

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE MAYOR

December began with another wonderful, Town holiday potluck dinner and tree lighting party at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. While the inclement weather that night forced an indoor tree lighting ceremony, sisters Olivia and Julia Visnic led the attendees in Custis Hall in a joyous and loud countdown! The Blue Sky Puppet Group enthralled young and old with their magical show and Santa arrived a few minutes after the tree was lit to spread good cheer. The food was good and the company even better. Thank you all, and a special *tip* of the hat to the University Park Civic Association, the Woman's Club, the University Park Historic Preservation Association, Michael Cotter, the many town volunteers, and the Hyattsville Fire Department for making it a great event.

As usual, the University Park Woman's Club put on a great candlelight holiday house tour. Eight neighbors agreed to open their house to the tour. Thank you for

this great tradition.

I want to extend a special *tip* of the hat to all of you who contributed to the Town Police and Public Works Holiday Funds. Because of the late notification about these funds this year, we are holding them open until the end of January if you are still inclined to contribute. The town staff appreciate your confidence in them.

The Town Council has scheduled two January special sessions devoted solely to the very important matter of the potential purchase of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church by the Town. The first will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 1 PM in Custis Hall at RPC. It will be the third in a series of open conversations with the community and will be quite informative as the Town will have received all the necessary information as to cost by then. On January 27, the Council will hold a special session at

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	January 6 & 13
Community Conversation	January 18
Holidays	January 20
Special Session	January 27

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](http://www.upmd.org) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

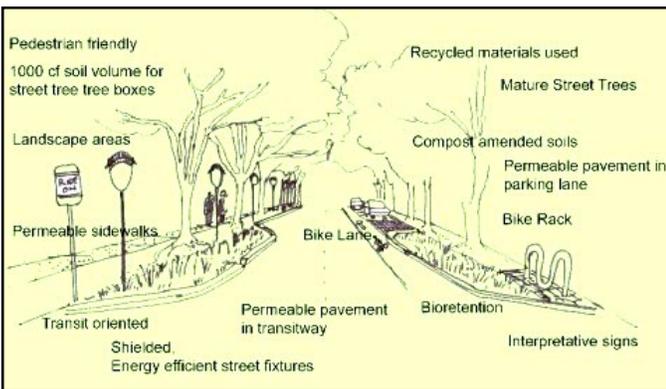
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UPES, starting at 7:30 PM and make a final decision as to whether to go forward and purchase the Church. The various documents regarding the purchase of the Church are being placed on the Town website. Please consult the website for further information on this matter.

Also of interest, Brad Frome, the county executive's deputy chief of staff, and Carlo Colella, University of Maryland's vice president for administration and finance, will present on the status of the Cafritz bridge at the January 6 council meeting. In addition, members of the Cafritz development team will present the final design for the Route 1 linear park and the Van Buren Street intersection and entrance. Hopefully, these presentations will close out any lingering issues around the zoning requirements as laid out in the July 18, 2012 District Council order and as outlined in the Town's agreement with the Cafritz.



On the good news front, there is a possibility for the Town to find the necessary grant funds to convert Queens Chapel Road into a Green Street. Doing so would enhance the visual character of the street and reduce storm water runoff into Wells Run, the Town creek. At its December 16 meeting, the Council authorized Town Hall to pursue this possibility and to report back by the first meeting in February.

The last of the reports on the STEP-UP program were turned in to the Department of Energy on Monday, December 16. A huge *thank you* goes out to Chuck Wilson, Suzanne Parmet, the Advisory Committee, and everyone else who participated in STEP-UP/STEP. The report is available on the Town website for anyone who wishes to view it. It is interesting to note that the County is pursu-

ing the possibility of a similar program county-wide. So, from a small acorn, a mighty oak might grow—we are a Tree City after all.

The Town Council voted to seek designation as a Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipality. The effort will be led by Sarah N. Moseley and Ross J. Salawitch, both of whom sat on the STEP-UP Advisory Committee. Congratulations to both!

Finally, leaf collection will continue through January 10. However, if you decide to bag your leaves for any reason, remember that if you bag them or other yard waste after January 1, they must be bagged in paper bags. Due to changed County regulations, the Town can no longer pick up yard waste in plastic bags.

