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MAYOR'S COLUMN

I begin with an appreciation for community events held in recent months, as well as for the people who organized them and took care that they were done well. University Park's November 9 observance of Veterans Day was a nice small-town recognition of service by the many veterans in and from our community, involving Northwestern High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Color Guard and speakers drawn from among our neighbors. Volunteers from the UP Historic Preservation Association and the Veterans Memorial Design Advisory Committee have organized this event the past few years.

On December 7, the community potluck dinner had an abundance of good food and fun, with an arts and crafts table and puppet show for children, and was a fine opportunity for neighbors to catch up with one another. The lighting of the holiday tree at Henson Green, which

followed, came off well, and with appropriate drama until the Mayor remembered the instructions on how to turn on the lights. A medley of carols from the College Park Youth Choir and brief appearance by Santa under escort from the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department rounded out the occasion. These events were organized by volunteers from the University Park Civic Association.

Most recently, the December 12 UPWC Holiday House Tour of homes in our community included live music at each of the homes, played by small ensembles from the University of Maryland School of Music. In addition to the music and refreshments, I enjoyed seeing so many friends and neighbors at the several houses. This event is organized each year by the University Park Woman's Club as a fundraiser for their scholarships and-of course-relies on neighbors to open their homes.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	January 5 & 12
Holidays	January 1 & 19

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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The importance of these events each year in building and maintaining our collective sense of community cannot be overstated. The civic groups which organize these events, and the volunteers who commit many hours to doing the ground-work needed to successfully bring them off, play a vital role in our town. First and foremost, what we do best is what we do together as neighbors and community.

As I reach the six-month point since I became Mayor, and on the cusp of a new year, here are my Mayor's Resolutions for the 2015 New Year:

Attend to the present. Mayors must deal with whatever comes in the door at Town Hall and I resolve to continue to do that. School fence. Building permits. Utility permits. Storm water drain. Construction noise and dust. Construction vehicles. Transition of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church property to new ownership. Zoning and development proposals. Rental houses. Maryland Public Information Act requests. We will deal with all of these and whatever the new year brings.

Extend our vision. We work in the present, but let's think longer term. I will work with Council and community to help the Town think together about what happens next. What current trends or events will shape our community in the next decade or more?

Converse as a community. I will find additional ways to listen and talk with people in University Park to collectively inform us and reflect our sense of community. These conversations will be civil, honest and respectful toward people with whom I have policy differences.

Communicate. I resolve to continue improving communications from the Town. I will use the Mayor's email list (if you would like to receive these emails from me, write to mayor@upmd.org to be added to the list) and other tools to enable you to be better-informed about Town government. I will work to improve the functionality of the Town website and the content it carries.

Collaborate regionally. I will work with mayors, council members and administrators in adjacent Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, College Park and other municipalities along the Route 1 corridor between the Beltway and the District line. University Park is not an island; we are a residential community with schools, shopping and transportation in nearby towns. We can work with other municipalities according to our interests.

Community-source some resolutions. Understanding that the above is not an exhaustive list and there is always much for mayors to work on, what would you add as a Mayor's resolution for the new year which isn't reflected above? Please, write to me at mayor@upmd.org to help round out these resolutions.

Here are a few additional Mayor's resolutions from Town staff:

Bring to the Town what it is due (contributed by UP Treasurer Dan Baden). The Town is due reimbursement from WSSC for work done to repair and repave streets in Town consequent to water and sewer work completed in 2011 and 2012. WSSC has agreed with the Town on the amount of this reimbursement, but the Town must wrap remaining loose ends before it will receive what it is due.

Build community vigilance (contributed by UP Police Chief Michael Wynnyk). Encourage everyone to be a vigilant community member. Watch out for children, seniors and those that cannot protect themselves. Get to know your neighbors. Learn to recognize suspicious behavior. Use the technique at home, at work, at school, while shopping and in the neighborhood. Be vigilant on the phone, on the internet and in social networking. Call 911 when you see a problem; the University Park Police Department will respond. Being vigilant as a community empowers us to be safe.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayor@upmd.org

Cafritz Withdraws Storm Water Permit Application
Calvert Tract, LLC, developers of Riverdale Park Station, has notified the Town that it is withdrawing the application for a special utility permit and no longer plans to do work in University Park in relation to storm water outfall. The Town has received a letter which confirms the withdrawal of the application. We will, of course, request that they now repair the damage to Wells Parkway. We are informed that Calvert Tract, LLC will be evaluating its options for storm water management in the new year. While we are aware of the several alternative options which were mentioned on October 20 at the public meeting, we know of no final approval from the county for any one of these options. Any additional questions about what plan will be followed for off-site storm water management must now be directed to the county and Calvert Tract, LLC.

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 each of you to be safe in your daily routines by using good 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.*

University Park Police Department Safety Tips for the New Year

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, an inflated spare tire and a phone charger. Review your fire emergency plan, home escape plan and general emergency plan with the family-where will you meet, where will you go, etc.

Wear reflective clothing and protective gear when walking or running and a helmet when cycling. Stay aware of your surroundings. Walking, running or cycling down the center of the road is not safe. Do not assume a driver will see you. Distracted driving is a major issue in itself. A vehicle striking a person or cyclist often has very bad results, more so for the runner or rider. Help make UP a safe community.

Carry your cell phone when walking through town and call 911 immediately when your suspicious activity radar is triggered. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Many crimes in action are solved immediately by that 911 phone call. Your help is always appreciated and never taken lightly.



Be a vigilant community member. Watch out for children, seniors and those that 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. Take a quick picture of it with your cell phone.

Lock your car. Never leave it unattended while running. Do not leave any valuables, spare keys or even coins in your vehicle and 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 and bicycles. 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. Use that new phone camera to photograph your valuables, photograph the serial numbers and photograph the distinctive markings. Email the photos to yourself so the information may be located quickly even if your phone is stolen.

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 necessary precautions taken when posting personal information for the world to see. Cyber bullying, cyber stalking, password and personal information theft, hacking, fraud, social engineering and identity theft are all emerging criminal activities that have evolved from this technology. Stay safe on the internet!

