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FROM THE MAYOR



The leaves are falling and leaf pickup has begun. Halloween is past and Thanksgiving beckons. As we move into fall, we have had to say goodbye to a great "friend," the STEP program. The program ended on October 19 with a wonderful sendoff. In attendance were over 200 individuals, including a long list of dignitaries from around the area. Of special note were Dr. Kevin Maxwell, the new CEO of the Prince George's County Public School

System, and Ms. Danielle Byrnett, Program Manager of the Better Buildings Neighborhood Program, US Department of Energy. The latter noted that University Park had the highest percentage participation rate of any of the 65 grantees in the country. WOW! Go Suzanne Parmet and Chuck Wilson, and everyone else who helped, volunteered, worked on, or participated in STEP! My hat is off to all of you.

Development projects in close proximity to University Park continue to occupy Town Hall and Council. Of immediate interest to the Town are three benchmark events with respect to the Cafritz Development. On September 9, the District Council heard University Park's appeal of the Cafritz Detailed Site Plan (DSP) adopted by the Planning Board in May. Suellen Ferguson, the Town's Attorney, did an outstanding job of presenting the Town's concerns and points of appeal. Of the three

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	November 4 & 18
Town Veterans Day Event	November 10
Holidays	November 11, 28 & 29

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary 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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most important issues to the Town in its appeal, the bridge, the buffer zone, and the transit management plan (TMP), the latter was resolved prior to the hearing and the University Park TMP has been fully accepted by the Cafritz. While the Town argued that the original proposed depth of the buffer zone should be retained, the District Council did not accept this argument, although they did reinforce the requirement that the buffer zone must be 90 feet in width exclusive of the State Highway Administration right-of-way. Issues with the bridge remain, although a number of elements have been resolved. The placement of the bridge has been resolved and the University of Maryland at College Park has been granted permission by the Board of Regents to negotiate a sale of the land on the east side of the CSX tracks to the Cafritz. The exact configuration of the connecting roadwork on the east side of the CSX tracks is still in the final stages of negotiations between Riverdale Park and the County, one of whom will have responsibility for the maintenance of it. The final sale/transfer of the University of Maryland property awaits resolution, with a final hearing date before the State Board of Public Works expected on December 18.

On September 23, the District Council voted 9-0 to move the Cafritz DSP forward and then again on September 30 voted 8-0 to issue a final order granting the DSP and a set of Secondary Amendments. Although the two orders appear to yield to University Park a number of points, the bridge remains a point of contention. Until the land transfer takes place (or landing rights are secured through another mechanism) and all the financing details have been nailed down, the Town will need to maintain the right to appeal the DSP to the Courts.

The Town expects that the Cafritz team will request a grading permit almost immediately after their plans are certified, if not already. They have already received a permit to start work shoring up and protecting the Ice House site. Assuming that the land transfer between UMD and the Cafritz is completed, the full grading permit is likely to be granted.

Finally, it is worth noting that the District Court Judge submitted her ruling in the matter of the Cafritz rezoning case on September 17. In her ruling, the Judge upheld the rezoning in its entirety. For those who are interested, the opinion has been placed on the Town website.

The Safeway project on East West Highway at UTC is moving along rapidly. The Town Council will take a formal position on the project on October 28 in preparation for the scheduled Planning Board hearing on October 31. The District Council will take the project up in the first week of December. At this time, the main issue appears to be vehicular circulation on and off the site. The State Highway Administration is not willing to grant a warrant for a light at Democracy Blvd., making left-hand turns out of the site onto EW Highway east bound impossible. The full impact of this decision by SHA on the viability of the site is unclear at this time.

Finally, the Council authorized two letters in the matter of the Hyattsville Branch Library reconstruction project and the possible mixed use development on the UMD Golf course. In the first letter, the Mayor and Council expressed their concern that there was a lack of public notice and meaningful opportunity for the public to express their concerns with regard to the design and reconstruction of the Hyattsville Branch Library. In the second letter, the Mayor and Council expressed their strong opposition to the proposed development of a mixed use project on the UMD Golf Course and surrounding land. Both letters may be found on the Town website.

Hope everyone has a great fall and Thanksgiving. As always, drive carefully and keep safe.

John Rogard Tabori

Photo courtesy of Ross J. Salawitch

Upcoming Community Conversations Council Special Sessions



These events are hosted by the Council to allow public input and provide information regarding the Town's possible purchase of Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, December 5, 7 PM
Saturday, January 18, 1 PM
Custis Hall, Riverdale Presbyterian Church

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

On October 1 two significant laws went into effect. Maryland's cell phone law now prohibits the use of a cell



phone while driving. Police can stop and ticket drivers for using a handheld cell phone. On average, more than 30,000 people are injured annually as a result of distracted driving crashes. Cell phone use is the leading cause of distracted driving. Park your phone while driving. The Maryland seat belt law is now a primary offense for front seat occupants and a secondary offense for back seat occupants. Each person that is not buckled up may receive a \$50 ticket for not wearing a seat belt. If the unbuckled passenger is under 15 years of age, the driver will receive the ticket. Seat belts save lives—that's an indisputable fact. This enforcement effort is not about writing tickets, it's about saving lives. UPPD officers will be actively enforcing the Maryland cell phone and seat belt laws. We challenge every resident to buckle up and park your cell phone while driving 100% of the time.

