

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE MAYOR

**Cafritz Property** On February 2, the Prince George's Planning Board of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission voted 4-0 to move the Cafritz Property rezoning application forward to the District Council with 27 conditions and 5 considerations. The former are specific requirements that must be met, while the latter are desired actions to consider. The conditions and considerations encompass and mirror most of the conditions that the Town has imposed through its conditions, covenants and agreements. Both are posted on the Town's website on the Cafritz blog page if you wish to review (under the Communications tab).

Once the Planning Board's final resolution, adopted on February 16 also by a 4-0 vote, is submitted to the District Council, a hearing date will be set for additional

public input, said hearing to take place within 60 days. At the hearing, the District Council may take testimony from new and current parties of record. Relevant information, whether new or previously discussed, may be brought before the District Council. The date for the hearing should be set by the first week in March and will be posted on our web site with instructions on how to become a party of record if you currently are not one. Because of public notification requirements, the public hearing cannot take place any earlier than March 21, with the most likely dates falling in the second and third weeks of April.

**STEP-UP News** On January 28 the Town celebrated the first birthday of STEP-UP with a wonderful Energy Fair. And it was a rousing and fun-filled birthday at that!

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

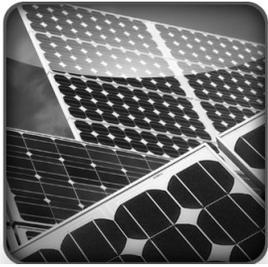
Town Council	March 5 & 19
Safety Report	March 19, 7 PM
Special Election	March 20, 8 AM-8 PM Riverdale Presbyterian Church

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at Univ. Park Elem. School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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298 visitors plus speakers, energy efficiency contractors and guests showed up to talk energy and announce a number of exciting new initiatives. The entire State Delegation, Senator Pinsky and Delegates Gaines, Healey and Ross visited the fair. County Council Member Eric Olson and his Chief of Staff Dannielle Glaros also stopped in. Dr. Hite, Prince George's County Public Schools Superintendent and School Board Member Amber Waller announced a memorandum of understanding to install a solar array on the UPES roof and spoke about the partnership forged between PGCPs and STEP-UP. This will reduce UPES's energy bill and allow elementary school students to learn about the science of alternative energy sources. County Executive Rushern Baker sent greetings and congratulations on a successful first year through Brad Frome, his deputy chief of staff and a town resident.

Chuck Wilson, STEP-UP's Project Director, spoke of the fact that STEP-UP would expand its activities to the neighboring communities of College Heights Estates, Hyattsville and Riverdale Park. Finally, we must not forget our sponsor, the Department of Energy, so ably represented by Danielle Byrnett, the DOE Program Manager. Without her consistent support and effort, STEP-UP and the other programs would be far less likely to have been successful.

Of course, the stars of the event were the many participants who have made STEP-UP such a success: the STEP-UP staff and volunteers and their amazing enthusiasm, effectiveness and efficiency; and Chloe Widman, the elementary school student whose speech on energy auditing and efficiency efforts in her school far surpassed the adult speakers. As of January 28, about 22% of the homes in UP had enrolled in STEP-UP. Ten percent had implemented energy efficiency improvements, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 100 tons and reducing energy costs by 15% for the typical household; and creating 9 nine full-time job equivalents.

Not bad for a small Town in its first year of the grant. A *tip of the hat* to all who made the fair and STEP-UP's first year so successful.

**Budget Review** Also on the good news front, the Town remains in good fiscal shape. Our mid-year budget review indicates that we will come in with a surplus, signaling that we should be able to continue on our course of no property tax increases through the next two budget cycles as promised. Town Hall will prepare next year's budget in March and present it to the Town Council prior to April 1. If you wish to have us consider items in the budget, please submit suggestions to the Mayor by March 15.

**Streets & Sidewalks** Residents have expressed concern about street lighting, dark spots and their relationship to crime. Recently, the Standing Stone Consulting firm completed a full study of the Town based on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design that addresses these issues and others. A formal



oral presentation of the study by the consulting group will be conducted for public input and response on March 19, 2012 at the Town Council meeting, which will begin at 7 PM to accommodate the presentation and Q&A.

Weather permitting, we expect to restart work on sidewalks and the streets in the later part of March. We have received a number of requests regarding desired sidewalk repairs from residents; please be assured that we will review them and get back to you with proposed solutions and schedules. If you have specific requests and have not yet voiced them, please contact Town Hall so our engineer can investigate and work with our contractor to develop solutions.

*Enjoy the end of winter and the early days of spring. Take care and I will see you around Town,*

*John Rogard Tabori*

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

The University Park Police Department recently hired a consultant to conduct a town-wide security survey based on crime prevention through environmental design. This comprehensive security survey was funded through a grant and included town lighting efficiencies as a part of the study. A public presentation will be made in the spring and information presented for recommendations and strategies to improve the safety of our community will be included. Below are several items within the report that I found interesting and wanted to share prior to the report being released.

Good maintenance of your property shows criminals it is carefully watched over and that they are likely to be seen and caught. Often a potential criminal will move on to a less



risky target. Maintenance includes keeping the landscaping trimmed, the lighting functional, the home and vehicles clean, the trash picked up and all structures maintained in good repair.

### *Territorial Reinforcement*

Are property lines and private areas defined with plantings, pavement treatments, short walls, or fences?

Is your street address clearly visible from the street with numbers a minimum of 3" high? The numbers should also be clearly lighted at night and made of reflective materials.