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

Theft On November 5 in the 6900 block of Pineway a

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resident contacted the UPPD to report that between March 1 and March 12, 2014 unknown person/s stole a Remington rifle and a Browning shotgun from his home. The victim believes a relative may have taken some of his weapons, but is unable to confirm that. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On November 6 between 7 AM and 5 PM in the 7100 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s stole the rear tailgate from a 1997 Ford F150 pickup truck. No suspect was located, the investigation is ongoing.

Theft On November 11 in the 6500 block of 40th Ave. it was reported to the UPPD that between October 18 and November 1 a suspect had stolen checks from the victim's checkbook and forged signatures and dollar amounts to cash the checks in Virginia. It was determined that the suspect had done lawn care at the residence and was able to have access to areas throughout the home while working there. Suspect information was obtained but unable to be confirmed. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between November 17, 6 PM and November 18 5 PM in the 4400 block of Sheridan Street suspect/s entered an unlocked 2009 Subaru Forester and stole two ladies' dress jackets from the vehicle. No suspect was located, the investigation is ongoing.

Theft On November 18 between 7:45 AM and 3:30 PM in the 6600 block of Wells Parkway a suspect stole a student's Specialized bicycle from the dead end of Wells Parkway near UP Elementary School. No suspect was located.

Theft from Auto Between November 19 7 PM and November 20 6:45 AM in the 6500 block of 41st Ave. suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2009 Honda Civic and stole an Asus E-tablet and a pair of padded motorcycle pants. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering Between 12:30 AM November 28 and 8 PM November 30 in the 6800 block of Adelphi Rd. the resident returned home from vacation and found the front door unlocked and several interior doors open. There was no sign of forced entry and the victim advised that there are other people living in the downstairs area of the residence but are not allowed to

enter the upstairs. Suspect/s stole approximately \$70 dollars in coins and some assorted jewelry. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On November 27 11:35 AM in the 6900 block of Forest Hill Dr. possibly two suspects entered the residence through a rear door and stole an HP computer monitor. The homeowner observed a person walking through the backyard and then out of sight. The resident drove around the block in an attempt to locate the suspect. The UPPD responded to the scene and observed a suspect run to elude apprehension. UPPD and PGPD established a perimeter and the area was searched with K-9 dogs. Photos were taken of a possible suspect vehicle and other evidence was recovered. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses and the crime scene processed. Suspect/s are described as black males with one wearing a white sweat shirt and the second one wearing all black clothing. The vehicle observed is an older tan Lincoln Continental with Virginia tags. The investigation is ongoing.

Winter Tree Care

Now that icy Janus has entered the stage, big booted and frigid, we may already be looking toward the horizon and the mirage of spring that shimmers two or three calendar sheets distant. We retreat into ourselves, called outside not to garden but to dig paths so we might flee the scene, if only to retrieve more essentials. What need of our assistance have our deciduous trees and woody shrubs? They are dormant. Most will overwinter just fine on their own, but there remain some actions we can take to mitigate some mechanical stressors.



Salt melts the snow but trees don't like it, particularly their roots, and most particularly the roots of street trees, as these are bound in the curb box where salt levels can reach concentrations that can be potentially fatal. You can't really do much until after the snow melts, at which point you should flush your soil by leaving the hose on a low trickle for several hours to dilute the salt concentrate to tolerable levels.

Injuring a tree's bark with shovel, snow blower or plow has more serious consequences than a similar accident occurring in the summer, as the sap flows heaviest in the

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spring as the tree comes out of dormancy. The stored nutrients conveyed by this early flowing sap are essential to the tree's vitality for the entire growing season. A tree that has not received its full nutrient ration in the spring will have reduced capacity to respond to drought or insect stressors later in the season.

Do not attempt to remove ice from any woody plant. You must wait until temperatures rise above freezing and hope for the best. However, it is prudent to remove heavy snow before it freezes to minimize the damage. Using a soft broom, inch the branch upward and gently shake the snow off, starting near the top.

Beside the moral imperative that instructs us to care for all living things, our trees and shrubs are a valuable resource that equate to measurable dollar value for our real estate. Take care of your trees and shrubs all year long.-Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee

Ivy League Report



On the last sequential date that will take place for almost 20 years (1/2/34), the Ivy League held its final session for 2014, completing the removal of ivy from all trees in the extended alley south of Town Hall, behind 44th Avenue north of Van Buren.

A large contingent of energized citizens took to the field for two hours to save the town's trees from the grasping ivy. The roll call is as follows:

Beth Alvarez	Roy Alvarez
Chris Aubry	Judy Barnes
Marsha Burd	Alice Leaderman
Carson Lee	Ginny May
Alice Mobaidin	Eric Olson
Larry Prikockis	Marvin Russell
Linda Verrill	
Arlene Christiansen, Booster Extraordinaire, provided refreshments.	

Thank you to all the enthusiastic citizens who have worked with the Ivy League in 2014. We are taking a brief respite in January but will attempt to hold a session in February. We hope to see you then.

-Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee

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November 3 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda item.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

To accept the proposal of the University Park Civic Association and permit the installation of a second Little Free Library on public land and:

- That the council approve the site recommended by the Director of Public Works at Wells Parkway at the west side of the creek near the Beechwood Road pedestrian bridge, such site to be specifically located by the town, and;
- That the council request that the University Park Civic Association pay for the creation of such a Little Free Library and coordinate its stocking with appropriate books and continuing operation, and;
- That the council request that the town maintain the Little Free Library structure itself where the need for such maintenance is indicated by the University Park Civic Association, and;
- That this arrangement may be ended or altered at the convenience of the town at any time, and;
- That the existing agreement between the town and the University Park Civic Association be amended to include the second location, appended with signatures.

Continuing Business

Motion to approve the adoption of LR 14-O-10: to prohibit parking on the south side of Van Buren Street within 100 Feet of the intersection with U.S. Route 1. Motion approved 7 to 1.

