



North College Park Citizens Association

c/o Youth and Family Services

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College Park City Council
4500 Knox Road
College Park, MD 20740

Dear Councilmembers:

NCPCA members discussed various ideas for the City budget at their February 12 meeting. Members decided on five (5) top budget priorities that they would like to see incorporated in College Park's FY2010 budget. They are listed below in order of priority, which was determined by the number of votes cast in favor of each project.

1. Implement a proposal, put forward by Councilmember Bob Catlin, to assist low income homeowners by increasing the City Homeowner's Property tax credit.
2. Paint crosswalks across streets that have significant pedestrian traffic. Lackawanna St. was cited as an example.
3. Refund, or decrease the amount of, the City portion of property taxes.
4. Install about 8 attractive new trash receptacles on concrete pads with landscaping at bus stops and high foot traffic areas.
5. Widen Edgewood Rd. where it meets US 1 to four (4) lanes, instead of waiting for properties on the southern side of the street to be developed and widening the road at that time.

In addition, several other items received significant support and should be considered if there are sufficient funds available; they are listed below in no particular order.

- Add additional Neighborhood Watch signs.
- Have all city employees take customer service training.
- Increase contract police presence and/or patrols.
- Set aside funds to improve the intersection of Edgewood Rd. and Rhode Island Ave., to be used when the County finishes its plans and allocates money. Alternately, consider making the improvements ourselves.
- Widen Edgewood Rd. between 52nd Pl. and 53rd Ave., where it is only 19' wide.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence R. Bleau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lawrence R. Bleau
President, NCPCA