*Have a great New Year, take care of yourselves, be safe, and I will see you around Town.*

*John Rogard Tabori*

### Final Community Conversation & Council Special Sessions



**Saturday, January 18, 1 PM**  
**Custis Hall, Riverdale Presbyterian Church**

This event is hosted by the Council to allow public input and provide information regarding the Town's possible purchase of Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

**Monday, January 27, 7:30 PM**  
**University Park Elementary School**  
Council votes on whether to purchase church.

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

**Happy New Year!** The Men and Women of the University Park Police Department hope that everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As a new year is upon us we encourage you to be safe in your daily routine by using common sense to provide a secure environment for yourself, your family and our community. The message is simple: "Take Pride in Your Community; If You See Something Say Something."

### **Safety Tips for the New Year**

Wear reflective clothing when walking, running and cycling. Stay aware of your surroundings. Walking, running and cycling down the center of the road is not safe. Do not assume a driver will see you. A vehicle striking a person or cyclist often has very bad results.

Carry your cell phone when walking through town. It doesn't have to be turned on, but it should have the police phone number programmed in. Call immediately when something doesn't seem right. Many crimes in progress are solved immediately by that 911 phone call. Your help is always appreciated and never taken lightly.

Drive safely. Stop at stop signs, obey the speed limit. Buckle your seat belt and park your cell phone while driving. Distracted driving is a major cause of traffic accidents. Focus on the single task of driving and arrive home safe.



Be a vigilant community member. Watch out for children, seniors and those who can't protect themselves. Get to know your neighbors and call the UPPD when you see a problem. Use licensed and insured contractors for work on your property. Request to see a contractor license and document the information prior to the start of work.

Lock your car. Never leave it unattended while running. Do not leave any valuables, spare keys or even coins in your vehicle. Use a secondary anti-theft device such as an alarm system or steering wheel club. Computer software that will track your stolen laptop is also available.

Lock your home doors, shed, garage, bicycle, etc. Use

your phone or camera to photograph your valuables. Document and save the serial numbers of your new purchases or etch a serial number on the item if it does not have one. Your driver's license number is recommended, not your social security number.

Organize your wallet and purse. Only take the cash and credit card you'll need when you go out. A single credit card is often stolen, while the purse and wallet are left behind. Check your credit card statements very carefully and be sure the purchases match the bill.

Be careful on the internet. Internet crime is one of the most prevalent means of fraud and theft. Children and teens are at risk of exploitation while adults face identity theft and fraud. If it sounds too good to be true, it's probably not true.

Social networking is a great way to communicate, find old friends and keep in touch with people, but it should be used responsibly and with necessary precautions when posting personal information for the world to see. When you tell your network of friends you are far away from home, it also notifies many friends of friends you do not know that your home is vacant. Know where you and your children are in cyberspace and with whom you are dealing.

Restock your home emergency preparedness kit with water, nonperishables, first-aid kit, etc. Change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights and radios. Check the emergency kit in your vehicle and include water, flashlight, duct tape, flares, good spare tire, etc. Review your fire emergency plan with the family.

**Breaking & Entering** Between November 11 and 14 in the 7000 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s broke a garage window and once in the garage forced open an interior basement door to gain entry into the house. The homeowner was away for that period of time and upon arrival on the 14th, discovered that band equipment had been stolen from his home. Items stolen included 2 guitars, amplifiers, speakers, microphones and keyboards. The area was searched and two keyboards were discovered in the rear yard. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. At this time no suspect/s was located. The home was processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

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**Breaking & Entering** On November 14 at 9:26 AM in the 4400 block of Underwood St. UPPD responded to a call for a breaking and entering in progress. A female suspect was located in the basement of the residence and placed under arrest. No property was taken and it was determined that the suspect knew the renter residing in the basement. The suspect did not have permission to be on the property and was charged. Case closed.