Motion to approve a budget transfer of \$10,000 from Undesignated Reserves to Engineering line item to cover engineering costs related to a technical evaluation of a proposed storm water drain entering Wells Run. Motion approved 7 to 0.

To Convey a Counter Offer Received From Prince George's County Public Schools Re: Replacement of a 6-Foot Fence.

Previously the following motion was adopted: Motion to approve the request for a Building Permit with Special Exception due to safety considerations for the installation of a non-conforming vinyl-coated 6' fence located at 4315 Underwood Street. Findings that

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Section 4-115 have been met to approve this Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. Approval subject to the following conditions: (1) the Town will contribute \$1500 towards completion of this fence; (2) the fence to be removed entirely when the temporary structures are removed; (3) it is permissible for the galvanized steel posts to remain and to be used for the vinyl-coated steel fence. To secure these conditions an MOU would be established between the Town and Prince Georges County Public Schools.

This motion was conveyed to Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) via its Counsel. The Town has received a counter offer from PGCPS that the Town pay \$3,000 toward the completion of the fence, PGCPS would agree to the completion of the fence and PGCPS would agree to the remainder of the Town's conditions contained in the motion.

Motion to stand. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve the request for a Special Utility Permit for Washington Gas Light Company to enter University Park right-of-way to install 35 replacement gas lines to residential properties as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park RE: SA-130001/01 AND DSP-13009/03 See Explanatory Note below.*

Motion to adopt the recommendations from the Development Overview Committee on the Secondary Amendment SA-130001/01 amending the design standards for freestanding signs, and the DSP-13009/03 on freestanding signage, to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft and submit a letter to the Planning Board stating the Town's position, and to authorize the Mayor to testify at the hearing on November 6, 2014. The Town position will include proposing additional conditions or amended conditions to include the following concepts:

Secondary Amendment SA-130001/01

The Town is concerned about the broad nature of the proposed secondary amendment and recommends that it be amended to limit freestanding signs and signage in Riverdale Park Station in the following ways:

1. Freestanding signs shall only be allowed in the parcels along Baltimore Avenue.
2. The total number of signs in the parcels along Baltimore Avenue shall be limited to one commercially-oriented sign per parcel abutting Baltimore Avenue (for a total of three potential signs); non-commercial community entrance feature signs should not be limited in the same way.
3. The allowed freestanding signs shall be limited to twelve feet in height above ground.
4. Only externally-lit freestanding signs shall be allowed, with standards similar to those in Standards 5 and 9 for lighting, on Page 11 of the existing Cafritz Property Design Standard Guidelines.
5. Each freestanding sign panel shall not exceed fifty square feet in area.
6. Pole-mounted freestanding signs shall remain prohibited throughout the zone.
7. All freestanding signs in the parcels along Baltimore Avenue shall be monument signs and have a similar set of materials, scale and character to those presented in DSP 13009-03, so as to present a cohesive whole.

Motion approved 4 to 3 (Cron, Hess, Thompson, Verrill, Yea; Alvarez, Gekas, Sorensen, Nay).

Detailed Site Plan 13009/03

To support the installation of three freestanding signs, one a commercial sign in Parcel B on the north side of Van Buren Street at the intersection with Route 1, the second a community identification sign in Parcel C on the south side of Van Buren at this intersection and the third a commercial sign in Parcel C on the north side of Underwood at its intersection with Route 1. The two commercial and one directional signs approved in the DSP shall be consistent with the dimensions, elevation, placement and entryway renderings contained in the document labeled Planning Department, Cafritz Property, Parcels B and C, dated October 24, 2014, which is part of the staff recommended approval. The brick color to be used should be off-white with a matte surface. The Town fully expects the site and signs to be well-maintained as provided through the original Detailed Site Plan and Secondary Amendment process. The Town's position generally supports the position recommended by the Town of Riverdale Park's MUTC Committee. The Town of University Park generally supports the Town of Riverdale Park's position on this matter.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

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**Explanatory Note*

Due to some confusion during the vote at the meeting, the council was requested to clarify their vote by email on November 4, 2014 with respect only to the Secondary Amendment issue of the total number of commercial freestanding signs to be allowed on the property. The vote with respect to the Secondary Amendment reflects this clarification. The council's secondary amendment position does not approve a third commercial sign, but allows the developer to apply for one, with notice and opportunity for the council to comment.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that Pepco will be trimming trees throughout University Park. Details and scheduling are being requested from Pepco. Veterans Day Observance is Sunday, November 9 at 2 PM.

Council Reports

CM Thompson reported that there will be a listening session to discuss local development issues on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 PM at the University Park Church of the Brethren.

Council Work Session

Motion to close out the Legislative Session and enter a Work Session to discuss the report of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure in regards to the University Park Town Newsletter. Motion approved 7 to 0. *The committee report is available on the town website at <http://www.upmd.org/docs/11-749-1412283547.pdf>.*

Mayor Carey began with a brief overview of role of the Town Newsletter. "The University Park Newsletter is an official newsletter published by the Town of University Park. Established purpose of the newsletter per the Charter is to provide information to the citizens of the town relating to governmental activities of the town to provide official notices as required by Charter or Ordinance. The Mayor and Council are the publishers of the Newsletter. The Council is empowered per the Charter to enact ordinances in regards to the Newsletter, though it has not. The word *Newsletter* appears only once in the Town Ordinances in Section 2-110, dealing with disposable of surplus Town property. The Mayor per Section 401-A of the Town Charter is the Chief Executive Officer and the head of the Administrative Branch of the Town government, in that capacity acts as the publish-

er's agent. The editor works within that structure and within that minimal guidance, receiving further guidance from the mayor in the role of the publisher's agent."

Questions/Issues

Is it necessary to have the editor(s) under contract? Newsletter Committees recommendation: A written agreement with the Newsletter Editor should be required.

Comments

- A contract protects the editor as well as the town. Without a contract, everything is up in the air.
- Would like to see a contract drawn for scope of work and expectations.