Dusk is the most common time for automobile accidents. As we move into the winter months, the visual adjustment to nightfall comes in the late afternoon. Leaves are falling, days are getting cooler, and the pace of life quickens as the holidays approach. Vehicles can be the most dangerous part of our everyday lives. Now is the perfect time to slow down and obey traffic control devices like stop signs, red lights, do not enter signs, no left turn signs and no parking signs. Pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles all share responsibility to make our roads and community a safe place to travel. Operating a motor vehicle requires full attention at all times.



After your drive, remember to always lock your car doors and do not leave keys or other valuables in the vehicle. Thank you very much for

your efforts.

University Park is such a great place because everyone is engaged in our community. Make policing your community a regular activity and a habit. Remember, *If You See Something, Say Something.*

Theft from Auto Between September 1 6 PM and September 2 7 AM in the 4200 block of Tuckerman St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2007 Buick Lacrosse and stole a purse containing cash and assorted credit cards. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft Between September 3 6 PM and September 4 4 PM in the 4300 block of Tuckerman St. suspect/s stole a Ross bicycle, a canvas bag and assorted tools from a carport next to the residence. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft On September 4 in the 7000 block of Adelphi Rd. it was reported that suspect/s stole two copper downspouts that were attached to the home. The realtor selling the home advised that they were unaware of when the theft occurred. No suspects were located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft On September 12 at 10:39 AM in the 6800 block of Pineway a suspect described as a black male 5'7" 220 lbs., 40-45 years of age with a grayish beard wearing blue shorts and no shirt was seen dropping a Specialized bike in the driveway of the residence and stole a Cannondale bike parked further down the driveway. Contractors working on the house chased the individual but were unable to catch him. Police responded and canvassed the area with negative results. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft Between September 13 4 PM and September 15 4 PM in the 4300 block of Tuckerman St. suspect/s stole a Trek touring bicycle from an open garage of the residence. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On September 25 at 2:35 AM in the 3900 block of Calverton Dr. the UPPD and PGPD responded to a breaking and entering in progress. The residents stayed in a bedroom while police and K-9 checked the home and secured the premises. It was determined that entry had occurred through an unlocked rear kitchen window and suspect/s stole a purse containing a cell phone and assorted credit cards. The home was processed for fingerprints. Bladensburg Police recovered a stolen vehicle on September 26 and found property in the vehicle belonging to this victim. The investigation is ongoing.

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Theft from Auto Between September 24 10 PM and September 25 10:30 AM in the 4000 block of Van Buren St. suspect/s entered a garage and an unlocked 2007 Toyota and stole a purse containing cash and assorted credit cards. Bladensburg Police recovered a stolen vehicle on September 26 and found property in the vehicle belonging to this victim. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering Between September 28 9 PM and September 30 3:30 AM in the 6900 block of Baltimore Ave. four residents of a home had gone to College Park for the evening and upon arriving home found property had been stolen. A small window by the front door was broken and the front door was open. Items stolen included four laptop computers, cash and a 2009 Jeep Wrangler that was stolen from the driveway. UPPD and PGPD responded to the scene, checked the home, canvassed the area and processed the scene for fingerprints. The Jeep was recovered in College Park on September 30. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

TRASH HOLIDAYS

Please note these changes due to November holidays.

Yard Waste Pick up **Wednesday, November 13**
Recycling Pick up **Wednesday, November 27**
No Trash Pick up **Friday, November 29**



Plastic Bags Banned for Yard Waste

Prince George's County has prohibited plastic bags at its Western Branch Yard Waste Facility as of January 1, 2014. As a result, University Park Public Works will no longer be collecting leaves or yard waste in plastic bags after December 30, 2013 (the last yard waste collection day of the year). However, loose leaves will be collected by curbside vacuuming through January 10. Residents are strongly encouraged to rake their leaves to the curb during leaf collection to avoid bagging leaves.

After December 30, residents must use bins, trash cans, paper bags or other containers for yard waste. Please contact the Public Works Department with questions or concerns at mbeall@upmd.org or 301-927-4262.

Fall is The Best Time for Planting! Tree Reimbursement Program

The Tree Committee reminds you that 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.

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.



Curbside Leaf Collection

Nov. 4-Jan. 10

Please rake leaves up to the curb line for removal by the leaf vacuum machine beginning in November and continuing through early January, weather permitting. The leaf vacuum will operate during daylight hours Monday through Friday and on weekends as needed.

Please rake leaves only up to the curb line. Do not rake leaves into the gutter. Residents and landscapers are asked to use caution while raking and be sure that there are no rocks, metal, etc. in your leaf piles.

Please do not expect crews to backtrack to collect leaves after they have passed your home. They will return after completing the 2-3 week cycle.

Please note the schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice. A tentative November schedule is available at the Department of Public Works calendar on upmd.org. The tentative December schedule will be posted in late November. We endeavor to vacuum each street as many times as possible--weather, holidays, and other factors sometimes allow/cause the crews to progress faster or slower than expected. The schedule will be adjusted based on the actual progress of the collection crews. Please work with us.

Collection in each Ward will be on a 2-3 week cycle. No signs will be posted. A ward map is posted at www.upmd.org

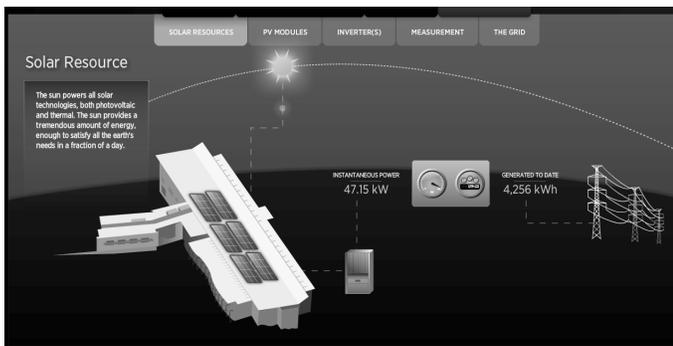


Image from <http://datareadings.com/client/moduleSystem/Kiosk/site/bin/kiosk.cfm?k=elkWdi6e> showing the energy usage of the solar panels on the University Park Elementary School.