Does your property encourage interaction between neighbors with low fences, bushes, or landscaping transitions?

### *Access Control*

Do walkways and landscaping direct visitors to the desired entrance and away from private areas?

Are door locks located a minimum of 40 inches from adjacent windows?

Are exterior doors and/or interior garage doors hinged on the inside? Do they have a single cylinder dead bolt lock with a minimum one inch throw?

Do all windows have locks?

Do sliding glass doors have a locking device or locking pin on the movable portion of the door?

Are detached storage sheds or other buildings equipped with lockable windows and doors?

### *Maintenance*

Are structures painted and in good repair?

Is landscaping tidy and in good repair? Are weeds abated? Trim bushes to 36" high and trees up 7' from the ground.

Are any old automobiles, boats, trailers, or other vehicles in your front yard?

As we prepare for spring clean up keep these principles in mind.

***Theft from Auto*** Between January 31 6 PM and February 1 8 AM in the 6500 block of 41st Ave. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2002 Subaru Forrester and stole a Leatherman Pocket tool and some cash. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

***Attempted Breaking and Entering*** On Wednesday January 18 at 12:52 AM in the 6500 block of Baltimore Ave. the resident advised that someone was knocking on the front door and then saw the individual go around the side of the house and try to enter through a basement window. The suspect then ran away from the location. The resident advised that he called the landlord to ask if someone was supposed to be coming to the house. Incident may have been related to a prior party at the location. No suspect was located.

***Theft*** Between January 6 3:30 PM and January 9 7:30 AM in the 6700 block of Baltimore Ave. suspect/s stole a snowplow pump and light bracket assembly from a 1997 Ford F350 truck. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

The Town of University Park will hold a  
Special Election for

**THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 5  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012, 8 AM-8 PM**

Riverdale Presbyterian Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Road

Candidate packets are available at Town Hall, 6724  
Baltimore Avenue, Mon.–Fri. 9 AM-5 PM, 301-927-  
4262. **Deadline:** To file as a candidate, ballot petitions  
must be submitted to Town Hall on or before March  
5, 2012, 5 PM.

Town Clerk  
TownHall@upmd.org

Ed Lee, Supervisor of Elections  
Elections@upmd.org

# STEP UP

SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM  
FOR UNIVERSITY PARK

The incentives in Maryland available for energy efficiency improvements have been in flux over the last few months. The good news is that the Pepco Program was renewed for 2012 and has been improved. Pepco continues to subsidize the cost of a home energy audit so that most eligible homeowners pay just \$100. In addition, Pepco now provides an incentive equal to 50% of the cost of air sealing and insulation improvements up to \$2000. While there were previously a number of limitations on what was eligible for funding, most of these requirements are no longer applicable.

In addition, STEP-UP continues to provide \$400 to each participant for making energy efficiency improvements recommended in their audit report and we continue to match the Pepco incentives for those participants who do not otherwise qualify for the Pepco program. Unfortunately, the federal tax credit program has expired and the State rebate program, administered by the Maryland Energy Administration, stopped taking applications in November and is no longer available.

STEP-UP has recently selected 5 home performance firms to be designated "Preferred Contractors" to our program. These firms were selected based on a review of their qualifications, audit reports and other customer documents and reviews by past customers. They represent a range of business types, from small to large firms and from audit specialists through to full service, integrated contractors. Check out [www.mystep-up.org](http://www.mystep-up.org) for more information. Please note that STEP-UP participants are not obliged to work with one of the recommended contractors if they have another approved contractor with whom they would like to work.

The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development recently announced it is offering free weatherization assistance to eligible low income households. The County can provide up to \$6,500 per home in energy efficiency measures. The program is available to households that meet minimum income requirements and who are elderly, disabled or have children less than 5 years of age. For more information, visit

[www.princegeorgesmd.gov](http://www.princegeorgesmd.gov) and click on "Weatherization Assistance" or call 301-883-5491.

If you are interested in purchasing high-efficiency windows, doors or LEDs and would like to add your name to the STEP-UP list to facilitate the bulk purchase of these items, please contact Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet at [energycoach@upmd.org](mailto:energycoach@upmd.org), or 240-695-3991.

**Tax season is upon us** and STEP-UP has received questions regarding the taxable nature of the various incentives and rebates that many folks have received in connection with their energy efficiency improvements. We have been advised of the following:



**State rebate** If you received a rebate from the Maryland Energy Administration, you should have also received (or will soon) a 1099-G form. This incentive is considered taxable income and must be reported as such on your 2011 tax returns. Enter the amount of the rebate in line 21 of IRS Form 1040.

**STEP-UP incentive** If you received any incentive from STEP-UP, this is considered taxable income and needs to be reported as such on your tax returns. However, we believe that a 1099 does not need to be issued by the Town. We are seeking further clarification on this and if we learn anything further we will let everyone know. As with the state rebate, please enter the amount of your STEP-UP rebate on line 21 of IRS Form 1040.

**Pepco incentive** If you received an incentive from Pepco, this money is not considered taxable income and does not need to be reported.

**Federal tax credit** If you were eligible for a federal tax credit for improvements made in 2011, you will need to complete and file IRS Form 5695 along with your IRS Form 1040 in order to claim the credit.

We are doing our best to provide STEP-UP participants with accurate information about this matter; however, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information and we recommend that you speak with a tax advisor should you desire further guidance or clarification.

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### January 23 Council Meeting Highlights

An Executive Session was called to discuss matters concerning personnel issues. The public meeting was called to order at 7:30. Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, McPherson, Carey, Cron, Bradley Chacón.

