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FROM THE MAYOR

On Sunday, September 11, I had the privilege of opening a memorial service in honor of the five UP residents who were killed during the attack on the Pentagon on 9/11/2001. That day not only changed America, but it took away five neighbors: the Whittington-Falkenberg family and Sheila Hein. They were full of life and left behind memories made bittersweet by the thought of what could have been. At the same time, strong words spoken by Jim Gekas, Lori Arnold and Michelle Rowland shared their memories of remarkable individuals—committed to their families, friends, neighbors and community—and gave us hope for the future and something to build on and cherish in our hearts.

Pastor Hawk spoke strongly of the context and the full impact of 9/11 on our spiritual lives and the need to maintain a moral compass despite of the event's horror. Tom Ashcraft, who designed the memorial, dedicated

the new stone bench, signifying the permanence of the site and the memories of the individuals in our hearts. Music played by the Sunrise Quartet allowed us to contemplate the event's significance in both our lives and our nation, and to thank the many Americans who have sacrificed their lives in service of our country. Finally, Reverend McDowell closed with a prayer and the mournful tones of a bugle playing taps wafted through the air, ending the ceremony.

This extraordinary event would not have happened but for the hard work of John Brunner and Sarah Moseley and the assistance of Claudia Chudacoff who organized the music, so *thank you*. A big *tip of the hat* goes to the five musicians who graced us with the beauty of their music: Teri Lazar, violin; Luke Wedge, violin; Osman Kivrak, viola; Sean Neidlinger, cello;

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Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	October 3 & 17
Town 75th Anniversary	October 9
Holiday	October 10

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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and Brandon Eubank, trumpet. And to those of you who had the opportunity to come, *thank you* for sharing your love of your neighbors with all of us.

Celebrate the Town's 75th Anniversary on October 9, starting at 1:30 PM in front of the Bloomfield Residence. It is my hope that as many of you as possible can come. The Town expects to have a number of guest speakers at the event, including County Executive Rushern Baker, State Senator Paul Pinsky, State Delegate Justin Ross, County Council Member Eric Olson and Heather Henson, the daughter of Jim Henson and a brilliant puppeteer in her own right. There will be all kinds of fun events, door prizes, historical exhibits and a wonderful inside-outside parade which will reenact various fun moments in the Town's history, including Queen Elizabeth II's ride up Queens Chapel Road.

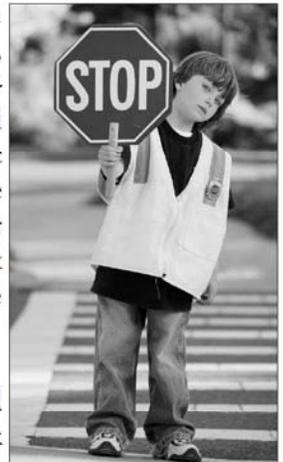
The development of the Cafritz site poses a major set of policy issues for the Town. A Whole Foods on the site would certainly be convenient for shopping and, if all were to go well, might add to the revitalization of Route 1. On the other hand, if certain issues are not addressed, considerable harm to the quality of life and fiscal health of University Park and surrounding communities could occur with little in the way of compensating benefits. As a consequence, the Mayor and Town Council are requesting that the following sets of issues, concerns and conditions be addressed.

Traffic impacts and mitigation strategies are the number one issue for University Park. The development of the site will bring a significant increase in traffic all day and on weekends. Without a vehicular bridge over



the CSX tracks, the Town will not support the rezoning. In addition, for public safety reasons, there must be additional points of ingress and egress to the site other than Route 1, most probably Maryland Avenue. A circulator bus or buses and a well designed Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan must be implemented. The Cafritz team has laid claim to being a transit-oriented district; a TDM will make such a claim real.

The proposed entrance at Van Buren must be light controlled, pedestrian friendly, prevent crossing Route 1 from east to west and be linked to a town-wide traffic plan. A firm commitment to the construction of the hiker-biker trail along the old trolley track with possible links to Prince George's Plaza must be made.



Along with Hyattsville and Riverdale Park, University Park has worked over the past few years to develop a strong storm water management (SWM) system extending from 9-Ponds at Belcrest and Adelphi roads to the Northeast Branch in Riverdale Park. As a consequence, the Town will support the SWM conditions requested by Riverdale Park in their proposed letter to Cafritz. The Town also will request that Cafritz introduce and use a broader set of SWM tools than proposed in the current plan, including limiting clear cutting and regrading, reducing the impermeable footprint, using the site's inherent ability to absorb water and creating a vegetated buffer strip between the site and Route 1.

The Town believes that the burden of proof to change the zoning should be on the Cafritz property holders and that Whole Foods does not provide by itself a sufficient or compelling reason for such a change. Without significant modifications to the Riverdale Park MUTC zone, including restructuring the Review Committee to include surrounding impacted communities and the MUTC guidelines to fit the site, the Town will not support this request.

At this time, the Town will support the original MUI zone application as it allows for a more flexible approach and does not face the requirement to significantly restructure elements of it. The Town will request that whether the site falls under a MUI or MUTC designation density be capped at a lower level than is currently contemplated. Far greater detailed design features must be made available prior to a rezoning decision and reconsideration must be given to the concept of placing all the residential units in the back next to the railroad tracks as it has the potential for creating an undesirable "dead zone."