New Solar Panels Installed on University Park Elementary School!

The system at the University Park Elementary School is a 64.8kW roof mounted PV install. The System is composed of 216 modules. On the publicly accessible web-site, you may access information about the current generation, the environmental benefits (such as carbon offset and gallons of gas saved), and total generation.

The image shown to the left highlights how the system accesses power from the sun and puts it back into the electrical grid. In the first month of operation, the UPES solar array will offset two tons of carbon and the daily electricity consumption of 10 homes. We're off to a good start!

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June 17 Council Meeting Highlights

An Executive Session was called at 7:20 PM and concluded at 8:35 PM to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on Cafritz.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Christopher Taylor, Take Back Our Yards Program Coordinator, reported that materials for the mosquito program are being developed, signs are on order and residents are invited to sign-up for the program.

Ceremonial Swearing In of Council Members-Elect by the Mayor

Mayor Tabori administered the oath of office to Council members-elect, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Carey, Ms. Sorensen, and Mr. Cron.

Permits

Application to replace an existing driveway, 4319 Woodberry Street Motion to approve the application to replace an existing 60' x 8' driveway located at 4319 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Application to build a new 1 story front entry addition and open stoop and steps, 4402 Tuckerman Street Motion to approve the application to build a new 5'x10'x12' 1 story front entry addition and open stoop and steps located at 4402 Tuckerman Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Town Treasurer Baden gave a brief report on the treasurer's report; June 30 will be the last day for this fiscal year, the audit has been scheduled to begin in August.

Public Works Director Beall discussed paving options on Wells Parkway, the compost program and the Veterans Memorial with Council.

Continuing Business

Ordinance 13-O-05 authorizing the refinancing of town of University Park general obligation bonds, 2011-1 and 2009 Series, at a lower interest rate by the issuance and sale of Town of University Park general obligation bond, 2013-1, in the amount of up to

\$2,625,000.00, for the purpose of reducing the town's debt service payments. 2nd reading Motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 13-O-05, which will authorize the refinancing of Town of University Park General obligation bonds, 2009 Series and 2011-1, by the issuance of a new Town of University Park general obligation bond in an amount up to \$2,625,000, with Term Sheet dated May 13, 2013, issued by lender, STI Institutional & Government, Inc. ("STING"). Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve an appeal of the Planning Board Resolution for Cafritz Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-13002 to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Council moved to table this motion to the meeting on July 1, 6-0.

Motion to approve an appeal of the Planning Board Resolution for Cafritz Detailed Site Plan DSP-13009 and Secondary Amendment SA-130001 to the District Council for Prince George's County. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the contract to resurface the tennis courts on Queens Chapel Road. Motion approved 6 to 0. The contract to resurface the tennis courts is due by July 8.

New Business

Motion to approve the introduction to transfer \$3,300 from Unreserved Funds to Government Studies to cover the cost of the Appraisal of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:10 PM.

August 12 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

Mr. Harold Freeman asked to give a brief presentation at the next meeting on the proposed development project located at the University of Maryland Golf Course.

Presentation

Mr. Matthew C. Tedesco, of McNamee Hosea is

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representing Safeway at UTC. Mr. Tedesco stated that the applicant decided that amending the current DSP to remove housing from the original plans was the best plan of action. He also stated that new storm water management plan is designed to go above the concept plan in the original plan. Mayor Tabori asked about the possibility of a traffic light at the entrance of the Safeway at UTC on East West Highway and for the number of parking spaces in the amended plan. Mr. Lenhart stated that SHA did not think a traffic light was necessary and that they have 285-287 parking spaces dedicated at this time. A copy of the power point presentation will be posted on the Town website.

Mr. Ed Papazian of P.E. Kimley-Horn and Associates presented the first phase of the Town-wide traffic study that was done at the end of May before school ended. Counts are done over a 3 hour period; Mr. Papazian stated that the most important periods to track are week-day evenings from 3-6 PM, and the Saturday midday period due to the fact that most people shop at those times. The second evaluation will be done after the Whole Foods project is completed. Mr. Papazian is confident that these numbers will provide a solid base that for evaluating how traffic from the project affects the town.

Mr. Chris Aubry, member of the Tree Committee, discussed a proposal to establish a municipal-wide tree ordinance. Mr. Aubry stated that this proposal was similar to the one Takoma Park adopted. Following the presentation, Council agreed that more information was needed on this subject and that the public should have the opportunity to consider and comment on the proposal. Mr. Aubry was asked to take the concept back to the Tree Committee and that the committee host public hearings to give the community time to hear the proposal and give their input.

Permits

Application to enclose a portion of the backyard with a 45-inch fence with 2 single gates, 4106 Beechwood Road Motion to approve the application to enclose a portion of the backyard with a 45" (3' 9") fence with 2 single gates located at 4106 Beechwood Road. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Application to add a section of 4 foot stick build fence, 6708 Baltimore Avenue Motion to approve the application to add a section of 4 foot stick build fence located

at 6708 Baltimore Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Application to enclose yard with a 3' 6" split rail fence, 6502 44th Avenue Motion to approve the application to enclose yard with a 3' 6" split rail fence located at 6502 44th Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve/disapprove the following consent agenda items:

4400 block of Sheridan Street block party/street closure, Saturday, September 28 from 4-10 PM. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Letters of recognition to Ellen Thorp and Linda Verrill for their contributions to the town while serving on the Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee.

