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MAYOR'S COLUMN

It was about a year ago that my wife and I went down to the County Court House in Upper Marlboro, where I took the oath of office to become mayor of University Park. The past year's experiences have taught me enduring lessons about University Park and the mayor's work. Here are a few of those lessons which come most to mind:

There is always something. The Town Hall must deal with whatever comes in the door, and there is always something new to be dealt with. In the past year, these events have included a six-foot fence built at the school, a proposed storm drain into Wells Run in University Park, an array of nearby development proposals, Pepco vegetation management plans, town bus reliability concerns, special

utility permit requests, a proposed 7-Eleven to be built across Baltimore Avenue near Sheridan Street, channel cleaning in Wells Run. The mayor's role is to be sure that each of these gets addressed.

Team operation. Much of the Town's work is joint effort by a highly capable team of Town staff and the Town Attorney, and as mayor I was the newest person on the team. I learned early that Town Hall staff think about University Park concerns nearly all of the time whether or not they're at work. Also, that it would be best if I didn't try to do what someone else was already capably handling, or to address issues by myself without consulting with others around town. My role as mayor is to be sure that someone is on it (assuredly, they are) and that

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	July 6 & 20
Development Overview Committee	July 15
Town Holiday Observance	July 3
Holiday	July 4

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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they are working with others who need to be involved. Our community is well-served by Town staff.

Work with the Council. I have also learned to not be afraid to consult with the Town Council on significant decisions or to decide tough issues, and to trust that they will do a good job of representing the Town's best interests. In our small town, we don't have the time or need to control decision-making or dictate decisions. One important role of the mayor is to foster an environment where good decisions can be made and successfully implemented, and where we can move swiftly on as a community to address what comes next.

Learn from those who have been there. Thank you to former University Park mayors John Tabori, John Brunner, Margaret Mallino and Harold Freeman, who have shared with me insight from their experience in



the mayor's chair. Among the most important things I have learned from them is to reach out to those who know more than I do and who have been around longer, and to make use of the rich expertise we have in our community. Similarly, advice from current mayors Andy Fellows (College Park), Vernon Archer (Riverdale Park), and Malinda Miles (Mount Rainier), and from former Mayor Cheye Calvo (Berwyn Heights) have helped me find effective ways to navigate the hallways of county and state government.

Don't let the urgent subsume the important. Though there is always a new issue to address there is an accompanying danger that the urgent will push out the important and with it some of what our community *wants or needs to do* in the longer term. One of my roles as mayor is to be sure we work on what is important to our community in the long term. At present, these important matters include improved town communications and website, continuing the Town bus program, stabilizing Wells Parkway and replacing bridges where needed, developing long-term plans for the care and use of the Town park, and finding grants or other state and county funding to do all of this.

Communicate. A year ago I set out with a pocket list of initiatives intended to improve Town communications

and have made a start. You can find me on Twitter @Mayor_LenCarey as an additional way to keep you informed. My mayor's email list sends informational updates to many of you most weeks. Please email me at mayor@upmd.org if you would like to be on the list to receive those occasional communications from me. The *University Park Newsletter* is on stable ground. Next will be upgrades to the Town's information technology system and website to better provide timely information on operations of the Town government.

Mayor is a full-time job. The mayor of University Park, per the Town Charter, is also the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of government and that is a significant difference from many other Maryland municipalities. In nearby College Park, Riverdale Park, Greenbelt, New Carrollton, Hyattsville, and Berwyn Heights, those administrative responsibilities are vested separately in a full-time professional administrator or manager. In effect, the University Park mayor does what, in adjacent communities, is two jobs. My work-week through the past year has averaged 45-60 hours per week between Town Hall and outside meetings. That said, none of this was a surprise. I like my job and the people I work with, and the lessons are still coming in the door as well.

—Len Carey

*Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?
Let me know: mayor@upmd.org*

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FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Here are some UPPD vacation safety tips for your home while you are away. Please contact the UPPD and we will check the exterior of your home daily.

