and LOVE the stretching area--very grateful for selection of all fitness equipment.
- 12. I will be happy to tell you what a wonderful facility I think we have in GFAC. So many of the staff are eager and helpful and community building. I do think some of the guards are less friendly than others (Grayson is so kind and polite, as are many of the young women), but I think that's not a major concern. Thank you for all you do for all of us!
- 13. Is lovely to have staff who has been there the years- most are quite personable and encouraging which makes a big difference
- 14. It is clean and safe, has everything I need and is close and affordable. I understand that the excellent staff deserve raises, but PLEASE try not to make any facility improvements that will dramatically raise the fees.
- 15. Julie Magness is missed.
- 16. Love the GAFC.
- 17. Most issues are dealt with quickly and properly.
- 18. Nevertheless, it is friendly with a real sense of community on the part of the staff and the participants. As a senior, I appreciate the efforts that are made to be sensitive to the needs of the older population.
- 19. Overall the facility is a great value and an asset to the community.
- 20. Professional, caring staff. Very proud to show off our GAFC facility to friends and visitors.

- 21. Suzie is doing a great job keeping us informed and updated although my family and I miss seeing Julie M there. I was always impressed with how quickly she learned the children's names for swim lessons and called them by name when they entered that personal touch put my kids at ease before lessons.
- 22. Terrific pool and I've belonged too many in the area.
- 23. Thanks for your efforts--I am grateful!!!
- 24. Thanks so much for doing this survey it's great to have an opportunity for feedback! We do love the GAFC and are grateful to have it in our community.
- 25. The fitness center is one of the best things about living in Greenbelt. Thank you.
- 26. Unfortunately, I suffered with an illness after enrolling in three activities. Therefore, I was unable to attend. I did attend a one-time paint class and found it to be outstanding. In addition, the staff is courteous, helpful and excellent.
- 27. Your staff is always friendly, informative and on top of everything. Really enjoy my membership here!

Equipment Suggestions / Comments

- 1. A machine that would spin water out of our swimming suits would be nice too. I use the rowing machine but that was not an option in your area listing
- 2. Also, install swimsuit wringers.
- 3. Could you consider getting a suit spinner
- 4. Great facility, one major exception is the lack of swimsuit extractor
- 5. I would like to see more free weights I realize space is limited, but the limited weights that there are, without a proper bench, are hard to utilize.
- 6. I would love an adjustable bench in the weight room. (I steal the bench press bench but it doesn't incline.)
- 7. I'd like a clock in the stretching area, so I can use it to time the seconds.
- 8. It might be helpful to have some fact sheets/instructions sheets available on how to use some of the various equipment, such as the elliptical and rowing machine. Some of these are self-explanatory, but it would be nice to have some instructions available.
- 9. Need new outdoor seating next summer
- 10. Please get a weigh scale that everyone can use- Inc. wheelchair users!
- 11. Please provide Wi-Fi!
- 12. Replace the cantaloupe ball in the mat area of the Fitness Wing
- 13. The equipment is well maintained. However, the indoor pool basin appears to need an overhaul.
- 14. The locker rooms need an update, but are generally clean, less in summer
- 15. Those who participate in deep water aerobics require flotation belts, which the facility supplies. Many of them are in poor condition and badly need replacement. Also the locker they are kept in does not always close correctly. These details impact quality of experience.
- 16. Would like to have a swim suit dryer in locker rooms.

Maintenance Issues / Public Works

- 1. Another hook is needed on the back of the shower doors. One hook is not sufficient and you end up throwing your towel or bathing suit over the top of the door. These doors used to have two hooks.
- 2. Barbara is very friendly and the women's bathroom is very clean during the hours she is there.
- 3. Bathrooms and locker room are disgusting.
- 4. I have repeatedly asked that the (new) overhead lighting in the pool area be adjusted so it is not so blindingly bright, especially when it is dark outside. The old lighting was just fine. The new lighting makes doing the backstroke almost impossible without experiencing visual discomfort. Please do something about this. I have been a faithful pass-holder for many years and I feel like my concerns have been unresolved going on a few years now.
- 5. I really wish that you could control the humidity that builds up in the locker room.
- 6. Locker rooms needs more frequent/thorough cleaning.
- 7. More handrails like there are in the shower of women's locker room; have them lining the walkway in the locker room from the lockers to the pool.
- 8. Please repair locker room ceiling. Showering below a great dirty hole is creepy.
- 9. Pool bottom needs to be cleaned more frequently. Have seen objects on bottom several consecutive days and dirt in general.
- 10. Sometimes the locker room is messy and showers can get cold. However, everything else is great. The staff is friendly and helpful.
- 11. The floor and walls in the men's locker room need scrubbing and disinfecting to clean and reduce the black moldy condition.
- 12. The grates in the Jacuzzi are very dangerous
- 13. The ladies' locker room is clean after the morning clean-up, but the hair builds up on the floor and in the drains over the hours afterward and sometimes it's gross. I'm not sure what the mechanism set up to address this outside of the regular cleaning hours.
- 14. The women's locker room often smells of urine and has trash and clumps of hair on the floor. It does not appear that it is hosed down or cleaned by anyone other than the professional cleaner who appears to come only once a day.

Programming / Schedule Comments

- 1. A few years ago, an endurance swim class was scheduled on Sunday mornings. Class members showed up 3 times but no instructor appeared. Each time we were assured the instructor would appear the following week. Later it was cancelled for inadequate subscribers, when, in fact, an adequate number of participants appeared for the class --3 times. How poorly you treat your members!
- 2. Addition of Spin classes
- 3. I asked about programs for younger seniors, 55-65, and was told you had none. When I asked who to speak with about looking into them, it was suggested I write the City Council. No "manager" was in with whom I could speak when I asked about that as well.
- 4. I took a water yoga class in the pool. The facility was okay but the pool had entirely too much chlorine in it.
- 5. I usually only visit the "work out" parts of the facility. My advice: Do not beat yourself over the head with Mickey Mouse surveys. If nobody is organizing against you, you must be doing OK. I have no complaints or concerns. Kent Cockerham
- 6. It would be wonderful to have a designated party area adjacent to the pools (indoor or outdoor), as it would be a great option for summer birthdays. I'd be willing to pay an extra rental fee for that option. Currently there is a blanket prohibition on parties and I do not understand why.
- 7. More lanes for lap swimming.
- 8. Offer an Orientation session for those with disabilities. Recommend an Adaptive fitness programs.
- 9. SPIN classes would be great.
- 10. The Greenbelt pool is a boring place for kids to play.
- 11. The M/F Aquacize class 8-8:45 is not good, Wed are excellent- Denise quite good-energetic and fun. Monday, Wed classes are hardly worth attending. The instructor is lovely but the routine are repetitive, not challenging and outright boring. She is often late and classes are short. She hasn't been in the water this year. It is not cost effective for me to continue the class as I can do the "exercise" on my own. Wednesday w/ Denise is energetic & challenging as well as fun. We work out for almost an hour. She varies the routine & had us doing many good exercises
- 12. Would appreciate five full lap lanes consistently. The aquatic exercise classes don't appear to actually utilize that much space, and there is often a wait to split lap lanes.
- 13. Would like to see all pool lanes open from 12:00 noon until 1:30 or 2:00 PM. It is annoying when lanes are closed for classes during the busy lunch time period.

Staff Comments

- 1. What exactly what do some staff do anyway? Often seen either working out or sitting in the lobby talking.
- 2. Good front staff but for one young woman who was impolite about sign in for class.
- 3. I also think the lifeguards need more training on how to handle individuals with special needs; I know many families with children with special needs such as autism do not use the facilities because they are afraid of being judged.
- 4. I checked disagree in #3 because after I make suggestions, such as the one above, which I have made before, in writing, I don't get any response. I realize you can't implement every suggestion, but please let me know if you can't, and if not, why not.
- 5. I don't sign up for personal training anymore because I want a trainer that is fit as it is not motivating to have a personal trainer (female) who is not fit and healthy.
- 6. I find several staff unprofessional and rude, carrying on conversations of a personal nature that shouldn't be held in a lobby area. They are rude and abrasive, as are some cashiers.
- 7. I have been a Greenbelt resident for 20 years and have held a pass for at least 7 of those years. Ms. Conrad is unfriendly and at times when you say hello she walks past without a reply. Kristen and Lois are also rude. Due to this I often consider going to Planet Fitness.
- 8. I used to be a pass holder in the years past. However, the inconsistencies of the pool rules and negative attitudes from lifeguards towards adults and children have prevented me from continuing to purchase a yearly pass.
- 9. It'd be nice if they'd wait until after closing-time before they clean up. If weight room is supposed to be open and available until 9:45pm, it'd be nice if they didn't start vacuuming until after 9:45.
- 10. Members/pass holders usually got an email with important information about closings for cleanings, staff meetings, classes, etc. and if those emails could be re-started it would be nice. The front staff seems to have different information about what is going on and talking to 1 staff person or another I can get different information regarding the same question. Providing more consistent and accurate information would be helpful and having all the staff on the same page would benefit this goal. Otherwise it is a great place to work out!
- 11. Suggestion install a sauna (in the vending room area, maybe.
- 12. Teacher Denise was not prompt, late for class.