Committee Appointments

Council agreed to tie all committee appointments into one motion. Appointments listed below were approved with a few additions as listed in these minutes.

Cafritz Oversight and Monitoring Committee

Motion to approve the appointment of Colin Philips to the Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee as a new member.

Council Standing & Advisory Committee Appointments

Council Committees and Tree Committee Liaison

The Town Code establishes the first three committees listed in Chapter 2, Section 2-103. The Tree Committee is established by Ordinance in Chapter 16, Section 16-103. The Stream Committee operates under a one-year special committee mandate from Council. The current committee appointments are listed in italics.

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** *Mr. Alvarez (Chair), Mr. Cron, Mr. Gekas*
- **Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure** *Ms. Sorensen (Chair), Ms. Christiansen, Mr. Carey*
- **Public Facilities and Services** *Mr. Carey (Chair), Mr. Cron, Mr. Brosch, Mr. Gekas*

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- **Trees (Council Liaison to Committee) Mr. Alvarez**

Stream Committee Renewal

Motion to approve renewal of the Stream Committee

Stream Committee and Council Liaison

Motion to approve the following appointments to the Stream Committee: Mr. Tom Stickles (Chair), Vice Chair position is open; Council Liaison, Mr. Roy Alvarez.

9 Ponds MOU Committee Appointments

Motion to approve the following appointments to the 9 Ponds MOU Committee: Mr. Tom Stickles, Mr. Len Carey, Mr. David Brosch.

Motion to approve the renewal of committees and the Council Committee appointments as listed above. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor John Tabori reported that Chris Dodge, Mid-Atlantic Sales Executive, Granicus, Inc. will give a presentation on meeting solutions on September 16. <http://www.granicus.com/Government/Local.aspx>. The General Orders Manual (GOM) will be introduced at the meeting on September 23. The office has received the detailed site plan for the University of Maryland student housing at Knox Road, DSP-13025. Save the date: on October 19 from 1-4 PM a special event will be held to dedicate the 21 Solar Panels on University Park Elementary School. More information will be announced as it becomes available.

Continuing Business

Ordinance 13-O-06 to Amend Fiscal Year 2014 Budget (2nd Reading)

Motion to approve to amend the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-06, to add MEA Energy Grant Revenue and MEA Energy Grant Expenditures line items to reflect receipt and expenditure of the Maryland Energy Administration's Smart Energy Communities Grant Program. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Ordinance 13-O-07 to Amend the Town Code (2nd Reading)

Motion to approve to amend Chapter 8, "Traffic and Vehicles", Section 9-104, "Parking" to prohibit parking on the south side of Wells Parkway from Adelphi Road to Eversfield Drive. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Ordinance 13-O-10 to Amend FY-2014 Budget (Introduction)

The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is September 23, 2013.

Motion to approve the introduction to the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-10, to transfer \$57,500 from Unreserved Funds and add Cafritz Legal Fees line item to insure that funds are available, as needed and reflect the expenditure of legal fees associated with the various appeals of the Planning Board Decisions with regard to the Cafritz Property Development. Motion approved 4 to 0 (Christiansen abstains).

Cafritz Traffic Management Program (TMP)

Motion to approve the Cafritz Traffic Management Program as the final version supported by the Town of University Park. Motion approved 5 to 0.

New Business

Reschedule the September 9 Town Meeting Date to September 16

The District Council has elected to review oral arguments on the DSP-13009 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park on September 9. The request to reschedule the Town meeting is to allow the Council and residents to attend the hearing. *Motion to reschedule the September 9 Town meeting to September 16.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

Date and Time For a Special Session to Consider the Purchase of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Cafritz Legal Actions and Carry Over Items on the Agenda. *Motion to call a Special Session on August 22 at 7:30 PM for Council to consider the purchase of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, legal actions regarding Cafritz, and any remaining items on tonight's agenda.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:22 PM.

Backup Bus Driver Needed

The Town of University Park is looking for applicants to fill this position. Limited hours. Rate is negotiable. If interested, please contact the Town Clerk at TownHall@upmd.org or call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.



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August 22 Special Session Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Carey, Christiansen, Cron, Alvarez; Sorensen arrived at 7:50 PM.

Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2013

Approval of minutes is reviewed by council members who attended the meeting; these minutes were set aside on August 12 because a quorum of attending members was not present. Approved 6 to 0 (Sorensen abstains).

Approval of Special Session Minutes: July 27, 2013

Approval of minutes is reviewed by council members who attended the meeting; these minutes were set aside on August 12 because a quorum of attending members was not present. Approved 4 to 0 (Brosch, Christiansen, Sorensen abstain).

Public Comment

Linda Verrill expressed concern for elementary school children who walk to school alone where there are no sidewalks.

Emergency Request

Mr. Mickey Beall, Director of Public Works, asked that this motion be withdrawn until further notice.

Public works department bid waiver for 2 used trash packers. Request by Mickey Beall, Director of Public Works. Motion to approve waiving the formal bid process and to authorize the purchase of 2 used trash packers for the Public Works Department fleet from E.R. Truck and Equipment Corp. for a total cost of \$76,000.

