

UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MAYOR

It has been a long, hot summer crammed with interesting events. The summer started with a wonderful combined July 4th and 75th Anniversary celebration. For the second year in a row the parade began at the top of Queens Chapel Road at Town Hall. And for the third year, Chief Wynnyk and I were astounded at the number of young people who attended the parade, decorating their bicycles with red, white and blue ribbons. They added a sense of renewal and hope to the parade, picnic and games afterwards that was inspiring. *A huge hand* to the University Park Civic Association for their efforts in organizing the event and assuring that everyone knew about it!

On July 18, more than 350 people showed up from University Park and our neighboring communities to hear the Cafritz property owners present their project-one of

the most impressive showings of community interest that I have witnessed in my 30+ years of living in University Park.

The proposed mixed use development would include 995 residential units, 120 hotel rooms, 168,200 square feet of retail and 22,000 square feet of space. Whole Foods is expected as an anchor tenant and, according to the Cafritz spokespeople at the meeting, has signed a commitment letter with an opening date no later than December 2014. Development was expected to occur in two phases, with the first phase encompassing most of the commercial development and the second phase the residential development. The presentation was followed by numerous questions from the audience that

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Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	September 12 & 19
Fall eCycling, Recycling & Shredding Event	October 29

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 and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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focused on six general areas: traffic; environmental concerns, particularly storm water management; market impacts; zoning changes, including the process and type of zoning change; public service impacts, including police, schools and transit; design and density issues, including building placements, types and commercial and residential mixes.

On August 15 a second public hearing on Cafritz was held by Town Council. Although far fewer individuals attended the hearing, the comments were intense, both pro and con. The comments centered on many of the same issues, although there was a far greater emphasis on the potential positive and negative economic impacts of the proposed development than in the prior discussion.

Cafritz Blog

For a full picture of the discussion, the Cafritz responses, additional commentary and information, please see the Town website at www.upmd.org, under Communications, look for the **Cafritz Blog. All Cafritz-related materials have been consolidated there. We are also maintaining a hard copy record that is available at Town Hall. The Town Council will begin to discuss its position on September 12 and 19; although as of writing this column, the Town has not received formal notice that the M-NCPPC Planning Department has formally accepted the application.

Council Member Mallino Resigns

Sadly, the August meeting also saw the formal resignation of Council Member Margaret Mallino from the Council. Fortunately, the Council had a heads up and we were able to celebrate her extraordinary service to the Town. Over the past 30 years she has served the Town for twenty: first as the



Town Secretary doing everything that a Town Clerk would do (and then some), then as Mayor for ten years and finally as a member of the Council. Through thick and thin, she kept a sense of balance, managing to keep friendships and perspective when she might have easily lost both. Most importantly, she never lost sight of her commitment to the public and to University Park. These are truly rare qualities, so a *tip of the hat* to a great friend of the Town and to all who have had the privilege of getting to know her. Have a wonderful time in Missoula, Montana.

75th Anniversary Celebration

Planning for the “birth” of University Park is continuing at a furious pace. On October 9, beginning at 1:30 PM at the Bloomfield House, the Town will commence an afternoon of fun and celebration. On that day, we will dedicate the Christmas Tree triangle as Henson Green in honor of Jim Henson, founder of the Muppets, a member of our community for a time and an extraordinary artist. In addition, we will have a main street fair with many historical displays, a pony ride for youngsters and a parade down Queens Chapel Road featuring amazing sights, sounds and vehicles.

9/11 Memorial Service

Finally, I would urge everyone to attend the 9/11 memorial service at 2 PM on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the Town’s 9/11 Memorial to commemorate the



installation of a new stone bench at the site and to celebrate the lives of our neighbors who so tragically lost theirs 10 years ago. If any of the readers of this column wish to speak or bear witness, please contact me by September 7, so we can include you in the ceremony.

Here is hoping you had a great summer and the start of this fall will treat you well. As always, take care of yourselves and I hope to see you around town.

John Rogard Tabori

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

School is back in session. Drive slowly. Watch for pedestrians, cyclists, strollers, seniors, children and dog walkers. Drive with caution. If you're only commuting through, choose a route that avoids the school area in the morning. Most residents are back from vacation and the University of Maryland is in session; when we add school buses and delivery vehicles, the traffic picture can be quite a chaotic scene. Children are walking about, after school activities are starting up, LUP has many children participating in organized sports and if all of this isn't enough, the days are slowly becoming shorter.

There are 15 to 17 entrances into UP during given times and 21 exits. Eleven miles of roadway, three major commuter routes, 150 stop signs, five stop lights and an adjacent community that is land-locked by our roads. With approximately 925 homes and a community of 150 homes that must use our roads and an average of 1.5 cars per household it is over 1625 cars that live here. Six entrances to University Park are the most attractive. Living on Baltimore Avenue, East West Highway or Adelphi Road, you experience the daily average cut through traffic of thousands of cars.

If you don't live on these roads you are considered a cut through driver. The reality is you probably must cut through because there is no other way to get to your home. Traffic is here to stay. The trick is to modify driving behavior in a manner that is appropriate, safe and in line with the desires of the community. Speed limits have been established, stop signs, parking restrictions, speed humps, traffic patterns and signage determined. The last element in the equation is the human element.