Temperature Issues

- 1. Appreciate the pool water being on the warmer side lately. Nice too when the shower water runs warm enough. Occasionally it is barely warm.
- 2. Frequently the pool is uncomfortably cold to many, despite the posted temperature
- 3. Indoor pool is too cold especially in the winter. I have stopped taking water exercise classes in the colder months because of this. Heated pool doesn't even feel warm. I'm only in my 40's....I can tolerate cold, but pool is way too cold.
- 4. It has been great to have an improved temperature in the pool-water + air
- 5. It would be nice to have a better heat in mat room
- 6. Overall it is a wonderful facility. BUT the temperature of the indoor pool needs to be warmer. Those of us with arthritis have difficulty with the cool temperature. Been told that people want it cold. Consider higher temperature in the AM when most of seniors use the area, then lower the temperature when the "lunch time users" come in.
- 7. Please maintain the pool at 83.4; Please keep info board accurate as to temperature
- 8. Showers are chilly, both water and room temp.
- 9. Showers are often either too hot or too cold.
- 10. Sometimes showers too hot and then too cold. I am in the Aquacize class 8am M/W/W, teaching quality on M/W a waste!
- 11. Wish pool could be kept a little warmer although it's honestly been at least a year since I tried it.
- 12. Women's locker room could be warmer simply by putting plastic strips over outside entrance-you can pass thru but it acts like buffer to cold.

Pool Comments

- 1. A couple more things about the pool:
- 2. Food should be allowed on the grassy area, not just at the picnic tables.
- 3. In (mostly) the indoor pool, on occasion, a few people (either groups of teens, or a family) will take over a lap lane and treat it like their private pool--that is, they're not swimming laps but just hanging out, jumping in and out and playing in the water. One time I'd swear a family even had a picnic basket in the far-left corner. And the lifeguard staff seems a little intimidated about saying or doing anything. This is inappropriate when lap swimmers are doubled up in the lap lanes.
- 4. In the indoor pool, the concession area should be kept warmer for kids eating lunch/snack.
- 5. Never free time at pool, lanes often being used by other groups. Some people doing laps super slow and all over the place so can't share a lane. Kids in outdoor pool are out of control. So much so I didn't feel safe taking my toddler and didn't renew my Membership.
- 6. Regarding lap lanes: it would be great if lanes could have "fast" and "slow" designations (or "fitness" and "leisure"). It can be very challenging for a slower paddler to properly share a lane with a splashier lap swimmer.
- 7. The pool never seems clean, and the gutters (especially in the lap lanes) often smell of urine.
- 8. The pool smells bad and has algae too often.

Rules Issues

- 1. Children should be allowed to have toys in the pool. This is a rule that is very loosely enforced, and my kids get confused when one lifeguard all of a sudden decides to enforce it.
- 2. Given that several lanes are designated for laps in the outdoor pool, we may not need adult swim time. The pool mostly clears out during adult swim and kids sit around bored and waiting to go back in. For the lap lanes, it would be great to designate a lane for those who are doing exercises other than swimming so that there is ample space for lap swimmers.
- 3. I would love to see more flexibility in what smaller children are allowed to bring into the pool. I greatly appreciate the swimming lesson staff.
- 4. Please, stop letting people wear street clothes in the pool. For all the signage that exists about this issue, it's ridiculous how often people do it.
- 5. Pool staff should maintain more discipline among children who scream at the top of their lungs. Problems with leaking diapers causing pool closure are unforgivable. The pool is not a nursery
- 6. Some rules are too strict and others not enforced. People, including adults and children need to shower at the facility before entering the pool. There still is eating at the pool sides occasionally and no one says a word. The guards are not empowered to enforce the rules???!!!
- 7. The pool rules are exceptionally strict. I understand that safety is a priority, but many of the rules are not about safety, and are much stricter than those of other area pools. Diving sticks and other small toys meant for the pool make the pool a lot more fun and are great tools for those learning to swim. Kickboards are similarly a good tool for those learning to swim and shouldn't be limited to lap lanes if they are used responsibly. Last summer I watched GAFC lifeguards ignore a group of teenagers playing volleyball in the outside pool, using the flags as a net. The outcome of this rule breaking? The kids had a great time and didn't bother anyone. They laughed and teased each other without getting out of control or blocking passage from one part of the pool to another. Based on conversations I've overheard between lifeguards, many of them think the rules are overly strict, but feel obliged to enforce them. I hope you'll invite the input of your lifeguards and reconsider the pool rules to make GAFC a little more fun for all.
- 8. There is a WIPE SWEAT sign in TREADMILL room only, it would be good to have them in other rooms also
- 9. We have bought a family pass twice over the last couple of years and have decided we are officially done buying any passes. Our boys have been struggling to learn to swim (one is deathly afraid of water) and have only been able to get him into one swim class due to the classes filling up on the weekends. And when trying to take him to the pool and teach him to swim by ourselves we have been told we can't use any of the devices/tools used in the swim classes to help him. He's not allowed to dive/pick up toys and he can't use any kickboards to get the feel for kicking and swimming. Apparently, this is all in the best interest of safety (I am confused how this has anything to do with safety), but this is no longer a place my kids feel comfortable being. We are buying family passes to another pool in college park where the kids can learn to swim, feel comfortable in the environment they are learning in, and maybe even have a tiny bit of fun while doing it. It appears the rules for the pool are catered toward adults, which is fine, but I strongly suggest not selling family passes if that is the case. This has been a continuous conversation among many of the families in greenbelt and as much as I love the

services available in greenbelt, I no longer recommend the pool to any families. This is the one place where I feel like Greenbelt falls short and it's a shame, b/c both my husband and I were lifeguards and on swim team when we were younger. We also sail and canoe regularly and hope to teach our children the same appreciate for open water. I hope this feedback makes a difference in some way as I very rarely go this far in a survey.

- 10. We have had several interactions at the pool that are sub-par, though we are big community supporters and love having access to a public pool right in our neighborhood. The prohibition on toys in the outdoor pool during the summers is ridiculous kids should be able to play with toys (whether they are balls, diving toys, or other) in the pool.
- 11. We will not be renewing our family 12-month membership. There are too many rules for the children that my kids complain about going to this pool and would much rather frequent other nearby pools, in which there are more fun things to do like a slide and less rules about what kids are allowed to do and how much noise that they can make. Recently when we went to the pool my pre-teen children were told that they were not allowed to use diving sticks in the shallow kid area (they were playing with two friends who also have a 12m family membership but are elementary aged.) Another time my children were practicing kicking, using kick boards, in the area where classes are held though there were no classes going on at that time. I was sitting on the bleachers and the lifeguard came over and told them that they could not use the kick boards unless they were in a lap lane! Which is absurd! They were using the kick boards in the way that they are intended to be used. If my kids were to take up a lap lane from actual lap swimmers I KNOW there would be several older members complaining. I think it's ridiculous that children are not allowed to use pool toys that are marketed for pool use; diving sticks/rings, water balls, pool noodles etc. I understand not allowing blow up pool floating devices that I get for safety reasons. But expecting children to come to a pool and be quiet and only swim laps is ABSURD! We won't be renewing. And several of our friends feel the same way who have children. Instead we will do the unlimited splash park membership during the summer with MNCPPC and in the winter, we will probably drive to the PG Sports and learning complex.
- 12. We will not be renewing our membership in 2017. The pool is not family friendly and the rules are not adequately posted so staff makes arbitrary decisions that impact kid's ability to learn to swim/not be afraid of the water and have fun. Recently we watch a staff member take a pool provided kickboard away from a mother and a two-year-old in the shallow end while she was trying to teach her child to kick. The pool rules clearly state that children who can't swim shouldn't be in the deep in so exactly where are children supposed to learn to swim with assistance? It's absurd how many rules there are to make the pool a completely not fun place to be/get kids exercise. It's sad because we live in walking distance and would prefer to frequent our community pool but after so many years of these instances and no one doing anything to make changes, we've decided that it's not worth the money or headache of dealing with staff. There are enough alternatives in the county that we can go elsewhere.
- 13. While the staff is professional and friendly; the amount of rules and posted, signage doesn't exactly welcome residents and guests. (Some of the signs even duplicate in the same spot.) There is an obvious atmosphere that the Council is catering mostly to the senior community and fears of litigation, and unfortunately, it is at the risk of appearing exclusive in its clientele and not family-friendly. This is especially prevalent with the outdoor pool in the summer where there is a large amount of power-tripping by teenage lifeguards when it comes to kids playing in the outdoor pool. In addition, resident kids over the age of 10 should be allowed to swim without an adult having to pay admission. The minimum age restriction is way too high.