Is it necessary that this contract be put out to bid? Newsletter Committees recommendation: Deferred to making a specific recommendation. Whatever decision the council decides to make with respect to whether it will bid out the editor, it should also use the same practice with respect to the printer.

Comments

- Mayor Carey stated that per the Ordinances in the town, anything above \$10,000 is supposed to go out to bid.
- If the editor was offered a fixed contract for \$9,999 per year, would it have to go out for bid?
- Should be put out to bid even if under \$10,000.
- Going out to bid might be seen as fair; however, does not think that the bid should be for the lowest price.
- The current editors should be given a contract and if the expectations are not met, then make a change at that time.
- The current editors can go through the same process of bidding.
- It is important to follow best practices in contracting in order to set an example for the town.
- With the current editors, go from a verbal contract to a three year written contract and then let it go out to bid.
- The committee chair stated that some residents commented that it was a waste of time putting out an RFP for other editors.

How will we choose an editor? Newsletter Committee recommendation: To choose an editor through an RFP process, tying into the professional services part of the

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Charter and using a process where the mayor brings back recommendations with respect to a lead candidate and two to three other candidates to bring back for discussion with the council. Approval of the contract with the Newsletter Editor would be a proposal by the mayor with approval of the council. The recommendation from the committee was that there would be a residency preference.

Comments

- Mayor Carey clarified that he was very willing to stratify that as well to provide a separate list of town residents from those that were not town residents.
- Mayor Carey stated that there was a proposal to revise the Town Ordinance, which would include the Editor of the Town Newsletter into the Town Code.
- Would like to establish permanent processes that work on a going forward basis.

What is the work of the editors to be described in the Scope of Work? Newsletter Committee recommendations: see the Committee Report for details of the scope of work. Some of the significant changes were:

- In collaboration with the content author sources the editor compiles, clarifies, edits for length and performs copy editing so as to convey the substance intended by content author sources.
- Requiring that the editor meet periodically with the mayor, the town council and the Newsletter Review Board.
- The editor will also be involved in making recommendations related to the town selection of the designated printer.
- The newsletter be assembled and provided to the town's designated printer as a print ready PDF.
- It is important to find a home for all of the above, if not included in the scope of work, they need to show up somewhere.

Is University Park residency helpful or necessary to do this work?

- Helpful-more likely to be done well if the editor lives within University Park?*
- Necessary-cannot be done well unless the editor lives within University Park?*

Newsletter Committee recommendation: There is a preference for town residence and that the editor be a town resident unless there is no qualified town resident who applies. A separate recommendation was made that the resident should have lived in the town for one year and

that the town may determine that the new editor might need to be engaged if the current editor moves away from the town.

Comments

- Is it legal to require they be a town resident?
- Mayor Carey said that close familiarity with what goes on in the town should be a benefit.
- Concerned that someone from outside the town might be more qualified and not able to take the position.

Mayor Carey suggested continuing Council discussion re: the newsletter editor in Council Work Session on November 17, 2014 and scheduling a special Public Comment period before.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

November 17 Council Meeting Highlights

An Executive Session was called at 7 PM to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding a Maryland Public Information Act request.

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Sorensen, Alvarez, Cron (arrived at 9:25 PM).

Public Comment

Residents said that they were very happy with the newsletter and the editors and do not see any reason to make any changes.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install an 8' x 12' x 9'7" shed located at 6800 Pineway. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a 19'6" x 21' open deck with steps located at 4323 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-11 thanking outgoing Prince George's County Council Member Eric Olson for his service. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to table approval of the November 3 minutes for the earliest consideration of text. Motion approved 6 to 0.

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Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported:

- In reference to the Riverdale Park storm water drainage, the hired consultant reviewed all of the information that Cafritz provided and stated that additional information was needed. Mayor Carey stated that the council will not be asked to make any decisions until all of the information is provided.
- The Mayor is in contact with Riverdale Park Station about placement of a signal light at Van Buren and Route 1.
- Mayor Carey has been in touch with the Washington Gas Light Company regarding service replacement in six University Park homes.
- An update on the WSSC paving agreement was distributed; the Town is inclined to accept it.
- A 7-Eleven is being proposed at the corner of Sheridan Street and Route 1 in the Town of Riverdale Park.
- The congregation of Riverdale Presbyterian Church has agreed to sell to Word of God Baptist Church. Closing is projected for the end of December or early January.
- The Anacostia Watershed Society will give an update of their projects at the December 1 Council Meeting.
- University Park was honored as a Smart Energy Community at the Prince George's County Municipal Association Meeting in Hyattsville. Mayor Carey attended this meeting where he accepted the plaque.
- The Mayor will propose the following three people to the University Park Ethics Commission: John Shoaff, Constance Belfiore and Arthur Leaderman. Council will vote on these appointments on December 1, 2014.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson is still waiting for a response from the Board of Education on the counter offer made on the University Park Elementary School fence issue. The Comcast merger with Time Warner has been delayed until January 2015.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported that the PGCMA Legislative Dinner will be held at the Newton White Mansion. Council members interested in attending should notify Ms. Toscano. The town shuttle bus is currently being repaired. Ms. Toscano attended the Green Team Maryland Certified Summit.

Police Chief Wynnyk distributed the September and October Crime Reports. He reported that he attended a Chief's roundtable regarding the Ferguson incident (a copy of the report is available by request).

Department of Public Works Head Michael Beall distributed the Public Works Report.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the October Treasurer's Report.

Public Comment

Q. What are the zoning laws in University Park? What if someone wanted to put a 7-Eleven where the school is?
A. University Park is zoned R-55 which is single family homes, commercial entities are excluded from that. There are a few non-commercial entities which are allowed by special exception such as churches, schools and small doctor's offices.

Council Work Session

Motion to recess the Legislative Session and convene a Council Work Session to discuss the report of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure in regard to the University Park Town Newsletter. Motion approved 6 to 0. The Committee report is available on the Town website at <http://www.upmd.org/docs/11-749-1412283547.pdf>.

