

UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Regardless of its outcome, the 2016 campaign season ended long after I was ready for it to be over. The campaigns on all sides were filled with enmity, rancor and division, and their many incivilities eroded trust in some of our most essential institutions and raised concerns about the capacity of some of those which we most rely on to function and respond to what was being asked of them. As mayor of a small town, it was painful to see. The aftermath of the national division has left me concerned about its effects on trust in the responsiveness of our municipal government and on our shared sense of community. How does our small town pick up from where this campaign season leaves us, and soldier on with our community intact?

At the local level, municipal government has to work or communities like ours don't function well. In our town is where the yard waste is picked up, trash collected,

where we recycle, and where we have our own kitchen-waste composting program. This is where the Town bus shuttles commuters to and from public transit morning and evening, and takes our community seniors to vital appointments and grocery shopping. Odds are, if you ride the bus, that you know the name of the Town's bus driver and he or she remembers where you get on or off. This is where a town police officer responds to dispose of a dead animal in a resident's yard when county animal control couldn't pick it up on a weekend. This is where our streets get plowed when it snows, where our fall leaves are vacuumed and more. Insert your favorite Town service here.

Municipal government is where the rubber meets the road, and it has to work. At the local level, we expect municipal government to also speak for our community, to be on our side, protect our interests and help make

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	December 5 & 19
Holidays	December 25 & January 1
Town Holidays	December 26 & January 2

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.

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our community better. We expect our local elected officials to be accessible, in-touch, reasonable and accountable. We expect them to be civil and responsive. That's how municipal government works. If it doesn't, you'll let us know.

In the national debates, we saw people who were vying for office demeaning the character or fitness of others with differing opinions, or constantly interrupting or talking over each other. There was a great deal of incivility in public discourse. Not only should we know better than to do that, we shouldn't accept it as an element in governance at any level. Civility is important in a small town, and an essential element in a democratic society. It is a tenuous thing that can be difficult to recover if lost. In a community like ours, where ideas matter and where we need to work together, incivility brings apathy and costs us all. I have often encouraged you to pay attention, show up, and speak up about matters affecting our Town and community. Incivilities in public discussion do just the opposite, however, causing people to pull back and withdraw from where we want them all to step in and contribute. We need to listen, as well, and respect what each of us brings to our community. A friend from another municipality has sent me the "civility pledge" encouraged by the Coffee Party: *I pledge to conduct myself in a way that is civil, honest, and respectful toward people with whom I disagree. I value people from different cultures, I value people with different ideas, and I value and cherish the democratic process.*

Perhaps we don't just soldier on after this national election season, at least not without some community dialogue or conversation. Despite occasional individual differences regarding municipal issues, we usually manage to pull together quite well, and sometimes find ourselves working together on the next issue to come along. What we do best in our own community is what we do together.

We often find ourselves together at this holiday season at one or more of the many events going on in town, possibly at the community potluck, holiday tree lighting, holiday house tour, or ambling about admiring the decorations around town or considering possibilities for snow. As always, I look forward to seeing you in town or nearby, and hope you will come over to say hello. I wish you the comforts of home and community, civility, and peace.

—Len Carey

Holiday Funds

Please consider contributing to the University Park Holiday Funds for Town employees. These funds offer a way for residents to express their appreciation for the exemplary work done by the Town's dedicated employees throughout the year. Many Town employees have worked for us for more than 10 years, some for more than 40 years. The winter holidays afford a chance for residents to show their appreciation for the continued conscientious service to our community given by these very dedicated Town employees through foul or fair weather.

To contribute, checks should be made payable to "Town of University Park" and marked on the memo line of your check for the "Holiday Funds." You may also indicate whether your contribution is intended for Public Works, Police Department, and/or for General Administrative Staff (including bus drivers) and the respective amount you wish to donate to each. Checks for the 2016 Holiday Funds should be mailed or delivered to the Town Hall by Friday, December 30, 2016.



DPW Holiday Schedule

Please note these changes to our yard waste pick up schedule.

Monday, December 26—Yard waste collection cancelled

Wednesday, December 28—Yard waste pickup

Monday, January 2—Yard waste collection cancelled

Wednesday, January 4—Yard waste pickup

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Thank you to the citizens that came out to the Public Safety Forum held in November. The continued support and cooperative approach to making our town a safe and great place to live is appreciated.