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The Mayor and Council also will request that a mechanism be found to fund the external costs imposed on University Park by development of the site. At a minimum, it is likely that additional police personnel and resources will be required to patrol Route 1 and to manage cut-through traffic. However, no taxes generated by the site will go to University Park. This will place a potentially significant tax burden on Town residents that will not be recouped elsewhere. A much more detailed site plan is necessary in order for the impacted Towns and jurisdictions to determine what services are necessary and who will bear what costs.

At this time, the design detail is insufficient for us to judge its merits. We do note that what little detail is available suggests that parking lots and the sides of the commercial and retail buildings will face Route 1 giving it the appearance of a strip mall, although internally it will have more of a town center appearance. As mentioned previously, the proposed density remains too high; and the Town finds the placement of the residential units to be inappropriate and creates a high risk of an undesirable neighborhood developing without easy access by public safety units.

This project will impact the Town for the next 50 years. Please follow closely and advise your Council Members as to your concerns, issues and ideas. Speaking solely as the Mayor and not on behalf of the Council, I believe that without the CSX crossover, specifically a vehicular bridge, the development should not be allowed to go forward. While the development of a TDM which includes hiker-biker paths and well constructed circulator bus routes can mitigate traffic impacts, without a vehicular bridge over the tracks sufficient mitigation is not likely to be possible.

Achieving the crossover will not be easy. It will require considerably more than the cooperation of the Cafritz team. By necessity it will be important for community members and leaders to weigh in, as well as the county and our local elected officials. Leaving them out of the mix is not an option. I will continue to post information on the Town Cafritz Blog site.

Have a great early fall. Take care of yourselves, your families and your neighbors.

John Rogard Tabori

Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Town leaf collection will begin in late October and continue, weather permitting, through early January. Collections will also be done on weekends as needed.

Crews will generally work counterclockwise through town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 and Ward 6.

Please do not expect crews to backtrack to collect leaves raked to the curb after they have been past your home. Residents and contractors are asked to use caution while raking and be sure there are no rocks, sticks, metal, etc. in your leaf piles.

After early January, only bagged leaves will be collected on Mondays with the yard waste.

Questions about the collection schedule should be directed to the Town office at 301-927-4262.



The Town of University Park will conduct a

SPECIAL ELECTION

for the office of
Council Member for Ward I
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
Polls Open 8 AM-8 PM

Riverdale Presbyterian Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road

Council Member Ward I Candidate packets are available at Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, 301-927-4262, Monday-Friday 9 AM-5 PM. Deadline to file as a candidate is October 12, 2011, 5 PM. Ballot petitions must be submitted to Town Hall. Contact the Town Clerk with questions at TownHall@upmd.org.

Ed Lee
Supervisor of Elections

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Motor vehicles are vulnerable when left parked and unattended. Lock your car doors and don't leave keys or other valuables in the vehicle. The vehicle windows are easily broken and these smash-and-grab thefts only take a few seconds to complete. Make yourself less likely to be a victim of crime: secure or hide all loose items in the trunk, lock your doors, leave your windows tightly closed, wipe off the GPS mark on your windshield and report all suspicious persons or activities.

Items stolen from vehicles commonly include property such as GPS units, aftermarket radios, coins, laptops, wallets, purses, CDs, DVDs, iPods, cameras and cell phones. These items can easily be stolen and sold on the street. The chances of one or more of these items being in any car are very high and criminals know this. Take your valuables with you when parking your vehicle. Bring your property into the house and workplace with you. Use a steering wheel lock if you have one and document the serial numbers of the items you purchase. Steering wheel clubs are available from the UPPD while they last.

University Park is a safe place and complacency regarding locking doors, putting away bicycles and other valuables provides an opportunity for thieves. Vigilance is the enemy of the criminal. If you know who is committing these thefts, please report it to the police department and your name will be kept confidential. Familiarize yourself with your neighbors so you can easily recognize a stranger in your area and report it. Crime prevention is everyone's business. Preventing crime needs the cooperation of the entire community. The result is an improvement in the quality of life for all residents.

Flu season is rapidly approaching. Can you work from home for any length of time? Are you ready? Were you prepared when Hurricane Irene visited our town and left us without power? Plan to have at least a 3-day supply of food and drinking water on hand for each member of your family (include foods that don't require cooking). Being prepared will help relieve anxiety.

Have a portable radio or TV (with extra batteries) for receiving important information. Consider a battery back-up unit for your computer and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors every 6 months. Consider the electronic devices you use regularly and determine how you will function without items like a microwave, coffee maker and electric can opener.

Restock your first aid supplies, medications, blankets, flashlights, matches, candles and other necessities. Rehearse a family disaster plan with the entire family and make sure everyone understands it and is in agreement with it.

Pets are family members too; make provisions for food, water and shelter for them as well. Check and update your emergency contact numbers: Pepco, WSSC, telephone company, poison control, doctors, vet, etc. In case utility companies are delayed in responding, know how to shut off your water, gas and electricity.

Trick or Treating in University Park will be held on Monday, October 31 from 6-8:30 PM. Residents who wish to participate should turn on their porch lights. Youngsters and parents are asked to approach only those homes with porch lights on during that time period.