Ask yourself: do I come to a complete stop for stop signs in town, or do I coast through because I'm familiar with them? Do I keep my speed at or below the posted speed limit, even when I'm in a hurry, or does tardiness justify my speed? Does the sign apply to me even if I live in UP?



Driving habits are contagious, as is evident when many

cars are speeding on the Beltway. We all need to ask ourselves what we want driving habits to be in our town. Drive slowly and the person behind you will have to do the same. Stop for stop signs and others will do the same. If we set the proper example, others will follow. What if we were known as University Park, the place where everyone drives carefully?

Walk your children to school if you can. If you must drive, always wear your seatbelts. Stop for stop signs. If you are dropping a student off at UPES, do not park and exit your vehicle in the drop-off lane and walk your child to the door. This eliminates the effectiveness of the drop-off lane. Working together, we can make the school area a safer place.

The Open Forum series with the UPPD was conducted at UPES over the summer on a variety of topics. Thank you to all who participated and made the information exchange a success. Learning to make our community safe is an ongoing process.

The UPPD and the Prince George's County Police Department are conducting follow-up investigations of Thefts from Auto crimes. Several arrests have been made. These incidents continue to occur here and in surrounding jurisdictions. The University Park Police Department along with PGPD, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and other jurisdictions are working to end this criminal activity. *Reminder:* Never leave valuables in your vehicle. Lock your windows when away, use your alarm systems if you have them, watch each other's homes and call immediately if you see something suspicious.

If you own a laptop, document the serial number and consider the purchase of some software (Lojack for laptops) that assists in locating your laptop if stolen. Your assistance is important in keeping our town safe. Crime prevention tips are available from the UPPD at any time.

Theft from Auto Between June 1 10 PM and June 2 10:45 AM in the 4000 block of Underwood suspects entered a 2007 Nissan Murano and stole a GPS unit, coins and a car radio. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Vandalism to Auto On June 2 between 2 and 5 PM in the 4400 block of Sheridan St. suspects broke the driver's side window and rummaged through a

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2009 Subaru station wagon. No items were stolen. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On June 3 at 11:37 PM in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. suspects broke the side window of a 1994 Nissan Altima and stole coins and a radio face-plate. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between June 5 5 PM and June 6 6 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. suspects entered an unlocked 2010 Toyota Avalon and stole a GPS unit, coins and a briefcase. The briefcase was recovered in a neighbor's yard and returned to the owner. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Autos Between 3 PM on June 5 and June 6 at 8 PM in the 4000 block of Underwood St. suspects entered a 1996 Honda Accord and 2005 Toyota Highlander. A purse was stolen from one of the vehicles. The purse was located in a neighbor's yard and returned to the owner. It is unknown if the vehicles were locked. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Tampering with Auto On June 6 at 11:30 PM in the 4100 block of Van Buren St. a witness observed two subjects on bicycles attempting to enter a 2006 Ford Explorer. Suspects were pulling on the door handles when the witness yelled at them and they rode off in the direction of Wells Parkway. No items were taken. The suspects were not located. The investigation is ongoing.

Fraud On June 15 at 12:00 PM in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd. the resident received a phone call from an individual claiming to be her grandson. The suspect said he had been in an accident, needed money and did not want his parents to know. The victim wired money to the suspect in Mexico and later learned that it was not a relative. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft On June 22 between 1:30 and 2:30 PM in the 4000 block of Tennyson Rd. suspects stole a red Schwinn bicycle that was parked in front of the residence. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between July 3 5 PM and July 4 7 AM in the 4100 block of Clagett Rd. suspects entered an unlocked 2008 Honda Odyssey and stole a Garmin GPS unit and a cell phone. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between July 3 6:30 PM and July 4 2 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. suspects entered an unlocked 2010 Honda CRV and stole a wallet containing cash. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On July 4 between 2 and 4 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. suspects entered an unlocked 2008 Honda Civic and stole two pairs of sunglasses. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between July 17 5 PM and July 18 6 AM in the 6400 block of 40th Ave. suspects broke the driver's side rear window of a 2006 Chevy truck and stole a phone charger cord. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between July 17 10 PM and July 18 9:30 AM in the 4400 block of Sheridan St. suspects broke a door lock of a 2010 Ford Econoline and stole a tool bag containing hand tools. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between July 20 7 PM and July 21 7:45 AM in the 6900 block of Wells Parkway suspects entered an unlocked 2011 Toyota Camry and stole a briefcase, wallet, notebook computer, a GPS unit and cash. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On July 27 7:25 PM and 10:50 AM in the 4400 block of Beechwood Rd. suspects broke the driver's side window of a 2005 VW Jetta and stole an Apple iPhone. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On July 27 between 11:30 PM and midnight in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd. suspects broke the passenger side window of a 1998 Nissan 200S and stole a Coach purse containing cash and credit cards. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On July 27 between 7:45 and 9 PM at University Park Elementary School, suspects entered the building by unknown means and stole 17 iMac computers. Officers responded to the alarm call and searched the building with K-9 dogs, but the thieves had already left the premises. Video footage was reviewed, the scene processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. Four suspects are being sought. The investigation is ongoing.