Council Discussions

Mayor Tabori recommended to Council that if they decide to move forward with investigating the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, he would suggest this issue be sent to the Committee on Public Facilities and Services for review and public input. Mayor Tabori stated that this process needs to be transparent and open to the public. He also noted that the building is large; however, there are successes that should be pointed out of neighboring towns that have combined their town halls with resident use for a variety of activities and are doing very well. Mayor Tabori will discuss funding possibilities for community centers, meeting space and elderly services with Dan Baden, who has experience in these matters. In 2008 Mayor Tabori had a space evaluation report

done by Ahmann LLC. He suggested Council review the information in that report. *Motion to move forward on the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and ask that the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services to review information available in public meetings and report back to Council.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

The District Council has scheduled the Cafritz hearing on September 9, 2013 at 1:30 PM; this is the last opportunity for Council to discuss this project with residents before the hearing date. The Town meeting and the District Council hearing are both scheduled on Sept 9. On Monday, August 12 Council voted to move the September 9 Town meeting to Monday, September 16. In preparation to the hearing on Cafritz, Council asked that the traffic and bus studies be posted online. Mayor Tabori confirmed that the TMP is in full agreement with the conditions and covenants between the Town and Cafritz.

On the September 9 hearing, Mayor Tabori reminded Council that there has never been a case involving the DSP in an MUTC zone, and that a normal process has not been established in this case. Mayor Tabori is waiting to hear what rules the County Council will follow during the hearing.

To consider whether to participate in the appeal on Civil Action No. CAL 13-20891, concerning the petition for judicial review of the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, in Appeal No. V-35-12, issued on June 20, 2013 approving the request of Edwin and Martha wells for a variance of 10 feet 9 inches side yard depth in order to construct an attached 16' x 21'7" single-car garage and driveway on the property located on at 6813 40th Avenue. (The deadline to file a petition in this case is August 30, 2013)

CM Cron noted that Council has already voted on this case; adding that his recommendation would be to allow the process to take its course and not get further involved in the appeal. *Motion: That no further involvement be taken in the appeal on Civil Action No. Cal. 13-20891 concerning the petition for judicial review of the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, in Appeal No. V-35-12, issued on June 20, 2013 approving the request of Edwin and Martha Wells for a variance of 10 feet 9 inches side yard depth in order to construct an attached 16'x21'x21'7" single-car garage and drive*

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way on the property located on Lot:12, Block: 38, at 6813 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:06 PM.

September 16 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

Ms. Terisa Flick asked Council to consider the placement of a free portable library in the playground area near the tot lot. Books placed in the portable library are donated-leave a book and borrow another. The Public Facilities and Services Committee will review the idea and report back to Council.

Presentation

Mr. Chris Dodge, Sales Executive from Granicus, Inc. presented a live demonstration on Granicus and an overview of their Government Transparency Suite. Granicus has developed software that integrates meeting materials and minutes directly into the agenda. Granicus hardware supports live and on-demand streaming, closed captioning, search and indexed items are available over mobile devices. Meetings may be streamed using video or audio recordings. The data is uploaded and integrated into public record for residents to review and search at any time.

Mr. Harold Freeman, of Woodberry Street and a former mayor of University Park, presented concerns on the development project proposed to replace the University of Maryland Golf Course. Some of the concerns Mr. Freeman discussed: the golf course is a large area of open green space (150 acres); the entire course was renovated about 10 years ago using environmentally friendly practices; the area was named an Audubon International Certified Wildlife Sanctuary in 2003. This space has become a sanctuary for birds, mammals, reptiles, trees and

wild flowers. More information on the golf course can be found on the University of Maryland website; <http://www.newsdesk.umd.edu/uniini/release.cfm?ArticleID=1267>. Mr. Freeman asked Council to consider taking a stand against the proposed renovation.

Permits

Application to excavate and waterproof foundation, 6506 40th Avenue Motion to approve the application to excavate and waterproof the foundation walls around the house located at 6506 40th Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 5 to 0. *Application to replace existing sidewalk side walk located at 6708 Baltimore Avenue.*

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that the General Orders Manual (GOM) will be introduced at the meeting on September 23. Council consideration and vote will take place in October.

Mayor Tabori reported that the record on the Cafritz Appeal has been sent to the District Court. Mayor Tabori asked Council to decide quickly whether to continue to pursue the Town's cases to appeal the project. The mayor encouraged Council to watch the video of the District Council hearing, adding that the County Council will vote on the Cafritz development project by September 30, 2013. The resolution this District Council will consider is being drafted by County Council member Eric Olson. Mayor Tabori commended Ms. Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney for the outstanding work she did to help protect the best interests of the Town on this project.

On October 19 the Town will celebrate the installation of the UPES Solar Panel Dedication. Mayor Tabori reported that the system is on and generating electricity. Mayor Tabori called this a fantastically successful project, and he invited residents of all ages to this important celebration.

Council and Committee Reports

CM Carey, Chair of the Public Facilities & Services Committee, reported that a recent report on committee activities is available on the Town website. CM Carey



Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

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also announced that the committee will hold another committee meeting on October 10 at 7 PM at the University Park Elementary School on the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Meetings are open to the public; residents are welcome to attend. CM Carey has also suggested that Council consider adding two special sessions to the calendar, one in December and one in January. Council agreed that rushing into a decision was not necessary. Council agreed that due diligence and careful consideration of this matter is required before a decision is made.