Questions/Issues

What is the oversight of the editor(s)? Committee recommendation: The expectation would be that in the Town Ordinance that references independent contractor arrangements the Newsletter Editor would be incorporated in that part of the ordinance. The editor shall report directly to the mayor. The editor will meet periodically with the mayor, the council and the Newsletter Review Board.

Comments

- What is being proposed is nothing different from what has been done in the past.
- The current editor, in the past, had regular contact with council members, chairs of various committees as well as with the mayor.
- Mayor Carey suggested there should be editorial guidance. The council should periodically check to see if the editorial guidance needs to be tweaked.
- It was clarified that there would be no change to the substance of the newsletter.

What editorial guidance is provided (what is in the newsletter and what is not)? Newsletter Committee's recommendation:

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- All content in the newsletter including content received from town employees or elected officials must be attributed.
- Content must not be argumentative.
- An author or source of content must not represent the views or the feelings of others.
- No paid advertising or advertising for a commercial, for-profit, religious or political purpose allowed.
- No regular or recurring article or column may be added to the newsletter without permission from the Town.

The recommendation from the committee was that these guidelines be established by Council action and subject to review by Council action. *How is editorial guidance established?* Newsletter Committee's recommendation: by resolution. Resolution is a perfect way to go and adopting guidelines is a good idea.

How is editorial guidance interpreted and applied? Newsletter Committee's recommendation: CM Sorensen stated that this would require getting into a discussion first about a Newsletter Review Board.

- Mayor Carey said that he thinks that editorial guidance should be interpreted and applied by the editors.
- The Newsletter Review Board would serve as a dispute resolution mechanism.
- Recommendation for a change: the editor will be expected to follow the Associated Press Style Book and is encouraged to review edits with those submitting content. Require rather than encourage.
- When changes are made prior to author approval, this can result in editorial error. A process should be encouraged to reduce this.
- Think about differentiating between things that are coming in as calendar advertisements or coming in from people outside and other things that are in attributed columns generally seen in the newsletter.

How are disagreements over application of editorial guidance resolved? What is the default prior to publication? CM Sorensen said this should be between the editor and the author.

Is there a Newsletter Review Board? Newsletter Committee's recommendation: there should be some type of dispute resolution mechanism. The mechanism proposed by the committee was a Newsletter Review Board, which consisted of the mayor, a member of the Town Council and a town resident, and that the scope was limited to review

of the newsletter against the editorial guidelines. The recommendation of the committee was that the members of that board would make a decision and if there was a majority of the members of that board who made a decision about how the content should be changed, the content would be changed in accordance with the instructions from that board. If there was not agreement on the part of the two board members as to whether content was in accordance with editorial guidelines the recommendation of the committee was that the editor send the newsletter to the printer as is or modify it to address as best the editor's concerns expressed by the board member.

The committee divided equally as to whether it is an automatic review or a triggered review. The review board should be used as needed. Would be a smoother process for a monthly review and would not place the editors in an awkward position. The more people who look at the newsletter, it will take longer. Concern with a conflict of interest if a town resident who is not an elected official is on the board.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

December 1 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez.

Public Comment

The current newsletter editors do a superb job and there is no need to change something that is not broken. In reference to the Town Newsletter, there is concern that the council is willing to allow the mayor to assume more duties and power.

Evaluation reports done by the town should be shared with the potential buyers of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a Building Permit to install a 12' x 16' x 6'6" deck with steps located at 6703 Forest Hill Drive. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a Building Permit to construct a 16.8' x 8.9' x 24' second story addition located at 4103 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

New Business

Motion to consent to the following appointments to the University Park Ethics Commission per Chapter 12, Section 3 of the Town Code: Ms. Constance L. Belfiore, three year term (Chair), Mr. Arthur Leaderman, two year term, Mr. John P. Shoaff, two year term. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the following additional appointments to the Stream Committee: Mr. Tom Stickles, Mr. Bruce Beveridge, Ms. Carson Lee and Mr. William (Will) Hockberger. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the wording as proposed by the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services and the placement of two plaques commemorating Frances (Mickey) Lucas and Zoe Falkenberg. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the proposed 2015 University Park Council Meeting Schedule as amended. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt the recommendation from the Development Overview Committee and create a Stream Committee liaison position on the Development Overview Committee for the purpose of assisting with the evaluation of stormwater concerns. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter to the Prince George's County Planning Board in relation to the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-14009 relating to the Hotel at the University of Maryland supporting the City of College Park's position efforts to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to and through the area of the Hotel. Specifically, to support the city's position with respect to the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision as follows:

The preliminary plan shall be revised to:

- Reflect Route 1 dedication to SHA, if required, and total parcel area.
- Include the sidewalks on Parcel 1 as part of the public access easement, if required by the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission.
- Provide a temporary pedestrian access easement from Paint Branch Parkway to Hotel Drive South to accommodate a 10-foot wide striped pedestrian/bicycle path, if

approved by the University of Maryland.

In addition, to express the town's concern for the effects of additional traffic on US Route 1 and to support the College Park's position that the applicant shall demonstrate approval by Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation of a full-movement traffic signal at Paint Branch Parkway and Greenhouse Road or other improvements at this intersection that show transportation adequacy.

Finally, the letter should express the interest of the town in a regional coordination of transportation development programs. The letter should also express the town's encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to Metro and to the future Purple Line stations. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to introduce Resolution 14-O-12 as attached and authorize the Mayor to sign this legislation on behalf of the Town. Motion fails for lack of a second.

Approval of Minutes: November 3, 2014 (Council tabled this set of minutes on November 17, 2014)

Note: Mayor Carey stated that-reflecting Council sentiment-the approval of minutes for November 3, 2014 will remain on the table until the next meeting and that the public comments be excised entirely when the minutes are brought forward for approval on December 15. There will be a discussion at a later time to consider the possibility of public comments without attribution.

