

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE MAYOR

A *tip of the hat* to Mickey Beall, the Town's Public Works Director and V. Sidhu, the Town Engineer who have brought the street project in ahead of schedule and within the desired specifications. All work has been completed except on Wells Parkway and Clagett Road between Adelphi Road and College Heights Drive. The work on this stretch of road is slated to be finished in September. During this time, the speed tables on the North Pineway curve, and Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets will be reinstalled. In addition, a final inspection of all work will be conducted and problems fixed. A full report on project costs and activities going into the final stages of the project will be presented at the Town Council meeting on September 10.

The damage done to Town street and park trees by the powerful *derecho* storm at the end of June was finally cleaned up at the end of July, early part of August. The

cleanup was complicated by the fact that many trees fell on and became entangled with PEPCO's lines. It appears that no member of our community was injured by the storm and its aftermath, although there was some property damage, mainly to automobiles, yards, and a few homes.

The silver lining may be an interesting art project. Former Councilman Lynn Dudinsky has suggested carving a number of the tree trunks into sculptures, possibly of Jim Henson's Muppets as well as other forest creatures. At least one artist has indicated that he might be able to do so for a minimal charge. The Mayor and Council and others are looking into this concept and will discuss it with the Town at the scheduled Council meetings in September. For now approximately eight tree trunks have been preserved rather than ground down.

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	September 10 & 24
Cafritz Oversight Committee	September 5 & 12
Recycling & Shredding Event	October 13

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

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During the past six years, both privately and publically owned trees have taken a severe beating from storms and insects. The Town has been cited by at least one state forester as one of the state's finest examples of an urban forest. Unfortunately, like most urban forests, ours does not naturally renew itself. I urge all of our residents to plant a shade tree to replace trees lost over the past decade. The fall is a good time to plant or plan for spring planting. The Town maintains a list of suitable shade trees for this area and will reimburse property owners up to \$300. Remember, trees add significant value to our homes and the quality of life here in University Park.

Development projects on or near our boundaries continue to raise significant concerns. The Cafritz project was granted a rezoning with conditions by the District Council in July. Shortly thereafter the Cafritzes submitted Preliminary Plan of Subdivision Application, which is the first step in moving to the project's construction phase. They have indicated that they will submit a Detailed Site Plan (DSP).

The Town Council has created a Committee consisting of Council Members Arlene Christiansen (Chair), Roy Alvarez, Len Carey, and Michael Cron, the Mayor, and Town residents Ellen Thorp and Linda Verrill. The Committee will monitor the development of the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and the DSP, as well as all the stages and permit processes that follow to ensure that the Cafritzes meet both the spirit and letter of the conditions agreed to and which are contained in the District Council Order as well as the Covenants, Conditions and Agreements between them, Riverdale Park, and University Park. Although an appeal of the District Council's order rezoning the property was filed on August 17, County rules allow the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and DSP process to go forward while awaiting a court decision—and so will the Committee. Documents related to this project will continue to be posted on the Town Cafritz Blog site as they become available.

In all likelihood, the Town Council will be reviewing and taking a position on two other development projects in our vicinity in September. They are the Landy Project, an apartment project to be constructed at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Road, and the Maryland Book Exchange Project, a student housing complex to be located where the old Maryland Book Exchange exists. The former project was originally supported by the Town with

conditions in the fall of 2010. Since then, the project has made a number of design changes, including undergrounding the parking garage, reducing the impervious surface and improving the view shed of the apartment building and the surrounding properties. The Town Council is expected to receive a full presentation before the Council either on September 10 or September 24. The Town Council also expects to take a position on the redevelopment of the Maryland Book Exchange. This is a controversial project that was remanded by a unanimous District Council in July for further consideration by the Planning Board. The project is strongly opposed by College Park in its present configuration. Currently the Planning Board hearing on this project is slated for September 13. As a consequence, the Town Council will hold its hearing on the project on September 10 and decide on its position. Documents related to both projects will be posted on the Town website as they become available under the Development Projects page.

The new school year has begun, so please be careful when driving in the vicinity of the UPES grounds. Additional temporary classrooms have been erected on the school grounds and will remain in place as parts of the school are refurbished. It is our understanding that we will be able to hold our Council Meetings in the UPES media center again beginning on September 10; however, keep an eye on the Town website for announcements. We thank the Riverdale Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use Custis Hall over the summer.

A very special *thank you* must go to the Town and STEP-UP staff who supervised Town Hall's new insulation work, and cleaned and organized the attic. A special *tip of the hat* to Josie Brown, our Police Department clerk, who did a masterful job of organizing and filing all the Town's historical records in accordance with the State mandated archiving rules. As a consequence of her work, locating files and historical records should be far easier in the future. For those of you who are interested in the Town's history, please come by and take a look as many Town records and pictures are now available in the Conference Room for perusal by residents and others.