The holiday season is the busiest and most stressful time of the year. 2017 is only 31 days away and as we host holiday festivities and search for that perfect gift, we tend to throw caution to the wind in so many aspects of our lives. Thieves and scammers prey on consumers at this time of year. They exploit the giving nature of the season and turn the elevated stress levels and hectic schedules of consumers to their advantage. It's important that you protect yourself from the threats.

For those who shop the old fashioned way follow these safe shopping tips:

- Shop during the day or park in well-lighted areas. Be aware of your surroundings when you park, walk and are in stores. Avoid buying more than you can carry.
- Lock your purchases in the trunk and out of sight. Remember where you parked. Have keys ready when approaching your vehicle; request a security escort if you shop alone.
- Know which credit cards you have with you when you shop. If possible only take one; it's safer and easier to remember just one card. If shopping with small children, have a plan if you are separated from them, determine a central meeting place and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees for help.
- Keep all receipts together to help you verify credit card or bank statements.

Online shopping requires much more caution-the thief is always just a few keystrokes away. When shopping online:

- Update your security software.
- Use one credit card for easy tracking.
- Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to verify your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact-legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.
- Beware of bargains from companies with whom you are unfamiliar-if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Only use secure websites for purchases. Look for the

icon of a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen or *https* in the URL address. These indicate that you are dealing with a secure website.

- Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases.

Every year there are incidents when thieves steal items from front porches after they have been delivered. It takes only a few seconds to run up to a front porch and grab a package and run off. If you know you will not be home during normal delivery hours, have a neighbor retrieve your package or get it later at the delivery pick-up location.



December is National Drunk Driving Awareness Month. Don't drink and drive. Be sure your teenagers know this message. Sobriety checkpoints, extra patrols and cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions are all planned enforcement activities for December. Don't let anyone drive after drinking. It may save a life.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Breaking & Entering On October 3 at 8:30 AM in the 3900 block of Van Buren Street a tenant entered their room and discovered his MacBook laptop had been stolen. Other items were thrown around the room but no other property was stolen. There was no sign of forced entry to the exterior doors and the victim advised past issues with other roommates at the location. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft October 3 between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the 6900 block of Wells Parkway suspect/s stole two

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Halloween yard decorations from the front yard of the residence. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On October 9 between 1 and 2 PM in the 6900 block of Baltimore Avenue suspect/s entered a residence through an open window and stole a backpack, a MacBook Pro laptop, an Android cell phone and some cash. The victim advised they were looking for their cell phone when they noticed the rear door was open and the laptop and backpack were missing. The UPPD responded to the scene and the other tenants responded later to report missing items. The crime scene was processed and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.

Tree Committee News

Camera Obscura

You'll notice most of the deciduous trees have lost their leaves, save some oaks that wait for Spring to let go. As leafy trees go dormant, the sap drains down to the roots. The trees are at rest now, and here's hoping we too find the same respite as daylight contracts to a pin pricked through a box.

December's Notable Tree:

Aesculus glabra (Ohio Buckeye),
6404 Queen's Chapel Road

This is a very fine specimen, perhaps 40 feet tall, considered mid-range for this species, with a symmetrical habit and notable crown. Located on a small rise, the height seems loftier. The form and character is distinctive to behold in December, bereft of its foliage. The Buckeye, state tree of Ohio, is notable for its fruit, leaves and flowers. Both foliage and fruits contain tannic acid and are poisonous to humans. It has a palmately compound leaf, with 5 leaflets. In July and August, the upright blossoms' distinctively powerful aroma can travel a half mile or so.



Ivy League on Sabbatical in December & January

Our next session is Saturday, March 11, 2017. We thank our 2016 volunteers. See you next year. -Chris Aubry, Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 17 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez. Excused: Verrill.

Presentations

Public Works Mechanic and Supervisor Kerry (Butch) Hall is retiring after 50 years of employment with the Town. Mayor Carey, former Mayors and Director of Public Works Mickey Beall reminisced about their personal relationship with Mr. Hall. A small reception followed.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a 15'x 8' shed, white in color, located at 6701 Wells Parkway. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace existing 29'x 11' driveway and 3'x 29' walkway located at 3905 Beechwood Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Presentations Continued

Loretta Vitale Saks, along with a steering committee, presented regarding aging in place and plans on gathering information about needs of older town residents. A discussion with suggestions followed:

- Encouraged the use of services the Town currently provides; i.e., bus service to support the well-being of seniors and disabled.
- Create a database. It was discussed that a database is time consuming and some residents may not want personal information publicized.
- Coordinate efforts with the Woman's Club or the Civic Association.
- Use a block or Ward approach in getting the names of residents in need.
- Obtain voter registration list. The voter registration list includes birthdays, which would help identify the elderly.
- Communicate with the older residents through the newsletter.
- Distribute an informative door hanger prior to a personal visit to the resident.
- Reach out for volunteers through the Town website.
- Encouraged the use of the Hyattsville Community Center on Adelphi Road, which can be used by University Park residents.