**Breaking & Entering** Between November 15 between 7 AM and 9 PM in the 6300 block of Queens Chapel Rd. suspect/s entered a home through an unlocked kitchen window and stole two MacBook Pro computers, two cameras and a gold necklace. The homeowner had arrived home and was unable to open the garage door, then found the rear patio door open and contacted the police. UPPD arrived, checked the home and canvassed the area. No suspect/s or property was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** On November 20 in the 6500 block of 40th Ave. it was reported that suspect/s stole a copper downspout that was attached to the home. The homeowner recalled hearing a banging noise outside of his home a few nights prior to discovering the downspout missing. No suspects were located. Investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** On November 26 at approximately 10:15 AM in the 4300 block of Van Buren St. suspect/s dismantled and stole components from an outdoor central air conditioning unit. A 1993 blue Ford pickup truck with a large amount of scrap metal protruding from the bed of the truck was observed in the area. University Park Police officers stopped the vehicle and parts from the A/C unit were discovered in the bed of the truck. The two suspects were placed under arrest for theft of the property. Case closed.

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### New Permit Forms & Guidelines



Updated forms and guidelines are now available that make it easier to apply for a building permit or variance. These forms can be found under Documents, then Building Permits at [upmd.org](http://upmd.org). Please review

them and applicable county forms if you are planning a project.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### October 28 Council Special Session Highlights

An Executive Session was called at 6:45 and concluded at 7:41 PM. Council consulted with counsel to obtain legal advice on Cafritz.

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

#### Public Comment

Mr. Harold Freeman thanked Mayor Tabori and those Council members who attended the meeting on the development project proposed for the UMD Golf Course. Mr. Freeman stated their presence made a difference. UMD announced that the project has been put on hold. Mr. Bruce Burrows expressed his appreciation for the excellent meeting held on October 10 to discuss the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. He noted that the meeting was well organized, questions and comments were recorded and the timeline for this project was spelled out clearly.

#### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that the police department will be on duty October 31; officers are prepared for a safe evening of trick-or-treating.

The recording secretary, Ms. Weeks, was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Toscano filled in as recording secretary. Ms. Toscano reported that Chris Dodge from Granicus wished to inform Council that they are offering a discount for new clients at this time.

Town Treasurer Baden reported on grant and bond revenues collected to date. Mr. Baden also reported that the last grant Mr. Chuck Wilson applied for at the end of the previous fiscal year was awarded. The Town received the funds, which were used to cover costs related to wrapping up the solar panel project. The remaining funds in DOE grant line item are being held to cover final charges for the solar panel project. Mr. Baden added that 2013 Fiscal Year Audit is scheduled to be complete on November 1.

Public Works Director Beall reported on the Town's compost program. He stated that the Town has successfully joined with the county's pilot program, adding that the partnership with Prince George's County is going well. Mr. Beall reported that he combined funds from

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the PEPCO tree replacement program and the Town's existing budget for trees along with the Prince George's County Clean Up Green Up Program and was able to plant more than 100 trees. Mr. Beall reminded residents that leaf collection begins on November 4 and that the electronic recycling program collected nearly 30 tons of material.

Police Chief Wynnyk distributed crime stats for September and reported that the person involved with the recent bike thefts in the area has been arrested. Chief Wynnyk stated that the Children's Co-op, the Chili Cook-off and the dedication of the solar panels on UPES were all well attended, successful events. The department is preparing for a safe night of trick-or-treating on Halloween and for the pumpkin carving trail. Chief Wynnyk added that the grant for a second license plate reader was awarded as was the school bus grant.

### Council and Committee Reports

CM Carey reported that the first community conversation on the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church went well and was well attended. He added that grants and funding sources for the project are being looked into. CM Sorensen also noted that the Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure will meet on October 30 at UPES at 7:30 PM.

### Continuing Business

*Motion to approve the letter of support drafted by the Mayor and Town Attorney on the matter of the University Town Center Safeway DSP-0508402 for the Planning Board Hearing on October 31, 2013.* Motion approved 6 to 0 (Cron abstains).

*Motion to approve that the Mayor and Town Attorney draft a letter of support for College Park on the matter of the DSP-13025 University of Maryland Student Housing at Knox Road for the Planning Board Hearing on November 14, 2013.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to approve the contract and award the bid to Aria Environmental, Inc. for \$14,437.50 to conduct a hazardous materials investigation of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and associated property.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

*Motion to approve the contract and award the bid to VJ Associates for \$12,000 to conduct an initial project cost analysis of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and*

*associated property.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

*Motion to approve the contract and award the bid to Sustainable Design Consulting, LLC for \$5,865 to conduct an initial sustainability analysis of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and associated property.*

*Motion to Table.* Motion to table approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Christiansen, Sorensen opposed).