Residents shared concerns on the request for the Contract for Services on the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, and the time frame for a decision. Council assured residents that this decision is in the preliminary stages, that this decision would not be rushed and that they will hold a number of public committee hearings and special sessions on this matter. As this process moves forward, if Council finds during the evaluation process that the cost parameters begin to show that this is not a cost effective project, they will stop the project immediately. Further information will be presented in the Town Newsletter and posted on the website. Ahmann Architects, LLC will provide the Town with a review of the mechanical, electrical, sustainability and provide an estimation of construction costs of the building. Council asked that any ancillary services be put out to bid via RFP.

Continuing Business

Ordinance 13-O-10 to Amend FY-2014 Budget (Introduction)

The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is September 23, 2013.

Motion to approve the introduction to amend the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-10, to transfer \$67,500 from Unreserved Funds and add Cafritz Legal Fees line item to insure that funds are available and reflect the expenditure of legal fees associated with the various appeals of the Planning Board Decisions with regard to the Cafritz Property Development.

New Business

Motion to approve the appointment, pursuant to section 618 (b) of the Town Charter, of Ahmann Architects, LLC as architect for the Town with respect to evaluation of Riverdale Presbyterian Church as a potential site for Town hall and other government

services and to approve a contract with Ahmann Architects, LLC in substantially the form attached at a cost not to exceed the price of \$18,000. Motion approved 4 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

Motion to approve adding two (2) Special Sessions to the calendar for Council to hear community input Re: the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, December 5, 2013 and Saturday, January 11, 2014. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to request the Mayor write a letter from Mayor and Council to be submitted to the chairman of the Board of the Prince George's Library system, County Executive Rushern Baker, County Council members Eric Olson and Will Campos and other stakeholders to be identified to reopen the design phase for additional in depth public comment and to consider continuing public review throughout each phase of construction of the Hyattsville Branch Library until there is significantly more opportunity for community input which especially includes residents of the City of Hyattsville, Town of University Park, and Town of Riverdale Park as well as other stakeholders. Courtesy copies will be sent to County Council Members Will Campos and Eric Olson, PGCMLS Board of Library Trustees, PGCMLS Director Kathleen Teaze and Associate Director for Administrative Services Michael Gannon, the Prince George's County Office of Central Services and neighboring municipalities. The Mayor should bring the letter to the September 23 meeting of the Council for Council approval. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to request the Mayor write a letter from Mayor and Council to Wallace Loh, President of the University of Maryland at College Park, expressing our community's concern about the proposed mixed-use development of the Golf Course and an associated freeway connection to Interstate 95. The Mayor should bring the letter to the September 23 meeting of the Council for Council approval. Courtesy copies should be sent to Senator Paul Pinsky and the 22nd delegation, County Council Members Eric Olson, Will Campos, County Executive Rushern Baker and other stakeholders to be identified. Motion approved 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:12 PM.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

UPES PTA Silent Auction **Saturday, November 2, 5-8 PM**

Join neighbors and friends at the UP Elementary School Silent Auction. Check out the wide selection of items in every price range and place some bids. Enjoy wine, cheese, dessert and live music featuring members of UP's own Lonesome Valley Ramblers! Wallace Presbyterian Church, 725 Metzert Road, College Park.

UP Woman's Club November Meeting

Monday, November 4, 11:30 AM



The UP Woman's Club will examine the challenges of world hunger at their November meeting. Dr. Chloe Schwenke, the Vice-President for Global Programs at Freedom House will be the guest speaker. Dr. Schwenke, a former political appointee with the U.S. Agency for International Development, is distinguished by her outstanding record in publications,

public speaking and advocacy. Chloe's career has included work as a development practitioner and academic. Fifteen years of her career have been spent in Africa and Asia. Dr. Schwenke will be introduced by Rene McDonald, UPWC International Outreach Program Chair.

The club meets at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 Noon. Membership in the Women's Club is open to all women in UP and surrounding communities. The club provides programs and activities that encourage community service and volunteerism, fellowship and networking among members, and community enhancement. UPWC is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Club, Inc. with international offices in the District. Visitors are asked to call 301-277-0414 to make a reservation for the meeting.

Woman's Club Seeking Homes for Annual Tour

The 20th Candlelight Holiday House Tour sponsored by the UP Woman's Club will be held Friday, December 13. The tour is a popular annual fundraiser with the proceeds supporting scholarships and educational/cultural programs. The club is seeking homes from UP and College Heights Estates for the tour. Homes of all styles, age, and size are desired. Residents are asked to decorate their home's interior as they would for the holi-

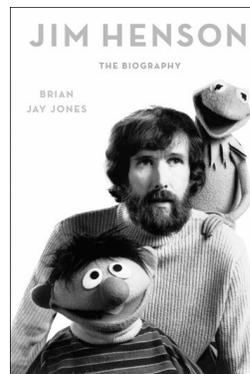
days. Exterior lighting is not required. For additional information or to volunteer, please call 301-277-0414 or email amkobbe@aol.com.

2013 Veterans Day Celebration **Sunday, November 10, 2 PM**

University Park will celebrate Veterans Day with a ceremony at the future site of the Veterans' Living Memorial. The site, which was dedicated last Veterans Day, is located on the Wells Run side of Wells Parkway, Clagett Road and Eversfield Drive. The University Park Historic Preservation Association, the University Park Woman's Club, other town organizations and local veterans are collaborating with the Department of Public Works, the Town Council and Mayor Tabori to provide an opportunity for the public to honor those who have served or are active-duty military.