The UPPD has reflective Halloween bags to distribute to UP children. The bags will be available at the UPPD station in the Town Hall or by asking any UPPD officer, who will be happy to give you one.



Many parents and children enjoy the safe atmosphere in UP for the tradition of walking through the neighborhood to celebrate Halloween. Our streets are safe and the community is friendly. As always, please be careful when driving through town and be alert for children out after dark. Also, keep an eye out for any mischievous behavior and report such behavior to the UPPD immediately. **Follow these Halloween safety tips** to keep your evening safe & fun:

- Go Trick-or-Treating with a grown up
- Visit people you know
- Your costume should let you see and hear perfectly
- Make sure your costume fits so you can walk without tripping
- Keep watching & listening for cars
- Bright costumes are more easily seen
- Carry a flashlight and cell phone ~ call 911 in an emergency
- Don't eat treats until you show them to your parents or a trusted adult
- Remember to say thank you for all your treats.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

The UPPD e-list is used to notify residents of crime alerts for incidents. To be added to the list, we need your name, address, e-dress and contact phone number. Provide the information by mail, email or phone and be added to the UPPD e-list.

Theft from Auto August 1 between 9 and 11:30 PM in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd. suspect/s broke the driver side window of a 2004 Lincoln LS and stole a cell phone. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between 10 PM August 2 and 7:55 AM August 3 in the 4400 block of Underwood St. suspect/s broke the left rear window of a 2001 Honda Civic and stole a Panasonic radio and coins. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between 10 PM August 2 and 6 AM August 3 in the 4400 block of Underwood St. suspect/s unzipped and entered 2002 Jeep Wrangler and stole a JVC Car radio. A suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto August 2 at 12:40 AM in the 4000 block of Underwood St. suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2005 Chevrolet van and stole a Garmin GPS unit. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto August 4 between midnight and 1:30 AM in the 4100 block of Underwood St. suspect/s broke the driver side window of a 1989 Ford truck and stole a GPS unit. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto August 5 between 10:30 and 11 PM in the 6700 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s broke the driver side window of a 2004 Toyota van and stole a Tom-Tom GPS unit. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft August 6 at 8 AM in the 6700 block of Baltimore Ave. suspect/s stole a purse, camera and laptop computer from a common dining area in a rental residence. The victim stated there are other people living in the home and many visitors pass through. There was no sign of any forced entry and no witnesses or suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft Between August 19 at 7 AM and August 21 at 5 PM in the 7000 block of Wells Parkway suspect/s stole 4 copper down spouts from an unoccupied home. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto August 20 between 10:30 PM and midnight in the 6900 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2006 Nissan Maxima and stole a driver's license and registration card. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering August 28 at 4:30 AM in the 6600 block of Baltimore Ave. a suspect pried the rear door of a residence and entered the house. The tenant, a Univ. of MD police officer, had just returned home and chased the suspect. The suspect was described as a black male, 6' tall, 200 lbs., with long dreadlocks. The suspect eluded apprehension. It was discovered that the suspect had broken into a 2004 Chevy Monte Carlo and stolen a watch. The scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.



Community Flu Shot Clinic Thursday, October 20, 4-6 PM Riverdale Presbyterian Church

Flu shots will be available to adults 18 years or older at a cost of \$25 (cash or check) per person or free for seniors presenting their Medicare Part B card. You should *not* get a flu shot if you are allergic to eggs or egg products,

have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past, have developed Guillain-Barré Syndrome after receiving a flu shot, or have a moderate to severe illness with a fever. Sponsored by Adventist Health Care Ministry in partnership with the Town of University Park, the University Park Community Emergency Response Team, the University Park Woman's Club and the Riverdale Presbyterian Church.



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STEP UP

SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM
FOR UNIVERSITY PARK

STEP-UP Celebrates at the Town's 75th Anniversary
Be sure to drop by the STEP-UP table at the 75th anniversary celebration for the Town of University Park. The anniversary event takes place Sunday, October 9, 1:30-4:30 PM on Queens Chapel Road near the school. To help celebrate, *all STEP-UP participants and any new STEP-UP sign-ups will receive a high-efficiency LED lightbulb valued at \$40.*

I Want to Upgrade my Home, But... There are a lot of good reasons why people have not upgraded their homes to become more efficient: the process can be confusing; people don't want the hassle of dealing with contractors; some just don't have the money; others may not trust that their utility bills will actually decrease or that their home will become more comfortable. If you want to make your home more efficient but have been putting it off for any of these reasons, STEP-UP is here to help.

STEP-UP makes the process easy and affordable. To join 160 of your fellow UP residents currently participating in STEP-UP, simply complete a program Participation Agreement (available at Town Hall or www.mystep-up.org). The STEP-UP Energy Coach will then work alongside you every step of the way.

STEP-UP Helps Make Efficiency Affordable We want every resident in University Park, regardless of their financial situation, to have the opportunity to make their home more efficient, healthy and comfortable through STEP-UP. On average, UP homeowners are saving *more than one third* of the cost of upgrading their homes through the rebates and incentives available through STEP-UP. The program website www.mystep-up.org also includes a summary of low interest loan options available to STEP-UP participants to finance their home upgrades. The STEP-UP Energy Coach makes it all easy, helping UP homeowners to make the most of available state, utility, federal and STEP-UP's own direct financial incentives.