TOWN NEWS

STEP UP

SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM
FOR UNIVERSITY PARK

It's back to school again and with cold weather just around the corner it's the perfect time to join over 140 UP households and make your home more energy efficient through the Small Town Energy Program for University Park (STEP-UP).

In August, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland Anthony Brown visited the home of Tom Wachs and Julie Ainsworth in University Park. The Lieutenant Governor wanted to visit a family whose house was currently undergoing home energy upgrades, so he chose the Wachs family, who has had their home upgraded as part of STEP-UP. Brown announced that additional funding would be provided for the Maryland Energy Administration Home Performance Rebate Program. This program provides rebates for families who have had home energy efficiency improvements, including participants in STEP-UP.

Through STEP-UP you can improve the comfort of your home, save money on utility bills and sleep easy knowing that you did your part for the environment. Plus, you can have one of those green yard signs you've seen cropping up all around town. The STEP-UP Energy Coach can help you get started with the home energy evaluation process, understand your home energy report, review work proposals, identify available financial incentives and financing options and answer other questions you might have.

Everything you need to know about STEP-UP is on our new website, www.mystep-up.org. Click on *About STEP-UP* to learn about the program, its goals and frequently asked questions, or visit the *Participate* page to sign up. You will find information, forms and step-by-step instructions on the STEP-UP process. We will regularly update the website with photos, events, experiences from users and news about rebate funds.

If you have any questions or want to know how to get started with the program, contact the STEP-UP Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet at energycoach@upmd.org, or call her at 240-695-3991. The Energy Coach can help walk you through the STEP-UP program.

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June 20 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, McPherson, Toscano, Bradley Chacon, Carey, Gekas, Cron; Town employees Town Clerk Headley and Town Attorney Ferguson.

Public Comment

Mayor Tabori said the request for a dog play area in the park by the elementary school has been withdrawn.

Mr. Dana Shea, a resident in Ward 2, commented on the proposal for a stipend for the Mayor and Council and the proposal to remove term limits. He raised the question of whether or not it was wise or feasible to begin a stipend, which could have the effect of requiring a tax increase. He said he supported removing term limits for the Mayor and Council members. Mayor Tabori said that the proposed stipend was included in the FY 2012 budget and that current budget projections do not require a tax increase until 2014 or later. He further noted that his budget model is very conservative. The bid for the street repairs came in below the estimate; the bond fee is very low; and the anticipated \$200,000 street repair rebate expected from WSSC was not included as a revenue item in the budget.

CM Bradley Chacón noted that changing the term limits was a structural change that should be discussed in a public hearing. She said she could see pros and cons to both views. After discussion, the consensus among the Council members was that the topic would be referred to the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure committee.

Ms. Maxie Phillips, a resident in Ward 2, discussed her views on term limits and is in favor of keeping them in place. She said she initially advocated the limit be two two-year terms.

Ms. Nicole Lucier, a resident in Ward 2, voiced her opposition to a dog park in the municipal boundaries in University Park and advocated preserving the green spaces in the community. She said she is in favor of protecting minimally managed green space. CM Carey noted that the most recent budget established funds for park infrastructure maintenance.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the application to replace existing patio, 4108 Van Buren Street Motion approved 7 to 0.

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Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori discussed the storm water management letter he sent to the County. He expressed the concern that standards for storm water mitigation are very low. The proposed plan would only require developers to manage a maximum rainfall of 0.75 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. The standard in DC is 1.7 inches and the standard in Montgomery County is 2.6 inches. The plan does not include any notification of storm water management plan proposals to the affected municipalities. A request was made to include a seven-day notification period, which was rejected by the County Executive's administration. Mayor Tabori said the bill as written enshrines a significant imbalance in property rights due to the lack of notification and other provisions. He pointed out that there are seventeen instances in the bill where a waiver to the storm water management requirements could be unilaterally granted by the County Executive or Director of Public Works. The Council and Mayor Tabori discussed researching National Weather Service data to identify the range of rainfall experienced in University Park in a 24-hour period.

Ms. Headley is celebrating her 10th anniversary of service to the Town of University Park. She noted that during her tenure, she has responded to some 50,000 phone calls and outlasted three telephone systems and two Town web sites. The Call-A-Bus program started after she became Town Clerk. She read a thank-you card to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Headley reported that building permits are slower than expected for this time of year.

Mayor Tabori reported on the analysis of the profit/loss comparison from last year's budget. Since University Park is a municipality, strictly speaking a profit/loss comparison would not apply. However, Mayor Tabori said he finds the analysis to be a useful measure of the state of the budget. He said that the budget is nearly on target.

Mayor Tabori said University Park is the first municipality in the United States to establish a loan-loss program for the STEP-UP! grant.

Continuing Business

Mayor Tabori said that the Cafritz developers are giving a presentation to Riverdale Park this evening.

There will be a presentation on July 18th to University Park. Mayor Tabori said a development decision is expected sometime in August.

Mayor Tabori said that the signed street repair contract is expected in hand by the end of this week. The first pre-construction meeting should take place sometime next week.