#### Public Comment

Ms. Sarah Elder addressed the Council and the Mayor regarding the Azalea Classic. The upcoming Azalea Classic will be held on April 21. She thanked the Council and the Mayor and the University Park Elementary School administration for their continued support of the event. The entrance fee for the event has been held constant over the past 10 years, to allow all who wish to participate an opportunity to do so.

Ms. Lakisha M. Pingshaw, IT Project Manager in the Prince George's County Office of Information Technology and Communications explained that cable installation would be routed from outside the Town into the school as part of the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN), which is part of the overall One Maryland Broadband Network (OMBN), a state-wide initiative. Over 120 sites in Prince George's County will be tied together with over 105 miles of fiber. Construction is free; the only request the program makes is for municipalities to waive the cost of permit fees. Construction will consist of directional boring in the public right-of-way. After the construction is completed, the construction area will be restored.

Several council members questioned the request to waive the permitting fee. Mayor Tabori asked for information on where the cables would be routed before voting on the initiative. Attorney Ferguson said this network fills in some of the gaps in the I-Net. She recommended the Council approve the request, subject to a review of the drawings. She added that the work is being carried out under a federal grant. The Council and Mayor postponed a vote on the request until they have had the opportunity to review the construction plans. Mayor Tabori said he would put this topic on the February 6 council meeting agenda.

Mr. Jayson Amster raised the point to the Council and the Mayor that the Cafritz proposal, as voted on by the Council on January 9, 2012, no longer exists. The application was amended to exclude the portion of the

property that fell within the municipal boundary of College Park. He interpreted this change in the application as a chance for the Council to re-vote on the development proposal. He noted that by eliminating College Park from the application, the District Council no longer requires a supermajority to approve the zoning change. Mr. Amster asked the University Park Council to vote on the new application and vote to reject it. Mayor Tabori corrected Mr. Amster's position that the Cafritz amended application constitutes an entirely new application. Mayor Tabori explained that the planning board could make the decision to sever a portion of a property from an application.

Mr. Lucas asked about the upcoming legislative session in Annapolis. He said he couldn't envision any new school being built without integrating solar panels into the construction. He noted the success schools in Colorado have had with energy savings from integrating solar systems into the building design.

Mr. Lucas asked about the meetings on storm sewer management; he asked for information on when those meetings would take place. Mr. Lucas also asked about the status of the Maryland Book Exchange redevelopment proposal. Attorney Ferguson said that the next step for the proposal is to go before the District Council. They discussed an unrelated proposal to demolish the Applebee's and FedEx Kinkos buildings and put in a high-rise development with a Harris Teeter grocery store on the ground floor.

#### Permits

*Application to Complete Fencing Across the Rear of the Property, Connect Existing Fence to the House and Install a Gate Across the Driveway, 4319 Woodberry Street* Applicant addressed the Council and the Mayor to explain his permit request. Motion to approve completing the fence line across the rear of the property, add a small section of fence to connect the house to the existing fence on the side of the property and install a gate across the driveway located at 4319 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Application to Install a Standby Home Generator, 6712 Queens Chapel Road* Motion to approve the installation of a standby home generator to back-up electricity during outages; dimensions (L x W x H) 48" x 33" x 30" at 6712 Queens Chapel Road.

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Motion approved 5 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

### Department Reports

Mayor Tabori thanked the Council and the community for their patience and involvement in the Cafritz negotiations. Mayor Tabori said that he has personally participated in nearly 100 meetings. He engaged in well over 300 phone calls, meetings and discussions. Today he participated in a nearly six-hour-long meeting with the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to ensure the negotiations between Cafritz, Riverdale Park and University Park were not be overturned or modified by the planning staff.

Mayor Tabori emphasized that it is imperative for University Park to stay engaged and aware of the process around the zoning application. It is essential for elected officials to continue to represent the community before organizations like M-NCPPC. He said that by his estimate the County Council will vote in favor of the zoning change 7-2. Mayor Tabori strongly encouraged the University Park Council to stay engaged at the planning and negotiating table, otherwise real, material harm could be done to the University Park community. M-NCPPC will recommend that all the conditions in the agreement be brought to the District Council for a vote.

Mayor Tabori addressed the point of contention that the Cafritz site was zoned R55. He said that based on his research and the historical uses of that property, it was not an R55 zone. CM Brosch asked about the purpose of today's M-NCPPC meeting. Mayor Tabori said that M-NCPPC must translate the agreements into the staff recommendations. Mayor Tabori emphasized the importance of having elected officials attend M-NCPPC meetings; otherwise, the staff is free to modify the conditions and covenants as they think appropriate.

CM Bradley Chacón asked what would happen if University Park re-voted on the development proposal and voted against it. Mayor Tabori said it would weaken the covenants considerably. CM Bradley Chacón asked about the question of density. How will this be revisited? Mayor Tabori said there were several places in the process where density would be considered. Mayor Tabori reiterated that the question of whether or not the amended Cafritz proposal would be considered a minor amendment was raised in today's M-NCPPC meeting. The answer from the attorneys was that this was clearly a minor adjustment, not a new application. CM Brosch

raised the point that the area being excluded from the development proposal was the storm water management area. He asked if this would change where the storm water management area was located. Mayor Tabori said it did not; the storm water management plan has already been approved.

CM Carey asked for a copy of the market survey. Mayor Tabori said he had a draft and will get that to him. Mayor Tabori said the record for public comment on the Cafritz development is open until January 22, 2012.