- Stop mail, newspapers and other deliveries, or ask a neighbor to collect them.
- Turn your alarm on and use outside lights on motion detectors. Also use timers to turn lights and a radio or TV on and off at appropriate times.
- Arrange to have yard work done and have a neighbor set out trash on normal collection days. Trash and recycle bins should be removed from the curb on the same day.
- Turn the ringers on phones down or off. Never program it to announce that you're out of town, or to give another number where you can be reached. Never announce on social media that you are away for extended periods.
- Set the air conditioner to a higher temperature, but don't turn it off. A silent compressor on a hot day is a good indication that the house is unoccupied.
- If you have an alarm system, make sure it is in working order. If it's connected to a monitoring service, tell them when you'll be gone and where you're going, along with a phone number of the person keeping an eye on things. A home protected by a security system is three times less susceptible to a break-in than one without.
- Don't leave a garage door opener in the car, especially if you are parking your car on the street. It is recommended to unplug electric garage door openers.
- Do not keep keys hidden around the outside of your home or in your garage. Intruders know all the secret places where keys could possibly be hidden.
- Before departing, take one last walk around. After everyone is in the car, check to make sure that all windows and doors are securely locked and that the alarm system has been properly armed.

If traveling by car, make a safety kit for your vehicle, which should include some basic tools, jumper cables, emergency flares, a flashlight, a jug of water, a basic first aid pack and a fluorescent safety vest. Remember that criminals take vacations, too. They apply the same principles of opportunity and take advantage of the situation regardless of where they are. They know we are complacent in an atmosphere of relaxation. Keep your cars doors locked and valuables out of sight at rest stops. Lock the doors of your beach cottage when you are out

and about. Pickpockets are still very active and take advantage of crowded venues. Be aware of suspicious behavior regardless of where you are, and report it to the police. Nothing ruins a vacation more than being the victim of a crime. Take precautions as a habit, even on vacation.

If you take a staycation in beautiful University Park this summer to avoid the hustle and bustle of travel, stay vigilant of our community. You know when your neighbor is going away and by keeping watch on their home it makes your own home much safer as well. Report any suspicious activity immediately. Do not hesitate to ask unfamiliar faces if you can help them. Someone knocking on the front door and then walking to the rear of the home when there is no answer is NOT normal activity. Walking down the street and checking a car door to see if it will open is also NOT normal activity. If it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Please call the UPPD and we will help you resolve your suspicions. Please call sooner rather than later.

Fourth of July Celebrations



Fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County and also a violation of our town code. Fireworks are not toys. They burn at a very high temperature and can cause serious injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly. July has traditionally been a very dry month, and fireworks will easily ignite grass, leaves, trees and homes. Never give fireworks to young children—even sparklers can be unsafe. The safest way to enjoy this holiday is to attend a sanctioned fireworks display in the area.

Theft On May 5 at 12:20 PM in the 4400 block of Sheridan St. a town resident reported that they observed an adult male, wearing black clothing, remove a package from the front porch of a house. The UPPD arrived and located the suspect. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of a delivered package taken from the porch. Suspect was placed under arrest. Case Closed.

Theft On May 5 between 8 AM and 5 PM in the 4000 block of Tennyson Rd. suspect/s stole a bicycle with a

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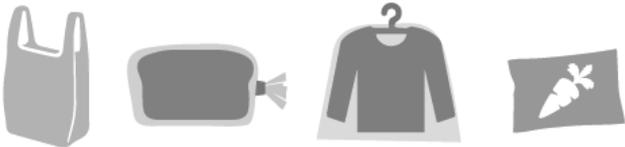
bicycle trailer attached and two bicycle helmets from the entrance area of the garage. No witness or suspect was located.

Breaking and Entering Between May 19 6 PM and May 21 6 AM in the 6700 block of Queens Chapel Rd. the resident states that someone entered the home and stole a wallet containing cash, a video camera, an iPad mini and a MacBook Pro. There was no sign of forced entry and the victim advised that the doors may have been unlocked. No witness or suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft Between May 24 5 PM and May 25 11 AM in the 4400 block of Sheridan St. suspects entered an open garage and stole an Echo leaf blower. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Stolen Auto On May 28 7 PM in the 4200 block of Woodberry St. suspect/s stole a 2006 Honda motorcycle that was parked on the street. No witness or suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Plastic Bags No Longer Accepted in Blue Recycling Cart



Effective immediately, the Town asks all residents to stop putting plastic bags or plastic film into the blue recycling cart. This includes:

- Any grocery, retail, or trash plastic bag
- Bread bags
- Fruit and vegetable bags (fresh/frozen)
- Garden product bags (soil/mulch)
- Outer wrap from paper towel, napkin and diaper packages
- Outer wrap from cases of soda, juice and snacks
- Shrink wrap
- Zipper or stand-up pouches, bubble or cling wrap
- Crinkle bags for cereal, pasta or snack bags
- Outer wrap from meat or cheese products
- Plastic bag containing other plastic bags/film.