For info or to schedule an energy-coaching session, please contact Suzanne Parmet at 240-695-3991 or energcoach@upmd.org or visit www.mystep-up.org.

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August 15 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Toscano, Bradley Chacon, Carey, Cron (Gekas excused); Town employees Police Chief Wynnyk, Town Treasurer Baden, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson.

Recognition And Appreciation For Margaret Mallino

CM Mallino is resigning from Town Council after this evening's meeting. She is moving to Missoula, Montana to be closer to her family. Mayor Tabori expressed his deepest appreciation for CM Mallino's service to the Town of University Park, as well as the surrounding communities. He said she spent 15 years of her time as a UP resident as Mayor or as a Council Member. CM Carey praised CM Mallino for her leadership on the Town Council. Attorney Ferguson said she appreciated CM Mallino's contributions and insight. Former Mayor Brunner expressed his regret that CM Mallino would not be with us to continue to share her wisdom. He praised her skill in leading the Town through a number of difficult decisions over the years. Town resident Ms. Chris Garcia thanked CM Mallino for providing an oral history of her experiences living in University Park. Former Council member Mickey Lucas spoke in praise of CM Mallino's service. He said he greatly appreciated her ability to get Town residents to work together for the good of the community. Ms. Maxie Phillips requested a standing ovation for CM Mallino, gladly granted by all in attendance.

Mayor Tabori presented CM Mallino with a 75th Anniversary banner, to honor her outstanding service to the Town of University Park. CM Mallino thanked everyone for the kind words. She said she had been considering her move to Missoula for some time. She mentioned that she had introduced herself to the Missoula town council, which drew an appreciative chuckle from the crowd at the thought of how University Park's loss is Missoula's gain.

Public Comment (Not related to Cafritz)

CM Bradley Chacón said Ward 7 residents have requested that the Rules and Public Policy Committee consider how long PODS and similar storage structures can be kept on a homeowner's property. Mayor Tabori noted that the Town does have an ordinance addressing permit requirements for placing storage structures on public streets. Ms. Verrill reported that she had attended Chief Wynnyk's traffic forum. She noted the benefits of

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placing structures in the street to slow down traffic flow. She asked the Council to take up these traffic calming ideas along with any other relevant suggestions. Mayor Tabori said that the Town was considering hiring a traffic engineer to conduct an integrated traffic management study.

Permits

Application to Replace Existing 3.5' Wire Fence with a 4' Wood Fence, 6306 Queens Chapel Road Mayor Tabori provided background on this permit request. He said the contractor had begun installation of a 6-foot high fence. Subsequent to the Town's stop work order, the fence height was reduced to 4 feet. The contractor extended the fence line past the build line to nearly the front property line. Mayor Tabori noted that while Prince George's County does not require a permit for a 4-foot high fence, the Town requires a variance when the height exceeds 4 feet and materials are changed from the original materials. Ms. Mallino recommended denial of the permit and the variance until discussion was held with the surrounding neighbors. Applicant said that his neighbor is a contractor and is the one who built the fence for him. Motion to approve replacing a 3.5' wire fence with a 4' wood fence at 6306 Queens Chapel Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Application To Install a New 8' X 12' Storage Shed at 6511 Queens Chapel Road Motion to approve the installation of a new 8' x 12' storage shed at 6511 Queens Chapel Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Application To Construct New Sidewalk Connecting The Existing Walkway To Driveway and Repair Existing Walkway, and Replace and Widen Existing Concrete Driveway Section at 4308 Van Buren Street Motion to approve walkway repairs, the installation of new sidewalk and driveway widening and repairs on at 4308 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 5 to 0 (Carey abstains).

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda items was approved 5 to 0.

Application to Replace Front Walkway with Permeable Material and Add a Flagstone Walkway from the Front Door To The Driveway at 4309 Woodberry Street.

Application to Replace Storm/Tree Damaged Section of Existing 6' Fence With Exact Materials at 6930 Pineway.

Department Report

Mayor Tabori said he and CM Bradley Chacón discussed the impact of street widths in Ward 7 on the decision to approve or deny street parking permits. Mayor Tabori reported that some streets in the Town are 36 feet wide while others are 22 feet wide. Mayor Tabori asked the Council's permission to extend the parking waiver for the property at 6701 Forest Hill Drive while the Council considered whether or not to add additional parking restrictions on Town streets. The Council agreed unanimously with the Mayor's proposal.

Mayor Tabori said he has a complete listing of all zoning types in Prince George's County. This is germane to the Cafritz discussions as well as zoning proposals for surrounding properties. Mayor Tabori said he had downloaded the traffic study requirements for Prince George's County. He noted that the County's standards for traffic studies are lower than any other jurisdiction he reviewed.

Mayor Tabori was pleased to announce that Mr. Jim Henson's daughter will attend the October 9 celebration to name the Town park area Henson Green. The ceremonies will start at 1 PM.

Chief Wynnyk provided the July crime report. Chief Wynnyk said that school starts next week. The Town has received a grant from the state for a school bus safety program. Chief Wynnyk said that University Park police officer Sunday is receiving an Officer of the Year award for his traffic safety contributions.

Mr. Baden reviewed the June 30 and July 31 financial reports. He said the annual Town audit begins on September 6.