Legislative Resolution LR 11-O-04 Ordinance Bond (Adoption) To approve/disapprove the issuance and sale of town of University Park general obligation bond 2011-1 in the amount of up to \$2,380,000.00 for the purpose of funding the performance of infrastructure improvements throughout the town. The first meeting this can be considered for adoption is July 11.

Budget Transfers for The FY 2011 Budget for the General Government, Police and Public Safety and Public Works as Described in the Treasurer's Memo Dated 6/9/11 (Introduction) Motion to approve the introduction of the budget transfers as recommended in the Treasurer's memo dated 6/9/11, with an override of the usual procedure. Motion approved 7 to 0. Motion to approve the introduction of the budget transfers for the FY 2011 budget. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve the UPCA request for closing Queens Chapel Road between Town Hall/Baltimore Avenue and UPES on Monday July 4 for the annual town parade. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mr. Howard Berger, Acting Supervisor, Historic Preservations Section of the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Program, addressed the Council and Mayor. He distributed and discussed handouts on the National Park Service's information about the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Berger noted that National Register status places no obligation on private property owners. There are no restrictions on use, treatment, transfer or disposition of private property. The listing does not automatically invoke local historic district zoning or local landmark designation.

Mr. Berger explained that in October 1996, the original University Park Historic District was established, with 775 contributing and 159 non-contributing

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properties. In April 2011 a boundary expansion was proposed, to include the remaining properties within the municipal boundary of the Town of University Park. The expansion would include 376 contributing and 73 non-contributing properties.

Attorney Ferguson asked if there would be notice provided to the homeowners. Mr. Berger said letters would be mailed and announcements would be placed in three county-based newspapers on or about July 1. Federal and state tax credits were discussed. Tax credits would only apply to income-producing properties and external improvements.

Motion to approve the application for the expansion of the University Park Historic District and send a letter to the County Historic Commission with the Town Council's decision. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Council Committee Appointments FY2012

The Town Charter establishes the first three committees listed. The Tree Committee is established by Ordinance. The Stream Committee operates under a one-year special committee mandate from Council.

Motion to approve council committees appointments as follows.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety:

CMs McPherson, Toscano, Gekas

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure:

CMs Mallino, Toscano, Bradley Chacón

Public Facilities and Services:

CMs Cron, Bradley Chacón, Carey

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance

On August 15, 2011, Emergency Ordinance 11-O-05 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 12, "Ethics", to conform to State law requirements adopted in 2010. The law will be considered as an emergency measure to insure that it is in effect by the October 1, 2011 State reporting deadline. The meeting set for September 12, 2011 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.

July 11 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Toscano, Bradley Chacon, Carey, Gekas, Cron; Town employees Police Chief Wynnyk and Town Treasurer Baden.

Public Comment

Mary Gathercole asked the Council and the Mayor to remove the dying Bradford Pear tree in the street box in front of her home. The tree is a hazard and has dropped dangerously large limbs on the sidewalk that could have injured a person walking by. Mayor Tabori said he talked with the Director of Public Works Mickey Beall about either removing or trimming the tree. Mayor Tabori said the plan was to trim the trees in the fall, so that the trees aren't weakened. Ms. Mallino said Adirondack Tree Service was trimming Bradford Pear trees on Tuckerman Street this week. Mayor Tabori said he would follow up with Mr. Beall.

Roberta Kisker asked the Council and the Mayor to consider reducing the rental license fee from \$400 to \$250 when the house was going to be rented for six months or less. She and her family will be on a sabbatical for six months. She noted the extensive costs of lead paint inspection and mitigation, which is a state requirement for rental licensing.

CM Carey asked Mayor Tabori if there had been any further information from the Prince George's County Emergency Response team on the chemical analysis of the green dye released into Wells Run. Mayor Tabori said nothing had been received, despite several requests from Town Hall. The only response had been that the material was not hazardous. CM Carey and Mayor Tabori discussed writing a formal letter requesting the information.

CM Toscano commended Mayor Tabori on the training course on economic modeling and budgeting that he taught at the recent Maryland Municipal League meeting.

Permits

Application to construct a screened in porch addition, 6407 Queens Chapel Road Motion to approve the construction of a screened in porch addition at the rear of the main residence of wood and wood composites (AZEK and Versatek) of the dimensions 12' X 16' X 16.' Motion approved 6 to 0.

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Application to replace a 4 foot fence, 6306 Queens Chapel Road Motion to approve application approved 6 to 0.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori said he formally invited the Council and Mayors from Riverdale Park, Hyattsville and College Park to participate in the July 18, 2011 presentation from the Cafritz developers. He said the Town could take one of three positions: vote in favor of the development as proposed with no conditions; vote in favor of the development as proposed with conditions; or vote against the proposal. Mayor Tabori asked the Council for permission to issue a special newsletter to inform the Town residents in a neutral, even-handed way of the facts of the Cafritz proposal. He said he would provide the Council with the costs of issuing a special newsletter. Ms. Bradley Chacón asked if the literature should have a name other than the Town newsletter. Mayor Tabori said he would work with the newsletter editors to preserve the neutrality of the information presented. Mayor Tabori said he asked the Cafritz developers to defer filing their site plan with the County until after the 7/18 public meeting. (Note: The Town later decided this would be premature.)