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Brittney Drakeford and Bryan Barnett-Woods from Prince George's County Planning Department of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) gave a presentation of Module 3 zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations rewrite. A discussion along with questions and answers followed:

- Residents are encouraged to go online to zoningpgc.pgplanning.com and review the draft. All comments are welcome.
- The comprehensive review draft will include all public comments and this will be available in January 2017.
- The deadline for best consideration of comments is November 1 and will be included in the comprehensive review. Any comments received after this date will be considered.
- Module 1 = zones and uses; Module 2 = design standards; Module 3 = process.
- The new process will provide an opportunity to have input and to have some say on a proposed development prior to it moving further.
- Planning staff is looking into making sure that the pre-application meeting is transparent and making sure the developer provides more details for the community.
- The plan is that the zoning ordinance would be approved, but would not go into effect until approximately six months later. During this time, a procedures manual would be put together. It was suggested that the Code not go into effect until the procedures manual is out.
- Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson suggested that the pre-application include a certain amount of specificity as to what kind of variances will be needed. It should not be generalized, since this is not useful.
- It was suggested that the pre-application process be tested.
- Town Attorney asked that this presentation focus on: 1) in what ways will the Town and its residents be able to participate? 2) how is our ability to participate going to be reduced or removed? 3) what about these procedures is going to make it better for the Town and its residents to make their views known and have some kind of impact? 4) what is it that's here that reduces our ability to comment and what are the procedures for handling by-right and then other development with that focus?
- A Councilmember stated that we are not that interested in making it easy for developers. We want to make sure the development is right and in the right place. The development needs to be transparent and the communi-

-ty needs to be involved substantially at useful parts of the process.

- A resident highly recommended that the procedures manual be vetted by the public before it is passed.
- Major site plans are required to do a pre-application meeting with a neighborhood, while pre-application meetings are encouraged but not required for minor site plans.
- Residential: 0-10 units is direct permit, 11-75 units is a minor site plan and more than 75 units is a major site plan. Commercial: 100,000 square feet or more is a major site plan, less than 100,000 square feet is a minor site plan. Feedback is showing that the threshold is what needs to be changed.
- If an appeal is made, the public must be notified of the decision standing for all the minor site plans. Bryan Barnett-Woods was not sure how the public would be notified, but said he would follow up with the answer.
- If the minor site plan is appealed, it is brought to the Planning Board who would appeal it as an appellate body, so they would look to see if the law was followed.
- A concern was expressed about how you just have an appellate review of a record that is just administrative with no taking of testimony.

New Business

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-07, proclaiming congratulations to Kerry (Butch) Hall on the occasion of his retirement and declare November 1, 2016 Kerry (Butch) Hall Day in University Park. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

Chair of the Stream Committee Dana Shea has stepped down. Mayor Carey is in search of his replacement. There is an Ethics Commission vacancy. The Mayor has several names, but Councilmembers are invited to suggest appointees. The Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference went very well.

September 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Police Chief Wynnyk reported:

- The Police Department replaced ballistic vests with assistance from a grant.
- Chief Wynnyk will be hosting a Prince George's Chiefs of Police Association Meeting next week. All are welcome to attend.

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- On November 5, there will be a Public Safety Community forum to discuss current events across the country.
- The Code Compliance Officer completed 24 house inspections in September along with ten re-inspections.

Public Works Director Michael Beall reported:

- Pepco pruning project is complete and removal of trees has begun.
- East-West Highway paving is scheduled to begin on October 18.
- Public Works hired a mechanic on September 22.
- Mr. Beall will soon be scheduling the contractor for the Van Buren bridge project.
- Leaf season starts on November 1.
- The planting at the Veteran's Memorial is almost completed.
- After reviewing the bid for the path project, a decision was made to return the \$20,000 grant.
- When the pension plan was passed in 2009, the Town anticipated the retirement of certain individuals. 4 individuals will have retired from the Public Works Department as of November 1, 2016.
- Recycling of electronics and paper shredding will take place on Saturday, October 22 at University Park Elementary School.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:05 PM.