Continuing Business

Mayor Tabori said street repair work has begun in Wards 2 and 6 with replacements for curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Mayor Tabori said he will create a Cafritz blog on the Town website. He cautioned the participants to maintain their civility in the discussion. He said he is preparing a summary of all of the comments and information he has received, which includes letters, Council meetings and through other submissions. Roland Stephen of 3806 Calverton Drive said he worked on economic

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development issues in North Carolina. He viewed the Cafritz proposal to transition the property from single-family homes to a mixed commercial site as a favorable development. Ms. Lynn Desautel, a resident of Van Buren Street, said she was a strong supporter of smart growth. She expressed her concerns about mixed-use development in the wrong place. Her first concern was the impact on the community character, specifically in maintaining the safety of pedestrian traffic. She asked that the intersections be designed for the safety of pedestrians and bicycles. Her second concern was local economic development. She said it was not clear how the Whole Foods development will impact the development of the EYA Hyattsville Arts District. Finally, she asked that the development increase pedestrian access and add a circulator bus. She noted that single-family homes are more congruent with the surrounding community.

Mr. Mickey Lucas, a resident of Tennyson Road, said his family moved to University Park on Pearl Harbor Day. He said that the Cafritz property did not contribute traffic to the surrounding streets during the war years. He explained that Calvert Hills and Riverdale Park

communities have blocked access to their neighborhoods from the site. He emphatically said he did not want the "Cafritz 500" traffic roaring through University Park. He said the property has always been zoned R-55 and that opening the property to mixed-use commercial development will completely change the nature of University Park neighborhoods. He added that the site has a significant water problem, as the proposed Cafritz development will exceed the run-off capacity of Wells Run.

Mr. Tee Thompson touched on the Queens Chapel Road closure discussions that took place in University Park several years ago. He said closing Queens Chapel Road helped bring the community closer together. He is concerned that this new development will have a negative impact on the local environment. The Cafritz property is one of the few nearby places that acts as a sanctuary for migratory birds and serves as an oxygen processor for the surrounding area. He asked if there was a way to integrate the Cafritz property into the Hyattsville park system. Ms. Catherine Donnelly raised concerns about the increase in traffic. She pointed out that the southern portion of University Park is already being damaged by the intensity of the traffic on US Route 1 and East-West Highway. Mr. Bruce Burroughs raised concerns about what was shown in the Cafritz presentation. He noted that the property is physically located in Riverdale Park. He asked University Park to partner with Riverdale Park. He scoffed at the idea that the MARC train could serve as a commuter rail system. He said the proposed zoning change gives the Cafritz owners the greatest flexibility for monetizing the property. Mr. Lucas said there is a Memorandum of Understanding on Wells Run between the towns of University Park, Riverdale Park and Riverdale. He pointed out that the amount of development in the surrounding area will bring ever-increasing amounts of traffic to the area. Ms. Erica Moriarty, a resident of Sheridan Street, said she is resigned to the idea that the development will happen. She raised concerns about the lack of clarity and detail in the Cafritz plan.

Ms. Linda Verrill, a resident of Van Buren Street, said she was submitting a letter with 37 signatures to the Council. The letter expresses a strong desire for an alternate traffic route out of the Cafritz property over the railroad tracks and a better storm water management plan. She asked that a copy of her letter be appended to the Council meeting minutes. Mr. John Shoaf discussed the original plan for University Town Center, which was

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

On September 19, 2011, Ordinance 11-O-06 was introduced. This ordinance would enact Article I, Section 2-115 "Compensation of Mayor and Council" of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for compensation of Town officials elected in or after May, 2012. The meeting set for October 17, 2011 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On September 19, 2011, Charter Amendment 11-CR-02 was introduced. This Charter Amendment would repeal and re-enact Article III, "Mayor and Common Council", Section 301, "Number, Term of Office", and Section 304 "Meetings of Mayor and Council", and Article V, "Registration, Nomination and Elections", Section 504 "Elections" of said Charter to remove terms limits for the offices of Mayor and Council, and to change the terms of office so that Mayor and Council are all elected in the same year with two year terms beginning July 1. The meeting set for October 17, 2011 is the first meeting at which the Charter Amendment could be adopted.

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was going to include a Safeway store. Why can't the Whole Foods be located at UTC? He has concerns about regional development projects that tend to negatively interact with each other. He noted that there is no current use for the ERCO building. Why not build the Whole Foods there? He said traffic is like a roof leak—plug it in one location and it will emerge somewhere else. He said that the proposed plans have no real commitment to sustainability and the scope of the development will have an impact on school enrollment and capacity.

Mr. John Brunner, a resident of Tennyson Road, asked about what the deliverable would be for the economic development study. Mr. Stuart Eisenberg said the scope of the study would look at market demand for the US Route 1 corridor. The study would look to answer the question of what this local market could bear in terms of capacity. Mr. Brunner asked if the previous studies, especially the one for Hyattsville, looked at the residential property component. Mr. Eisenberg said that residential housing was not included in that study. Mr. Burroughs asked about the purpose of the study. Mayor Tabori said this study would be conducted before the zoning change.