Meet Brian Jay Jones, Henson Biographer **November 14, 7:30-9 PM**



Join the history buffs of UP as they host the author of *Jim Henson: The Biography* for a discussion and book signing. For University Park newcomers, Henson remains one of our town's most beloved residents.

Come listen as Brian shares insights and anecdotes that he found along the way. Don't be surprised to learn that some of Brian's stories star UP residents. Bring copies of Brian's book for the signing and find a unique answer to your holiday gift giving questions. Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Custis Hall, 6513 Queen's Chapel Road. Write Chris Garcia at urbanipm@gmail.com with questions. For an advance treat, visit Brian's website at brianjayjones.com.

After 8 Book Group **Tuesday, November 19, 8-10 PM**

The November book is *Canada* by Richard Ford. The December selection is the novel *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Please call Leila Steiner at 301-779-7295 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

Annual Town Holiday Party

Save the Date! Sunday, December 8

The annual Town Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 8. Look for additional information soon!

UPCA News



The UPCA is hard at work making University Park a fun and event-filled community in which to live. Thanks to an inquiry from town resident Terisa Flick, the UPCA has agreed to purchase and sponsor our very first Little Free Library. Plans are to locate this unique community resource on the edge of the soccer field, directly across the street

from the parking lot entrance to Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The library will be a place to both give a book and take a book. There will be a variety of books for all ages, and the selection will rotate regularly. If you want to read more about how this nationwide community library got started, visit their website at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Last month we had a record number of UPCA sponsored events, starting with our first fall town-wide yard sale with more than 55 homes participating. Nearly 20 families signed up for UPCA memberships when they stopped by to guess the number of Starbursts in the big bowl, won by Susana Limon. She guessed 624 and there were actually 597. The Limon family not only won a free UPCA membership for 2014 but all of the Starbursts as well!

We had our first fundraiser at Franklin's in Hyattsville where we gained 7 new memberships and raised approximately \$250. Rob Bourque and his team organized the annual Chili Cook-Off (category winners below). We also had a new event at Halloween, organized by Michelle Wedge-a Jack 'o Lantern Carving Event followed the next night by a Pumpkin Walk and town-wide trick or treating. Finally, thanks to Christine and T.J. Becraft of CHE, who hosted a large group of people at the October UPCA Social.

The next UPCA event will be our bimonthly meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 PM at RPC. Come and help us plan one of our great events!

Did you get your cool UPCA car magnet yet? If not, here's how you can get one for your car. Our membership drive is well underway, and a special deal is in place where, for just \$40, you can catch up with your 2013 contribution and make your 2014 donation at the same time. Please visit www.upcivicassociation.com to pay via PayPal or credit card, or mail a check to UPCA, 4413 Underwood Street, UP.

Results of 11th Annual Chili Cook-off

Here is an official listing of all the winners.

Kid's Category

- Corey & Jonah Schmick, "Rainbow Chili"
- Kira Moss, "Sand Cat Moroccan Chili"
- Adamant Adams' & Maurice Williams, "Don't Get Saucy With Me"
- Ian Case, "Om Mom Nom"

All winners, in order of arrival.

Freestyle Category

- Champion Rob Bourque, "Galveston Gumbo"
- Runner-Up Fernando S., "Rice and Beans"
- Honorable Mention Hadassah & Alia's Daddy, "Whatever Went Into the Crockpot"

Vegetarian Category

- Champion Jessica DeMink-Carthew, "Smoky Chipotle White Chili"
- Runner-Up Bob Moss, "Backyard Garden Bliss"
- Honorable Mention Rory McKeown & Emma Allen, "Supreme Chili of Awesomeness"

Mild Category

- Champion Jeremy DeMink, "Chill Ray, It's Not That Spicy"
- Runner-Up Linda Verrill, "Do It With Rice"
- Honorable Mention David E., "Oktoberfest Chili"

5-Alarm Hot Category

- Champion Ray Limon, "Tortilla Soup Chili"
- Runner-Up TJ Becraft, "Red Hot Chili Peppers"
- Honorable Mention Jack Leonardi, "Cincinnati Chili"

This year we took additional votes for the **Best Overall**, which was taken by Jack Leonardi's "Cincinnati Chili."

International Craft Sale-Discover a World of Difference November 1, 4-9 PM; and November 2, 9 AM-4 PM Hyattsville Mennonite Church hosts an event featuring high quality, fair trade, handcrafted items from around the world, from India and Vietnam to Kenya

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and South Africa to Peru and Nicaragua. Selected items at the sale include jewelry, weavings, pottery, carved wood, children's toys and holiday decorations. Hyattsville Mennonite Church, www.hyattsvillemennonite.org, 4217 East-West Highway. 301-927-7327,

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series *The Lesser Blessed Monday, November 18, 6:45-9:00 PM* *The Lesser Blessed*, set in the Northwest Territories, is written and directed by Anita Doron. The story is told through the eyes of Larry Sole, a First Nation teenager who is trying to find his way in the modern world; he is filled with bravado and angst, seeking to belong without belonging. Three unlikely friends isolated in a small rural town discover life, love and racial tensions, but clouded by a dark mystery. Concluding discussion facilitated by local Hyattsville filmmaker, Miriam Machado-Jones. Hyattsville Library, 6530 Adelphi Rd.

The Dominion Brass *Sunday, December 1, 7 PM* The public is invited to a Christmas concert by this large brass and percussion ensemble made up of professional musicians and music educators. The concert is free, but canned food donations to the College Park Food Bank or monetary donations to World Vision will gladly be accepted. Since their start in 2002, the ensemble has raised over \$30,000 in support of various ministries and charities. Wallace Presbyterian Church, 3725 Metzert Rd., College Park. For more information, please contact the church at 301-935-5900, or visit www.wallacepca.org.