November 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace existing 10'x 12' shed at 6800 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit with special exception for a non-conforming 6' fence, located at 6909 Pineway. Council approved the request for a building permit on the basis that the requirements of Sections 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code had been met and a showing of need for the variance based on the following discussion:

- Unusual circumstance is the existing bonsai and the advent of the deer, which is a new hazard that didn't

exist when Mr. Hughes purchased the house. Many attempts have been made to deter the deer, but they keep coming back. The property is in an area that attracts deer. The owner did not move into this property knowing that this limitation was there and making it impossible for him to continue to care for the bonsai.

- The style of fencing selected will blend with the landscape or be nearly transparent, and will not affect public safety in any adverse way.
 - The fence is located on a large lot at the middle of the block, is some distance from Pineway adjacent to the property, and is placed on the lot in a way which will reduce visibility of the fence to others.
- Motion approved 6 to 1 (Alvarez opposed).

New Business

Motion to amend paragraph 3 titled "Term/Dates of Work" in the December 14, 2012, Consultant Agreement contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., to allow completion of remaining services as referenced in paragraph 2, "Scope of Services" and to extend hourly pricing through that period. Remaining services to be completed as listed in paragraph 2 (d-f) are as follows:

- Conduct a second traffic study, including traffic counts at select points in University Park between 90 days to 120 days, after the first phase of the project opens.
- Within 30 days after conducting the second traffic study, prepare a second mitigation report proposing traffic control solutions in light of the opening of the first phase.
- Assist the Town in implementing the new mitigation strategies.

This amendment is necessitated because the projected opening of the first phase of the Cafritz (Riverdale Park Station) development has been delayed by more than two years beyond the projected January 2015 opening date, which had been anticipated when the Consultant Agreement contract was first signed, and as a result tasks 2 (d-f) could not be completed. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt the Proclamation declaring November 2016 as Municipal Government Works Month, which is a prerequisite to be eligible as a Banner City in the Maryland Municipal League. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey and the Town Attorney attended a meeting on October 26 in College Park to discuss the development of a Transportation Demand Management District for areas including Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, College Park and the University of Maryland as well as University Park. The County expects to issue a Request for Proposals for transportation engineering and planning expertise, and will give the municipalities opportunity to comment.
- The Veterans Day observance is scheduled for Friday, November 11 at 11 AM. Councilmembers are encouraged to participate.
- Pepco has completed the project of removing trees. The Town will begin grinding the tree stumps. Tree planting has begun with the help of the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment, contractors and Pepco. Approximately 85 trees will be planted this fall.
- The Town has been awarded a grant for \$97,500 for the Maryland Bikeway Program. Mayor Carey will write a letter to the City of College Park and the University of Maryland requesting that University Park join them in the Zagster Mbike bike share program.
- The Van Buren Street bridge will be removed on November 17.
- Progress is being made on the Town website.
- County Council member Dannielle Glaros will be at the November 21 Council meeting to discuss Metro and the Purple Line along with other items.
- The Prince George's County Municipal Association Legislative dinner is scheduled for December 7. Councilmembers are encouraged to attend.
- The strategic planning retreat for the Mayor and Council is scheduled for November 18-19 at the Friends Community School.

Council Reports

Trees, Parks and Environment Committee Members of the Tree Committee, along with volunteers, planted 19 trees in Wards 4 and 6.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety The Committee is looking at a way to provide safe passage for pedestrians along Claggett Pineway.

CM Gekas Received information on Meals on Wheels. The cost is \$5 per day, which includes two cold meals

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and one hot meal per day. Delivery is Monday through Friday between 11:30-12:30 in University Park.

Development Overview Committee The Committee discussed detailed comments on the County Zoning Rewrite. The Committee recommended that the Town Attorney write a letter to the Planning Board detailing the comments.

Green Team The Committee discussed priorities for the Town moving forward.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:05 PM.

UPCA News

November started with a tremendous show of support from the neighborhood towards our veterans on November 11. As much as we appreciate those who have served, we also appreciate those who took the time to attend. Thank you to our speakers for their incredible speeches, the anthem singers and all our veterans in town for serving our nation.