Ms. Sarah Starret, a resident of Tennyson Road, said we didn't want our community to turn into Rockville Pike. Large amounts of parking and 4000 extra cars in traffic each day is not consistent with smart growth. There had to be a road outlet on the east side of the development. She disagreed with the large surface parking lots along US Route 1 and she advocated for a development style consistent with what has been done in the EYA Hyattsville development. She added that high-rise apartment buildings are a net drain on the local tax base. She asked that the zoning for the property be split between Phase I and Phase II of the development, rather than the entire property being rezoned at once. Mr. Colin Phillips, a resident of Woodberry Street, said dense development is a net positive if done correctly. He noted that if the access road problem is not solved at the beginning of the development, it would not be solved at all.

New Business

Legislation Resolution 11-O-05, An Amendment of the Chapter 12, Public Ethics, Introduction Motion to introduce Ordinance 11-O-05, an amendment of the Chapter 12, Public Ethics, to come into compliance with State law with respect to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure, to provide an Ethics Commission

procedure for advisory opinions and complaints and to revise the enforcement section. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Surplus Property, Police Vehicle, Introduction Motion to approve the introduction to declare the 2002 Chevy Impala surplus and authorize the Police Chief to dispose of the vehicle by the best possible method. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Transfer of Funds for Our Contribution for a Joint Market Study for the Cafritz Property with Hyattsville, College Park and Riverdale Park, Introduction Motion to approve the introduction to transfer \$5000 from Unreserved Funds to Government Studies to pay for the cost associated with a market study for the Cafritz property. CM Mallino moved to table the motion, in order to give the Council time to consider the motion and vote at the September 12 Council meeting. Motion to table the motion to introduce the transfer of \$5000 from Unreserved Funds to Government Studies to pay for the cost associated with a market study for the Cafritz property. Motion approved 5 to 1 (Carey). A town resident asked if the study could be completed within the Cafritz timeline. Mr. Eisenberg said the company would find a way to complete the study in a timely manner.

Transfer Funds For A New Phone System, Introduction Motion to approve the introduction to transfer \$2500 from Unreserved Funds to Small Equipment to cover the cost of the deductible associated with the insurance claim to replace the Town's phone system, damaged due to a storm event. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.



September 12 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Toscano, Bradley Chacon, Gekas, Carey, Cron (McPherson excused); Town employees Police Lieutenant McCully, Director of Public Works Beall.

Public Comment

Ms. Linda Gast, a resident of Ward 4 and Riverdale Presbyterian Church Pastor Loril Hawk invited the Council and the Mayor to participate in a blessing of the animals service at the church on October 1 at 10 AM. Mr. Bruce Burroughs, resident of 4400 East-West Highway, raised questions about the proposed joint market

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study for the Cafritz property. Mayor Tabori said the discussion should be postponed to the Cafritz discussion later in the agenda. Ms. Linda Verrill, a resident of Van Buren Street, thanked the Council and the Mayor for the 9/11 ceremony on Sunday. The ceremony took place at the Town's 9/11 memorial.

Permits

Application To Construct A New 17' 6" X 20' Screened Porch, 6600 44th Street Motion to approve the construction of a new 17' 6" x 20' screened porch, maximum height 15' at 6600 44th Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

CM Toscano pointed out that there is a long delay between the mid August Council meeting and the next Council meeting in the second week of September. She asked if permit applications received by Town Hall during that time could be granted temporary approval to proceed. Mayor Tabori said that the Council committee should consider this topic. He added that variances and easements would still need to come before the full Council for review.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve endorsing the Annual Fall CDC/FEMA/FMS Walk/Run on Thursday September 22 from Noon until 1:15 PM through University Park. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Department Reports

Mayor Tabori said he has distributed the proposed architectural drawings for remodeling Town Hall. The redesign would incorporate a shelter-in-place facility for the community. He added that a shelter-in-place facility would qualify for FEMA grant monies. CM Carey recommended that the Public Facilities and Services Committee take the proposal under consideration. CM Gekas noted that if the University Park Elementary School did not end up installing solar panels on the building, Town Hall could be a candidate. The solar grant monies must be spent within the boundaries of the Town.

Mayor Tabori reflected on the 9/11 ceremony and commended the speakers for their eloquence. Over 150 people attended. Mayor Tabori publicly thanked former Mayor John Brunner and Sarah Moseley, Ms. Verrill for donating a tent, Mr. Cotter for arranging the sound system, the UPES for loaning folding chairs and the

Public Works Department for preparing the 9/11 Memorial site and setting up the chairs. The Sunrise Quartet performed splendidly.

Mayor Tabori said a large number of the speakers invited to the 75th Anniversary celebration have replied that they would attend. The Town has received permission to use the "Being Green" motto from the Jim Henson trust. The walking tour brochure has been completed.

Mayor Tabori said that the auditors have completed the annual Town audit. A clean audit finding is expected, along with a surplus of \$80,000 to \$100,000.

CM Carey noted that Ms. Mallino's resignation leaves a vacancy for the chair of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee. He proposed a motion requesting that the Town Attorney draft two charter amendments, for introduction at the September 19 Council meeting.

1. To amend the Charter of the Town of University Park to eliminate term limits for Mayor and Council.

2. To amend the Charter of the Town of University Park, to establish compensation for the Mayor and Council beginning July 1, 2012. Compensation for the Mayor should be established at the rate of \$10,500 per year, compensation for the Council at the rate of \$2,500 per year. Provided, that the salary or compensation of any person serving as Mayor or a member of the Common Council may not be instituted or increased during his current term of office. Provided, that the Mayor or member of the Common Council individually may accept or refuse such compensation.