*Hope everyone had a great summer and as we approach fall that you enjoy the Town and the late summer blooms. Keep safe and I will see you around Town.*

*John Rogard Tabori*

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Nearly every road in UP has been repaved and potholes, bumps and imperfections removed. Please watch your speed. For new families in town with children just getting started with schooling, be warned that traffic in and around University Park increases when summer vacation ends and school is back in session. With school buses, delivery vehicles, vacations over and the University of Maryland in full session, the traffic can become quite chaotic.

The UPPD conducted a pedestrian safety enforcement effort during the month of July with numerous citations issued for drivers endangering pedestrians in the crosswalk. A common response from the violator was, "I didn't see the person walking across the road." Inattentive driving is a significant contributor to vehicular accidents and the distractions created by radios, cell phones and passengers make driving a challenging at best. Drive carefully, watch for pedestrians and pay attention when behind the wheel. Pedestrian safety enforcement will continue during the school year and violators will receive citations. School bus stop areas will be monitored for speeding vehicles, traffic sign violations and inattentive driving. Remember, arriving safely is much more important than being late.

How do we want drivers to behave 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 for others to follow, they will. Traffic is here to stay. Let's modify driving behavior to a manner that is appropriate, safe and in line with the desires of our community. Ask yourself, "Do I come to a complete stop for stop signs or do I coast through them? Do I keep my speed at or below the posted speed limit, even when I'm in a hurry, or does tardiness justify excessive speed?" Good driving habits are contagious.

**To parents of UPES students:** Allow your child to have the time necessary to be prepared for the school day. Walk your children to school if you can. If you are dropping a student off, do not park and exit your vehicle in the drop-off lane to walk your child to the door-you may be given a citation. Do not enter the school bus circle in front of the school. If you must drive, always wear your seat belts, stop for stop signs, drive with caution and pay attention to your surroundings. Working together, we can make the school area a safer place. *Let's have a safe school year.*

***Theft from Auto*** On June 4 between 6:30 and 7:30 PM in the 4000 block of Underwood St. suspects entered an unlocked 1998 Ford pickup truck and stole a pair of sunglasses, some tools, a handicap placard and a driver's license. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

***Breaking & Entering*** Between June 6 11:30 PM and June 7 5:30 AM in the 6600 block of Baltimore Ave. suspect/s entered a home through an unlocked front door and stole an Xbox, notebook computer and hair trimmers. The victim also advised he had other roommates; however, he believed they were not home during the time period of the theft. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

***Theft*** On June 25 in the 4100 block of Van Buren St. it was reported that a package delivered by UPS was stolen on June 19 from the front porch of the residence. A suspect described as a white male with a thin build, driving a white box truck, was seen in the area the day the package was taken. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

***Attempt Stolen Auto*** On July 20 at 8:10 PM in the 4000 block of Underwood St. suspects entered an unlocked 2003 Dodge pickup truck and damaged the ignition. A surveillance camera revealed a light colored minivan with two unidentified male suspects approached the pickup truck and attempted the theft. No other property was damaged or stolen. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

***Recovered Stolen Auto*** On July 4 at 3:15 PM in the 6500 block of Queens Chapel Rd. a UP officer observed two adult males driving off road motorcycles without tags. Suspects were stopped and investigation

revealed that the motorcycles were reported stolen in Delaware. The vehicles were returned to the owner and the suspects were charged with theft. Case closed.



## TOWN NEWS

### Small Town Energy Program

This summer the Small Town Energy Program or STEP (formerly known as STEP-UP) worked hard to spread the word about the benefits of participating in the program. STEP's Summer Associates knocked on the doors of University Park residents who were not yet participating. In addition, our intrepid interns walked the streets of College Heights Estates, Riverdale Park and Hyattsville, and attended the Riverdale Farmer's Market, Hyattsville Summer Jam and other events, introducing these neighborhoods to STEP. We are excited about the expansion of STEP into our neighboring communities, and with the success of this summer's outreach.

In addition, STEP launched a new website this summer: [www.smalltownenergy.org](http://www.smalltownenergy.org). We hope this new website makes it easier to learn about STEP and navigate the energy efficiency evaluation and improvement process.

Finally, a reminder to all that STEP is a limited-time program-it is only available until next summer-so if you haven't already gotten started or completed the process, now is the time to do so! Interested residents seeking lower energy bills and a more comfortable and valuable home are urged to learn more at [www.smalltownenergy.org](http://www.smalltownenergy.org), or contact Suzanne Parmet at [energy-coach@smalltownenergy.org](mailto:energy-coach@smalltownenergy.org) or 240-695-3991.

### 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](mailto: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.



### Coffee with Council Member Eric Olson

**Monday, September 17, 8-10 AM**

Join County Councilman Eric C. Olson for a discussion about County issues this fall. Town Center Market, Riverdale Park. Coffee will be provided. Please stop by anytime. For more information, please call Tina Butler at 301-952-3060.