A large clear/translucent plastic bag may be used as a liner or as a container for other recyclable materials (including shredded paper), provided they do not contain other plastic bags or film. Other approved recyclables can be placed loose in the blue cart.

To best ensure that your clean, dry plastic bags and film are recycled, take them to a local grocery store where there are receptacles for these items. For more information on what kind of plastic bags and film should be recycled at the grocery store, visit: <http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>.

This change is necessary because Prince George's County has announced that, beginning July 1, they will no longer accept plastic bags in any form at the Materials Recovery Facility where the Town takes its single-stream recycling. These bags jam the sorting machines, which causes the entire facility to shut down and also increases maintenance costs.

For answers to questions about Town of University Park recycling please email Town Public Works Director Mickey Beall (mbeall@upmd.org).

Tree Committee News

Tree Field Trip Opportunity The Tree Committee encourages citizens to walk the two blocks that comprise the Holly Hill/Oakridge neighborhood. There you will see 30 trees planted on May 2nd by Tree Committee members and volunteers. (A total of 33 were planted, but three did not survive due to inherent weakness. They will be replaced in the fall when planting conditions are more appropriate.)

This project is an excellent example of citizen engagement in our town's government. The Tree Committee was recruited by Mickey Beall (DPW) and the mayor to help with the town's selection and planting of street trees, the goals being to plant a landscape rather than individual trees, and plant in concentrations sufficient to reduce DPW's maintenance. We believe we have met both goals and citizens will reap the aesthetic benefits throughout the four seasons. Our next planting is scheduled for Oct/Nov of this year in Ward 7.

Shade Tree Reimbursement Though July is not a good time for tree planting, it is an excellent time to start dreaming about your fall planting. If you plan to plant a shade

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tree, the town will reimburse you for the cost of the tree, the associated soil amendments, delivery and planting costs up to (collectively) \$300 per tree. There are limits on quantity and frequency for individual homeowners and the program itself has an annual budget. The process is easy with minimal paperwork. The program's description and materials are located on the town website at www.upmd.org.

Notable Tree Program We will begin featuring notable trees on an occasional basis. If you know of a notable tree anywhere in town, preferably on public land or visible from the sidewalk) please send your nominations to TreeComm@upmd.org.



Ivy League Session

Saturday, August 8, 9-11AM

The Ivy League will not be in session in July. Please consider earning a couple of hours of volunteer time in August. It's good for you, the town and the trees. Plus, you will earn one of the five credits toward your Ivy League bandana. *Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee*

May 18 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Hearing on the Proposed Real Property Tax Rate Increase

Mayor Carey read the proposed real property tax rate increase legal notice into the record. He proposed that this matter be decided in special session of the Council, which has been scheduled for Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. This will be an open meeting and public testimony is encouraged.

The Mayor presented recommended revisions to the budget reflecting a drawdown of undesignated reserves by transferring funds to a designated reserve, purchasing new and used buses from 2015 reserves and funding capital expenses for a used trash packer and new police cruiser out of undesignated reserves rather than out of the operational budget.

Council Comments

Answers are in italics.

Skeptical and not convinced that this tax needs to be raised, and hopes that there is a solution not to raise taxes.

If the Council adopts the recommended revisions, how much will it decrease the tax increase? *The proposed increase was 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. With the recommended revisions the fund balance ratio will be reduced to below 30% and it will decrease the increase from 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value to .8 cents per \$100 of assessed value.*

Why have an increase at all as long as the unreserved funds are over 25%. *Due to unusual circumstances, the current unreserved funds are higher than needed. In the future capital investments will be needed such as bridges, road repair, etc. and those reserve funds will be needed accordingly.*

Prior to the recommended revision to the budget, the tax increase per household would be approximately \$118.00; if the proposed budget revision is approved by the Council, what will the average tax be per household? *Approximately \$56.60 per household.*

Public Comments

Asked the council to look very closely to see if this tax increase is necessary since the county will also be increasing taxes.

Would like the council to consider putting money in the budget to help veterans who are suffering from mental and physical conditions.

Glad to see that the mosquito program is in the current budget and hope it continues.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to erect a 4' fence located at 4324 Underwood Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve two special utility permits for Pepco (SP-2015-01 and SP-2015-02) to remove and to prune trees listed in Appendix A from the town right-of-way as itemized on the permits and with the conditions as proposed subject to receipt of the work plan for SP-2015-02. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve the following consent agenda items.