*Motion to approve waiving the formal bid process and to authorize the purchase of a used trash packer for the Public Works Department fleet from Brandywine Trucks and Equipment for a total cost of \$23,500.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve authorization to declare the 1998 Ford 850 Packer surplus and dispose of the vehicle by the best possible method.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Chuck Wilson provided a first year summary for STEP-UP that may be found online at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under Town Documents.

CM Gekas presented Mayor Tabori with a check in the amount of \$35 for the monies spent powering the LED lights on the Town Christmas tree with solar energy.

### Continuing Business

*Request to Support Route 1 Ride; the Bus Service Dedicated to Promoting Transportation Options and Economic Development Along the Route 1 Corridor (First Reading)* Motion to introduce a one-time contribution in support of the Route 1 Ride in the amount of \$2000, said amount to come from the STEP-UP funds. Motion approved 6 to 0.

### New Business

An interested person asked for a full description of the Town Clerk position. She noted that the advertisement had said the position description would be posted. Mayor Tabori and Attorney Ferguson referred the applicant to the Town Code, which describes the responsibilities of the position.

Attorney Ferguson addressed inquiries concerning the validity of Council Member Toscano's position on the Council. Attorney Ferguson said she had made the

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determination that CM Toscano met the legal requirements of the position while serving. In February 2012 Ms. Toscano will enter into a lease that will change her domicile to Ward 6.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.



### February 6 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, McPherson, Carey, Cron, Bradley Chacón.

CM Brosch asked to have a discussion about the Cafritz offer to reimburse the Town for attorney's fees related to the rezoning application. CM Brosch and Mayor Tabori agreed to discuss this topic as part of the Mayor's Report. Approved 6 to 0.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Jayson Amster, a Town resident, commended Mayor Tabori for his leadership in guiding the Town through a difficult discussion and complicated process around the Cafritz development proposal. He requested that the details of the discussions held during the Executive Session of the Town Council held on January 23, 2012 be fully disclosed. Mr. Amster stated that the topic under discussion in that meeting was not a personnel matter, but an issue that affected representation in Ward 5. Mr. Amster continued and raised the point of when the election would be held for Council seat vacancy in Ward 5. He noted that the election was controlled by the Town Charter, section 307(b) and asked for specific details about when the previous Ward 5 Council member submitted her resignation.

Mr. Amster further commented on the hiring of Attorney Davis R. Podolsky to represent the Town without a clear delineation of the attorney's responsibilities and retainer arrangements. He noted that the Cafritz zoning issue could be appealed to the Circuit Court.

Mayor Tabori said that Attorney Podolsky was retained only through the matter before District Council. If the matter goes further, Attorney Ferguson would be able to represent University Park.

Mayor Tabori said that Council member Toscano resigned on January 23, 2012. He would propose the Special Election be held on March 20, 2012. Mayor Tabori

explained that the law is well-settled on the point of the executive session covering a personnel matter. The members of the Council are considered personnel, under the scope of the law. Mayor Tabori added that the Council did seek the legal opinion of Town Attorney Ferguson during the session. Mr. Amster said he did not see why this matter was being kept secret. Mayor Tabori said there were matters of privacy that also deserve consideration. CM Bradley Chacón reiterated Mayor Tabori's points to Mr. Amster.

Ms. Linda Verrill, a Town resident, spoke on the issue of Ms. Toscano's resignation from the Council. She expressed her disappointment that people have tried to use this personal circumstance to affect the Cafritz negotiations.

#### Permits

*Application to Renovate Existing Screened Porch, 4325 Clagett Road* Motion to approve renovation of existing screened porch, adding doorway and steps at 4325 Clagett Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Application to Construct the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN) Fiber Optic Cable to Provide High-Quality, Cost-Effective Internet Services to University Park Elementary School* Mr. Victor Allen, a Prince George's County engineer, addressed the Council and the Mayor to explain the proposed construction work and review the construction drawings. He said the work would take approximately 2 weeks once it was started. Mayor Tabori said Mr. Sidhu, the Town Engineer, would return from vacation at the end of February or beginning of March. Mayor Tabori asked that Mr. Allen review the plans with Mr. Sidhu. The University Park Public Works Director, Mr. Beall, raised Mr. Allen's awareness of several historically important trees along the right-of-way to the school, including two Elm trees. Mayor Tabori asked that the Town Arborist, Mr. John Anna, be included in the review of the engineering plans. Motion to approve the request to construct the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN) fiber optic cable to provide internet service to University Park Elementary School, taking note of historic trees that may be affected, in consultation with the Town Engineer and the Town Arborist. Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Application to Waive Permit Fees Related to the Construction of the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN) Fiber Optic Cable to Provide High-Quality,*

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***Cost-Effective Internet Services to University Park Elementary School*** Motion to waive the University Park construction permit fee for constructing the Inter-County Broadband Network fiber optic cable to provide internet service to University Park Elementary School. Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Department Reports

CM McPherson raised the concern that a home on Tenyson Road and 40th Avenue was constructing a garage without any permits. Mayor Tabori said the Town has issued a stop work order. He added that the homeowner obtained a County permit, but the plans do not match the construction in progress. Town Hall is researching the matter.

CM Bradley Chacón asked the Mayor to include a discussion of the grant process in the next Council meeting agenda.