### University Park Shade Tree Reimbursement Program

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



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

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

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

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

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### June 4 Council Meeting Highlights

*An Executive Session was called to discuss personnel matters. The regular Legislative Session resumed at 7:30 PM at which time the meeting was open to the public.*

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

#### Presentations

*University Park Elementary School Blue Ribbon winners presented their County Science Fair projects* The winners: 4th Grade: James Dawson, Grand Prize; Chloe Widman, Excellence in Biological Sciences. 5th Grade: Amelia Komisar-Bury, Excellence in Environmental Sciences. 6th Grade: Jasmine Booker, Excellence in Biological Sciences; Alfredo Ruiz-Malca, Excellence in Physical Sciences. Their teacher is Mrs. Rowland.

*UPES Science Bowl Team Champions* University Park Elementary School won 1st Place in the County Science Bowl for the fifth time. UPES has now won more Science Bowl elementary championships than any other school in the history of the competition. The winning University Park team, coached by Geoff Favero, included Charlie Dawson, Madeleine Wonneberger, Surya Pukazhenthhi, and alternates Louis Catacalos, Vivian Tran and Alexis Arnason.

Mayor Tabori presented the Science Bowl Team champions and County Science Fair project winners with certificates from the Town. Prince George's County Delegate Eric Olson congratulated the students and their teachers by presenting each student with a Proclamation from the County Council.

#### Consent Agenda

*Motion to approve the following consent agenda item: 40th Avenue 6500 Block Party/Street Closure, Saturday, June 16, 3 to 7 PM.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Permits

*Application to Replace Wood Fence and Gravel Patio, 7004 Wells Parkway* Motion to approve the application to replace existing 4' wood fence with white vinyl and replace the existing 300 sq ft gravel patio with flagstone located at 7004 Wells Parkway. Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Application to Erect a New Screened Porch, 6511 Queens Chapel Road* Motion to approve the application to erect a new 30' x 15'8" screened porch located at 6511 Queens Chapel Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Application to Install a Nonconforming 6' Fence, 6509 Adelphi Road* Motion to approve the variance request for the installation of a nonconforming 6' fence including 1' lattice, no part to exceed 6 feet, located at 6509 Adelphi Road. Note: The Council finds this is a special exception for safety considerations per Section 4-115 in whole of Town Code. Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Zoning Variance Appeal V-35-12: Request to Send a Letter of Support or Opposition for the Variance to Construct an Attached Single-Car Garage and Driveway on the Premises Which Does Not Conform to Zoning Ordinance Section 27-422 (E)(Table IV) Which Prescribes that a Corner Lot Shall Have a Minimum Side Yard Along the Side Street at Least 25' in Depth and Section 27-422(C) (Table II), which Prescribes that not More Than 30% of the Net Lot Area Shall Be Covered by Buildings and Off-Street Parking, 6813 40th Avenue* Motion to approve a letter of opposition for the variances of 21 feet 2 inches side street yard depth and .9% additional net lot coverage as requested at 6813 40th Avenue. However, the Council is open to a new plan. Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Department Reports

Mayor John Tabori reported that street repairs are near complete in Wards 4 and 5. Approximately 25% of the milling and paving work remains. The last portion of the project will begin when school closes. The Bolan-SMART Market Study has offered to hold a public informational session for both University Park and Riverdale Park at the Town Hall in Riverdale Park.

#### Continuing Business

*Ordinance 12-O-05 to Amend Ordinance 12-O-02: Employee Service Recognition Bonus, 2nd Reading/Adoption Motion to Approve the Adoption of Ordinance 12-O-05 to Amend the Schedule in Ordinance 12-O-02 that Provides Town Employees Otherwise in Good Standing, in Addition to His/Her Regular Compensation, Shall Receive Monetary and Other Recognition for Specified Years of Service.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Position of Town Clerk Mayor Tabori withdraws the candidate at this time.

### New Business

**Budget Transfers, 2nd Reading/Adoption *Motion to Approve the Motion to Transfer \$500,000 from the Road & Sidewalk (Bond Proceeds) Reserved Designated Account To The Town Wide Street Repair 2011-13 Expenditure Account.*** Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



### June 13 Town Council Special Session

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Carey, Sorensen, Cron. Excused were Council Members McPherson, Bradley Chacon.

### New Business

**Resolution 12-R-02; Donation of Employee Sick Leave *Motion to Approve Resolution 12-R-02, to Authorize Donation of Employee Sick Leave to Allow Town Employees Under Certain Circumstances to Donate Their Sick Leave to Another Employee for a Documented Sick Leave Absence.*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

The Special Session adjourned at 7:10 PM.



### June 18 Council Meeting Highlights

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

**Official Swearing In Of The Mayor By The Clerk Of The Court *Swearing-In of the Mayor-Elect and the Ceremonial Swearing-In of the Council Members-Elect*** Swearing-In conducted by from the office of The Honorable Marilyn Bland, Clerk of the Circuit Court. John Rogard Tabori, Mayor; David Brosch, Ward 1 Councilmember; Arlene Christiansen, Ward 3 Councilmember; Roy Alvarez, Ward 7 Councilmember.