Former Council Member Mickey Lucas noted that Riverdale Park and College Park will not allow traffic access from the Cafritz development into their communities. He said this would have the effect of forcing all the traffic from the development onto U.S. Route 1 and University Park.

Mayor Tabori and the Council members discussed the draft "Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Traffic Impact Study." Mayor Tabori said the data collected on U.S. Route 1 near Town Hall for the speed camera study seemed to match the data in the draft Cafritz study for traffic volumes. He said the other complicated problems presented by the development include storm water management and traffic issues. These issues have a bearing on rezoning issues, which will be heard by an administrative judge.

Mayor Tabori said the contract for street maintenance has been signed and the contractor should be picking it up from Town Hall shortly. A complete project schedule is due back to Town Hall five days after the contractor picks up the contract. Mayor Tabori said each section of the roadwork would take about three weeks to complete.

Town Hall received a nearby lightning strike during the July 2 storm that caused extensive damage to computers, the phone system and other electronics in Town Hall. It has taken over a week to fully recover from the incident.

Mayor Tabori said that there was a public hearing for speed cameras on July 12. Prince George's County is considering moving ahead with placing speed cameras on both sides of Adelphi Road at Northwestern High School. This topic had previously been considered by the Council and had been referred to the Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety. Mayor Tabori asked the Council for guidance on how to proceed. Once Prince George's County installs speed cameras, University Park will not be able to.

Motion to approve initiating installing speed cameras on Adelphi Road and U.S. Route 1. Motion approved 5 to 1 (Carey opposed).

Mr. Chuck Wilson reviewed the status of the STEP-UP! Program, which is one year old this week. Mr. Wilson introduced the three interns in the project, including Ms. Caroline Ulwick, Mr. Bikash Acharya and Mr. Nick Leonardi. Ms. Ulwick is working on the <http://www.mystep-up.org> website and communications outreach. Mr. Acharya is reviewing software packages that will organize the program data and support the mandatory reporting required by the Department of Energy as a condition of the grant. Mr. Wilson noted that despite much positive progress in discussions at the local level, the effort to establish a loan-loss reserve with SunTrust Bank seems to have stalled at the corporate review level.

Continuing Business

Motion to approve tabling the motion to approve/disapprove LR-11-004 an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of town of University Park general obligation bond, 2011-1, in the amount of up to \$2,380,000.00 for the purpose of funding the performance of infrastructure improvements throughout the town until the July 18, 2011 Council meeting. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve moving the Town banking accounts from Bank of America to SunTrust Bank Mr. Baden presented his analysis of the costs associated with banking with Bank of America versus banking with SunTrust. Mayor Tabori led the discussion of the pros and cons

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of making the change. On the one hand, Bank of America requires a much smaller amount of money in the Town's accounts to avoid transaction fees—only \$20,000. SunTrust Bank would require \$120,000 in the accounts to avoid transaction fees. SunTrust is also requiring the Town to shift our depository funds from the Maryland investment pool into fully collateralized SunTrust accounts as a condition of receiving the lowest possible interest rate on the bond issue. This raises the risk of having all of the Town's monies concentrated into a single entity. The Council, Mayor Tabori and Mr. Baden discussed possible points of continued negotiation with SunTrust. Mr. Baden requested additional time to negotiate with SunTrust. Mayor Tabori pointed out that the July 18, 2011 meeting would be the last possible meeting to make a decision on the bond issue in order to meet legal requirements in the Town ordinances before the August 15 lock on the loan conditions expires.

Motion to approve tabling the motion to approve/disapprove shifting the Town's bank accounts from the Bank of America to SunTrust Bank until the July 18, 2011 Council meeting. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve an amendment of the annual Rental Property License fee of \$400, to provide that if the proposed period of rental by a specific owner is 6 months or less in any given license year, then the fee shall be \$250. If the period of rental exceeds 6 months the full \$400 shall be due. Motion approved 5 to 1 (Cron opposed).

Motion to approve the continuation of the UP Town Stream Committee for Fiscal Year 2012 and appoint Tom Stickle and Mickey Lucas Co-Chairs. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the appointment of Jenny Glenn as the Chair of the Town Tree Committee and CM Len Carey (Ward 4) as the Council Liaison for FY2012. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve creating and submitting a letter in opposition to the College Heights Estates application without appropriate changes. Mayor Tabori said the College Heights Estates (CHE) application was resubmitted with all the same mistakes from the previous application, including errors in dates. Motion approved 6 to 0.

July 18 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, McPherson, Toscano, Bradley Chacon, Carey, Gekas, Cron; Town employees Town Treasurer Dan Baden, Police Chief Michael Wynnyk, Town Attorney Ferguson and Bond Attorney Linda Perlman.