CM Carey asked for an update or briefing on the status of the ethics information. Mayor Tabori said the Ethics Committee has not held a meeting yet. CM Carey also asked Mayor Tabori for a discussion sometime in the next three months on the overcrowding situation at University Park Elementary School. He asked that the UPES principal be included.

Mayor Tabori had an update on the status of the Belcrest Plaza development. The developer has submitted an update to the original site plan, as the Georgian Plaza proposal with the extremely tall buildings was never approved by the planning board. The developer will resubmit the proposal and Mayor Tabori said University Park did not have objections to the redesigned proposal.

CM Carey asked for a meeting on administrative procedures in the next three months. Mayor Tabori noted that this subject might be a topic for the Rules Committee.

Mayor Tabori reviewed the schedule for the Cafritz zoning request. He said the Planning Board will place a resolution on the consent agenda either this Thursday or next Thursday; the District Council will meet on April 16. Mayor Tabori and the Council members discussed the various timelines for the process. Mayor Tabori noted that there are still some corrections that he would like to see made to the negotiated conditions as reflected in the Planning Board recommendations.

CM Bradley Chacón asked about legal fees related to the Cafritz proposal. Mayor Tabori said the Town Treasurer, Mr. Baden, has estimated that there will be an additional \$20,000 necessary to cover legal matters. This amount includes both the Cafritz negotiations and the cable franchise fee negotiations. Mayor Tabori said he estimated that the total legal fees for the Cafritz proposal would be between \$20,000 and \$25,000. CM Brosch raised concerns about the legal fee reimbursement agreement with the Cafritz property owners. He expressed concerns and reservations about accepting a payment for legal fees from Cafritz; he was concerned that this creates at least the appearance of a conflict of interest.

CM Brosch recommended that the Town not accept any monies from the Cafritz property owner. Mayor Tabori said he understood CM Brosch's concerns. Mayor Tabori raised the point that the reimbursement could be considered a form of a filing fee. He pointed out that under CM Brosch's approach, the Town would not be able to request fee recovery when any outside party imposed costs on the Town. Mayor Tabori pointed out that Town taxpayers pay for the Town Attorney. The monies being requested from the Cafritz property owners is to offset costs that the Town would not have otherwise budgeted. None of the monies go to the Mayor or to the Council members. CM Gekas asked if Attorney Podolsky's fees would be included in the amount requested from the Cafritz property owners. Mayor Tabori said that it would be. Mayor Tabori further added that the reimbursement request was capped at \$25,000.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden reviewed the six-month analysis report on the budget and identified the proposed budget transfers. ***Motion to approve transfers as presented by the Town Treasurer, to make the necessary adjustments per the fiscal year six month analysis and to transfer the funds to the appropriate budget items*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Works Director Mickey Beall discussed landfill fees. The amount of trash the Town tips at the landfill has declined from 1100 tons four years ago to 780 tons or less this year. Mr. Beall had an update on the status of the new trash packer the Public Works department is preparing to purchase. The truck is the exact height of the garage door at the Public Works facility. Mr. Beall is working with Mr. Hall to determine a solution to this problem.

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Mr. Beall reported that he has made an arrangement with the City of College Park to let the College Park Public Works Department deliver mulch to University Park residents at the College Park municipal rate. He said he is developing the form Town residents will use to submit to request a delivery and make payment. Once he receives the completed form and payment, he will notify College Park to make the delivery.

CM Carey briefly reviewed the Committee meeting report on Public Facilities and Services held on January 31, 2012.

### Continuing Business

***Recreational Trails Program and the Memorandum Of Understanding Award in the Amount of \$20,000 for the Restoration of Approximately 3,750 Feet of Trails in Town*** Motion to approve receipt of the \$20,000 grant award from Maryland State Highway Administration for a Recreational Trails Program grant and the Memorandum of Understanding subject to approval by the Town Attorney. Motion approved 6 to 0.

***Appointment of David R Podolsky for the Purpose of the Cafritz Development Project Zoning Matters*** Motion to approve the recommendation by Mayor Tabori to hire David H. Podolsky for the purpose of the Cafritz development project zoning matters. Motion approved 6 to 0.

***Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park, Maryland, to Authorize a Joint Negotiation, Together With Prince George's County and Other Municipalities, to Negotiate the Renewal of the Comcast Franchise*** Motion to approve Resolution 12-R-01 of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park, Maryland, to authorize a joint negotiation, together with Prince George's County and other municipalities, to negotiate the renewal of the Comcast Franchise. Motion approved 6 to 0.

### New Business

***Motion to Approve Procedures and Dates for Ward 5 Council Member Special Election. Special Election Proposed to be Set for March 20, 2012 and Standard Polling Times Will Be Used*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Tabori will add an agenda item to discuss a longevity award program for the Public Works Department

to the next agenda.

Mayor Tabori discussed with Council that he would be unavailable February 9-10. CM McPherson will act as Mayor Pro Tem during that time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.



### University Park Shade Tree Reimbursement Program

The Shade Tree Reimbursement Program offers residents up to \$300 towards the price of purchasing and planting a tree on private property. The purpose of the program is to enhance the town's tree canopy, which provides many benefits including conserving energy, reducing air pollution, increasing property values, enhancing wildlife habitat and providing aesthetic benefits.



The Town of UP recognizes these benefits and has an ongoing tree planting and maintenance program. But the town can only manage trees on public land, such as in parks and along streets.

To increase and maintain a healthy urban tree canopy, the town needs to ensure that trees are also planted on private property. To take advantage of this program, follow these steps:

1. Plant a tree from the Approved Shade Tree List.
2. Fill out the Shade Tree Reimbursement Request form.
3. Deliver the tree receipt and the form to Mickey Beall at Town Hall or [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org).