**Official Swearing-In of Council Members-Elect by the Mayor** Mayor Tabori administered the oath of office to Mr. David Brosch and Mr. Roy Alvarez. Ms. Arlene Christiansen, Ward 3 Council Member-Elect, was unable to attend due to a previously scheduled family celebration.

### Permits

***UPCA July 4 Street Closure*** Motion to approve the UPCA request for closing Queens Chapel Road between Town Hall/Baltimore Avenue and University Park Elementary School on Wednesday, July 4 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Motion approved 6 to 0.

***Application to Replace Existing Front Steps, 6713 Adelphi Road*** Motion to approve the replacement of existing front concrete steps located at 6713 Adelphi Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Department Reports

Mayor Tabori discussed concerns about Pepco's tree trimming policy and proposed solutions for Council to consider. Mr. Chuck Wilson distributed a report on recent Step-Up activities. Director Public Works Beall discussed the information Pepco has on town street addresses, and streetlights. Town Attorney Ferguson reported on the public hearing to discuss negotiations and renewal of the cable franchise with Comcast. Town Treasurer Baden distributed the May 2012 Treasurer's Report.

### Continuing Business

**Emergency Amended Ordinance 12-O-05 to Amend Ordinance 12-O-02: Employee Service Recognition Bonus *Motion to Approve the Adoption of Emergency Amended Ordinance 12-O-05, Which Amends Ordinance 12-O-02 and Provides that Town Employees in Otherwise Good Standing, in Addition to His/Her Regular Compensation, Shall Receive Monetary and Other Recognition for Specified Years of Service.*** The Ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to allow it to be effective immediately. Motion approved 6 to 0.

**Budget Transfers *Motion to Approve the Transfer of \$16,000 from Capital Outlay Equipment Line Item to be Divided as Needed Among General Government Office Supplies and the Respective Salaries Line Items for Each Department to Cover the Potential Costs for Both Monetary and Non-Monetary Awards Associated with Each Line Item.*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

***Motion to Approve the Transfer of \$9,000 from Capital Outlay Equipment Line Item to the Vehicle Maintenance Line Item to Cover the Cost of Repairs Made on the Trash Packer When Circumstances did not Allow the Purchase of a Replacement Truck.*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

***Motion to Approve the Transfer of \$500,000 from the Road & Sidewalk (Bond Proceeds) Reserved Designated Account to the Town Wide Street Repair 2011-13 Expenditure Account.*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

**New Business** Representatives from Bolan-SMART will present the results of the Route 1 Market Study on Monday, July 2 at 8 PM at the Riverdale Park Town Hall for residents of University Park and Riverdale Park. There will be a public hearing on June 18 at the Town's regular Council Meeting to discuss negotiations and renewal of the cable franchise with Comcast. Suellen Ferguson presents updates on Comcast franchise negotiations. Negotiations will continue for the next 2-3 years. This process includes the I-Net system. Specialized consultants are working with the negotiations team to plan for future cable services and related needs.

Mayor Tabori discussed ways to manage tree trimming controlled by Pepco with options for solutions to explore. Research into this matter will be ongoing and public discussions will continue on this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



### **July 9 Council Meeting Highlights**

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Christiansen, Carey, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez.

#### **Permits**

***Application to Install a New Patio and Step, 4200 Sheridan Street*** Motion to approve the installation of a new 18' x 42' patio & step with Bluestone pavers, located at 4200 Sheridan Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### **Department Reports**

Mayor Tabori discussed the storm cleanup and the police and Pepco response. The Mayor also discussed Cafritz and their plans to submit a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; in addition, the need for an oversight committee on the Cafritz project. He confirmed that negotiations between our Town and Cafritz included a representative from the County Executive's Office who agreed to fund the bridge over the CSX tracks with the county sharing the cost beyond the \$5 million from the developer. The cost would be split half-and-half with the Town of Riverdale Park.

A report was given by CM Brosch, Mr. Strickman and Ms. Verrill on the Asian tiger mosquito project in Ward 1.

#### **Continuing Business**

**Council Review of Updated Town Applications: Building Permit Application, New Variance Request Building Permit Application, Rental Property Application, Vendor License Application** The Council was directed to ask the Town Attorney any questions they might have about these updated forms and to give any comments to the Town Clerk (acting).

#### **New Business**

***Parking Waiver Renewal for Rental Property, 6704 40th Avenue*** Motion to approve the application for an on-street, six month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6704 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

***Storm Cleanup*** Motion: For purposes only of clean-up from the most current storm, and for a period not to exceed 60 days from July 9, 2012, to waive the \$10,000 administrative cap on contracting for work without submittal to bid, and to establish a \$40,000 cap on such contracts. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Christiansen abstained).