It was requested to see a written proposal to fix the minutes in a way that reflects the actions the council took at the November 3, 2014 Council meeting and subsequently clarifying the vote. The Town Attorney was directed to provide a written recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported:

- The engineer is still looking at the information given on the Riverdale Park Station storm water drainage. There is no update at this time. A discussion continued regarding different issues that may come up when the report is completed by the engineer.
- The Route 1 University Communities Meeting in College Park City Hall is scheduled for December 3. Those interested in attending should contact the Mayor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- December 7: 4 PM, community pot luck dinner at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church; 6:45 PM, holiday tree lighting at Henson Green
- The Anacostia Watershed Society will present two projects at the December 15 Council meeting.

Council Reports

CM Gekas gave a brief description of the projects that the Anacostia Watershed Society will present to the council on December 15 and expressed his support.

Public Comment

- Gave a detailed presentation of views on the town newsletter. Urge the council to keep the hometown feel of the newsletter.
- Concerned that the engineer is not talking to residents whose homes have been flooded. Encourages the engineer to talk to the representatives with the Anacostia Watershed Society so that the two can work together on the water problems.
- Student rental homes are using more than their share of parking spaces. The newsletter is a good publication. Has an engineer ever done any drilling at the end of Tennyson since that area was a pond at one time? A house on Pineway has been up for sale for several years and is being used as a rental/bed and breakfast-would like to know what can legally be done to stop this. (Mayor Carey responded that the issue of short-term rentals is currently being discussed).
- Consider adding the content of any public debate in the minutes if not the actual names of the people who comment.
- Would like to see the comments included in the minutes.

Council Work Session

Motion to recess the Legislative Session and convene a Council Work Session to discuss the report of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure in regard to the University Park Town Newsletter. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Questions/Issues

Is there a Newsletter Review Board?

Does such a board work only to resolve conflicts over guidance where they arise?

Does such a board review every issue of the newsletter prior to publication?

Are there members of such a board who are not elected officials?

The Newsletter Committee's recommendation is to have a Newsletter Review Board with three members. The Committee had initially suggested a town resident but in subsequent discussions has suggested that there be a third member and that doesn't necessarily have to be a town resident. The third member had been suggested by the committee that they not be an employee of the town or a town elected official; however, that would change if another recommendation was adopted such as the recommendation that a council member be the third member of that review board, with the mayor and a member of the town council as the first two members. The Newsletter Review Board would have two different functions as reported out by the committee. Two committee members supported a monthly function of reviewing the newsletter for a 48-hour period prior to its finalization and two committee members supported having the Newsletter Review Board function only upon request of the mayor or the editor for review during that same two working day period upon request of one of those two.

Comments

- The council should be the review board, does not see a need for a specific board to review the newsletter.
- Preference would be to have the third member of the board be a council member rather than someone from the general public.
- Sending a PDF via email to a review board for every issue is not more work and it would be easier for the editors to do it every issue.
- Concern is that the editor, as an independent contractor, does not have the same transparency with respect to the personal interest that might exist for an appointed official, if having to resolve an issue.
- Who does the final decision default to if the review board cannot agree on an issue?
- Suggestions for a tie-breaker function when the review board cannot agree: Mayor decides yet still remains on the board; Council as a whole; or having the independent contractor file conflict of interest statements.

Mayor Carey ended the work session by suggesting that the town attorney parse the Resolution, Ordinance and Scope of Work for the newsletter editor. The drafts will come back to the council in a legislative session and the council will debate and act on them.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

Obituary



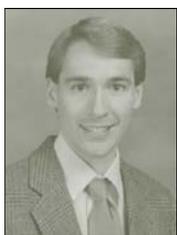
Carolyn Christensen, a former resident of UP on 41st Avenue, has died. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, she passed away November 21 at her cottage in Cadbury at Lewes, Delaware. She had been fighting dementia for several years.

Carolyn was an amazingly creative individual—someone who was always reading and learning, growing and developing, conversing and interacting, writing and expressing and always giving and sharing. Carolyn fully engaged in life. She smiled easily, laughed freely and danced readily. Over the years, she and husband Curt hosted many friends and acquaintances in their home for meals distinguished by delicious food and stimulating conversation. Often, following Curt’s annual gospel concerts, as many as 20 to 30 friends might show up.

Born in Winfred, South Dakota, Carolyn graduated from Rapid City High School before attending Huron College where she participated in school plays and competed at the national level as a member of the debate team. She graduated magna cum laude. After marrying Curt in 1960, Carolyn embarked upon a teaching career in English and Debate that spanned four decades and took her to places like Minnesota, Japan, the University of Maryland, Jakarta Indonesia and New Delhi India.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents and a younger brother, Kenneth Bird. She is survived by her husband, Curt; three children, Cade (Sandi) Christensen, Cord (Angelika) Christensen, Catherine (Milton) Wright; a sister, Susan Lynn; five grandchildren, Nikki, Elizabeth, Milton, Zion and Cedar; two great grandchildren, Deanna and Caleb and many nieces and nephews.

Congratulations



William Dillard Gray of Forest Hill Drive earned his Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Maryland, College Park in December 2014. Will works at the Performing Arts Library at the University of Maryland. He is the son of Lorraine Dillard Gray and William C. Gray, MD of University Park. Will's maternal grandparents, Professor Dudley Dillard and Mrs. Louisa Dillard, were also longtime residents of University Park.

UPCA News

The University Park Civic Association wishes you, one and all, a Happy New Year, 2015! We want to thank everyone for joining us for the University Park Community Holiday Party & Tree Lighting in December. We especially send out a special thank you to Debra Suarez for chairing the event, and another special thank you to Simon (6) and Greta (3) Wedge for lighting the Christmas tree. A big thank you also goes to Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, the UP Women's Club, Santa, Mayor Carey and all the volunteers that helped make the occasion resplendent!

This month, the UPCA is introducing a new event: Family Game Day, on Sunday, January 18. We are also having a fundraiser at Franklins on Tuesday, January 27. Come and join the fun! Finally, adults, please save the date for a UPCA social on February 24 at the Jackson residence. More information to come in the next newsletter.