Complete guidelines, the request form and the Approved Shade Tree list are available at the Town of UP website at: [Public works/Department Info](#). This program is in effect as long as funds are available.

### Music at Riverdale

Sunday, March 4, 4 PM



A wonderful choral group, Voices XXI, will perform an all-Tompkins program of Elizabethan-era madrigals and anthems. There will also be featured music for keyboard instruments by Thomas Tompkins. Please plan to join your friends and attend this special concert. Reception following in Custis Hall affords the opportunity to meet and talk with performers. All Music at Riverdale concerts take place in the sanctuary of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and are free and open to the public; a free will offering is taken to support these high-quality concerts.

### Woman's Club

#### Focus on International Banking

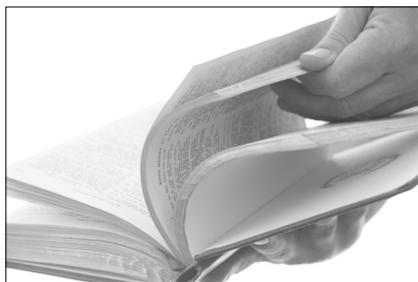
Monday, March 5, 11:30 AM

The University Park Woman's Club (UPWC) meeting will feature a program with Ann Misback, who works in international banking. She will discuss regulatory banking in light of our current economic condition. Ann grew up in the area. She is a graduate of Hyattsville Junior High and Northwestern High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Peggy Misback of College Park. The meeting begins with fellowship at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon and Ms. Misback speaks at 12:30 PM. Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Guests are welcome to visit club meetings; however, they are asked to make a reservation by calling Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414.

### After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, March 20

The After 8 Book Group, which is open to all town residents, meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The March selection is *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff. For more info on the group, please call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



### University Park Children's Clothing Coop

Saturday, March 24, 10-Noon



It's the Annual Spring/Summer Sale. Quality pre-washed and gently worn clothing for children from tots to teens will be available. Featured will be seasonal clothing and accessories, winter coats and snow boots, books, toys, sports equipment, baby/layette equipment and maternity items. Cash only. Riverdale Presbyterian Church 6513 Queens Chapel Rd, University Park, MD, 20782

Volunteers are needed to work the sale in exchange for early member only shopping privileges. If interested in volunteering, please contact the UPCCC at [univpark-childrensclothingsale@gmail.com](mailto:univpark-childrensclothingsale@gmail.com) and use the phrase "Volunteer for Coop Sale" in your subject line.

### UPCA Spring Egg Hunt and Games

Sunday, March 25, 1 PM

Children ages 0 through 12 are invited to participate in the Spring Egg Hunt and Games, a free event sponsored by the University Park Civic Association. The egg hunt will begin promptly a 1PM for the youngest children (0-2 years) followed by older age groups (3-6 and 7-12). Other activities include face painting, crafts and games with a chance to win tasty prizes. Be ready to roll an egg and hop like a bunny! The events take place at the UP Town Park Soccer Field.



Want to volunteer? We need helpers to paint faces, lead games and crafts, hide the eggs and set up/clean up. Please contact Michelle Wedge at 240-770-6097 or [mdwedge@gmail.com](mailto:mdwedge@gmail.com) to help with this fun event.

### Local Mulch Sale

Saturdays, March 31 & April 14, 8 AM



University Park Church of the Brethren will be selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch this spring. Two-cubic-foot bags of mulch are \$3 each and will be available for as long as supplies last on Saturdays, March 31 and April 14 in the Church parking lot at the corner of Tuckerman Street and Route 1. To order in advance, please email upcob2@verizon.net or call 301-864-4328. Free curbside delivery to destinations within a reasonable distance from the church will be available for advance, prepaid orders of 15 bags or more.

### Hold the Date: Annual Town Stream Cleanup

Saturday, April 14, 9 AM-Noon

Groups, residents and friends are all encouraged to join in beautifying our park and stream. Meet at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church parking lot. Student community service hours earned will be documented. Bring your own gloves. Rain or shine. Sponsored by the UPCA, The UP Woman's Club and the Town Stream Committee. If you have questions, contact Kate Beveridge at 301-277-4485 or BBeve@verizon.net.

### University Park Civic Association News

We have lined up a great event calendar for 2012, with event managers for most events. New events include a spring egg hunt for little children on March 25, a tween event for 5th-7th graders in April, an outdoor movie night in July and a wine and cheese party for adults in September. We look forward to seeing lots of familiar and new faces. A Cinco de Mayo event was suggested for Saturday, May 5, but we do not have anyone to manage it. (Contact Carol Cron, if you would like to organize.)



Finally, the town-wide yard sale will be on Saturday, May 5. Mark your calendars to clean out your closets, basements, attics and garages.

The UPCA is pleased to welcome UP newcomer Leatha Thome as the new UPCA Treasurer. We do not yet have

a new president, so if anyone is interested in assisting in this role (or being co-president), please contact Carol

Cron, the current UPCA secretary, via email at carol.cron@hotmail.com or 301-277-4718.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. We have updated the UPCA website to make it more useful and informative. Visit [www.upcivicassociation.org](http://www.upcivicassociation.org). To send in your their annual dues (payable to the UPCA), please mail to UPCA Treasurer, 4108 Van Buren St., University Park, MD 20782.