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



### **July 23 Council Meeting Highlights**

Present were Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Christiansen, Carey (acting as Mayor Pro Tem), Alvarez. Absent (excused) were Sorensen, Cron.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Hockberger of Beechwood discussed the condition of a portion of Wells Run and the ability of the stream to manage storm water effectively. He encouraged Council to take up the issue of restoring/repairing the banks of the streambed and consider having trees and shrubs removed along the stream banks, which slows the water flow and causes flooding during heavy rains.

#### **Consent Agenda**

***Motion to Approve the Following Consent Agenda Item: Application to Replace an Existing Shed, 3901 Underwood Street.*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### Permits

***Application to Erect a Wood Fence, 4311 Sheridan Street*** Motion to approve the application to erect a 4 foot fence located at 4311 Sheridan Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

CM Carey, Mayor Pro Tem reported Mayor Tabori had a family emergency. He will give a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Chuck Wilson reported the Step-UP program will be complete in one year. Program participation has proved successful in UP with a rate of 1 in 4 homes participating. The Department of Energy granted permission to extend the program to College Heights Estates (CHE), Riverdale Park and Hyattsville. Results from the first kick-off event held at Northwestern HS for CHE residents proved there is interest in the program. Residents embraced the opportunity to join, with 20% of homes in the neighborhood signing up. Riverdale Park is next with their kick-off event on September 28. Mr. Wilson asked Council to consider extending the Compost Pilot Program for three additional months. Funds needed to cover costs are available in the budget and extending this program will provide data for a full year. ***Motion to Approve the Compost Pilot Program for an Additional Three Months.*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney, reported that she had met with Ms. Toscano to review legislation not yet incorporated into the Town Charter and Code Books. Updates will be completed and reviewed then new books printed and given to Council members.

Chief Wynnyk reported that the police department applied for a School Bus Enforcement Grant and purchased a new police vehicle.

Dan Baden, Town Treasurer, reported that the Audit for FY12 has been scheduled to begin on the first Tuesday after Labor Day.

Council discussed the request to order mosquito traps and supplies for the Asian mosquito program CM Brosch delivered the Purchase Order. Supplies totaled \$840.00. ***Motion to Approve the Purchase Order for Mosquito Traps and Related Equipment, and to Authorize the Use of the Line Item for Intended***

***Purchases and Other Necessary Items for the Mosquito Study.*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

### Continuing Business

***Resolution 12-R-03 Maryland Municipal Public Works Association Mutual Aid Agreement, 2nd Reading Motion to Approve the Adoption of Resolution 12-R-03 Maryland Municipal Public Works Association Mutual Aid Agreement.*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

### New Business

***Motion to Approve the Appointments to the Following Council Committees as Stated in the Town Code Chapter 2, Section 2-103, And Chapter 16, Section 16-103:***

*Police, Traffic, and Public Safety*

Roy Alvarez (Chair), Michael Cron and James Gekas

*Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure*

Arlene Christiansen, Heidi Sorensen (Chair)

*Public Facilities and Services:*

David Brosch, Len Carey (Chair), Michael Cron

*Trees*

Roy Alvarez (Liaison to Committee)

*Step-UP (Council Advisory Committee)*

Len Carey (Chair), James Gekas, John Rogard Tabori (ex officio, grant business manager),

Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Motion to Approve the Renewal of the Stream Committee*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Motion to Approve the Following Appointments to the Stream Committee: Council Liaison, Roy Alvarez; Stream Committee Representatives Mr. Tom Stickles (Chair) And Mr. Frances (Mickey) Lucas*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Motion to Approve the Following Appointment to the Position of Supervisor of Elections: Mr. Ed Lee*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Motion to Approve the Following Appointments to the Ethics Commission for Two Year Terms Each: Ms. Michelle Brane, Esq, and Sister Maureen Fiedler, PhD*** Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Motion to Approve the Appointment of Council Member Len Carey as Mayor Pro Tempore Per Article III, Section 307 of the Charter, to Perform the Duties and***

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*Exercise the Authority of the Mayor, Without Further Action by the Council, During an Emergency When the Mayor is Absent or Otherwise Unable to Act.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

CM Christiansen had questions on insurance reimbursement amounts for debris/tree clean-up following storms. In the absence of Mr. Beall and Mayor Tabori, Mr. Baden responded that the Town's insurance policy will reimburse up to \$10,000 for each storm event and that Mr. Beall evaluates storm damage and discusses actions needed with Mayor Tabori.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.



### Mailman Mark Ross Retires

Mark Ross, who in 1988 became University Park's first African-American mailman, retired Aug. 18 after 25 years of service to our community.

Mark says he is "nothing special," but the neighbors who have experienced his warmth, friendliness, hard work and commitment to getting their mail delivered, no matter what, would disagree. Mr. Ross is a legendary mailman.