Permits

Motion to approve/disapprove the application for an on street, six-month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6701 Forest Hill Drive. Mr. Bailey, a Town resident on Forest Hill Drive, said that the number of cars parked on both sides of the street makes it difficult for two cars to pass each other going in opposite directions. Cars have to yield right-of-way to each other to get through the street. CM Bradley Chacón said she sent a message to Ms. Paula Martino, the code enforcement officer, to determine if there had been any previous complaints about parking. Ms. Bailey said there is also a problem with parked cars obstructing the roadway on Pineway-Clagett. The entrance onto Route 1 is extremely dangerous due to the impact the parked cars have on narrowing the street and obstructing the sightlines into the intersection. She said the intersection is particularly dangerous on weekday mornings. ***Motion to table approve/disapprove the application for an on street, six-month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6701 Forest Hill Drive until the August 1, 2011 Council meeting.*** Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the application for an on street, six-month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6511 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the application for an on street, six-month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6713 Queens Chapel Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the application for an on street, six-month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6705 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department Reports

Mayor Tabori discussed the University Park and College Heights Estates (CHE) historical preservation proposals. He said the UP proposal still has numerous factual errors. The CHE report includes University Park, instead of referencing University Park as the Town had requested. Mayor Tabori and Town Attorney Ferguson

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explained the necessity of reversing the previous vote taken by the Council to oppose the CHE report reference University Park. The CHE proposal will fail to receive approval without referencing properties in University Park. Attorney Ferguson explained that District Council member Eric Olson's legislative aide Ms. Danielle Glaros was instrumental in facilitating the discussions between the Town and the Historical Preservation Board to resolve the outstanding issues.

CM Gekas asked Attorney Ferguson to clarify whether or not the historical preservation proposal would have property tax implications. Attorney Ferguson said this designation would not. She said this was a federal designation and only carries the possibility of tax credits. Local historical preservation designations are the ones that carry zoning and tax implications for homeowners.

Motion to support the current version of the historical preservation proposal substantially as presented. Ms. Bailey, a town resident living on Forest Hill Drive, asked for clarification on the type of historical designation being proposed. She asked if this was an honorary designation that did not inhibit a homeowner's rights to make changes to the property or carry out remodeling. Attorney Ferguson confirmed that this designation did not restrict homeowner rights, unless the homeowner chose to apply for federal tax credits. Mayor Tabori said he and Attorney Ferguson would attend the Historical Preservation meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Chief Wynnyk provided the April crime report. Chief Wynnyk said the license plate reader installed in the UP police car has been placed in service. The next public safety meeting will be held on Monday July 25, at University Park Elementary School.

Continuing Business

In an update on the Belcrest Plaza/Landy project, Mayor Tabori said the developer has made applications for grading permits for two sections of the property.

Mr. Baden reported on his continued discussions with SunTrust Bank after the July 11 Town Council meeting. The negotiations identified \$250,000 as a reasonable figure for the amount of Town assets to be placed in fully collateralized accounts with SunTrust. Mr. Baden noted that the agreement stipulates that if the Maryland state investment pool offers a higher rate of return

than the SunTrust account(s) then the Town can keep its funds in the Maryland state investment pool.

Motion to approve shifting our bank accounts from the Bank of America to SunTrust Bank. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Legislative Resolution LR 11-O-04 Ordinance Bond (Adoption) Mr. Carey praised the work done by Mr. Baden and Attorney Perlman on the bond. Attorney Perlman noted that if the vote were taken this evening to approve the ordinance, the bond would become effective on August 8, 2011. ***Motion to approve the adoption of LR-11-0-04 an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of town of University Park general obligation bond, 2011-1, in the amount of up to \$2,380,000.00 for the purpose of funding the performance of infrastructure improvements throughout the town.*** Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Fall eCycling, Recycling & Document Shredding Event

**Saturday, October 29, 9 AM-1 PM
UP Elementary Bus Turnaround**



Please review the Acceptable/Unacceptable eCycling List at www.upmd.org under the Public Works tab.

TV's and electronics will NOT be collected with regular weekly collections. Residents must arrange to bring these items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them at the Prince George's County Landfill.

The University Park Walking Tour

Saturday, October 8

The official history walking tour will be inaugurated with a stroll through the town. Join your neighbors at the Town Clock and try out the commemorative walking tour brochure. See the sites of interest in the town and learn more about the talented people who have made University Park so rich and special.

The Grand Celebration!

Sunday, October 9

Festivities begin at Bloomfield, the oldest house in UP. Introduction of special guests and officials followed by the dedication of Henson Green then take a promenade through the decades at UP's own Inside-Out Parade.

For Youngsters of All Ages Watch "Queen Elizabeth" make her famous ride down Queens Chapel Road, tackle the Moon Bounce and try a pony ride. Play old fashioned games; have your picture taken in a "Duchess of Cambridge" wedding gown and meet famous characters from UP history. Check out the antique cars and mind your manners at Cotillion. Learn to knit and crochet, bring a book-take a book, meet a UP resident who was in a Henson cartoon. Please bring items for a time capsule and don't miss the UP Scavenger Hunt! Join us for these and many more exciting and surprising activities.



Volunteer Today!

Volunteers are needed for all manner of jobs from now until October. Teams working on exhibits and activities are meeting regularly on Thursday nights at 7:30 in the

basement, Custis Hall, at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Please bring your ideas and questions and energy. Help your neighbors get ready for the big event! Please contact Sarah Moseley at sarahnmosley@verizon.net or Beth Domingo at beth@bethdomingo.com.