College Park Arts Exchange

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

Rag Out Belly Dance Concert *Saturday, November 2, 7:30 PM* Local teachers and students of belly dance offer an amazing evening of women's expressions in rhythmic motion, featuring styles around the world, from traditional and cabaret to Asian, fusion and tribal.

Woody Guthrie Tribute Concert *Saturday, November 9, 7:30 PM* Hosted by Eric Maring (Mr. M). Several local musicians, young and young at heart, will bring the music alive. Bring yourselves, your friends and families, your voices and be part of this special free event. Ask at the door for a parking permit for free street parking.

St. Martin's Day Lantern Festival *Sunday, November 10, 3:30 PM* Birgit Meade will lead a traditional German celebration which involves making beautiful paper lanterns and culminates in an outdoor walk at twilight. Ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested, space is limited. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave.

CPAE Book Club *Friday, November 15, 7:30 PM* Discuss Literary Nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. November's book is *The Grace of Silence*, by Michelle Norris.

Children's Arts Drop-In Programs *November 23 and 24* Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. Saturday 10 AM-12 PM at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House. This month's theme is Crazy Creature Creations.



Riversdale

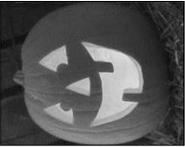
Riversdale

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 for more information.

Seasonal Selections: Fall Feast Program *Sunday, November 10, 12-3 PM* The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will host the final Seasonal Selection of the year, Fall Feast. Learn about the process of making crusts from scratch and discover some of the seasonal sweet and savory options available to Riversdale's cooks in the early 1800s. Viewing the demonstration is free. To tour Riversdale House Museum, admission \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/students and free for children 4 & under.

Breakfast with Sint Niklaas *Saturday, December 7, 9 AM and 11 AM* Do you know where the tradition of hanging stockings comes from? Learn about this and other customs as Sint Niklaas, the Flemish forerunner of our modern Santa Claus, makes his annual visit to Riversdale. Sint Niklaas, the kindly, gift-giving bishop, will make his rounds. Children ages 3-10 will receive a gift and, along with their parents, are invited to enjoy a Belgian-inspired breakfast at either seating. Advance reservations required by November 16, walk-ins not accommodated. \$7/adult and \$10/child.

November 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holidays November 11, 28 & 29	Curbside Leaf Collection November 4 to January 10	Save the Date Community Conversations December 5, 7 PM January 18, 1 PM	Save the Date Annual Town Holiday Party Sunday, December 8		1	2 UPES PTA Silent Auction, 5-8 PM 
3  Leaf Collection Begins 11/4	4 Yard Waste UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM	5 Trash	6	7 Recycling	8 Trash	9
10  Veterans Day Celebration, 2 PM	11 Veterans Day Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	12 Trash	13 Yard Waste	14 Recycling Meet Brian Jay Jones, Henson Biographer, 7:30-9 PM	15 Trash	16
17	18 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	19 Trash UPCA Meeting, 7 PM After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	20	21 Recycling	22 Trash	23
24	25 Yard Waste	26 Trash	27 Recycling	28 Thanksgiving Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	29 Employee Appreciation Day Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	30 



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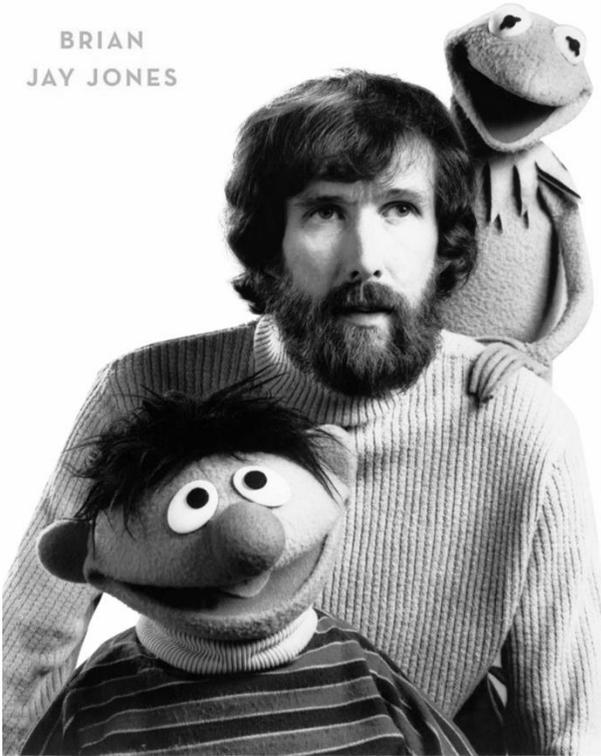


You're Invited!!

JIM HENSON

THE BIOGRAPHY

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Join award-winning author Brian Jay Jones for a discussion of his latest book, "JIM HENSON: THE BIOGRAPHY," which is on the New York Times Best Seller List.

Henson, who created the world-famous Muppets, lived in University Park (on Tennyson Road and on Beechwood Road), attended Northwestern Senior High School, and graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Enjoy talking personally to Brian about Jim Henson's life, his family in University Park and astounding career.

**Thursday, November 14th
7:30 P.M.**

**Riverdale Presbyterian Church - Custis Hall
6513 Queens Chapel Road
University Park, Maryland 20782**

"It's not easy being green." ~ Kermit the Frog