Ross returned to work his final weeks before retirement after recovering from a concussion he suffered while delivering the mail. A dog got entangled in his feet and Mark fell.

"It's a trip to be leaving University Park," Mark said. "I knew so many people there." He lives in Silver Spring with his wife, Jennifer, who is also retired. They have two daughters, Cherie and Nicole. Mark's initial retirement plans are simply to rest. Neighbors who would like to show Mark their appreciation for his devotion to the residents of UP and CHE may write him at: Mark Ross, 3808 Kayson St., Silver Spring, MD 20906

### Congratulations, Cesar Visurraga

Congratulations to Captain Cesar J. Visurraga for being chosen by the United States Army Reserves and MTV to represent in Hispanic Heritage Month as a Role Model for Latinos. He will be featured in MTVU from September 15-October 15. He is also obtaining his Master's degree as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in September 2012!

## OBITUARY

### Janet B. Stello



Janet B. Stello, a resident of University Park for more than fifty years, passed away on July 4, 2012 at the age of ninety-two. Janet was born on July 28, 1919 in Kane, PA and grew up on a small farm in the Berwyn, MD area. She graduated from McKinley Tech High School in Washington, DC and the University of Maryland with a degree in Chemistry.

She married Harry E. Stello on June 1, 1943. They moved to their home at 6425 Adelphi Road in 1953. They raised their two children there, and remained in the home until moving to a continuing care retirement community in 2003. Mrs. Stello was a homemaker. She also served as the office manager for her husband's business, Maryland Cycle & Equipment Company, located in College Park. Her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her greatest source of joy. She is survived by her beloved husband of sixty-nine years, her children, Janet S. Menassa and Harry E. Stello, Jr., four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### Fall Electronics Recycling & Document Shredding Event

**Saturday, October 13, 9 AM-1PM**  
**UP Elementary Bus Turnaround**

Please review the Acceptable/Unacceptable eCycling List at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under the Public Works tab and the back of this issue.



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.

### Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 PM

Wednesday Night Live at Riverdale Presbyterian Church continues weekly during Fall 2012 with simple suppers 6:30-7PM and programs for children (5-12), teens and adults. For children, September will be hand drumming (see details below) and October will be movement and dance. Instruction by age will alternate with supervised games and activities. Pastor Loril Hawk will lead a study on Church and Politics for adults which will cover a range of topics germane to being a Christian in a political climate.

All this begins September 5 starting with Service Club (community & church projects, fellowship and games) from 5-6 PM for grades 7 and up.



Children and youth will learn hand drumming as part of a traditional African drumming circle through imitation and instruction by drummers from Yew-360. After 3 weeks, they will be able to perform some unison rhythms and enjoy this joyful percussion! A younger (ages 5-8) and older (ages 9 and up) will alternate with supervised games and activities during WNL.

For more details see rivpres.org. The program is free with offers to help with suppers appreciated. New friends are welcome (adult must register children under 12 and let us know pick up arrangements).

### Worship on the Lawn

Sunday, September 9, 11:15 AM to 2 PM

Riverdale Church is holding an outdoor worship service and cookout. Join us for worship, fellowship, food and fun. Worship on the Lawn, with music by the Highest Point praise band starts at 11:15 AM with picnic starting at 12:30 PM. Food and fun, family games and children's activities. All are welcome.

### After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, September 18, 8-10 PM

September's selection is Alan Bradley's *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. The October selection is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

### Fall/Winter University Park Children's Clothing Sale Coop

September 22, 10 AM-12 PM

It's the 35h 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](mailto:univpark-childrensclothingsale@gmail.com) and use the phrase "Volunteer for Coop Sale" in your subject line.

### Woman's Club Begins New Program Year

Monday, October 1, 11:30 AM

The University Park Woman's Club, Inc. (UPWC) will launch its new year of programs with a program focusing on Domestic Violence Prevention. The signature project of women's federated clubs throughout the world is the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse. The meeting will begin at 11:30 AM with fellowship, lunch at 12 Noon and the program at 12:30. The meeting will be held in Curtis Hall of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. UPWC membership is open to all women in UP and surrounding communities. Women who are committed to volunteer service, life-long learning and getting better acquainted in the community are invited to become members. For additional information about membership call Margaret Callaghan, Membership Chair at 301-864-1031. Membership dues are \$35 per year.



### Woman's Club Recruiting

#### Homes for Annual House Tour

The UP Woman's Club will hold their annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour and Boutique on Friday, December 14. The tour will be from 7 to 10 PM. The club is seeking volunteers who will decorate and open their homes on the tour. The tour is the major fundraiser of the Woman's Club. Proceeds fund scholarships and educational and cultural programs. Each year five to six local homes are part of the tour. For additional information or to volunteer to be a part of this popular town tradition, call Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414 or Sallie Holder at 301-864-9264. The goal is to have commitments of tour homes by October 1 to allow time for event publicity.

