



# The City of Morgantown

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## **Morgantown Mayor Issues Challenge to College Park Mayor**

*Conditions state that the losing University municipality must wear the winner's school colors at the City Council meeting following the game.*

MORGANTOWN – In light of this weekend's football game, Morgantown Mayor Jim Manilla is issuing a challenge to College Park Mayor Andrew Fellows: loser has to wear the winner's team shirt at the next City Council meeting.

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> Mountaineer Football game against the Maryland Terrapins is the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting for the rival teams. In the series they've played against each other (the longest continuously running non-conference game for both schools), both WVU and Maryland are tied at six for winning streaks against each other. Mayor Manilla says he is ready to have a little fun with it, and hopefully can spread the fun throughout the 2012 football season by issuing a similar challenge to other home game opponents.

"I thought it would be fun if we could get our home game opponents' city mayors involved in a challenge of sorts," said Manilla. "All in the spirit of fun and good sportsmanship."

Thirty (30) minutes after the game, both Mayors will meet at the Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors' Bureau (CVB) RV, in the Boston Beanery Parking Lot, to exchange team shirts. The shirts are provided by SustainU, and are made in America from recycled materials.

"Hopefully it'll be us handing blue and gold to them, instead of the other way around," said Manilla.

*I, Jim Manilla, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, do hereby challenge you, Andrew Fellows, Mayor of the City of College Park, Maryland, to the Mayor's Challenge: to act as municipal authority conducive to the pride and spirit of your home team, willing to wear the Old Gold and Blue in the event that West Virginia University reigns victorious, and provide Red and White just in case Maryland wins, achieving municipal friendship in fun, frivolity, and the spirit of good sportsmanship.*

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