Miscellaneous Comments

- 1. Cardio equipment faces a wall with mangrove photos you are forced to look at. Would be better out a window.
- 2. Come usually during summer months only
- 3. I haven't been to the fitness wing for a while, but I have used the equipment.
- 4. I only ticked items that I experienced, and hope that does not throw off any ratings you deserve for providing this essential service.
- 5. Instead of using the word "neutral" use "not applicable" (N/A) somewhere on your list on previous sheet(s). Also, if you are sending this e-mail to an individual, it would be nice if you reference the date at the Aquatic Center. I answered the questions but have no idea when I asked questions of the staff. I did say hello.
- 6. It would be nice to have some kind of tribute for Michael Maxwell
- 7. Keep the green punch cards.
- 8. Some of these questions do not apply
- 9. What prompted the sign about using the "Appropriate" locker room?

GAFC Survey-Winter '17

Statement	Average Score	Strongly Agree	Agree	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
My overall experience at the facility was satisfactory.	4.26	75	70	12	7	2	166
How likely are you to recommend this facility to someone else?	4.32	82	63	16	5	1	167
STAFF							
Please answer the following concerning Staff:							
Staff was prompt, reliable, and friendly	4.29	83	44	17	6	3	153
Staff was knowledgeable and fully answered my questions	4.29	77	49	19	4	2	151
Management was available to solve problems	4.00	58	39	41	7	1	146
Staff was complete on following through with inquiries	4.03	59	45	31	10	1	146
The <u>Customer Service</u> you received in the following areas was satisfactory:							
Entrance Counter	4.40	89	47	8	8	1	153
Pool Area	4.13	57	55	23	5	2	142
Fitness Wing	3.96	48	35	42	4	1	130
Please Specify Other	3.58	12	7	27	1	1	48
The <u>Professionalism and or Appearance</u> of the staff in the following areas was satisfactory:							
Entrance Counter	4.33	78	54	11	8	0	151
Pool Area	4.26	61	59	16	4	0	140
Fitness Wing	4.00	46	36	41	2	0	125
Please Specify Other	3.81	13	9	21	0	0	43
FACILITY The Maintenance and/or Clealiness of the facility was							
Satisfactory:							
Entrance Counter	4.44	75	67	5	1	1	149
Pool Area	4.17	57	59	14	5	3	138
Fitness Wing	4.17	52	44	27	2	0	125
Men's Locker Room	3.50	12	17	38	0	3	70
Women's Locker Room	3.97	38	56	17	8	3	122
Please Specify Other	3.53	6	13	16	1	2	38
		Open – 10a	10a – 2p	2p – 6p	6p - Close		
What time of the day did you visit?		37	50	57	36		136
		Everyday	4-5/week	3 or Fewer	1 st Time		
How frequently do you visit our facility?		7	30	96	4		137
		Treadmill	Bikes	Weight	Pool		
What areas of the facility do your frequent?		53	42	51	107		135
		Pass Holder	Non-Pass Holder	Guest	Total Responses	Satisfactory Visit	
What is the status of your membership?		100	26	10	136	87%	

Fifty Projects with Communities Surrounding the University of Maryland at College Park:

I. College Park

<u>Area A – Stormwater Management</u>

1) Stormwater Report Follow-up

The University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center recently reviewed stormwater priorities for planning and implementing improvements, in part to support the achievement of compliance of the Municipal Separated Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit issued by the State. The University may be able to collaborate on the development and implementation of all or part of an integrated water resource management plan for College Park, including entrepreneurial opportunities for green roofs, green walls, downspout disconnects, rain barrels, rain harvesting, rain gardens, swales, tree canopy enhancements, other greenscaping and other water-retaining methods with a goal of mimicking a forest hydrology for the city, or other less ambitious water quality goals that might be set. Students could study co-benefits related to climate change, energy cost-reductions, aesthetic improvements, property value increase, and economic development and job support, and study cost reductions through integration with transportation and other infrastructural improvements (complete streets, buried power lines, local generation of clean energy).

2) Guilford Run study/LIDC

The Low Impact Development Center proposed a study of Guilford Run on the southern border of campus, with a goal of improving water quality by improving upon existing stormwater management facilities. The University can help support the development of such a study, and/or otherwise engage in collaboration on the protection and restoration of the Guilford Run Watershed, which flows from Adelphi Road to the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River.

3) Baltimore Avenue and Knox

The block of Baltimore Avenue/Route One between Lehigh and Knox Road is one of the more flood-prone of the business community. Since it is state property, efforts must be coordinated with the Maryland State Highway Administration. The area is a pipeshed that captures much of downhill flow from streets and parking lots above the storm drains, and the pipe size is not large enough to handle the flow during significant storm events.

Area B - Carbon Footprint

4) Sustainability Plan Follow-up

The City of College Park voted to adopt and implement a 2015 plan that maps out a strategy for pursuing the goals of sustainability. Embedded in the plan are a number of measures that city operations could implement that would reduce the jurisdiction's carbon footprint. Most if not all cost money, and might benefit from a financing strategy and/or a business process for implementation.

5) Graduate student project/CBE Green app

With collaboration of the City of College Park's environmental advisory group, a College of Information Studies graduate student is developing an application that would be usable for smartphones, and would measure in some way a user's sustainable practices (for example, use of clean energy, recycling, or composting).

6) Graduate student group/website to facilitate engagement

A cohort of graduate students, in a School of Public Policy course that employed a competitive process for doing positive actions in support of a community, used the entirety of the fifty projects identified by University of Maryland neighboring communities as a linchpin for promotion for engagement by students

Area C - Zero Waste

7) Bars and Restaurant recycling

Most bars and restaurants in College Park do not recycle for a variety of reasons. The Student Government Association Sustainability Committee is working with the College Park Committee for a Better Environment to explore how to increase or maximize business recycling, beginning with some of the more popular collegiate bars.

8) Food Composting review

A few municipalities in Prince George's County have begun composting programs, most notably Cheverly and University Park. College Park is interested in beginning such a program to complement its existing yard waste program, to reduce tipping fees at landfills and increase use of food waste as a resource.

PAYT support for consideration and potential implementation of best practices

The City of College Park is considering the development and implementation of a "Pay-As-You-Throw" (PAYT) program that will charge a fee per bag of landfill waste (moving from, or building on, a taxpayer financed "free" service of the city). Such programs have greatly reduced landfill waste in other municipalities in the United States and abroad. It is expected that there will be public resistance to such a change.

10) Promoting anti-litter campaign

The City of College Park has developed an anti-litter campaign, and seeks ways to promote it. Students could create a marketing campaign, for example.

II. Hyattsville

Area A – Traffic Management (TM)

1) Traffic Study- review past work (2007 or older study), develop rfp/"asking the right thing"

The City of Hyattsville would like to develop a study or report on how best to manage traffic in its rapidly growing community, and would welcome University collaboration on these efforts to develop the best plan.

2) Exploring potential current inefficiencies in bus routes, exploring ride sharing

One aspect of reducing vehicular traffic is the increase use of mass transit, and Hyattsville is also interested in increasing the efficiency of the many bus routes in the jurisdiction. This primarily includes Metrobus, the County bus and the University of Maryland shuttle. This proposed project also includes ride sharing programs (such as uber and lyft), and how to minimize single-occupancy vehicular traffic. Student exploration of approaches to this goal include the potential for new and supplemental services, and the benefits to Hyattsville businesses in participating in funding such programs.

3) Baltimore Avenue/Route One, Adelphi/Queen's Chapel corridors

The traffic study project in Project 1 is comprehensive, and focuses on both east west and north south traffic grids. This project focuses on improving (such as creating "complete streets") on state highway rights of way, on north south commercial and through traffic corridors. Students could explore approaches to maximizing the utility of these corridors in ways that complement adjacent uses.

Area B - Sustainability

4) Sustainability Plan Development

The City of Hyattsville intends to develop and implement a municipal plan that maps out a strategy for pursuing the goals of sustainability. The plan might include a number of measures that city operations could implement that would reduce the jurisdiction's carbon footprint. Most, if not all, cost money, and might benefit from a financing strategy and/or a business process for implementation. A more ambitious plan could develop city goals that include residents and businesses.