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Block party/street closure at both ends of the 6900 block of Oakridge road and at Beechwood Road from the alley to Pineway on Saturday, June 27 from 3-9 PM. The Police Department has been notified and supports this request. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Presentation: Prince George's County Budget

County Council Member Dannielle Glaros distributed a brochure and discussed the Prince George's County proposed budget for fiscal year 2016. This budget, by law requires approval by June 1.

Public Comments

Answers are in italics.

- Why is the proposed County tax rate different for municipalities within the County? *It depends on the services provided within the municipality.*
- Is it true that the money that is proposed to improve the school system for the first year, is the same amount of money that will be required forever? *Yes, once you invest in education to a certain level, that becomes your new level for maintenance of effort.*
- The 20 million dollars that the Governor has decided not to give to Prince George's County, is it going to make a large impact? *It is a fact that Governor Hogan will be contributing more to education this year than last year but it doesn't mean it is at the same rate as expected. There will be more money contributed to education although it is at a slower rate.*
- Hopes that the County Council does something, as it would be ruinous to vote no and walk away.

Continuing Business

Legislative Resolution 15-O-07: Fiscal 2016 Budget (Second Reading)

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 18, 2015. Note: The tax rate will be considered at a special session scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Public Comment

Why are we funding capital expenditures with the tax rate increase rather than being part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)? *The capital expenditures are one time expenditures paid through the unreserved funds which is an acceptable process.*

New Business

Emergency Legislation: Legislative Resolution 15-O-09

to Amend the Fiscal 2015 Budget (Introduction) The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is June 1, 2015.

Motion to approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 15-O-09: to amend the Fiscal 2015 budget. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Public Comments (Note: Responses from council members, town attorney or the mayor are italicized.)

- Will the person hired to help the treasurer be doing any duties assigned to the treasurer? Also, the Charter indicates that the Council is not allowed to reassign duties. *The person will be supervised by the treasurer and will be taking on some of the day to day tasks in order to allow the treasurer to take on some other duties. It is still with the same office, department or agency. If the treasurer needs help he is certainly allowed to have that help approved by the Council.*

Motion to declare the 2000 Sterling packer truck and two 1998 Ford packer trucks in the Public Works Department vehicles as surplus vehicles and authorize the director of public works to sell vehicles via sealed bid with Vehicle Identification Numbers 2FZHDLBA4YAB70205, 1FDXN80EXWVA13517 and 1FDXN80E8WVA13743. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: Per Article VI, Section 618 (b) of the Town Charter to approve a negotiated contract for the editors of the University Park Newsletter. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that the swearing in ceremony for Council members-elect will take place on June 15. A Council photo will be taken at the June 1 Council meeting. The next Route 1 University Communities Coalition meeting has not yet been scheduled. The Ethics Commission has been working with the town attorney. Ethics documents as well as minutes and agendas can be found on the town website.

Council Reports

CM Alvarez reported that the Development Overview Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 PM at town hall.

CM Alvarez stated that University Park bandanas are

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available for those who participate in five scheduled activities with the Tree Committee. Information can be found on the town website.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:45 PM.

May 28 Special Session Highlights

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

Public Comment

Responses from Council Members, Treasurer or the Mayor are italicized.

- What services are being increased? *The budget proposal gives the details which outlines the increases. Also continued professionalization of the town government and also some deferred maintenance that has not been dealt with in a number of years.*
- When was the last time there was a tax increase in town? *Last year. For five years the tax rate was not increased which was by agreement when the town went into the state pension plan and the employees took a freeze on pay.*
- The assessments and how they vary year to year, does that have a positive or negative impact on your proposal? *We get a certification every February from the state in terms of the increased assessments, there is a reassessment every three years. Every February, the state gives us a constant yield certification that tells us what they believe the total net assessed value of the town real property is and accordingly they estimate what the constant yield tax rate would be.*
- Does the assessment have limits as far as how much they can go up per year? *The maximum is 10% a year.*

Continuing Business

Motion to approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 15-O-07: Fiscal 2016 budget. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:25 PM.

June 1 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to

erect a shed and a 4' fence and to install a 10' x 25' driveway located at 6813 40th Avenue, subject to obtaining any required County permits and providing copies of these permits to the Town Clerk prior to starting construction.