UPWC House Decorating Contest Winners



Most Unique

Keegan Sawyer/Richard Sawyer, 4124 Woodberry Street

Best Decorated Whole House

1st Leatha and Kurt Thome, 4108 Van Buren Street

2nd Michele and Eugene Leonardi, 6714 Queens Chapel Road

3rd Richard Welton, 4115 Woodberry Street

Best Decorated Door

1st Ellen Whitaker/Carolos Tornatore, 4315 Clagett Road

2nd Janet Young/Len Carey, 4308 Van Buren Street

3rd Susan McDermott/John Tabori, 6816 Pineway

Most Unique and 1st Place winners in other 2 categories will receive \$50 checks. All winners will receive a letter of thanks and a certificate, and a winner’s sign placed in their yard through December 31. Our thanks to all homeowners who decorated their homes to participate in the decorating contest. Hope to see more decorated homes next year!



Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Laura Collins. She can be reached at UPPetDatabase@gmail.com or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, January 5, 11:30 AM

Chief Wynnyk and Captain McCully of the Town of University Park Police and Officer Hudson of the Prince George's County Police Community Liaison office will discuss how and when local police jurisdictions coordinate communications and police response. Chief Wynnyk and Captain McCully will also discuss safety and security concerns unique to University Park. Officer Hudson will discuss safety and security concerns for neighborhoods covered by the Prince George's County Police. Lunch provided by the Club. Free childcare. Registration at 11:30, lunch at noon, presentation at 12:30. Membership is open to all women in UP and surrounding communities. Please RSVP to Club President Jana Over at 301 779 5120 or upwcLead@gmail.com. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville (corner of Adelphi and Belcrest).

Riversdale Twelfth Night Ball

Saturday, January 17, 7:30 PM



Riversdale

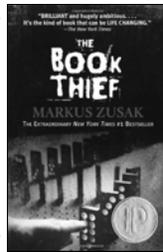
Bring the holiday season to a close at the Twelfth Night Ball and supper. Black tie or period attire is encouraged. Resident \$40/Nonresident \$48; ages 18 & up. Riversdale

House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, January 20, 8-10 PM

The January selection is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. The February book is *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month (the second Tuesday in December) from September to June. Please call Marianne Rankin at 301-277-6683 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.



Valentine Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, February 14, 5-8 PM

Bring a sweetheart or a friend, your family or somebody you'd like to get to know. Candlelight and live music complement a traditional spaghetti supper, with a deli-

icious sauce from our secret recipe, garlic bread, salad bar and tasty desserts. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available. University Park Church of the Brethren (Tuckerman & Route 1). Donations for the meal support local efforts to meet crisis needs (Community Crisis Services, Help-by-Phone).

Over-30 Basketball

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-10 PM



We are a group of over-30 folks (average age is around 42) who play full court basketball twice per week at a gym just outside of UP. The purpose is to get in some good games, exercise and socialize with our neighbors. There is a small donation that is required to cover the use of the gym (wood floors and new lights!) and the

amount depends on whether the member plays one or both nights. We limit the number of spots so we do not have an excessive number of people, ensuring that members get plenty of chances to play. We currently have a few spots and want to see if anyone is interested.

Ideally, you should be over 30, live in University Park or College Heights Estates, like playing with a friendly and semi-competitive-but-not-super-serious group and enjoy socializing. We occasionally (optional) meet for beers and the like during the year. This is a fun group of really nice folks. Trash-talking or overly physical play (dirty or rough play) are not allowed.

You should also be in good enough condition to play, but most of us are not male model types! However, if you have a serious physical issue, it may not make sense to play. Please contact me to discuss any concerns you might have. We will consider people outside of University Park if spots remain after all interested University Park/College Heights Estates candidates are exhausted.

If you are interested, might be interested, or know someone who might want to participate, please contact George Klimes at 202-459-7318 or klimes@gmail.com for more details.

Woman's Club 2015 Scholarships

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

This one-year \$1000 award is available to a graduating high school senior of Northwestern High School with a

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minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. This is a financial need based scholarship. Applicants must complete parts A, B and C of the application and provide the additional information requested.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one year \$1000 award is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park, MD., or is a non-resident child or grandchild of a member of the University Park Woman's Club. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. This is a merit-based needs blind scholarship. Applicants must complete parts A and B of the application and provide additional information as requested.



Non-Traditional Woman's Scholarship

A new scholarship for \$750 is available for 2015 to a woman, 35 and older, who is in career transition, re-entering the job market and/or updating her skills. She must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of University Park, College Heights Estates, or Calvert Hills (College Park) or, be an adult child or grandchild of a University Park Woman's Club member.

Applications and further information can be found at <http://www.upmd.org/?documents>. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Monday March 30, 2015.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Forks Over Knives*, January 26, 7-9 PM *Forks Over Knives* is a documentary that examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods.

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.

Feminine Transitions Photography Book Event Friday, January 9, 7:30 PM An accomplished photographer, Alyscia Cunningham began taking portraits of girls and women from 7 months old to 103 years old. These

striking images are collected in *Feminine Transitions*, a gorgeous, full-color hardcover book released in 2012.

Hand Dancing Saturdays, January 10, 24, 31 and February 7, 10-11:30 AM Hand Dancing is a great couples swing dance with a slower blues beat. This class, taught by Jerry Hart, costs \$30 per person including your admission to a dance from 7:30-10 PM on Valentine's Day. The dance will be open to the public if you already know hand dancing or just want to wing it! Make new friends and learn a new art skill as you participate in these hands-on arts workshops. RSVP so we will know how many people to expect and send your fee to CPAAE, PO Box 784, 20741.

Beechtree Puppets present The Giant Turnip, a Ukrainian Folktale Sunday, January 11, 3 PM This whimsical and humorous telling of a Ukrainian folktale celebrates community and caring for the earth, with puppets and songs by Ingrid Cowan Hass and Ole Hass. Ideal for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for these popular events as space is limited.



Artistic Empowerment Centers Black Stage Series presents The Fruit of His Purpose Saturday, January 17 Come celebrate the life and purpose of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as we experience the fruit of his labor sharing from the heart through spoken word poetry, dance, writing and song commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and a host of other great benefits that brought unity to mankind. Please check www.cpae.org for times. Seating is limited. Tickets \$10 advanced (<http://www.aecblackstageseries.org/tickets.html>), \$15 at the door.