*Motion to approve the contract and award the bid to AJ Engineers, Inc. for \$9,410 for the preparation Building Systems Assessment Report, and \$500 for reimbursable expenses to conduct a building systems assessment of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and associated property.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

Mr. Tom Ahmann stated that a structural engineer evaluation would be necessary to check that the building will support the uses and the extra load requirements that the police and public works departments require. This requirement will be used if the building is designated as a Safe Place. This type of evaluation is also required to make sure the building will support any weather related conditions such as snow loads, etc.

CM Carey stated that the Public Facilities and Services Committee supports Mr. Ahmann's suggestion to include an evaluation for the Risk Level 4 Structural Engineer Evaluations and that these proposals are solicited informally.

*Motion to approve that informal solicitations of proposals for a Risk Level 4 Structural Engineer Evaluation of Riverdale Presbyterian Church.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

On the Cafritz development project, Mayor Tabori reported that the District Council voted unanimously in support of the Cafritz project moving forward. Mayor Tabori added that the Town is following through on the remaining concerns on conditions that have not yet been met, such as condition number 37E requiring all financials on the bridge are in place before the permit is pulled. Mayor Tabori also stated that he has received a copy of the letter from the UMD Board of Regents stating that the board has voted to support the sale of the parcel of property Riverdale Park needs for the landing site of the CSX Bridge.

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*Motion to withdraw the appeal of the Planning Board Resolution on the Cafritz Preliminary Plan of Subdivision PPS 4-13002, Civil Action No. CAL 13-18722, filed on July 3, 2013. Motion approved 7 to 0.*

*Motion to proceed with the appeal in the matter of the Planning Board Resolution on the Special Permit for the Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan Special Permit SP-130002, Civil Action No. CAL 13-21085, filed on July 25, 2013. Motion approved 7 to 0.*

*Motion to file an appeal in the matter of the final decision of the District Council on DSP-13009 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan as voted on September 30, 2013 and filed on October 3, 2013. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Carey opposed).*

*Motion to proceed with the appeal in the matter of the final decision of the District Council on SA-130001 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan, as voted on September 30, 2013 and filed on October 3, 2013. Motion fails 3 to 4 (Ye: Gekas, Christiansen, Sorensen; Nay: Brosch, Carey, Cron, Alvarez).*

*Motion to approve the amendment of the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-10, to transfer \$57,500 from Unreserved Funds to the Legal Fees line item to ensure that funds are available and reflect the expenditure of legal fees associated with the evaluation of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, the various appeals of the Planning Board Decisions with regard to the Cafritz Property Development and other actions that require consultation with legal counsel. Motion approved 7 to 0.*

### New Business

*Motion to approve drafting a letter of support on Prince George's County Bill CB-77-2013. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Gekas abstains).*

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:00 PM.



**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.

### November 18 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Public Comment

CM Cron is interested in scheduling a Public Safety Walk and Talk with Chief Wynnyk for Ward 6. CM Carey commented that the Public Safety Walk and Talk on November 11 for Wards 7 and 4 was very successful.

#### Permits

*Motion to approve the application to replace underpinning for 18 feet of existing block wall and replace 8-inch wide block located at 6518 40th Avenue.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to approve the application to replace front step railings located at 6519 41st Avenue.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that there will be community conversations to discuss the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The Town Council will hold 2 special sessions on this matter. Mayor Tabori supports the committee recommendation that Council move the December 5 special session to Tuesday, December 17. The reason for this change is that the Town will have received three reports from contractors that will be ready to share on the 17th. The second special session will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 1 PM. Both meetings will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Custis Hall.

Arrangements are being made with Alpha to attend a Council Meeting in December to discuss the email concerns. The entire email system at Town Hall essentially collapsed at the end of last week; the system has since been restored.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed his October 2013 report. After a discussion in reference to legal fees, Council was informed that the detailed breakdown of these fees can be seen at Town Hall.