5) Watershed Implementation Plan - BMPs, including Wells Run (coordinated w/ UP, RP)

The State of Maryland created a Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) in response to President Obama's Executive Order and related court orders to restore the Chesapeake Bay's water quality. Hyattsville is interested in creating a localized version. Smith School students might review a business process for doing so, including the development and implementation of an integrated management of water resources in Hyattsville, including the entrepreneurial opportunities for green roofs, green walls, downspout disconnects, rain barrels, rain harvesting, rain gardens, swales, tree canopy enhancements, other greenscaping and other water-retaining methods with a goal of mimicking a forest hydrology for the city, or other less ambitious water quality goals that might be set. Students could study co-benefits related to climate change, energy cost-reductions, aesthetic improvements, property value increase, and economic development and job support, and study cost reductions through integration with transportation and other infrastructural improvements (complete streets, buried power lines, local generation of clean energy).

6) Hyattsville Environmental Committee/Green Team Projects/Sustainable MD

Hyattsville's environmental committee has goals that can be explored with a business process, some of which have been developed in conjunction with efforts as a Sustainable City under the Sustainable Maryland program. Students could research a partial or complete list of these projects and use business approaches to develop the City's efforts to adopt and/or implement these measures.

Area C - Tree Canopy

7) Viability/status of 2007-2009 Study

The City of Hyattsville conducted a study of its tree canopy nearly a decade ago, and would like to both evaluate the current usefulness of this study. Students could examine the use of this study, potentially including recommendations and justifications of conducting a new study.

8) Tree Evaluation/Inventory

Whether a new study is desired or not, the City of Hyattsville desires some form of an updated evaluation and inventory of its tree canopy. Students could develop business process approaches towards use of this study, potentially including recommendations and justifications of conducting a new study.

9) Magruder Park and other strategic public places to plant

Magruder Park is a prominent public park in Hyattsville, and often the site of greening activities of the City of Hyattsville in past months and years. Associated with the watershed implementation plan (Hyattsville Project B5), Magruder Park and other public green spaces are the easiest to enhance with additional tree planting and other greenscaping.

The co-benefit of special focus in this project is for the marketing and property value for park improvement on adjacent properties, and for the municipality as a whole as a place to live or locate. In addition, what if any benefits of tourism related to Magruder Park and other strategic public places (such as commercial districts) for attracting outside visitors for local business.

10) Private property engagement

In addition to public places, the City of Hyattsville is interested in exploring collaboration with the University of Maryland Students could explore the appropriate policy to incentivize private property tree planting, conservation and other forest management. Possible strategies include taxes and fees that discourage tree loss, and encourage appropriate tree canopy improvements.

III. University Park

Area A - Stream/Watershed Management

1) Plan for the Park/Wells Run Park

The Town of University Park is interested in a comprehensive park plan that maximizes the value to the community of Wells Run Park, a green corridor and trail that follows the flow of Wells Run, a tributary of the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. As with all urban watersheds, controlling the quantity of flow upstream protects the destabilization of the stream corridor, the riparian buffer and tree canopy that creates the pleasurable ambience of the trail and park.

Students could explore ways of developing and implementing an integrated management of water resources in the Wells Run Watershed, which begins in upstream headwaters in the neighboring municipality of Hyattsville (see Hyattsville Watershed Implementation Project), and flows downstream from University Park to neighboring Riverdale Park. As in College Park and Hyattsville, analysis could include opportunities for green roofs, green walls, downspout disconnects, rain barrels, rain harvesting, rain gardens, swales, tree canopy enhancements, other greenscaping and other water-retaining methods with a goal of mimicking a forest hydrology for the Wells Run watershed, or other less ambitious water quality goals that might be set. Students could study co-benefits related to climate change, energy cost-reductions, aesthetic improvements, property value increase, and economic development and job support, and study cost reductions through integration with transportation and other infrastructural improvements (complete streets, buried power lines, local generation of clean energy).

The co-benefit of special focus in this project is for the marketing and property value for park improvement on adjacent properties, and for the municipality as a whole as a place to live or locate.

2) Guilford Run collaboration with CP, CHE

See College Park Project A2

3) Flooding Near 44th Avenue

A corollary project to the Wells Run Park Plan, Wells Run floods near 44th Avenue in the eastern portion of University Park. In addition, or instead of the larger scope of the Wells Run project, students could examine means of reducing or financially managing flood impacts, including flood insurance risk and appropriate financial products, and flood control alternatives that are not dependent on upstream flow reduction.

Area B - Sustainable and Resilient Practices

4) Carbon Sequestration/Tree-Canopy (remote sensors)

A professor in the Geography Department who is a resident of University Park is developing a study of how trees in the community are sequestering carbon, using remote sensing. This very specific project is an example of University engagement by faculty who are also

residential members of a neighboring community. This project might be explored for the development of ancillary projects, or to provide support to this project itself.

5) Mosquito Control

Residents of University Park have worked with staff to develop a mosquito control program, and seek to collaborate with the University of Maryland on means of improving and more thoroughly implementing the program, which involves voluntary measures by residents and other property owners.

6) Green Team Projects/STEP UP

The University Park "Green Team" has developed a number of projects that expand upon this list of ten projects, including a draft Sustainability Plan. In addition, University Park created a clean energy plan "Small Town Energy Plan University Park", or STEP UP which was largely implemented 2011-2013. Students interested in this project would be in put in touch with the current Green Team to explore collaborative opportunities.

Area C - Multi-Modal Transit-Oriented Development

7) Complementary trails and bike system with University of Maryland/College Park

The proximity of University Park lends itself to bike riding to neighboring College Park and the University of Maryland, and this project seeks to enhance and expand the trail system to facilitate walking or biking. Some trails need to be clarified and improved, and all can be better mapped and promoted.

8) Circulator/local bus service

University Park has a circulator service that can be expanded and integrated into neighboring bus and shuttle systems. The development across Baltimore Avenue in Riverdale Park offers potential for additional resources, and pending development at the Prince George's Plaza Metro station offers still more. In addition, University of Maryland shuttle, Prince George's County bus service and the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority offer additional transit options, and neighboring municipalities might collaborate on further expansion of bus service.

9) Walkable/Bikeable University Park

An expansion upon project UP C7 above, this is an opportunity for students to work with the community to create a comprehensive plan to improve the Town's walking and biking paths to enhance local transportation options. This project is related to the following project as well.

10) Consideration of Transportation Demand Management District

University Park is without a commercial district, and neighbors College Park, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, and the University of Maryland have economic development and growth projections with significant impact on traffic and other quality of life issues. The Town has an interest in collaborating on the consideration of a Transportation Demand Management

District that would include itself and neighboring communities in the interest of maximizing efficiency and gaining value through multi-jurisdictional planning.

IV. Riverdale Park

Area A - Improving Cross-Cultural Communication and Harmony/Social Well Being

1) Food Pantries Support/Councilmember Richardson

Riverdale Park is interested in collaborating with the University of Maryland to provide food supplies for the hungry and low-income residents of the Town. Students could explore the economic viability of local food production (e.g. community gardens, non-profit and for-profit urban farming), food recovery, and distribution of food and money from local stakeholders. The examination of the current impact of University efforts such as the Field of Greens, the Food Recovery Network and Terps Against Hunger.

Translation of Town's Laws/Town Crier/web site into languages spoken by RP residents

Riverdale Park is the home to many residents for whom English is not the first language. Students could explore the delivery of translation services in the most efficient way.

3) Identifying areas of cross-cultural misunderstanding and methods to mitigate those problems

In addition to improving translation services which certainly can improve cross-cultural understanding, Riverdale Park is interested in collaborating with the University of Maryland in a review current efforts. The first step would be the identification of what these areas are, but students could propose and/or develop a process to conduct this review, and then to reduce or eliminate areas of misunderstanding, and then to reduce the negative impact of those challenges.

4) Identify cultural/community events to foster cross-cultural communication and harmony

Certainly related to the previous opportunity (RP A3), Riverdale Park would like to specifically explore current and potential events as a means of mitigating cross-cultural misunderstandings. Students could explore the marketing potential, local business impacts, and other social benefits of Riverdale Park events that address this opportunity.

Area B - Managing Stormwater while Improving Quality of Life

5) Projects to improve Wells Run appearance while not impacting stormwater management

(See Wells Run project A1 in University Park). Smith School students could also study the pipesheds of Riverdale Park (see University Park project A3, and College Park project A3)

6) Projects to restore Northeast Branch without impacting stormwater management

Including the Wells Run watershed and associated pipeshed, every drop of water that runs off into local waters drain to the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. The Northeast Branch main stem flows through Riverdale Park in a channelized flow that was created in

response to decades of flooding during the mid-20th Century. The home of the founder of the Maryland Agriculture College that became the University of Maryland is located in Riverdale Park, in part because of its proximity to the formerly deep water port of Bladensburg.