UP 75th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt Get to know UP by participating in the Anniversary Scavenger Hunt. A list of historic, architectural and yard items plus odds and ends will be available beginning September 13 by contacting janehorvath6@gmail.com.

Prizes will be awarded to the Family, Twosome and Individual amassing the most points for found items in the least amount of time. Your starting time is when the list is emailed to you. Participants must take a picture of each item on the list to verify their find. All items are located in UP. Do

not enter any private property. Date your picture proofs, staple them to your point list and return them to 4317 Clagett Road as soon as possible. All entries must be returned before October 9.



Share the History of Your Home As part of the University Park 75th Anniversary celebration, research is underway for a book of our town history. As part of this book, we want to tell the story of the development of the homes, parks and streets of University Park. Randy Davis is collecting photos, drawings and memories on this chapter of the book and would welcome any and all contributions. Send Randy an email at davis.randyh@gmail.com to arrange for a time to share the history of your home.

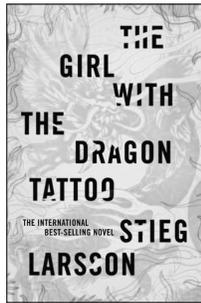
University Park Research Residents of University Park are engaged in a remarkable range of activities, from artists to business people to scientists to political leaders. As part of preparations for the Town's 75th anniversary celebrations, the anniversary committee is gathering information on aspects of these activities. University Park is fortunate in being surrounded by great research institutions. NASA, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the University of Maryland, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Institutes of Health and the Smithsonian come immediately to mind.

If you work or have worked in research at any of these or other area institutions, please send a brief note to Bob Streitmatter, astrohecr@earthlink.net, 301-779-6910, with a few details about your work and the institution. Similarly, any information about past residents engaged in such activities would be helpful. We hope to gather enough material to enable a display and archive that conveys both the scope of research carried out by University Park residents and the wide array of research organizations at which they work.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, September 20

The After 8 Book Group, which is open to all town residents, meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The September 20th selection is Steig Larsson's *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. Call Louisa Woodville at 301-927-9548 to attend. The October selection is Anne Tyler's *A Patchwork Planet*. For more info on the group, please call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



University Park Children's Clothing Coop

Saturday, September 24, 10-Noon



It's the 34th Annual Fall & Winter 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 and use the phrase "Volunteer for Coop Sale" in your subject line.

Getting Organized and Right Sizing

Monday, October 3, 11:30 AM

The UP Woman's Club kicks off its 2011-2012 program series with Amy Rehkemper, a certified professional organizer. A featured expert on HGTV's *Mission Organization*, she is the Co-Founder and Past President of the Maryland Association of Professional Organizers and a board member of the National Association of Professional Organizers-Baltimore Chapter. Mrs. Rehkemper has just been named Best Professional Organizer in Baltimore Magazine's Best of Baltimore for 2011. She received this honor for the first time in 2008.

Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM, lunch is served at Noon and the program begins at 12:30 PM. For information, call President Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414.

Attention History Buffs:

Coming Soon at Your Request!

The UP History Group will soon begin announcing meetings and making documents available on the Town web site. Look for news about the UP Historic Preservation Association, the 75th Anniversary Celebration and the UP History Book Project under "UP History Group" under "Town Info" on the www.upmd.org homepage menu. Write Chris Garcia at urbanipm@gmail.com for more information.

UP History Book Project

September 9 & 20, 7:30-9 PM

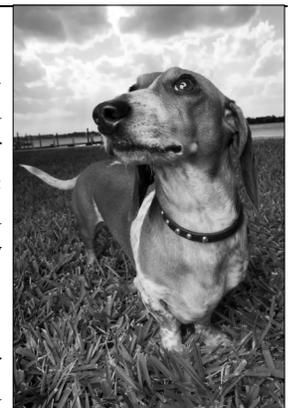
UP history writers will meet to discuss book progress and questions in September. Location to be announced. Write Chris Garcia at urbanipm@gmail.com for more information.



Lost Pet Database

To register your pet and report a lost or found pet, contact Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743 or linda_verrill@yahoo.com. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

If you find or spot a loose animal, please call or email Linda Verrill.



To have your pet added to the Lost Pet Database, please provide:

- ◆ Your name, address, e-mail addresses, all of your phone numbers.
- ◆ The name and contact info of a second person to contact (e.g., friend, neighbor or nearby relative).
- ◆ Name of your pet, species, breed, color, markings, age, approximate weight.
- ◆ Rabies tag number, microchip and/or tattoo and location of chip or tattoo.
- ◆ Description of collar.
- ◆ Personality traits or comments (e.g., rescue animal, indoor cat, skittish, sweet, likes to run, lives with cats).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

College Park Arts Exchange

College Park Youth Choir *Tuesdays, 6:30 PM* Students ages 5 and up work with director Chris Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills and perform for the public several times a year. \$85 per semester per child. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park. To learn more about the choir, contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013.