Michael Beall, Director of Public Works, reported that a fire hydrant leak in the 4100 block of Van Buren that persisted for about two weeks was shut off by WSSC and will be replaced as soon as the ground dries out. Leaf season has begun and is going very well. The goal is to

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pick up leaves twice before Thanksgiving. After a discussion on the issue of some residents raking leaves into the street, which creates numerous problems, it was decided that the Committee on Public Facilities and Services will investigate a solution. Public Works is currently working on replacing a 17 year old work truck.

Police Chief Wynnyk briefly spoke of the disturbing flyer that was distributed in Town. This matter is being addressed by the UP Police Department.

### Council and Committee Reports

**Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure** CM Sorensen announced that there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 PM. The two topics for discussion will be the Town Newsletter and Granicus.

**Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services** CM Carey announced that the Committee has recommended the approval of contracting the structural engineering evaluation, which is on the agenda. The Environmental evaluation has been delayed due to the lead equipment being dropped; the results will be available as originally scheduled. The Committee has discussed how to involve the entire town in making sure that everyone is aware that the decision on the purchase of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church is coming up in January. Mayor Tabori will design a spread sheet on Revenues/Costs for Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The questions and comments that were received from residents concerning the purchase of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church have been assembled into a document. The goal is to answer as many questions as possible and to provide this information to the Town. The Committee recommends moving the next community conversation from Thursday, December 5 to Tuesday, December 17. The next Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, November 30. The report of the November 12 Committee meeting was posted on the Town website.

### Continuing Business

*Motion to approve the award of a contract subject to Council approval with Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger, Inc. as the most qualified and lowest bid for a Risk Category IV Structural Engineering evaluation of Riverdale Presbyterian Church at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00.* Motion approved 7 to 0. Town Attorney Ferguson said that a Certificate of Insurance is needed.

*Contract for an initial sustainability analysis of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and associated property.* This motion is tabled.

### New Business

*Motion to approve the recommendation to move the December 5 Special Session on the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church from December 5 to Tuesday, December 17.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to approve the dedication of the bridge at the northeast corner of the Town soccer field in honor of Francis "Mickey" Lucas, for his years of service to the Town and for his work to preserve Wells Run with a simple marker and requesting the drafting of a resolution for the purpose of affecting the dedication.* Motion approved 7 to 0. CM Gekas recommended dedicating the bridge between the school and the soccer field on Tennyson Avenue.

*Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-12 dedicating the bridge at the end of 41st Avenue in honor of Francis "Mickey" Lucas, for his years' service to the Town and for his work to preserve Wells Run with a simple marker.*

**Budget Transfer (Introduction)** The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is December 2, 2013. A super majority is required to amend the budget (5 votes). *Motion to transfer \$310,000 from Unreserved Funds to Townwide Street Repair Project to fund the expense necessary to complete the street work project to include construction and engineering costs.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to approve the proposed 2014 University Park Council meeting schedule.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:30 PM.

### UPCA News



The University Park Civic Association wrapped up a year of transition in 2013.

We were fortunate to have new officers volunteer to take over and help guide the UPCA: Connie Visnic as President, Nigel Ogilvie as Treasurer and Dawn Nichols as Membership Chair.

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They, along with Carol Cron, who continues as Secretary, have great visions for the UPCA in 2014. The final event of 2013 was the town's holiday potluck dinner and tree lighting, complete with Rufus the Red-Nosed Reindeer from Blue Sky Puppet Theater and an appearance by Santa Claus, atop a truck from the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department. Many thanks to Len Carey and Debra Suarez for their help organizing the event, and especially for handling the last minute logistical changes due to the wintry weather on December 8.

We are kicking off 2014 with a well-organized membership drive. You will find a pull-out membership form in this newsletter which you can use to make your \$25 annual supporting contribution for 2014. You can fill out the form, pay by credit card or check, fold it into a self-mailer and return it to the UPCA Treasurer—the address is on the back of the form. We thank the many UP and CHE residents who took advantage of the combo deal in the fall and caught up for 2013 and paid their 2014 contribution together. The more UP and CHE residents who support us with their \$25 contribution, the more fun events we can have in the future!