Efforts to restore and protect the Northeast Branch must be done carefully to protect against unintended flooding consequences. New technology in water management design improve the possibilities, but much of the flow is from upstream, and out of the control of Riverdale Park. Students could use a business process to look at the financing of development and implementation of a watershed implementation plan that would serve as Riverdale Park's contribution to the restoration of the Northeast Branch. Students could look at the impacts in neighboring Edmonston of the "complete street" of Decatur Street, with special focus on the economic development, job support implications of the work.

7) Identifying improvements surrounding Gosling Pond to improve it as a neighborhood amenity

The Gosling Pond is an existing feature which could be of even greater value to the community. Students could evaluate the various methods, including costs and benefits, of improving the water feature and its immediate surroundings.

Area C - Developing Sustainable and Resilient Practices

8) Making specific cost-effective suggestions for reducing waste generated by the Town

Riverdale Park is interested in reducing waste, and wish for the best ideas on specifically how to do so. Students could evaluate every method of reducing waste, including reduced consumption, increased re-use and recycling, and programs of promoting residential and commercial participation. Research could include "pay-as-you-throw," in which users of the Town's public works waste management move from a fixed rate to a per bag payment, greater distribution of recycling containers, methods of promoting increases in composting, or other recycling, with an analysis that develops a sense of the costs and benefits of each approach.

9) Making *specific* cost-effective suggestions for reducing energy use by the Town

Riverdale Park is interested in reducing its carbon footprint, and energy costs, and wish for the best ideas on specifically how to do so. Research could include recommendations for an efficiency analysis of current consumption patterns, the potential for localized green energy (thereby potentially reducing the purchase of energy from the regional energy grid), and increased energy efficiency, with an analysis that develops a sense of the costs and benefits of each approach.

10) Pet Waste Project to reduce animal waste runoff contamination

Sustainable Maryland has a program designed for reducing the nitrogen load in local waterways due to animal waste from pets. Riverdale Park could benefit from such a program, and students could provide an analysis of the best way of efficiently doing so.

V. Prince George's County

Area A - Managing Water Resources

1) Protect and Restore Indian Creek (Beltsville)

Students might explore ways of developing and implementing an integrated management of water resources in the Indian Creek Watershed upstream of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park, including the entrepreneurial opportunities for green roofs, green walls, downspout disconnects, rain barrels, rain harvesting, rain gardens, swales, tree canopy enhancements, other greenscaping and other water-retaining methods with a goal of mimicking a forest hydrology for the Indian Creek watershed, or other less ambitious water quality goals that might be set. Students could study co-benefits related to climate change, energy cost-reductions, aesthetic improvements, property value increase, and economic development and job support, and study cost reductions through integration with transportation and other infrastructural improvements (complete streets, buried power lines, local generation of clean energy).

2) Protect and Restore Northwest Branch (Adelphi/Cool Spring)

Students might review ways of developing and implementing an integrated management of water resources in the portion of the Northwest Branch Watershed between New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard, including the entrepreneurial opportunities for green roofs, green walls, downspout disconnects, rain barrels, rain harvesting, rain gardens, swales, tree canopy enhancements, other greenscaping and other water-retaining methods with a goal of mimicking a forest hydrology for the Northwest Branch watershed, or other less ambitious water quality goals that might be set. Students could study cobenefits related to climate change, energy cost-reductions, aesthetic improvements, economic benefits, and study cost reductions through integration with transportation and other infrastructural improvements (complete streets, buried power lines, local generation of clean energy).

3) Protect and Restore Guilford Run (College Heights Estates)

See College Park and University Project projects A2

<u>Area B – Sustainable and Resilient Practices</u>

4) University District Arboretum/Tree Canopy Conservation and Management

The University of Maryland created an Arboretum on its College Park campus, and there is potential to create a collaboration that creates a larger entity that might encompass off campus communities. Students could examine the value of such an arboretum to surrounding communities, and efficiencies of scale in creating joint efforts at preserving and restoring tree canopy. Students could seek to quantify value of the co-benefits of trees, both existing stock and a future ideal canopy for the campus and its surrounding areas. Research could take into account strategic green corridors where trees could provide riparian buffers to protect and restore streams, commercial and transportation routes where arbor could provide shade and enhance the visual surroundings.

Students would also want to identify energy savings potential of properly located trees to reduce heating and cooling costs to buildings, and the potential for increased public safety and health through the reduction of heat islands of highly paved areas. Prince George's County government is also pursuing tree canopy goals in public schools and other government property, and collaboration could result in synergistic benefits.

5) Clean energy generation - solar, wind, other

The University of Maryland has begun generating solar energy on its College Park campus, and there is a potential for collaboration with Prince George's County communities for the purpose of increasing the generation or distribution of clean renewable energy. Prince George's County has a Sustainable Energy Program. Students could explore some aspect of developing a clean energy market in Prince George's County – including the development of one or more micro-grids, and potentially with the impact of reducing or eliminating dependence upon the larger regional grid. Other aspects to explore are job support of local clean energy generation and other facets of economic benefit.

6) Pet Waste management project

Chesapeake Bay Trust funded the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland to work with communities to increase pet waste management as a means of reducing the nitrogen load in waters of the Anacostia, Patuxent, Potomac and Chesapeake Bay Watersheds. Students could examine the economic costs and benefits of this program, and potentially look at financing means of expanding or enhancing pet waste management to reduce or eliminate this form of water pollution.

Area C - Green Schools

7) Measurable improvements in environmental literacy in area schools

Prince George's County Public Schools are active in the Maryland Green School Program, with a significant increase in schools qualifying in the past year. The University of Maryland potentially can increase its engagement with these environmental literacy efforts. Smith School students could research the potential economic implications of improved environmental literacy, using a business process to look at cost and benefits.

8) Green School certification at 100% of University District schools

Students could look into the economic effects of all the public schools surrounding the University of Maryland in College Park becoming Green Schools. It is not certain how to estimate this impact, but if there is a business process that would do such an evaluation it would be of benefit to local communities, as it would help generate support for the effort towards 100% attainment of Green School status.

9) Opportunities for local community service on sustainability and resiliency

Prince George's public schools have a requirement for a certain number of hours of community service for graduating seniors. Students often achieve these hours through community projects that foster sustainability and resilience. Researchers could also

examine the impacts of improved participation in community service by public school students, including financial projections for such engagement.

10) Adoption of local streams by area schools

Every school and every building is located in a watershed, and all of the schools and land in the immediate vicinity of the University of Maryland are in the Anacostia Watershed. If, as a part of Green School certification or otherwise, every Prince George's County public school in the immediate surrounding area of the University of Maryland were to adopt a local stream, the potential for increased engagement in reduced contamination could be significant. Using available data on stream adoption efforts, students could explore the possible economic impacts of such adoptions on local communities and businesses.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTS (CAR) REPORT as of April 14, 2017

NO.	REQUESTOR	DATE	REQUEST	DUE DATE	REFERRED TO	STATUS/COMMENT (*=COMPLETED)	
	2017						
20	M & C Meeting	3/27	Send letter to Milestone Communications asking them to have an information session in Greenbelt recell tower at ERHS.		Nicole	Letter sent April 11, 2017.	
19	M & C Meeting	3/27	Request explanation of additional language in contract between the county and CARES.		Nicole	Letter sent April 11, 2017.	
18	Work Session		Work with Woodlawn Development and WMATA re: shuttle service at Greenbelt Station.		Nicole		
17	Ms. Davis	4/5	Design and install interpretive panel at Dora Kennedy French Immersion school.		Megan/David	Megan investigating fabrication.	
16	Mr. Putens	4/5	Revise crime statistics for FY 2018 adopted budget.	6/5/17	Tom	Statistics generated. Will be incorporated in adopted budget.	
15	Mr. Roberts	4/3	Current vacancy rate.		Celia	Estimated current vacancy rate @4/12/17 is 25.5%.	
14	M & C Meeting	3/27	Submit COG ULI TAP application.	4/7/17	Nicole	Application submitted on 4/3/17.*	
13	Ms. Davis	3/6	Status of Recreation Camp registration reports.		Julie	Camp reports will be sent beginning 4/28/17.	
12	Ms. Davis	2/27	Make sure voting information is included in new resident Welcome Packet.		Nicole/Bev		
9	M & C Meeting	2/13	Contact made with Jones family regarding petition on Lakeside North.		Nicole	Contact has been made and a meeting date will be set.	
5	M & C Meeting	1/23	Petition Action Item list on council agenda – as needed.		Cindy		
1	Work Session	1/11	Report on speeding and options in Boxwood/Lastner and on Greenhill.		Celia/Jim		
			2016				
24	Work Session	12/19	Consideration of lower GAFC fees for city retirees during budget review.	5/30/17	Jeff		