So, how did your football team do? On the 27th, we turned away from the NFL and cheered on a much more important rival match: University Park vs. College Heights Estates, at the first annual Turkey Bowl! Thanks to Ryan Penley for coming up with the idea and chairing the entire operation, to all the sponsors (Adelphi Pool, Emily Jackson Group, Golden Rule Moving and Monarch Title) and all the players and volunteers who helped make this such a fun event.

Are you interested in hosting a UPCA social in the neighborhood next year? The Civic Association covers the costs for food and drink, so all we need is your hospitality. Let us know when you're available and whether you are interested in inviting just adults or also welcoming children, and we'll help make sure that neighbors from all wards attend. Please contact Connie Visnic at connie.visnic@gmail.com for more info.

The end of the year is coming and that means a party is in order. Look later in the newsletter for more info on our most widely attended event of the year: the UPCA Holiday Potluck and Tree Lighting.

The UPCA relies by your contributions, and your \$25 family dues are requested every calendar year. Get a head start on 2017 by paying online with PayPal at <http://>

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upcivicassociation.com/dues. You'll have a full year of guilt-free events!

UPWC News

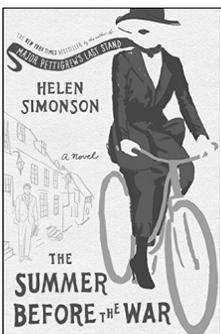
During this season of thanksgiving, the University Park Woman's Club counts its many blessings. We recognize our members for their philanthropic and tireless volunteer spirit. We appreciate the town residents who have opened their homes for the holiday house tours and their gardens for visitors during the garden tours.

We thank the many creative folks who decorate their houses to make our town festive for the holiday decorating contests. The UPWC is especially grateful for the community's support of our fundraisers which provide scholarships, aid to family crisis centers, donations to our local schools and PTAs, along with several other charities. Thank you, University Park neighbors. Happy Holidays from the UP Woman's Club.

Did you know? Through 22 years, over 100 homeowners have opened their homes during the UPWC Holiday House Tour for which more than 4,000 tickets have been sold. Many make the house tour part of their holiday tradition.

The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series Saturday, December 10, 5 PM

Please join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month for this free lecture series, open to all in the Washington community. A diverse range of topic areas will be covered including science, technology, the economy, health, education, history, literature, the arts, the environment, politics and more. Please invite your neighbors and friends. December's event is a presentation from Larry Prikockis and Verna Gehring on bees and pollinators.



After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, December 13, 8-10 PM

December's book is *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson. January's book is *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt. Please call Mollie Huitema at 301-927-5836 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons

Saturdays, 8-9:30 AM

Come join us to learn the ancient Chinese martial art often referred to as "meditation in motion" and leave feeling relaxed and energized. Free. Hosted by University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For more information, call 301-466-5894.

Teen Workers List

The following young residents are interested in finding jobs around our Town. Please save this list and contact them if you need any of these services.



Caitlyn Weeks, 15, 301-310-2280, Van Buren Street, cweeks19@stjohnschs.org, babysitting.

Peter DeSantis, 17, 301-779-9669, Van Buren Street, peterdesantis8468@gmail.com, raking leaves, gardening (trimming, cutting lawns), shoveling snow, washing windows, painting, heavy lifting and other household work.

Nora Stewart, 17, 301-209-7341, Van Buren Street, nora.stewart@gmail.com, mother's helper, babysitting, CPR certificate, pet sitting and tutoring.

Christopher Brunk, 17, 301-852-9067, Pineway, Cbrunk4444@gmail.com, yard work, moving, heavy lifting.

Madeleine Murphy, 15, 202-733-8177, Underwood Street, madeleinebmurphy@gmail.com, babysitting, beginning flute help, pet sitting.

Alessio Zaun-Palmisano, 14, 202-431-8949, 44th Avenue, up_italia@yahoo.com, raking leaves, cutting wood, mowing lawns, snow shoveling, helping with moving.

College Park Arts Exchange

All events are free and take place at the College Park United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 9601 Rhode Island Avenue, 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.

Wreath Decorating Workshop, *Saturday, December 3, 1:30-4:30 PM* Bring your own wreath; for a fee of \$20

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we provide decorative materials. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave.

Connect the Dots Dance presents the Nutcracker, Saturday, December 10, 3 and 4 PM Enjoy watching ballet dancers performing to this beautiful and familiar music in a casual setting, featuring dances from *The Nutcracker*. 4 PM performance is autism friendly. Free.