### One Maryland, One Book

Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 PM

Read and discuss the 2012 OMOB selection, *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. We discuss the book after a simple supper with Wednesday Night Live. For more information about Wednesday Night Live and the book club, please see [www.rivpres.org](http://www.rivpres.org). Join us!

### UP Civic Association News

The UPCA has been busy with summer activities, and we are looking forward to some new and fun events for fall. Thanks go to Julie McLaren, Jenn Mooney and Sarah Heitkemper for organizing the 3rd Annual Battle of the Bags, a fundraiser for the UPCA. More thanks go to Dawn Nichols and her team for organizing the 4th of July Parade and Picnic. A good time was had by all, despite the extreme heat! Some nice photos of the festivities are on the UPCA website: <http://www.upcivicassociation.com>. We will have our regular UPCA meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 7 PM

at RPC. The following month, on Tuesday, October 23 we will have our UPCA Social at the home of Christine and T.J. Becraft from 7-9 PM. Please visit [www.upcivicassociation.com](http://www.upcivicassociation.com) for our events and needs. We are still in need of a president or co-presidents. If interested, please email Leatha Thome at [upcatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:upcatreasurer@gmail.com) or Carol Cron at [carol.cron@hotmail.com](mailto:carol.cron@hotmail.com).

### Playgroup Meet 'n' Greet

Sunday, September 16, 12-2 PM

Calling all parents of infants and preschoolers! Playgroups are a great way for babies and children to develop and practice their social skills. The easiest way to find or form a playgroup is by attending the annual Playgroup Meet & Greet sponsored by the UPCA. Representatives from established groups that would welcome new members are encouraged to attend or to send their contact information to one of the Meet & Greet coordinators. If you have questions, contact Christine Becraft, [christine\\_n\\_d@yahoo.com](mailto:christine_n_d@yahoo.com) or 240-667-2352, or Michelle Wedge, [mdwedge@gmail.com](mailto:mdwedge@gmail.com) or 240-770-6097. At the Tot Lot behind Riverdale Presbyterian Church; light refreshments will be available. Rain date Sunday, September 23, 12-2 PM.

### UPCA Wine and Cheese Party

Saturday, September 22, 6-8:30 PM

Enjoy delicious catered food (international cheeses, hors d'oeuvres and desserts), carefully selected wines and fabulous music by the Lonesome Valley Ramblers. The Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Tickets \$20/person advance, \$25 at the door. Starting September 1, use PayPal at [www.upcivicassociation.com](http://www.upcivicassociation.com); checks or cash to the UPCA Treasurer, Leatha Thome, at 4108 Van Buren Street. At the door we hope to be able to accept credit cards for in-person ticket purchases. Adults only. Questions? Contact Carol Cron, [carol.cron@hotmail.com](mailto:carol.cron@hotmail.com).



### Outdoor Movie Night

September 29, 7 PM

The movie (yet to be determined) will be rated G, appropriate for all ages. Families are asked to bring their own blankets, lawn chairs and beverages. Popcorn will be available. UP Elementary School. Families are asked to arrive at 6:30. Please contact Betsy Tournquist at [ehtornquist@yahoo.com](mailto:ehtornquist@yahoo.com) with questions.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**Doggie Dive-In, Tuesday, September 4, 6-8 PM** Come bring your pal out to the pool for our annual Doggie Dive-In. Dogs must be friendly, social and curbed before entering pool. Proof of up-to-date vaccinations must be presented before entry. \$4 per dog; maximum 2 dogs per human. Ellen E. Linson Swimming Pool, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, 301-277-3717.

**Pooch Plunge, Saturday, September 8, 10 AM-2 PM** You and your dog are invited to the City of Greenbelt's swim/splash party for you and your canine pal! Participation is limited to 75 dogs and 75 handlers. A nominal fee per dog. Each dog must be accompanied by a handler. No charge for dog handlers (must be 18 years of age or older). Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway, Greenbelt, 301-474-8000.

**Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, September 24, 6:45-9 PM** The feature film *Sin Nombre* is about a beautiful young woman, Sayra, who joins her father on an odyssey to cross the gauntlet of the Latin American countryside. Along the way, she crosses paths with a teen-aged Mexican gang member, El Casper, who is trying to outrun his violent past. Together they have to rely on faith, trust and street smarts to survive their increasingly perilous journey toward the hope of new lives.

**ECO City Farms** is in search of a new crop of apprentices for the fall/winter season. ECO City Farms is committed to providing a quality practical hands-on education. We will provide a curriculum and opportunities to learn on and off the farm. This fall/winter will provide an opportunity to understand how we extend the season to provide fresh produce all year-round. Visit <http://www.ecoffshoots.org/farmers/employment-internships/> for more information.

### College Park Arts Exchange

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

**College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti Open House Sept. 4, 6:30 PM** Students ages 5 and up work with high-energy director Chris Fominaya to develop strong vocal

skills and perform for the public several times a year. \$85 per semester per child. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at St. Andrew's, 4512 College Avenue, College Park.