Saturday, April 21

Join the UPES PTA and community for a morning of fun and fitness! There's an event for everyone: a 1K Fun Run, a 1 Mile Challenge and a certified 5K. We'll have medals, top runner prizes, music from the Northwestern High School Band and a post-race party with DJ music. This year, we're offering a technical t-shirt if you register before April 1, sponsor a student option to allow more kids to participate and additional music along the course. To save paper and time, we encourage you to register at [www.azaleaclassic.com](http://www.azaleaclassic.com) or [www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com). Check our web site for all the details.

### College Scholarships for District 22 Students

Students residing in the 22nd Legislative District and planning to attend a Maryland university or trade school are encouraged to apply for a Maryland taxpayer Senatorial Scholarship through the office of state Senator Paul G. Pinsky. The scholarships are awarded annually to deserving undergraduate and graduate students. A volunteer committee of community members make selections after reviewing academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Most scholarships are awarded for four years or until the recipient completes his or her degree, whichever comes first. Applications are available online at <http://www.senatorpinsky.org/> or from Senator Pinsky's office at 301-858-3155. All applicants must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications are due April 5, 2012.

### University Park Woman's Club College Scholarships

#### Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

This award is open to graduating students of Northwestern High School with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Economic need is a consideration. The applicants for this scholarship must complete parts A, B and C of the application and provide additional information requested in the checklist. (One Year) \$1000.

#### University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This award is open to graduating students who are residents of University Park, or a non-resident child or grandchild of a member of the University Park Woman's Club. Applications must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. The applicants for this scholarship must complete parts A and B of the application and provide additional information requested in the checklist. (One Year) \$1000.

Applications and further information can be found at <http://www.upmd.org/?documents&id=651>, or call or email Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414, [amkobbe@aol.com](mailto:amkobbe@aol.com). Completed applications must be received no later than Sunday, April 1, 2012.

### NotifyMe Prince George's

The Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management now offers citizens the opportunity to receive alerts and emergency notifications by email, text messaging or pages by registering at the website, <https://notifyme.princegeorgescountymd.gov>. NotifyMe Prince George's allows local government officials to provide citizens with critical real-time information and instructions for a variety of emergency, response and recovery situations.



NotifyMe Prince George's will alert registered users during major events and/or local emergencies. Information and updates will be sent to your registered devices and will enable participants to receive messages that pertain to amber alerts, severe weather, school and government delays and closings, severe traffic, utility interruptions and emergency preparedness measures.

### Explore the Route 1 Corridor by Bus

Route 1 is experiencing a renaissance and the Route 1 Ride (TheBus 17) can take you to every part of it. The Route 1 Ride goes from Mount Rainier to IKEA and comes every 30 minutes to a bus stop near you. Avoid the hassles of traffic and parking, get there quickly and inexpensively by taking the Route 1 Ride. Find out more at [www.route1ride.com](http://www.route1ride.com) or visit your local town hall for more information.

### Great Decisions 2012



Town residents, friends and others are invited to join this discussion series offered by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The FPA is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan organization that promotes foreign policy education. The group meets bi-monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at Church of the Brethren. For more information and a copy of the discussion materials (\$20), contact Maxie Phillips at 301-927-0857.

#### Promoting Democracy: Foreign Policy Imperative?

**March 8** The U.S. has had a history of advancing and supporting democracy around the world. What place does democracy promotion have in U.S. foreign policy today? With a choice of tools ranging from economic aid to military force, what are the appropriate yet effective methods that the U.S. should use to promote democracy?

#### Mexico: Transborder Crime And Governance

**March 22** Mexico's border with Central America, as well as the border it shares with the U.S., has been a pathway for people, goods, crime and contraband in both directions. How can Mexico address these transborder challenges? What is the future of Mexico's relations with its northern and southern neighbors? How will Mexico's foreign relations affect its domestic politics?

#### Cybersecurity: The New Frontier

**April 14** The securitization of cyberspace has caused a sea change for both governments and the private sector, faced with new threats, new battlegrounds and new opportunities. Faced with challenges such as international cybercrime and authoritarian control of networks, how will the U.S. and its democratic allies approach the cyber frontier? How

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Hyattsville Library HiLi Book Discussion, Saturday, March 1, 3 PM** The March selection is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. Sarah, a ten-year-old girl, is taken with her parents by the French police as they arrest Jewish families. Desperate to protect her younger brother, Sarah locks him in a bedroom cupboard and promises to come back for him. Sixty years later, Sarah's story intertwines with that of Julia Jaramond, an American journalist investigating the roundup.

**Hyattsville Library Winter Independent Film Series Monday, March 26, 7 PM** *Blossoms of Fire* is a film about the Isthmus Zapotecs who live in a village in Oaxaca, Mexico. Their strong work ethic and fierce independent streak have resulted in powerful women, progressive politics and tolerance for alternative gender roles. Followed by a discussion led by local filmmaker Andrew Millington. Refreshments will be provided.

### College Park Arts Exchange

All events are free and take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Parking passes are available. Contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013 for more information.

**New Old Theatre's *The Perilous Fight: the War of 1812* Friday, March 9, 7:30 PM** World premier with patriotic songs, tableaux and excerpts from poetry and plays all relating to the War of 1812. Pay as you can donations welcomed.

**Blue Sky Puppets present *If Pigs Could Fly*, Sunday, March 11, 3 PM** Come spend a free fun Sunday afternoon as a family, enjoying the creativity and fun of this renowned local puppet theater.