We plan to repeat all of the great events we had last year, including a new event in February suggested by a town resident—a Jazz Café. The date will be Saturday, February 8 from 3 to 5 PM at the Old Parish House in College Park. We have a musical group to provide entertainment. We ask that guests bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share and the UPCA will provide the beverages. Please watch the UP listserv and/or the UPCA website for details. This event will be for adults only.

On Tuesday, January 28 we will have an important UPCA meeting to plan and staff our 2014 events. Please come to this meeting and provide your thoughts and ideas on our events and to volunteer to help with set-up of events such as the Spring Egg Roll, the 4th of July Parade and Picnic, the Chili Cook-Off, or the new and very successful Jack 'o Lantern Trail.

Another initiative that we have re-started is the UPCA Welcome Wagon, where a useful packet full of information for new residents is delivered, along with a home baked treat, to our new neighbors. Thanks to Nicole Lucier for spearheading this effort and getting these helpful packets to new residents in UP. The town's first Little Free Library is in production and should be installed in early to mid-January. Watch the UP listserv for

the date and details of the official unveiling! The location is expected to be next to the UP soccer field, directly across from the entrance to Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to all the UP and CHE residents who have supported the UPCA in 2013 with their annual supporting contribution and who have stepped up to help run the UPCA, helped to organize or set up events, shopped for events, designed, placed and taken down event signs, created unique new membership incentives, maintained the UPCA website, hosted UPCA socials in their homes and who have made suggestions and followed through with support of their ideas.

Finally, everyone involved in running the University Park Civic Association wants to express an enormous amount of gratitude to Leatha Thome, who took over as Treasurer in 2012 and spent many, many long hours getting the finances, tax records, historical data, membership lists, payment methods and much more organized and functioning. Leatha had to turn over the newly-organized records to Connie, Nigel and Carol in 2013, but because of her efforts, we will be able to move forward to new heights this year and next. Thank you, Leatha!

### UPWC Home Decorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Woman's Club home decorating contest. First place winners received a \$50 check.

#### Most Unique

Santos Guzman Residence,  
6320 Baltimore Ave.

#### Best Door

1st Carlo Tornatore &  
Ellen Whitaker Residence,  
4315 Clagett

2nd Sergio Figueroa &  
Doris Bean Residence,  
4402 Sheridan

3rd Brian & Lindsay Jackson,  
4304 Woodberry

#### Best Whole House

1st Cotter Residence, 4301 Van Buren

2nd Eugene & Michele Leonardi Residence, 6714  
Queens Chapel

3rd Michael & Barbara Alushin, 6605 44th Avenue



**UP Woman's Club January Meeting**

**Monday, January 13, 11:30 AM**

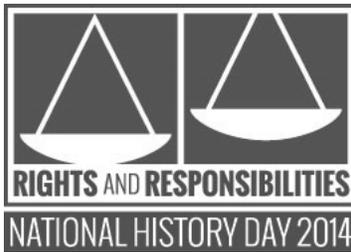
Lt. Wayne McCully of the UP Police Department will update UPWC members on efforts to address domestic violence in the county. The General Federation of Women's Clubs promotes the awareness and prevention of domestic violence. The UP club has been a longtime supporter of the Prince George's County Domestic Violence Shelter.

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.

**UPHPA Presentation**

**Thursday, January 16, 7:30 PM**

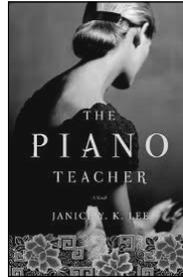
Please join the University Park Historic Preservation Association to hear the history of National History Day (NHD) and the role it could play in your life. Dr. Cathy Gorn, Executive Director of NHD, has been invited to share her longtime experience with and plans for the future of NHD.



Each June, students in grades 6-12 represent their states at the National History Day Contest Finals at the University of Maryland. Students earn a slot at the Nationals by winning at their county and then state level competitions. Each year the NHD experience provides over 500,000 students with skill building in critical thinking, research, communication and problem solving. Participants' self-esteem, confidence and involvement in the democratic process soar and students gain a sense of responsibility, all in the pursuit and application of history. Custis Hall, Riverdale Presbyterian Church. All UP residents are welcome.