NO.	REQUESTOR	DATE	REQUEST	DUE DATE	REFERRED TO	STATUS/COMMENT (*=COMPLETED)
23	M & C Meeting	12/12	Implement Tax Credit Program for renters.	3/30/17	Jeff	(COMPLETED)
20	M & C Meeting	11/28	Consideration to amend Charter to require that person with highest number of votes in municipal election be selected Mayor.	3/30/17	David	
19	M & C Meeting	11/28	Refer YAC lower voting age to CRAB and ACE.	3/30/17	Cindy	Referred to CRAB and ACE 11-29-16.
18	Work Session	11/2	Install park rules sign(s) at Mandan Road field.	1/30/17	Julie	Public Works and Recreation departments are finalizing design. Anticipate ordering signs next week.
15	Work Session	9/28	Undertake study of configuration/geometrics/safety of intersection of Lakecrest Drive/Lakecrest Circle/Legion Drive.	12/30/18	Celia	
11	M & C Meeting	8/8	Request by Colin Byrd for anti-discrimination ordinance for LGBT community – prepare summary of current federal and state law.	10/30/16	John	Legal report provided to Council.
9	M & C Meeting	7/11	Referral to CRAB on proposal for Freedom Day holiday.	6/30/17	David	Referred @ 7/22/16. Deadline changed to 6/30/17 due to CRAB workload on police/community relations.
6	M & C Meeting	4/11	Refer to PSAC – comprehensive review of security cameras in the City.	4/30/17	Mary/Tom	Underway. Meetings held October 5, 8 and 15.
4	City Manager	2/12	Refer revised Sustainable Land Care policy to advisory groups for review within 60 – 90 days.	5/30/16	Jim S.	All referrals received. Public Works is finalizing a timeframe to present to Council. Schedule anticipated next week.
			2015			
39	Work Session	10/14	Can there be signage on the Beltway for Roosevelt Center (e.g. – McDonalds)?	12/30/15	Celia	
37	M & C Meeting	10/19	Request from Mr. Drago to have periodic art sales at Roosevelt Center - Refer to AAB.	3/30/16	Julie	Board discussed 11/3 and 12/1.

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31	Work Session	8/24	Develop a complete green street policy/standard.	6/30/16	Celia	
27	M & C Meeting	8/10	Incorporate PSAC recommendations into Emergency Operations Plan.	11/30/15	David	PSAC has made recommendations.
26	M & C Meeting	8/10	Proceed on vacation of GHI ROW's.	12/31/15	Celia	Underway.
16	M & C Meeting	6/22	Review Joe Murray's Tick Control proposal – contact BARC and Greenbelt Park NPS.	12/30/15	Celia/Jim S.	Reviewed with BARC on 7/18/16.
15	M & C Meeting	6/22	Provide Council with list of property acquisitions and available land.	9/30/15	Celia	
14	M & C Meeting	6/08	Refer to PSAC – feasibility of re-establishing "fire sirens" for emergency alerts.	12/30/15	Mary/Tom	Reminded staff liaisons 9/15/16.
7	Work Session	2/04	Look into training on running meetings for advisory boards. Also on the mechanics of the city's referral process.	6/30/15	Cindy	Advisory group training held on 3/16/17.
6	M & C Meeting	1/26	Report on petition from Tim Cohen-Mitchell on application to Youth Advisory Committee.	3/30/15	Cindy	
			2014			
32	Work Session	8/29	Assess pros and cons of relocating Parking Enforcement, Animal Control and/or Code Enforcement functions (Organizational Assessment).	12/30/14	Mike/Celia	Parking Enforcement moved to Police 7/1/16.
30	Work Session	8/29	Prepare report on Green Ridge House admission policies.	10/30/14	Mike	Amendments being worked on.
17	M & C Meeting	7/14	Request installation of crosswalk on Southway in vicinity of B-W Parkway Ramp.	12/30/14	Mike	Sent to SHA. Discussed at 6/10/15 work session. Update provided 9/21/15. On SHA work program.
10	Work Session	4/23	Research whether city can/should enforce recycling for multi-family housing.	6/30/14	John	

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			2013			
45	Are there limitations on how long banner signs can be in use – County Zoning Code or City Covenants – 1/31/14 Celia Franklin Park signage issue?				Celia	
34	Work Session	7/15	Check on history of pipe in dam - Any agreement with SHA or WSSC? Any evidence that WSSC crushed pipe in install of 96 inch main?	12/30/13	Celia/Jim	Situation will be examined during dam repair project (8/5/16).
			2011			
9	Work Session	6/13	Look at need for lighting along walkways between 11 and 13 Court Ridge. Also look at condition of existing lighting, walkway and vegetation. Further survey and referral to PSAC.	9/30/11	Jim	Checking power availability at 11 - 13 Courts.
			2010			
32	Mayor Davis	6/25	Does city need its own ordinance to limit roadside solicitation per 2008 State law?	8/30/10	John	City Solicitor response in 9/3/10 City Manager Report. A city ordinance is being drafted.
28	Work Session	6/9	Draft legislation to implement new planning authority (CB-16).	9/30/10	John	County legislation approved 5/3/11. Planning Director checking with College Park and Bowie on usage of authority.
16	Work Session	4/21	Develop policy on when city will issue proclamation – Mayor's authority?	7/30/10	Cindy	Ms. Davis has reviewed proclamations back to 2000 and working on report.

2017 Legislative Update April 14, 2017

Bill#	Description	Sup/Opp	Status
PG 422	Authority for Prince George's to Prohibit Disposable Bags	SUP	Bill withdrawn. Bill Failed.
HB 1187 SB 784	Youth Service Bureau – Budget Appropriation	SUP	SB hearing held 3/6. HB hearing held 3/7. Bill Failed.
HB 36 SB 302	Electric Vehicle – Reserved Parking Spaces	SUP	HB hearing held 1/26. House Committee voted unfavorable. SB hearing held 2/7. Senate Committee voted unfavorable. Bill Failed.
SB 142 HB 192	Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety	SUP	SB hearing held 2/7. Passed Senate 46-0. House Committee voted favorable on SB. HB hearing held 2/9. Passed House 136-3. Senate Committee voted favorable on HB.
HB 172 SB 728	Home Act of 2017	SUP	HB hearing held 2/7. Passed House 88-53. SB hearing held 2/28. Bill Failed.
SB 397 HB 1433	Local Income Tax Overpayments – Forgiveness	SUP	SB hearing held 2/15. Senate Committee voted favorable. Passed Senate 46-0. HB hearing held 3/8. Passed House 130-0. Bill passed in both chambers. Bill Passed!
SB 422 HB 602	Keep Antibiotics Effective Act of 2017	SUP	SB hearing held 2/14. Senate Committee voted favorable. House Committee voted favorable on SB. Passed Senate 35-12. HB hearing held 2/15. Passed House 139-1. Senate Committee voted favorable on HB. Bill Passed!
SB 280 HB 1239	Nonwoven Disposable Products	SUP	SB hearing held 2/14. Passed Senate 34-12. SB referred to interim study. HB hearing 3/15 at 1:00pm. HB referred to interim study. Bill Passed!
HB 238	Workforce Housing Grant Funding	SUP	Hearing held 2/21. House Committee voted unfavorable. Bill Failed.
HB 859	Chain Stores – Personal Property Tax Exemption	OPP	Hearing held 2/28. House Committee voted unfavorable. Bill Failed.
HB 1238	Exemption from Business Personal Property Tax	OPP	Hearing held 3/3. Bill Failed.
HB 1374	SHA – Neighbor Notification Act	SUP	HB hearing held 3/9. House Committee voted unfavorable. Bill Failed.

CITY NOTES

Greenbelt CARES



Week Ending April 14

Liz Park met with Kristy Novak from University of Maryland School of Nursing regarding their Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program. The program is looking for placement sites for their Doctoral Nurse Practitioner (DNP) students during their family therapy rotation. Liz provided information about the CARES program and current graduate student internships.

Liz Park participated in a teleconference on Wednesday hosted by Susan Casey, Governor's Grants Office, and Kristal Hartfield, Director of the Governor's Intergovernmental Affairs. The roles of the Grant's Office were reviewed as well as the resources available on their website. The Grant's Office is reaching out to local governments to provide assistance in finding and obtaining grant monies for local needs and programs.

