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**COUNCILMAN JOE CARN**

# WARD II HAPPENINGS



## Back-to-school events held in Ward II

Ward II Councilman Joe Carn held a back-to-school book bag event at Embarcadero Apartments on Saturday, July 30th, where residents were treated to a pool party! The Councilman, who is greatly involved in education issues, distributed bags and school materials, and enlisted the help of community policing officers to help celebrate the end of the summer recess. Councilman Carn has set up distribution of school supplies in other areas of his ward, ensuring that many students in his ward will be gainfully prepared for the start of the 2016-17 school year. Watch video: [https://youtu.be/-Ud8VXmJw\\_E](https://youtu.be/-Ud8VXmJw_E)

## Playground Builds @ Badgett Stadium, Tracey Wyatt Recreation Complex!

On May 21, approximately 200 volunteers from the south metro region participated in a playground build at Badgett Stadium on College Street. KaBOOM! and Foresters International joined the Georgia Favor House in the assembly that began with an opening message from College Park Mayor Jack P. Longino. The new play space serves more than 1,600 children and their families in the College Park downtown area, including Wards I and III. Watch time lapse video here: <https://youtu.be/j7qvntk3cmo>

The local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. provided overwhelming support for KaBOOM's second playground build of the summer, held at the Tracey Wyatt Recreation Complex Saturday, July 11. Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, the sorority's International President paid a visit during the construction, which coincided with the organization's annual meeting, held in Atlanta. The organization made a \$100,000 contribution toward the playground construction. Watch video here: <https://youtu.be/pVtHdtZivTQ>

## Bridge Projects Coming To College Park's Ward II



College Park has recently been notified of a grant award to help finance the engineering design for the (pedestrian) Global Gateway Bridge project, which would span across Camp Creek Parkway near the Georgia

International Convention Center. Meanwhile, the Georgia Dept. of Transportation (GDOT) will soon replace the bridge crossing over Camp Creek at the Hampshire Plaza - 2804 Camp Creek Parkway. This replacement will allow for more city vehicles, including Fire/Rescue and Sanitation trucks to have direct access

### *KaBOOM!* *playground build* *July 11 @ TWRC*



Councilman Carn joined volunteers to construct playgrounds at the Tracey Wyatt Recreation Complex, and at Bill Badgett Stadium in College Park. View a time lapse of construction here:

<https://youtu.be/j7qvntk3cmo>

to Harrington Park apartments, Diplomat Townhouses and Central Park apartments facing Camp Creek Parkway.

## Downtown Streetscapes Construction

Crews are diligently working on sidewalks and landscapes in the downtown area as phase 2 of construction is underway. The project extends south on Main Street from the City Auditorium to the Urban Foodie Feed Store. Crews are replacing sidewalks, while incorporating new parking designs and adorning the new construction with large plant holders placed strategically throughout the west sidewalk frontage of Main Street. Video link: <https://youtu.be/-gthDz3oAfU>



## Red Cross Smoke Detectors



The American Red Cross, along with College Park Fire Rescue, the Boy Scouts and a group of locally based volunteers launched a campaign to educate residents on fire safety. The group gathered in the Public Safety building on Saturday, May 14 to install 200 smoke detectors free of charge. The installation went smoothly, as many College Park residents welcomed the installers with open arms. Organizers have since conducted similar installations throughout the city. This community action compliments the positive news that College Park's ISO rating (the insurance industry's rating system) has improved from a "3" rating down to a "2". This improvement

virtually guarantees a reduction in homeowners insurance, as it reflects the quality and preparedness of our fire department - response time, apparatus and efficiency. Watch video here: [https://youtu.be/tjxAneN9\\_K4](https://youtu.be/tjxAneN9_K4)

Coming to the GICC - August 20. Video here: <https://youtu.be/oVNfzzJtgA8>

## Did you know?

- College Park's residential population is approximately 14,500....but nearly 300,000 people pass through the city on a daily basis.
- The FAA's (Federal Aviation Administration's) Southern Regional Offices renovated their College Park location next to the MARTA rail station to allow for the addition of nearly 350 jobs from surrounding cities.
- Renaissance Hotel construction is underway at the Gateway Center; it will become the 3rd Marriott holding on the property, opening late spring - early summer 2017
- College Park is the first city in Georgia to launch PulsePoint, a life-saving app that alerts CPR certified users that someone nearby is in distress.



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