**After 8 Book Group**

**Tuesday, January 21, 8-10 PM**



The January book is the novel *The Piano Teacher* by Janice Lee. The February selection is *The Tower, the Zoo and the Tortoise* by Julie Stuart. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Please call Rachel Mayo at 301-864-5351 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.



**Church of the Brethren Valentine Dinner**

**Saturday, February 8, 5-8 PM**

The Valentine Spaghetti Dinner (everybody welcome!) at the Church of the Brethren includes live music and candlelight in the fellowship hall-turned Italian bistro. Menu includes salad bar, garlic bread, a secret recipe sauce (both vegetarian and sausage available), dessert and beverages. Bring friends and stop in for supper. There is no fixed charge for the meal, but donations support local efforts to meet the needs of those seeking food, shelter or other assistance.

**College Park Arts Exchange**

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

**New Chicago Dance Studio Goddess Showcase: Speak-easy! Saturday, January 4, 3 PM** Local dancers share fun choreographies with a fabulous fusion of jazz, fans and scarves, Latin, African and Middle Eastern movement.

**Mini Bop Disco for Parents & Children Saturday, January 11, 2-4:30 PM** Come dance to great hits when the Old Parish House is transformed into a family disco.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti Winter Community Concert Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 7:30 PM** The public is invited to this free event. Reception to follow. First rehearsal for the spring semester will be held on January 28, 6:30 PM. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave, College Park.

**Blue Sky Puppets, The Barker of Seville Sunday, January 19, 3 PM** Spend a fun family afternoon at this show about a dog who wants to become an opera singer. Dog puppets, great music, prop gags and silly jokes will entertain everyone. Based in University Park, Blue Sky has brought the highest level of children's theatre to our area since 1974.

**Children's Arts Drop-In Programs January 25 and 26** Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead 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.



**Twelfth Night Ball Saturday, January 11, 7:30 PM** Bring the holiday season to a close in style at Riversdale House Museum's Regency-style Twelfth Night Ball for those ages 18 and up. Enjoy a sparkling setting for dancing to live music by Karen Ashbrook, Paul Oorts and fiddler Andrea Hoag. An elegant ball supper will be served with additional dance sets to follow. Following tradition, a king and queen will be crowned. Period dress or black tie encouraged. Residents \$40/person, nonresidents \$48/person. Advance registration required by January 4; capacity limited. 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.

### Participate & Stay Up to Date!

We wanted to share several additional ways for residents to stay up to date on meetings and activities in the Town of University Park.

**The Town Electronic Notice System** offers several lists regarding official Town business, Council and committee minutes, events, meetings and agendas for Town Council and committee meetings. Visit [upmd.org](http://upmd.org) and click on Register in the upper right corner to sign up.

**Town Council Minutes** are posted on the Town website. Highlights appear in this newsletter, however, somewhat more detail is available on the town site.

**UPPD Safety Alerts** are sent out by Police Chief Michael Wynnyk. Subscribe to this list by contacting the UPPD and providing your contact info.

**WATCH UP & CHE Google Group** is a neighborhood watch-type list and public safety officials do not monitor it. Any concerns should always be called in to the appropriate number: emergencies go to 911 and non-emergency calls to 301-352-1200.

**University Park Listserv Google Group** is a list for residents of University Park and the College Heights Estates. This listserv is not an official listserv of any municipality or civic association. Search on Google for the list name to sign up for this and the next group.

**UPplaygroup** is open to parents/caregivers in University Park and neighboring areas. This is an easy way to organize playgroups, share information and events of interest, and to discuss parenting issues. In addition to the online discussion and age-based play dates, there are a variety of gatherings for the whole group each year. Contact Michelle Wedge at [mdwedge@gmail.com](mailto:mdwedge@gmail.com) or Christine Becraft at [christine\\_n\\_d@yahoo.com](mailto:christine_n_d@yahoo.com).



**Source  
Reduction  
Tips**

**Grass Cycle:** Use a mulching mower to finely shred your mowed grass and leave it on the lawn.  
Start a backyard compost pile.