New! Adult Choir Organizational Meeting *Thursday, September 15, 7 PM* College Park Arts Exchange will sponsor a new adult choir directed by Chris Fominaya. For fees and information, contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013.

The following CPAE events take place at Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

Arts Workshop Taste of Zumba with Lee-Ann

Doncevic *Saturdays, 11 AM to Noon, September 10, 17, 24* Get up to speed with the basics of this exciting fitness dance in an introductory level workshop setting. \$5 drop in.

The Flying Tortoise *Sunday, September 11, 3 PM* Puppeteer Carolyn Koerber uses storytelling, acting and puppetry as she retells an old trickster tale from the Igbo people of southeastern Nigeria. Ideal for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited.

CPAE Book Club *Friday, September 16, 7:30 PM* Discuss literary non-fiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. *Bossypants* by Tina Fey.

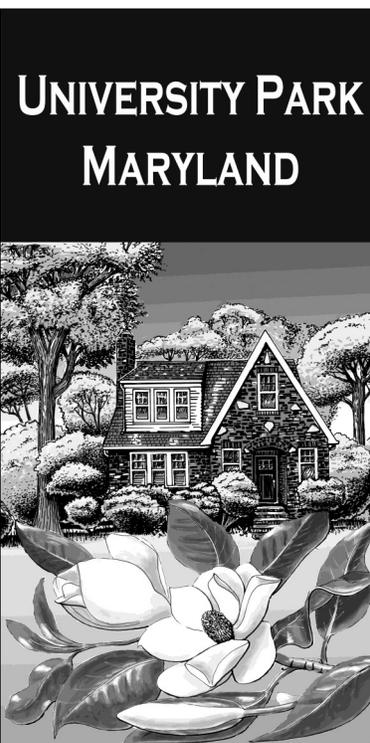


Arts Drop-In with Aaron Springer *Sunday, September 25 from 2 to 4 PM* A fun and creative arts workshop for children ages 3 to 8 with their parents. Free.

Shape Note Singers *Friday, September 30, 7:30 PM* Singers from Baltimore will demonstrate the wonderful tradition of unaccompanied singing using the FaSoLa system devised for the 1844 Sacred Harp songbook.

Impulse City Free Open House *Saturday, September 3, 10 AM to 3 PM* All ages are welcome to come, watch and participate in an improvisational theatre or creative play class. Small children (ages 2-6) can check out our early childhood classes starting at 10 AM. Make puppets, have your face painted, act out and laugh like a kid. Hosted at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville.

The Art of Cookery Made Seasonal and Historic: Harvest Dinner *Saturday, September 10, 6:30 PM* Eating local produce was the only option in early America. Riversdale gardener Sarah Urdaneta, foodways historian Joyce White and the Riversdale Kitchen Guild prepare and present foods from the organic Riversdale garden, setting a bountiful table for guests to enjoy. Guests can also enjoy locally made beverages courtesy of Franklin's Restaurant, Brewery and General Store. The dinner includes a tour of the house and gardens, a food demonstration and handouts of the historic recipes served. Advance reservations and payment are required by September 3 and capacity is limited; \$30 residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties, \$36 non-resident. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com to make a reservation. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale.



75TH
ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATE
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Hold the date!
Saturday & Sunday,
October 8 & 9

Walking Tour
Grand Celebration
Children's Activities
Historical Exhibits
Scavenger Hunt
and
much more!

FREE E-CYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, October 29 9 AM to 1 PM
UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you can't fix it or sell it, don't trash it. Recycle or shred it! Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. Eco Shred will be on site to provide FREE document shredding services. All E-cycle items collected will be reused, refurbished, or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc. in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. You can also have your hard drive shredded for a \$10 fee.

Acceptable Items

Answering Machines
Ballasts-non PCB
Batteries (see list below)
Cables
Camcorders
CDs/ DVDs
Cell Phones
Circuit Boards
Compact Disc Players
Computer Equipment
Computers
Copiers
Cords
Duplicators
DVD Players
Electric Typewriters
Electronic Games
Fax Machines
Hard Drives
Keyboards / Mice
Household Electronics
Ink / Toner
Lab Equipment
Laptops
Laptop batteries
LCD Monitors
Mainframe Equipment
Media
Metal Scrap
Microwave Ovens
Modems
Monitors
Networking Equipment
Pagers
PDA's
Printers
Printed Circuit Board
Radios
Rechargeable Batteries
Remote Controls
Scanners

Stereo Components
Stereos
Tapes
Tape Players
Telephones
Telecom Equipment
Televisions
Testing Equipment
Toasters
Transparency Makers
Two-Way Radios
UPS - Power Supplies
VCRs
Word Processors
Other Electronics



What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners
Broken CRT monitors
Console Televisions
Dishwashers
Dryers
Light bulbs
Medical Waste
Nuclear Waste
Paint
PCB Ballasts
Radioactive Waste
Refrigerators
Thermostats
Washers

What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries
Lithium Batteries
Magnesium Batteries
Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries
NiCd Wet Cell Batteries
Nickel Iron Batteries
Nickel Zinc Batteries
Silver Oxide Batteries
Zinc Carbon Batteries

September 2011

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