Judye Hering met with Jessica Gross and Claudia Winder to discuss internships in the Vocational/Educational program. Both students are graduating seniors from the University of Maryland's Family Science Program. Jessica will intern over the summer 2017 and Claudia will intern in the fall semester 2017.

Rosalind Ceasar started groups for ESOL students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Wednesday. The purpose is to help the students to improve school performance and attendance by addressing issues impacting these two areas.

WEEKLY REPORT

Planning and Community Development





The following items highlight the various activities of the staff of Planning and Community Development for the past week.

CODE ENFORCEMENT	
Commercial Properties:	Hanover Office Park was inspected; and Greenway Shopping Center and Roosevelt Center were re- inspected.
Apartments:	Annual inspection of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station continued with Sections 1 and 2 being inspected.
Rental Property:	One rental was annually inspected; and Two rentals were re-inspected.
Complaints:	One complaint was logged from Franklin Park regarding mold, mold around windows, mice infestation and carpet needs to be replaced; and
	One prior complaint was re-inspected on Greenway Place.
Permits:	Seventeen permits were approved and issued.
Animal Control:	One stray dog was impounded;
	One dog was surrendered by owner;
	One cat was adopted;
	A trapped kitten was removed from a crawl space;
	Responded to two dogs running at large; and
	Responded to a snake in a home.
Meetings:	Staff Attended:
	City Council meeting and provided briefing on the North Core Detailed Site Plan.
Planning Projects:	Project Management for TLC Senior mobility survey;
3	Prepared city comments and letter to Planning Board for North Core Development Detailed Site Plan; and
	Responded to traffic control and illegal parking complaints at the Greenbelt Station South Core Development.
Other Items of Interest:	Took photographs of 7700 Ora Court for file review; and Seven properties in Greenbelt were posted for service for non-payment of false alarms.
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CRIME REPORT

APRIL 12, 2017

This activity report is provided as a public service to the community. It is intended to give an overview of the criminal activity within Greenbelt and is not a complete listing of all events and crime reported to the Greenbelt Police Department. The Weekly Activity Report is also available online at:

www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

The Greenbelt Police Department and Crime Solvers are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for any of the unsolved crimes reported in this report. Call **1-866-411-TIPS** to report any information you may have. You can remain anonymous.

Additionally, you can anonymously report suspected drug activity in your neighborhood by calling our Drug Tip Line: 240-542-2145.

CENTER CITY

04/07	30 block Crescent Road. Burglary. Unknown person(s) forced open the door to a					
8:00 P.M.	basement office under construction. Nothing appears to have been taken.					
04/08	04/08 2 court Eastway. Theft. A garden tool was taken from the backyard of a residence.					
9:30 P.M.						

FRANKLIN PARK/BELTWAY PLAZA/GREENBELT METRO/CAPITOL OFFICE PARK

04/05	6000 block Greenbelt Road. Theft. An unattended purse was taken at the Five Below
12:30 P.M.	store. Credit cards in the purse were later used to make purchases at various locations.
04/07	6100 block Breezewood Drive. Burglary. Unknown person(s) used unknown means to
5:23 P.M.	enter the residence and remove a laptop computer and a video game player.
04/08	6100 block Breezewood Drive. Vandalism. A witness advised that he observed two
9:47 P.M,	subjects approach an apartment residence and throw an object at the sliding glass door, shattering it. The suspects then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a Latino male, 5'8", with a thin build, wearing a hat and glasses and a Latino male, 5'5" with a medium build, no further.



A NATIONALLY AGGREDITIED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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04/10	9100 block Springhill Lane. Burglary. During the inspection of a vacant apartment, the
12:00 P.M.	witness observed two suspects run out of the dwelling. Further inspection revealed that the apartment had been vandalized. The suspects are described as a Latino male 20 to 25 years of age, with long straight hair, wearing a white shirt and a black male 20 to 25 years of age, with hair in short dreadlocks, wearing all black clothing and a black backpack.
04/12	6000 block Greenbelt Road. Trespass arrest. James Garfield Lewis IV, 19, of Greenbelt was
2:49 P.M.	arrested and charged with Trespass and two counts of Possession of Controlled Prescription Drugs by officers responding to a report of a suspicious person refusing to leave Beltway Plaza after violating mall rules. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

GREENBELT EAST/GREENWAY SHOPPING CENTER

04/07	7500 block Greenbelt Road. Fraud. The victim advised that on April 1st he was approached
2:27 P.M.	By the suspect, who told the victim that a relative had given him a check, but that he could not cash it, as he had no bank account. The suspect stated that if the victim would deposit the check into his account he would give him some of the money. The victim agreed, gave money to the suspect and the check was later found to be counterfeit. The suspect is described as a black male with a dark complexion, with hair in dreadlocks dyed red and a muscular upper body.
04/10	7700 block Hanover Parkway. Vandalism. The victim advised that she heard unknown
8:15 P.M.	person(s) having a verbal altercation outside. A short time later unknown person(s) broke out the kitchen window of her residence. There is no suspect information.

Automotive Crime - City Wide

04/05	5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Stolen auto. A 2005 Acura TL 4-door. The vehicle was recovered April 5 th by the Prince George's County Police Department in the 8500 block of
	Edgeworth Drive, Capitol Heights, MD. No arrests.
04/07	7800 block Hanover Parkway. Theft from auto. Unknown person(s) broke out the driver's
	side window and removed a handicap placard.
04/07	7900 block Mandan Road. Theft from auto. Unknown person(s) broke out the driver's
	side window and removed a handicap placard.
04/11	8000 block Mandan Road. Theft from auto. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle.
04/11	7800 block Mandan Road. Theft from auto. Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle.
04/11	7800 block Jacobs Drive. Theft from auto. Money was taken from an unlocked vehicle.



A NATUONALLY ACCREDITIED LANNEMFORGEMENT AGENCY



CRIME REPORT TALLY SHEET

WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2017

The following list is comprised of the actual numbers of offenses reported during the week. Not all reports are included as narratives, only incidents of interest, unusual or public safety related items are included.

GENERAL CRIMES		GENERAL CRIMES (CON'T)	
Carjacking		Animal Bite	
Rape		Disruption of School Activities	
Armed Robbery		Transporting a Handgun in a Vehicle	
Attempt Armed Robbery		Reckless Endangerment	
Strong Armed Robbery		Emergency Commitment Petition	1
Attempt Strong Armed Robbery		Missing Person	
Burglary	3	Fraud	1
Attempt Burglary		Unattended Death	
Assault (One domestic related)	1	Alcohol Violation	
Domestic	2	False Report	
Drugs		Harassment	
DUI/DWI		Field op (suspicious person)	5
Theft	5	Notification for other agency	
Vandalism	2	Violation of an Ex Parte Order	1
Child Abuse .		VEHICLE RELATED CRIMES	
Unattended Child		Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespass	1	Recovered Stolen Vehicles	1
Disorderly Conduct		Recovered Stolen Tags	
Failure to Obey Lawful Order		Theft From Vehicles	5
Credit Card Offense		Attempt Theft From Vehicles	
Telephone Harassment	1	Attempt Theft of Vehicle	
Counterfeit Money		Vandalism to Vehicles	
Suspicious Person		Accidents	5





APRIL 14, 2017 1:00 P.M.

GREENBELT POLICE TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS APRIL 29 AT POLICE DEPARTMENT

On April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Greenbelt Police Department at 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

During last April's Drug Take Back campaign, the DEA and over 4,200 of its state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners collected 893,498 pounds of unwanted medicines—about 447 tons—at almost 5,400 sites spread through all 50 states, beating its previous high of 390 tons in the spring of 2014 by 57 tons, or more than 114,000 pounds.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 29 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website.

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A NATIONALLY AGGREDITIED LAWIENFORGEMENT AGENCY

Department of Public Works Week Ending April 14, 2017



ADMINISTRATION

- Attended the department head meeting.
- Inspected the Greenbelt Dam project.
- Inspected the new WSSC water line installation along Pinecrest and Olivewood Courts.
- Inspected the curb, sidewalk and apron replacement in Boxwood Village.
- Met with the Parks Crew to set up a playground maintenance inspection schedule for the summer.
- Hosted a Tick Education Workshop for 16 Public Works employees.
- Met with Joe McNeal, Recreation Department, for a monthly review of departmental issues.
- Hosted the Tree Master Plan meeting for advisory board members.
- Prepared for the quarterly SWPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention) inspection at Public Works.
- Completed the SWPPP Inspection of the Public Works facility with representatives of Prince George's County.
- Completed the Athletic Field Maintenance Training with the National Recreation & Parks Association.