Community Concert, Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 PM Featuring College Park Chorale and Chamber Singers, Youth Choir and Vocetti and Youth Music Traditions.

Riversdale by Candlelight, Friday, December 30, 6 PM Residents from three eras of Riversdale's history welcome guests to the candlelit museums for tours, refreshments, live music and children's activities. \$5/adult; free children 12 & under with a paid admission. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riversdale Road, Riverdale Park. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.

College Park parkrun, Every Saturday, 9AM Join us any Saturday of the year at 9 AM at 4289 Metzertott Road on the Paint Branch Trail. Get yourself a free runner barcode by registering here: www.parkrun.us/collegepark. Bring the barcode with you-you will need it at the finish line. All are welcome.

Community Chat with Council Member Dannielle Glaros, Sunday, December 4, from 2-4 PM Join Prince George's County Council Member Dannielle Glaros at Robert Harper Books, 6216 Rhode Island Avenue, Riverdale Park. Drop by anytime to talk with neighbors, ask questions and hear about what's happening across District 3. Questions? 301-952-3060 or CouncilDistrict3@co.pg.md.us.

Hyattsville Figure Drawing Group, December 3 and 10, 10 AM-1:30 PM Hyattsville Community Development Corporation building, 4312 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville. \$20/person.

Mount Rainier Craft Fair, Saturday, December 3, 10 AM-5 PM Featuring dozens of local Mt. Rainier artists and artisans offering handcrafted items, gifts, children's craft area and baked goods. Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, 240-687-2547, www.facebook.com/MtRainierCraftFair. Free.

Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Nov. 1-Jan. 13



Leaf vacuuming will occur November 1, 2016-January 13, 2017.

- Crews will work counterclockwise through Town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 & Ward 6.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- No rocks, sticks or metal in your leaf piles.
- Crews will not back track to collect leaves once they have been past your home.
- Check the Town website under the public works heading for updates and changes. You will also find a ward map at www.upmd.org.

Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 26—Yard waste collection cancelled

Wednesday, December 28—Yard waste pickup

Monday, January 2—Yard waste collection cancelled

Wednesday, January 4—Yard waste pickup

Leaf Collection After January 13

All leaves must be bagged in paper bags or a durable container and placed at the curb. The county no longer accepts leaves in plastic bags. Leaves will be picked up on Mondays with yard waste.

Questions?

Call Town Hall at 301-927-4262 or email Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org



UNIVERSITY PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

Potluck Dinner & Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 3
University Park Elementary School
4315 Underwood St., UP

Potluck Dinner and Holiday Fun: 4-6:30 PM

- Please bring a dish or dessert to share that serves at least 15 people. There is no kitchen access, so please plan accordingly.
- Let the kids get creative at the Arts & Crafts Table.
- Enjoy the Children's Choir.
- Contribute to the UP Woman's Club Tree of Warmth. Donate a pair of mittens, warm hat, cozy socks or scarf to pin to the tree!
- Purchase the UPWC Holiday House Tour tickets.

Tree Lighting: 6:30-7 PM

After dinner, walk with neighbors to Henson Green for the Tree Lighting. Santa will make his appearance! Caroling and candy canes for all!

We Need Elves!

We need help with specific tasks, such as setting-up, decorating and table monitoring. Please contact Debra Suarez at debra.suarez@gmail.com or 301-613-9505 if you are interested in volunteering for this favorite town tradition.

The More Volunteers, the Merrier!

Sponsored by the University Park Civic Association.

University Park Woman's Club, Inc.
23rd ANNUAL
**CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY
HOUSE TOUR**

Friday, December 9, 2016

House Tour 7-10 PM

Featuring UMD School of Music Performances

Holiday Boutique, 7036 Hunter Lane

Holiday Boutique features the work of local artisans & crafters



Tour Homes

Ashcraft & Deal—4406 Tuckerman
Street

Bigley & Mitchell—4103 Clagett
Road

Burrill & Gentile—4202 Clagett Road

Carey—4410 Underwood Street

Dien—7040 Hunter Lane

Lippert—6907 Forest Hill Drive

Tickets \$18 in advance, \$20 on the tour.

For advance tickets, call 301-864-9264 or 301-277-0414; purchase at the UP Town Hall or the Holiday Tree Lighting, December 3. A portion of the ticket is tax deductible.