**BROWN  
IS THE NEW  
GREEN**

Effective January 1, 2014,  
Residential Curbside  
Yard Waste Collection will  
no longer be accepted in  
plastic bags. Residents  
should place yard waste  
loose in a collection can  
or use large yard waste  
PAPER bags.

**or  
CAN IT...**

Save money and use  
reusable containers,  
such as trash cans. Be  
sure to clearly mark the  
can/container

**YARD WASTE**

## 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](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org) or 301-927-4262.

## Curbside Leaf Collection Continues Through 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.

Do not rake leaves into the street or the gutter. Please rake leaves only up to the curb line. 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](http://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](http://www.upmd.org)



## University Park Town Council 2014 Adopted Meeting Schedule

*All meetings are open to the public.*

January 6	June 16
January 13	
January 18	July 7
January 27	July 21
February 3	August 11
February 10	
March 3	September 8
March 17	September 22
April 7	October 6
April 28	October 20
May 5	November 3
May 19	November 17
June 2	December 1
	December 15

**Note: The following dates have either an official holiday that falls on the first or third Monday or a scheduled school closing.**

January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 17	President's Day
April 14-21	Spring Break & Easter Holidays
May 6	Town Election Day
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
August 18	First day of school
September 1	Labor Day
October 13	Columbus Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day



## 2013 Holiday Gifts of Appreciation

Please consider donating to University Park's Holiday Funds. These funds offer a way for Town residents to express their appreciation to our wonderful Public Works Department and Police Department for the exemplary work done by both departments' dedicated employees throughout the year.

Many of the University Park Public Works Department's members have worked for our Town for more than *ten* years, and some for more than *forty!*

The winter holidays afford a chance for residents to show heartfelt thanks for the continued conscientious service to our community given by these very dedicated Town employees. The total amount donated to the Fund is divided equally among all DPW personnel as a holiday bonus from Town residents.

Residents also may show their appreciation to our Town Police Department by contributing to the UPPD Benevolence Fund for Town Officers. Chief Wynnyk uses this Fund to purchase new safety equipment for each Police Officer and to gather the Officers and their significant others for a nice thank you holiday dinner.

Checks for both Funds should be made payable to Town of University Park. Indicate DPW Holiday Gift Fund and/or UPPD Benevolence Fund, and the respective amount you wish to donate to each, on the memo line of your check.

*Due to this late notice to residents, checks for 2013 Holiday Gifts of Appreciation Fund will be accepted at the Town Hall through January 31, 2014.*



RUSHERN L. BAKER, III  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

GET A **CA\$H REBATE** FOR  
LANDSCAPING YOUR PROPERTY!



Prince George's County  
Department of  
Environmental  
Resources  
Adam Ortiz  
Director

# rain check

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

LEARN HOW  
TO HELP KEEP  
OUR STREAMS  
CLEAN!



## You have the power to prevent stormwater pollution!

Simple actions like putting a rain barrel under your downspout, building a rain garden, or switching to permeable pavers instead of asphalt can beautify your landscape AND earn you money through the Rain Check Program.

**Learn how** at [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/StormwaterManagement/RainCheck](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/StormwaterManagement/RainCheck) or call 311.

**Please note:**

**University Park residents are not eligible for the tree rebate because the Town of University Park offers its own rebate program.**

# January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Curbside Leaf Collection Continues through January 10	Prince George's County has prohibited plastic bags. Please place leaves or yard waste in paper bags or bins at the curb.	Save the date! Church of the Brethren Valentine Dinner, Saturday, February 8, 5-8 PM		2 <b>Recycling</b>	3 <b>Trash</b>	4
5	6 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	7 <b>Trash</b>	8	9 <b>Recycling</b>	10 <b>Trash</b> Final day of curbside leaf collection	11 
12	13 <b>Yard Waste</b> Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM <b>Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	14 <b>Trash</b>	15	16 <b>Recycling</b> UPHPA Presentation, 7:30 PM	17 <b>Trash</b>	18 <b>Community Conversation, 1 PM, RPC</b>
19	20 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	21 <b>Trash</b> After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM	22	23 <b>Recycling</b>	24 <b>Trash</b>	25
26	27 <b>Yard Waste Special Session of Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	28 <b>Trash</b>	29	30 <b>Recycling</b>	31 <b>Trash</b>	



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