Old Time Music with Jane Rothfield Saturday, January 24, 7:30 PM \$20 donation suggested at the door.

Children's Arts Drop-In Programs January 24 and 25 Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. January's theme: Popsicle Stick Puppet Theater! Saturday 10 AM-12 PM at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House.



University Park Town Council 2015 Adopted Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public.

January 5
January 12

July 6
July 20

February 2
February 23

August 10
August 31

March 2
March 16

September 21

April 13
April 20

October 5
October 19

May 4
May 18

November 2
November 16
November 30

June 1
June 15

December 14

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

January 1	New Year's Day
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 16	President's Day
April 3-10	Spring Break & Easter Holidays
May 25	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
August 25	First day of school
September 7	Labor Day
October 12	Columbus Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Day & Employee Appreciation Day
December 25	Christmas Day

Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program

Homeowner Tax Credit

Administered by Maryland Historical Trust

Homeowners can earn a state income tax credit for renovating historic homes. The tax credit offers homeowners of single-family, owner-occupied residences up to 20 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs. Tax credits may be used for repairs such as:

- ❖ Roof repair and replacement
- ❖ Chimney repair and lining
- ❖ Window restoration
- ❖ New storm doors/windows
- ❖ Masonry repointing
- ❖ Floor refinishing

Eligibility

Buildings must be certified as historic, defined as having at least one of the following designations:

- ❖ Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- ❖ A contributing resource within a National Register Historic District
- ❖ A locally designated structure or contributing resource to a local historic district that MHT determines to be eligible for the National Register

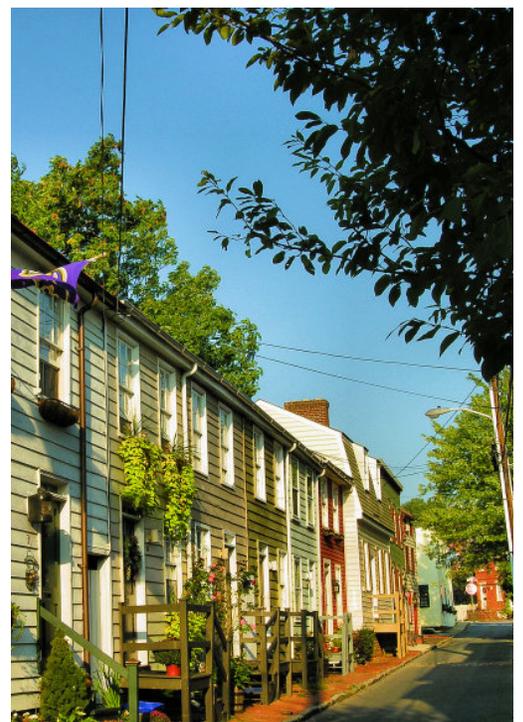
The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period and projects must have a minimum of \$5,000 of eligible expenses to qualify. Applications are accepted year round; MHT review runs approximately 30-45 days.

Learn more:

Melissa Acher, melissa.archer@maryland.gov, 410-514-7688

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NO. 2

In top-loading washing machines, use cold water to save energy and up to \$63 a year. Detergents formulated for cold water get clothes just as clean.



NO. 3

When not in use, unplug your TV. A plasma TV left plugged in costs an estimated \$159.76 annually.



NO. 4

Install a low-flow showerhead to achieve savings of 25%-60%. Showers use less hot water than baths; also consider taking shorter showers.



NO. 5

When not in use, unplug your laptop. Leftplugged in, it costs an estimated \$15.90 annually.



NO. 6

Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120 degrees). You'll not only save energy, you'll reduce the risk of scalding.



NO. 7

When not in use, unplug your gaming system. A game console left plugged in costs an estimated \$25.73 annually.



NO. 8

Wash only full loads of dishes, air dry and use cold water if possible. If washing dishes by hand, do larger piles at a time and remember not to leave water running in between.



NO. 9

Windows account for 10%-25% of your energy bill. During the summer your air conditioner must work harder to cool hot air from sunny windows. Use curtains or shades to give your air conditioner and energy bill a break.



NO. 10

Ceiling and other fans provide additional cooling and better circulation so you can raise the thermostat and cut down on air conditioning costs.



NO. 11

Pump up your tires; properly inflated tires improves gas mileage by 3%.



NO. 12

You can save up to \$115 per year on gasoline costs by reducing your miles driven 5% through biking, taking public transportation, walking or combining trips.



NO. 13

Turning your thermostat back 10%-15% for 8 hours can save as much as 10% on your energy bill. Using a programmable thermostat makes this a user-friendly process.



NO. 14

The average household dedicates 11% of its energy budget to lighting. Turn off lights when not in use. Wasted energy is wasted money.



NO. 15

Set refrigerator temperatures between 37 and 40 degrees (F) and clean coils. Keep the refrigerator full; when the refrigerator is stocked, less cold air is lost when the door is opened.

January 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Leaf Collection concludes January 9</p>	<p><i>Save the date!</i> Church of the Brethren Valentine Spaghetti Supper Saturday, February 14, 5-8 PM</p>		<p>December 31 Recycling</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>2 No trash pick up</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM</p>	<p>6 Trash</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Recycling</p>	<p>9 Trash Last Day for Leaf Collection</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 </p>	<p>12 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>13 Trash</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Recycling</p>	<p>16 Trash</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 UPCA Family Game Day, Board-N-Brew, College Park</p>	<p>19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>20 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Recycling</p>	<p>23 Trash</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 </p>	<p>26 Yard Waste</p>	<p>27 Shop & Eat for UPCA Fundraiser at Franklin's</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Recycling</p>	<p>30 Trash</p>	<p>31</p>



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5	Heidi Sorensen	301-927-4977
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

NEWSLETTER

The February newsletter deadline is Monday, January 5. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com or sent via www.upmd.org > Communications > Contact. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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