CM Bradley Chacón said that these proposals are important points for consideration and a discussion of these issues should not be rushed. Mayor Tabori emphasized that it was important for the public to have the opportunity to consider these two motions.

Mayor Tabori said that he wanted to add two additional motions.

3. New members of the Common Council and the Mayor take office on July 1st.

4. All elections take place every two years, instead of the current practice of staggering the elections.

Motion to approve requesting the Town Attorney draft four charter amendments, to cover motions 1 through 4 above. Motion approved 5 to 0.

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CM Bradley Chacón said she was concerned at the absence of a chairperson. No Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee meetings have been held. She asked that the Town Attorney prepare an alternative to motion #1, the alternative being that the term of service is lengthened by one year, but the term limits stay in place. CM Gekas spoke in favor of retaining the staggered elections.

Mr. Chuck Wilson presented the progress report for the STEP-UP program. He said that University Park was one of the few communities hitting the target participation rates. 18% of University Park residents (161) have participated in the program to date. 12% (105) energy audits have been completed on University Park homes. 6% (53) University Park households have already completed or are under contract to complete energy improving retrofits of their homes.

Motion to endorse that the STEP-UP program should proceed with recruiting and hiring staff to fill three part time positions, one for a student intern (up to 10 hours per week, extension of one summer intern), one for a technical consultant (up to 15 hours per week, respondent to competitive RFP) and one for a website consultant (up to 5 hours per week, sole source to current volunteer). Motion approved 5 to 0.

Mr. Wilson discussed the progress made with SunTrust to develop a set of loans products to support homeowners' energy improvements.

Mr. Beall reported on four items affecting the Public Works Department. Public Works has relocated to their new garage facility. The new location has four times the available space, has a heated work area and costs less than the previous location.

Paving operations are underway in University Park. Milling work will begin shortly in Ward 2. CM Gekas asked about the depression in the street pavement on Queens Chapel Road near Ms. Phillips' home. Mr. Beall said that WSSC had done work in that area and has installed a temporary patch. Negotiations over the amount of money WSSC will owe the Town to pay for permanent paving over the WSSC work areas will begin soon. Mayor Tabori explained that the depression was due to settling in the subsoil and WSSC may have to return and repair the area.

Mr. Beall discussed research to identify the oldest tree in University Park. The Town Arborist views the willow oak tree at 4400 East-West Highway as being 200 to 250 years old. The tree is 58" to 59" in diameter at chest height. An elm tree at 6500 Queens Chapel Road is estimated to be 175+ years old.

Most of the trees that fell due to the extraordinary rainfall over the past week were private trees that fell into public roads. The estimated expenses to clean up the tree debris is \$10,000. CM Bradley Chacón asked if the maintenance budget had sufficient funds to cover this work. Mr. Beall said it did. CM Cron thanked Mr. Beall and the Public Works Department for their hard work and timeliness.

Continuing Business

Regarding the Belcrest Plaza/Landy Project, Mayor Tabori said he is working to arrange a meeting with Marvin Bloomberg and Attorney Chip Reed to discuss storm water management. This ties into the 9 Pond engineering study.

Mayor Tabori distributed a summary of the central issues raised by the University Park community about the Cafritz property, based on email messages, phone calls, letters and public testimony. He noted that the communities of University Park, Riverdale Park, College Park and Hyattsville have worked together very closely and collaboratively on raising awareness about their respective concerns.

Mayor Tabori discussed background information on the traffic study. He explained that it is necessary for the citizenry to influence the County and the State officials to provide the investment to create a road infrastructure on the east side of the Cafritz development. Mayor Tabori said the importance of the market study is that it profoundly influences what is built on the property.

He emphasized the importance of the surrounding municipalities to achieve the 90% agreement level on the issues the Cafritz property represents. Without this agreement, the municipalities will be unable to effect binding covenants on the developer. Mayor Tabori displayed the conceptual site plan for the property. All in attendance viewed the drawings while the Mayor reviewed traffic concerns and site placement issues. The Cafritz conceptual site plans indicate up to 1.9 million square feet of retail and residential space.

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Surplus Property, Police Vehicle, Adoption Motion to approve the adoption to declare the 2002 Chevy Impala surplus and authorize the Police Chief to dispose of the vehicle by the best possible method. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Transfer of Funds for Contribution to a Joint Market Study For the Cafritz Property With Hyattsville, College Park And Riverdale Park, Introduction Motion to approve the introduction to transfer \$5000 from Unreserved Funds to Government Studies to pay for the cost associated with a market study for the Cafritz property, provided there are three or more parties participating in the study. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Transfer Funds For A New Phone System, Adoption Motion to approve the adoption to transfer \$2500 from Unreserved Funds to Small Equipment to cover the cost of the deductible associated with the insurance claim to replace the Town's phone system, damaged due to a storm event. Motion approved 5 to 0.

New Business

Illumination Study; Street Lighting and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, CPTED. Introduction motion to approve/disapprove the introduction for a town wide street lighting and crime prevention study. This agenda item was tabled to the next Council meeting.

Compost, Pilot Program (STEP-UP) Introduction Motion to approve/disapprove the introduction for a study that explores the benefits of diverting kitchen waste to compost rather than sending it to landfills. This agenda item was tabled to the next Council meeting.