STREET MAINTENANCE/SPECIAL DETAILS

- Took down unwanted signs and checked for graffiti.
- Cleared storm drains throughout Historic Greenbelt.
- Continued hauling mulch to Buddy Attick Park.
- Transported and set up risers in Roosevelt Center for a weekend event.
- Pushed yard debris at the Northway Fields compost site.
- Repaired pot holes throughout Greenbelt.
- Assisted the contractor with curb, sidewalk and apron replacement on Rosewood Drive in Boxwood Village.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

- Coordinated and supervised the final stages of the Museum restoration project.
- Worked on the monthly HVAC inspections in City buildings.
- Continued working on retrofitting LED lights at the Community Center.
- Repaired a downspout at Public Works.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

- Repaired bucket truck #146 belt noise.
- Performed preventative maintenance and repaired an air conditioner on a police vehicle.
- Worked on a police vehicle to diagnose why it shuts off at times. Cleaned the throttle body and replaced the valve cover and spark plugs.
- Repaired an overheating issue on a police vehicle.
- Completed preventative maintenance on a police vehicle.

REFUSE/RECYCLING/SUSTAINABILITY

- Collected 29.34 tons of refuse and 13.02 tons of recyclable material.
- Picked up bags of trash and recycling from Springhill Lake Elementary School.
- Picked up litter throughout the city.
- Worked on cleaning up the woods around Schrom Hills Park.
- Worked with the storm water inspection at Public Works.
- Cleaned the Roosevelt Center.
- Met with Recreation Department staff for an internal review of potential EV charging stations and interpretive signage at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
- Accepted the Earth Day Proclamation and announced upcoming events at Monday's City Council Meeting.
- Advertised for Earth Day on Facebook, list servs and the News Review.
- Updated the Green Volunteer Opportunities page and calendar events on the City's website.
- Delivered and picked up wheelbarrows, shovels and pitchforks to CHEARS' Earth Squad volunteers at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Wednesday.
- Checked in with PetSmart on the pet waste campaign and posted "What Happens When You Don't Scoop That Poop" brochure at the Dog Park.
- Composed the Green ACES/Team agenda for the April 25 meeting and corrected the minutes from March. Emailed members to remind them to send in comments.
- Generated new fliers for Electronics Recycling Day (Saturday, April 22) and for Shredding Day (Saturday, April 29); printed and posted throughout the city.

HORTICULTURE/PARKS

- Started grass cutting.
- Worked on playground inspections.
- Delivered picnic tables to Roosevelt Center.
- Installed drywall at the gun range.
- Weeded the landscaping in City right-of-ways.
- Removed a dead and hazardous tree in the wood line at Greenhill Road.
- Pruned dead branches out of a large oak tree on Greenhill Road.
- Removed dead branches from numerous trees in the playground at the end of Laurel Hill Road.
- Continued the removal of wood chips from stump grinding, back filled with topsoil and overseeded.
- Watered new sod in front of the Community Center.
- Watered, staked and mulched newly planted trees.
- Pruned and cleared vegetation on the pathway that runs from Periwinkle Court to Greentree
 Place.

Greenbelt Recreation Department Weekly Report Week Ending April 14, 2017

ADMINISTRATION:

- Met with Public Works Environmental Coordinator to discuss the various locations for the EVI charging stations. Interpretive signage for Springhill Lake Recreation Center was also reviewed at this meeting.
- Attended the department head meeting on Tuesday.
- Director met with staff from the Health and Wellness Institute for Youth, Education and Families through NLC regarding an update on Greenbelt's LMCTC's All-star Strategies.
- Participated in a conference call with Park Rx America staff on Wednesday. Staff learned about an opportunity at the MRPA conference and is excited about the possibility of becoming a partner with Park Rx America. Park Rx America is a non-profit organization whose mission is to decrease the burden of chronic disease, increase health and happiness, and foster environmental stewardship by virtue of prescribing nature during the routine delivery of healthcare. Stay tuned for more...
- Finalized and submitted reports for the department's FY 2018 budget work session with Council.
- Met with Aquatic and Fitness Center staff to review various items related to operations, programs and outdoor pool preparation for the summer season.
- Met with Superintendent of Parks and Grounds to review various items related to park programming, upcoming park and field permits and purchase of field supplies.

YOUTH CENTER/ SPRINGHILL LAKE/PARK RANGERS/GREENBELT KIDS:

- Spring class and camp registration continued on a space available basis.
- Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SHLRC) is hosting a website design class for 10 -14 year olds during Spring Break (4/17-4/21). In partnership with Paradyme Management, we're offering this pilot program and plan to continue offering stem related classes at SHLRC. Thanks to Paradyme for supporting new learning opportunities at SHLRC!
- Prepared promotional material for both the Paradyme Website Design Class and Spring Skate Series at SHLRC.
- Fine-tuned plans for upcoming Spring Camps. The three camps scheduled for next week include Spring Circus Camp at the Community Center, Fast Break Clinic at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Spring Camp at the Youth Center. We're excited to have our recreation facilities filled with happy campers next week!
- Interviews for Summer Camps continued. All applicants are provided with feedback regarding both their application and interview.
- Buddy Attick Park will host the Annual Egg Hunt, featuring lots of colorful eggs, the bunny and a magic show on Saturday, April 15, 10 am at Buddy Attick Park.
- Attended Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School's Camp Fair to promote Camps and Seasonal Programs on
- 2017 Summer Activity Guide was forwarded to the printer. A big thank you to Bev Palau for her much valued contribution to our seasonal guide!
- Attended Labor Day Festival Committee meeting.
- Moms' Morning Out participants enjoyed a walking field trip to Greenbelt Theatre on Monday where they enjoyed a storybook, film, craft, and popcorn too!
- Attended YAC meeting.
- Park Rangers will assist at the Annual Egg Hunt and staff an informational table at the event to educate the Greenbelt community about their role in our parks and community events.
- Staff met with Park Ranger to review programming ideas for the spring and summer months.
- Signs for Mandan Field were ordered.

AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER:

- · Russet Swim Club met on Sunday, April 9.
- GMST met on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Time trials on Sunday, April 16.
- Swim Instructor(s) provided a total of 27 private swim lessons and 4 personal training sessions (Friday-Thursday).
- EZ Rehab Solutions Therapy met on Tuesday and Thursday.
- First Aid/CPR/AED class scheduled for Friday, April 14, from 6 pm 8 pm.
- Held the Underwater Egg Hunt on Friday, April 14 from 10 am to 1 pm.
- Scheduled Raymar to de-winterize outdoor pool: turned on water and reconnected motors.

ARTS:

- Staff are preparing for a meeting of the FY 2018 Grant Review Panel on Saturday, April 15. Panelists elected from among the members of five city advisory boards and committees will evaluate Project and Operating Grant applications from 12 community organizations.
- Preparations are underway for a Community Art Drop-In on May 7, an Artful Afternoon on June 4, and upcoming spring and summer art exhibitions.
- Ongoing tasks include: processing of Art and Craft Fair applications; preparing for Creative Kids Camp associated classes; and program development and marketing.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

- SAVE THE DATE! Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 19. Free registration is now open at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.
 There are 57 bikers registered.
- Participated in a training conducted by GAIL. The topics discussed were the programs GAIL offers, how to refer
 potential clients and aging simulation sensitivity activities.
- The monthly fire drill was conducted.
- Supervisor attended a Leadership Institute planning meeting at the MPRA headquarters in Bowie.
- Supervisor provided a tour to a potential kitchen renter.
- Supervisor met with a sanitarian from the Office of Food Protection with the MDHMH in regard to two food operation permits for renting the kitchen.
- Supervisor continued to field inquires in regard to food operations rentals for the Commercial Kitchen. There have been 217 inquiries since April 2015. There are currently five food operations who received all permits and may rent the Kitchen.
- There were 4 facility reservations processed.
- There was 1 private rental and 14 pattern rentals.
- The following groups received free space: Greenbelt Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Girl Scout Troop #2799, Girl Scout Troop #3251, Greenbelt Computer Club, Greenbelt Community Foundation, Greenbelt Youth Baseball, Charlestowne Village, Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and Friends of Greenbelt Theater.
- The following City groups received space: Be Happy, Be Healthy Volleyball & Yoga, City Council, GAIL and Advisory Planning Board.
- There were two no shows for City groups.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION:

- Staff has been helping with brochure edits.
- Applications for inclusion camp counselors have been received and interviews will begin next week. Staff has also been working to get inclusion counselors to assist with the Spring Camp next week.
- Eight individuals travelled to The Mall in Columbia on Thursday for their monthly shopping trip.
- The Explorations Unlimited speaker on Friday was Nia MacMannon. She presented information on Reiki.