**Children's Arts Drop-In Program March 17, 10-12 AM and March 18 2-4 PM** Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads fun arts workshops perfect for children ages 3-8 with their parents. March 17 session takes place at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park.

**Diving Board Festival March 23 & 24** Active Cultures, the vernacular theatre of Maryland, presents a festival of readings of new plays by local authors:

***Morbid Poetry* by Christin Siems Friday, March 23, 7:30 PM** *Morbid Poetry*, directed by Ali Miller, is a hilarious glimpse into grownup life.

***Shock Trauma* by Evan Crump, Saturday, March 24, 5 PM** Directed by Tom Prewitt. A gruesome pileup on the Beltway. A young couple in love. A life in fragments. A story of love, faith and romance after tragedy.

***Falwell* by Bob Bartlett, March 24, 7:30 PM** Directed by Mary Resing. What happens when you are a gay man of a certain age, your dog dies, you become obsessed with Jerry Falwell and the new cute guy next door turns out to be straight?



Events take place at Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call 301-864-0420 or [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com) for more information.

**What They Wore in 1812 March 11-May 6** Over the next three years, the Museum joins other sites on the Star-Spangled Banner Trail to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. This exhibit features garments gathered by prominent private collector Mary Doring. \$3 adult/\$2 senior/\$1 student.

**What to Wear? American Civilian Clothing in 1812 Saturday, March 10** Put your love of Federal era history into practice as a reenactor at local events! Costume historian Dr. Ann Wass will present illustrated lectures and a show and tell of patterns, fabrics and reproduced garments. Women, 9-10:30 AM. Children, 11 AM-12:15 PM. Men, 1-3 PM. Bring a bagged lunch if you plan to stay all day. Attend one or all. \$6 for each session; \$15 for all 3. Advance payment by March 7.

**Hands-On History: The Curator's Apprentice Friday, March 30, 10 AM-3 PM** Step behind the museum ropes and take a peek. Participants curate their own exhibit and have the rare opportunity to tour non-public museum areas! Ages 8-12. \$15 residents/\$18 non-residents. Advanced registration and payment by March 16.

**Tavern Night at Riversdale Saturday, April 14, 8 PM** The Museum transforms the servant's quarters into a candle-lit, subterranean tavern for this always popular event. Ship's Company Chanteymen provide the best of the early 19th century's sailor's entertainment and costumed hands serve up tavern-style food and beverages. \$22 residents/\$27 non-residents at least 21 years of age.

# TOWN NOTICE

## AN ELECTION FOR THE

Town of University Park for the

Office of Mayor, and Offices of Council Member for  
Wards One, Three, and Seven

will be conducted on

**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012, 8 AM-8:00 PM**

**Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road**



**REGISTER TO VOTE** Residents may register to vote at Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782, 301-927-4262, Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-5 PM or with Prince George's County Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Telephone: 301-430-8020, (TDD 301-627-3352). Residents may download the voter registration form at the following address [http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/documents/2011\\_English\\_Internet\\_VRA.pdf](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/documents/2011_English_Internet_VRA.pdf)

**Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:**

1. a citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of the Election,
3. a resident of University Park, and
4. registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the Election

**CANDIDATES** Candidate packets (candidate petition and financial disclosure statement) are available at Town Hall during business hours and on the Town website [www.umpd.org](http://www.umpd.org) under Elections. If residents have any questions please contact the Town office at 301-927-4262 or email [TownHall@upmd.org](mailto:TownHall@upmd.org)

**DEADLINE** To file as a Candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 2, 2012

**DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES** Thursday, April 26, 2012



### 2012 Election Dates to Know

**Voter Registration Deadline** (Primary Election) Tuesday, March 13, 2012

**Early Voting** Saturday, March 24, 2012-Thursdays, March 29, 2012 10 AM-8 PM (Sunday Noon-6 PM)

**Absentee Ballot Application Deadline** Tuesday, March 27, 2012 4:30 PM-11:59 PM

**Late Absentee Ballot Application** Begins Wednesday, March 28, 2012

**Primary Election Day** Tuesday, April 3, 2012

**Voter Registration Reopens** Monday, April 16, 2012

### Prince George's County Early Voting Locations

**Upper Marlboro Community Center** 5400 Marlboro Race Track Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**College Park Community Center** 5051 Pierce Avenue College, Park, MD 20740

**Bowie Library** 15210 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715

**Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Center** 8001 Sheriff Road Landover, MD 20785

**Oxon Hill Library** 6200 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745

*For more information, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.*



# March 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
✂ Clip and save.				1 Recycling	2 Trash	3
4 Music at Riverdale 4 PM	5 Yard Waste UPWC 11:30 AM Town Council	6 Trash	7	8 Recycling Great Decisions 2012	9 Trash	10
11	12 Yard Waste	13 Trash	14	15 Recycling	16 Trash	17
18	19 Yard Waste Safety Report 7 PM & Town Council	20 Trash Special Election, Ward 5 After 8 Book Group	21	22 Recycling Great Decisions 2012	23 Trash	24 UP Clothing Coop Sale 10-Noon
25 Spring Egg Hunt 1 PM	26 Yard Waste	27 Trash	28	29 Recycling	30 Trash	31 Local Mulch Sale



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3	Susan E. McPherson	301-779-5249
4	Lenford C. Carey	301-864-1383
5	To be Announced	
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718
7	Jacqueline B. Chacón	301-277-1767

**NEWSLETTER**

Monday, March 5 is the deadline for the April 2012 issue. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions may be made via the correct monthly form at www.upmd.org. Questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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