Special Election Ward 1 Motion to approve procedures and dates for Ward 1 Council Member Special Election, with candidates having thirty days from today to submit petitions to Town Hall and the election to be held on October 25 at Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 8 AM to 8 PM. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Mayor Tabori said he is appointing representatives from Ward 1, 3 and 5 as the Cafritz Committee, with the Council member from Ward 4 as the backup if one of the other members is unavailable.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

TOWN EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 1, 10 AM

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." —Immanuel Kant

Pastor Loril Hawk, Riverdale Presbyterian Church, will offer an interfaith, non-denominational "Blessing of the Animals." This lovely custom is performed around the world in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, who had a great love for all creatures of nature. Bring your friendly dogs, cats, gerbils, goldfish and more to the grassy area next to the Tot Lot and opposite the 43rd Street exit of RPC's parking lot. We ask that all pets observe the UP leash law and be well behaved around other animals.

Celebrate University Park's 75th Anniversary

Sunday, October 9, 1:30-4:30 PM



Gather on Queens Chapel Road to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Town of University Park. Celebration events will include the dedication of Henson Green (the Town Christmas tree site), a re-enactment of the drive through UP by Queen Elizabeth II led by the Uni-

versity of Maryland Marching Band and the "Inside-Out" parade where you can visit antique cars, pony rides, vintage costumes, moon bounce, cotillion, live music, sidewalk chalk doodle art, face painting and much more. This is the big event we've been building towards all year, so plan on joining in UP's 75th celebration. For more information, contact Sarah Moseley 301-927-5091 or Beth Domingo 301-779-8380.

UPHPA Annual Potluck Supper

Thursday, October 20 from 6:30-9 PM

Members of the University Park Historic Preservation Association welcome all town residents to share in their annual opening meeting—an old-fashioned potluck supper—in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. We'll have tremendous food, share programming plans for the coming year and digest events that celebrated the town's 75th Anniversary. Over dessert, Howard Berger, new supervisor of the Division of Historic Preservation, has been invited to provide an overview of the new addition to our town's historic district. Please bring a favorite entree, side dish or dessert for eight to share.

Music at Riverdale Concert Series

Riverdale Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 30, 4 PM



Join us for an afternoon of chamber music with Jeanine Reinier (Oboe/English Horn) and Kathleen Vadala (Piano) in the sanctuary. For more than twenty years, the Music at Riverdale Concert Series has sponsored the presentation of theatrical, choral and instrumental music in University Park to entertain and enlighten people of all ages.

Free and open to the public. A reception follows the performance where you can meet and talk with the performers. For more information or to support the Music at Riverdale Concert Series, call 301-927-0477.

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.

Houses Needed for Annual House Tour

Do you love to decorate your home for the holidays? Would you enjoy meeting town residents? Homeowners who have been on the House Tour sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club have found it to be fun, rewarding and a great way to feel a part of the community. Each year homeowners are invited to volunteer their homes. Five to six homes are needed and must be selected by November 1. The 17th annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour will be held Friday, December 9. This popular local event is a fundraiser for the Woman's Club and helps fund college scholarships for high school graduating seniors and educational and cultural events for the community. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tour Co-Chairs Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414 or Sallie Holder at 301-864-9264.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, October 18

The After 8 Book Group, which is open to all town residents, meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The October selection is Anne Tyler's *A Patchwork Planet*. For more info on the group, please call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.

HY-LI Book Group

Saturday, October 15, 3 PM

Join the Hyattsville Library's afternoon book group to discuss Martha Weinman Lear's *Where Did I Leave My Glasses*. According to Lear, the memory lapses that begin in middle age are typically no cause for alarm. Lear explores why names are the first to go and what can be done about it, why we forget certain things on purpose, why we forget more than our parents did and in which cases our brains are actually doing us a favor by letting go of certain knowledge. Weaving together insight from psychologists, neuroscientists and evolutionary biologists with rich and often hilarious anecdotes, Lear offers reassurance and hope to the millions of forgetful baby boomers. Hyattsville Branch Library, 6530 Adelphi Rd., 301-985-4690.

Library Volunteer Needed



The Hyattsville English Conversation Club meets Tuesday evenings 7:30-9 PM at the Library and provides people learning English a chance to practice speaking in a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere. It is not a class, so people from diverse backgrounds and any level of proficiency can participate without having to do homework or feel pressured to perform. Previously, Librarian Maria Escobedo enjoyed the help of two UP volunteers. If you might have time on Tuesday evenings, please contact Ms. Escobedo at 301-985-4690 or Maria.Escobedo@pgcmls.info.

HellSpawn: Something Really Scary

October 13-14 & 21-22, 8 PM

UP resident Mary Resing's Active Cultures Theatre presents *HellSpawn*. Set in and around Cottage City, Maryland, it is inspired by *The Exorcist* and DC's urban legends of demonic possession. Performances are at Riverdale Town Center. Tickets \$15-20 with a special UP discount on October 14. For tickets and info, visit www.activecultures.org or call 301-526-9921.

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
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Radios
Rechargeable Batteries
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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

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GATHER ON THE LAWN AT BLOOMFIELD - 6404 QUEENS CHAPEL ROAD

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TO OPEN THE

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