**College Park Youth Orchestra** College Park Youth Orchestra begins the 2012/2013 season with auditions on September 8-9 for all new members interested in playing in the Intermediate Ensemble and all musicians interested in joining the Chamber Ensemble. The first orchestra rehearsals begin on Sunday afternoon, September 16. Please see [cpsy.net](http://cpsy.net) for further information about location and how to register.

**Goldy Bear and the Three Locks, Blue Sky Puppets Sunday, Sept. 16, 3 PM** Goldy Bear is a bookworm and a babysitter who needs to open three mysterious boxes. Funny and entertaining, Blue Sky has been a leading touring company since 1974. Bring the whole family and enjoy our Sunday afternoon events with your children.

**CPAE Book Club, Friday, September 21, 7:30 PM** Discuss literary nonfiction by women. The September selection is *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo.

**Children's Arts Drop-In Programs** Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. Our free monthly Arts Drop-in is at the College Park Community Center on Saturday from 10-noon, September 29, and at the Old Parish House on Sunday from 2-4 PM September 30.



*Riversdale*

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Out of the Attic Appraisal Fair, Saturday, September 15, 10 AM-12 PM** Bring up to four items of furniture, decorative arts, silver, Asian works, fine art, rugs, jewelry, watches and US coins to the museum for this fun and informational event. Experts from Weschler's & Son, Inc., appraisers and auctioneers, will tell guests about the history of items and provide an estimated value. \$10 fee per item. Registration and payment are required by September 12. Photos may be substituted for larger items.

**Smithsonian Magazine's National Museum Day Live! September 29** Riversdale opens its doors free of charge along with over 1,400 other participating venues for the eighth annual Museum Day Live! This program emulates the free admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C.-based facilities, encourages learning and the spread of knowledge nationwide. Free with a Museum Day Live! ticket downloaded at [Smithsonian.com/museumday](http://Smithsonian.com/museumday).

**The Riversdale Museum Shop** Find a wide variety of books relating to the history and culture of Maryland and 19th Century America, and gift items including jewelry and ceramics. See our line of exclusive Riversdale items for the home, including glassware. For kids, we offer educational kits, games, puzzles and an assortment of children's books. The Shop is open during tour hours; Friday and Sunday 12-3:30 PM and during special events.

### Special Report: Nine Ponds

Nine Ponds, frequently mentioned in this newsletter, is a partial solution to storm water management in the Wells Run watershed, a small tributary of the northeast branch of the Anacostia River. Tom Stickle, provided this synopsis and update at a public meeting in August 2012.

**What:** Nine Ponds is a proposed bio-retention pond(s) located in Hyattsville, Maryland upstream of the towns of University Park and Riverdale Park.

**Where:** The proposed site is bordered on the north by Northwestern High school, on the south by the Community Center, on the east running parallel to Adelphi Road and abates the large paved parking lot across Toledo Road from the University Town Center parking garage. The site is in the Prince Georges Plaza Mall Transit Development Overlay Zone.

**When:** The anticipated construction of the site would occur during 2013-2014.

**Why:** Bio-retention of storm water runoff from the highly developed mall area would resolve a number of issues related to future development within the TDOZ.

The ponds help resolve a number of environmental issues downstream. Specifically, bio-retention would control the volume of water flowing into Wells Run, would prevent future flooding downstream, would lessen bank and channel erosion, would lessen stream bed disposi-



tion, would reduce stream bed scouring, and would reduce damage to infrastructure in the downstream areas. Infrastructure includes the bridges, roadways, tennis courts, residential basements, and damage to parkland. Controlled volume would protect the historic wetland running the length of the towns.

By controlling the volume of water, efforts to repair the damage to past restoration efforts (made at considerable expense to the municipalities) could be undertaken. Restoration leads to preservation which is the heart of the Nine Ponds discussion. We are simply trying to preserve the environment, the beauty, and the livable space we call home.

The Nine Ponds site can serve as a learning laboratory for trash control, nitrogen and phosphate control, and total dissolved suspended solids reduction. It set a positive example for the new TMDL standards compliance regulations and the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources.

The engineering feasibility study has been completed and submitted. An agreement between the Towns and developers has been achieved. Requests for funding are being written and stakeholders view the project as a win-win for all parties concerned. We are confident that the project will move forward.

—Streamkeeper Tom Stickle

# FREE E-CYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, October 13 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  
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Microwave Ovens  
Modems  
Monitors  
Networking Equipment  
Pagers  
PDA's  
Printers  
Printed Circuit Board  
Radios  
Rechargeable Batteries  
Remote Controls  
Scanners

Stereo Components  
Stereos  
VHS & Cassette 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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Fall Electronics Recycling & Document Shredding Event Saturday, October 13, 9 AM-1 PM



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