



City of Cambridge Press Release

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For Immediate Release:

Pop-Up Event Cancelled for Greenwood Avenue Area

Cambridge, MD (May 27, 2025). On Saturday night, May 24, an increased police presence was placed in the Greenwood Avenue area due to a non-approved pop-up event called “Freaknik,” that had been scheduled for the area. A local apartment complex, that would have been directly impacted, had become aware of this event scheduled to be held on their property and the surrounding streets.

Despite efforts by city staff to contact the planners for this event, the Cambridge Police Department and other public safety agencies began planning preparations, not knowing whether the event would attract hundreds, if not thousands of people, to the Greenwood Ave. area.

Any event impacting streets and public property must be approved by the Commissioners of Cambridge beforehand.

Social media posts indicated that the crowd for this pop-up event would not only be residents of the community but would also be attracting non-residents from across the Shore and Western Shore.

After the organizers finally contacted city staff less than forty-eight hours before the event, organizers and city staff agreed to cancel the event and reschedule it for a later time. City staff are now working with the organizers to develop an event that meets the requirements that all organizations must follow when holding an event in the city.

The decision to provide increased security around Greenwood Avenue, even after the event was cancelled, was made by the chief of police in consultation with the city manager. At no time was Greenwood Avenue closed.

Because the event was never approved at the City Council level, the responsibility for public safety fell to the city manager, assistant city manager, the CPD, the RFC, and the Department of Public Works.

The City of Cambridge encourages anyone interested in holding an event in the city that will use city streets and public space to complete a special events application found on the city's website, www.choosecambridge.com.

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