Tickets will also be available at each home Friday, December 9 during tour hours. No admittance without a ticket.

Proceeds from this event support local UPWC scholarships and community projects.

University Park Woman's Club, Inc. HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST Sunday, December 11, 5-8 PM

All UP and College Heights Residents Eligible



The contest will be held the 2nd Sunday of December. We hope more people will be involved in the contest so that our community will look festive as you drive around University Park during the holidays.

Please turn on your lights by 5pm.

The judges will be looking for those decorations that can be seen after the sun goes down.

Categories

- ◆ Special House Front Decoration – 1st, 2nd and 3rd places
- ◆ Most Attractive Whole House Decoration – 1st, 2nd and 3rd places
- ◆ Most Unique/ Most Original Decorations – 1st prize only

Rules

- ◆ Decorations should be done by owners
- ◆ Last year's winners are ineligible unless they have created a new design
- ◆ All winners will receive a certificate and a letter of appreciation along with a sign placed in their yard lighted by a spotlight

Awards

- ◆ 1st place winners in the 3 categories – will be awarded \$50 each

Questions: Contact Sallie Holder, chair at (301)-864-9264 or slholder@gmail.com

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**HELPING HANDS UP
VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM**
please print

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

HELPING OUR SENIORS: How would you like to help? Check all that apply:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly visits, companionship | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly calls (“reassurance calls”) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rake leaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up groceries, run errands | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with mail and paperwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with computers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Break for caregiver | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with electronic gadgets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor household maintenance/repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water plants/ light gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet care (e.g. walk dog, feed pet) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take out trash/recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(future)</i> Driving (appts, shopping, etc) |

Other ways you can help: _____

Are you available to volunteer now? Yes ___ No ___ If so, when:

___ **MORNINGS** Circle: MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

___ **AFTERNOONS** Circle: MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

___ **EVENINGS** Circle: MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

___ **I can volunteer but not on a regular schedule.** If you know when you will be able to volunteer (e.g. about once a month during the afternoons), please let us know: _____

HELPING OUR STEERING COMMITTEE:

How would you like to help our Helping Hands UP Steering Committee?

Check off all areas where you would be interested in volunteering. Feel free to add other areas.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal advice | <input type="checkbox"/> Community outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment of volunteers/members | <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduling of volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website design | _____ |

*Questions? Email us at HHUniversityPark@gmail.com or call 301-892-6636.
Please return to 4307 Clagett Rd., University Park MD 20782*



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Helping Hands UP is organizing to help neighbors remain in their homes as they age through provision of services by UP resident volunteers.

Complete if you would like to be contacted to discuss receiving services through Helping Hands UP, a fledgling UP civic organization. We will be in touch with you soon.

1. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2. Preferred phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____
3. Street address: _____
4. Email address (if you routinely use): _____
5. Status: ___ Single ___ Married ___ Partnered ___ Widowed ___ Divorced
6. Living Arrangement: ___ With spouse/partner ___ Alone Other:

7. Do you have physical limitations or mobility problems? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please provide information: _____

8. Are you in need of services now? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, check off what service(s) you are interested in:

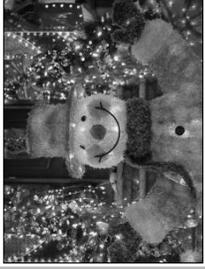
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9. Some aging-in-place programs charge annual membership fees. We are not doing so at the present time. However, we are interested to know what you would pay per year to have access to the services we hope to offer as part of Helping Hands UP:

\$1-50 ___ \$51-100 ___ \$101-250 ___ \$251-500 ___

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Continues</p> 				<p>1 Recycling</p>	<p>2 Trash</p> 	<p>3 Potluck Dinner & Tree Lighting, 4-7 PM</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>5 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>6 Trash</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Recycling</p>	<p>9 Trash Candlelight House Tour, 7-10 PM</p>	<p>10 2nd Saturday: Bees & Pollinators, 5 PM</p>
<p>11 House Decorating Contest, 5-8 PM</p>	<p>12 Yard Waste</p>	<p>13 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Recycling</p>	<p>16 Trash</p>	<p>17 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM</p> 
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>20 Trash</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Recycling</p>	<p>23 Trash</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Christmas</p>	<p>26 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>27 Trash</p>	<p>28 Yard Waste</p>	<p>29 Recycling</p>	<p>30 Trash</p>	<p>31</p> 



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