Motion to amend the motion to delay approval of the request until County permits are obtained and copies provided to the Town. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Cron opposed).

Motion to delay approval of the request for a building permit to erect a shed and a 4' fence and to install a 10' x 25' driveway located at 6813 40th Avenue until County permits are obtained and copies provided to the Town. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Cron opposed).

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace a section of an existing driveway located at 4215 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace shingles, replace damaged roof sheathing and install skylights located at 6715 Queens Chapel Road. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Hess abstains).

Motion to amend the special utility permit (SP-2015-01) for Pepco to add two public trees in front of 4317 Sheridan Street and 4318 Sheridan Street to the list of authorized removals, and to amend the conditions to increase the number of replacement trees to six. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to extend until November 1, 2015 two special utility permits, BCA 211100 and BCA 119320/BCA 112579, issued to the Washington Gas Light Company for milling and paving operations subject to all conditions as originally approved. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve special utility permit SP-2015-03 for WSSC to enter University Park right-of-way to conduct a field investigation for a water main replacement project, including twenty-nine test locations with twenty pavement cores and nine soil borings, as itemized on the permit and plans with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda items. Block party/street closure at the 4400 Block of Under

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*wood Street on Saturday, June 27 from 4-10 PM.
July 4 parade/street closure at Queens Chapel Road
from 10:30-11 AM. The Police Department has been
notified and supports these requests.*

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Continuing Business

*Emergency Legislation: Legislative Resolution 15-O-09
to Amend The Fiscal 2015 Budget (Second Reading).*
The earliest date this motion may be considered for pas-
sage is June 1, 2015.

*Motion to approve the adoption of Legislative Resolu-
tion 15-O-09: to amend Fiscal 2015 budget.* Motion
approved 7 to 0.

New Business

*Motion to appoint Council Member Bradlee Hess and
Council Member Joseph Thompson to the Guidelines
Review Board to review conformance with the Editori-
al Guidelines per 15-R-03 approved by the Council on
February 23, 2015.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Thompson
abstains).

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that the swearing in ceremony for
Council members elect will take place on June 15.
Sought Council concurrence that University Park no
longer participate in the Maryland Department of Agri-
culture mosquito control since the majority of the town
is on the no spray list. Reminder of the retirement party
for Mr. Joe Nagro, city administrator of College Park.
Pepco vegetation management has submitted the work
plans, which the town requested prior to approving the
permit.

Council Reports

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee: CM
Sorensen reported that a set of minutes need to be ap-
proved from a previous committee meeting. It was
agreed to approve these on June 15 approximately fif-
teen minutes prior to the Council meeting.

Public Facilities and Services: CM Gekas reported that a
meeting is scheduled for June 11 at 7:30 PM at Town
Hall. The topic will be on the Veterans Memorial.

Development Overview Committee member CM

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Thompson reported that the drawings on the 7-Eleven
are available. A response will be organized with
Riverdale Park.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:15 PM.

UPCA News

Thanks to all of our numerous neighbors, both human
and canine, for overwhelmingly attending the 2nd An-
nual Mutt Strut on June 7. The town field was awash
with Mutt Strut shirts and doggie bandanas as we en-
joyed visiting booths, walking the route and most im-
portantly, getting to know each other's dogs a little bet-
ter. Thanks to all our sponsors for helping make this
event possible.

The UP Tennis Club is steadily growing, thanks to John
Gekas' Sunday morning meetups at the Queen's Chapel
Courts. Contact him at universityparktennis@gmail.com
if you're interested in joining the group; all levels are
invited!

July starts out with one of our most attended events, the
4th of July Parade and Potluck. Save the date for the
Townwide Yard Sale on Saturday, September 19, 9 AM-
2 PM, and the Fall Wine & Cheese Party at the Old Par-
ish House on Saturday, September 19, 7:30 PM.

Remember that you can always visit our website at up-civicassociation.com, for the latest list of events, to sub-
scribe to our listserv or to use PayPal for your member-
ship dues to help keep these activities running. Some
events are still in the works for the upcoming months, so
keep an ear open for any new scheduled gatherings!



4th of July Saturday, July 4 10 AM-Noon

Decorate your bikes, join
a parade, play some games
and enjoy a neighbor-
hood potluck as the UP-
CA celebrates Independ-
ence Day with our Annu-
al 4th of July Parade and
Picnic. The setup is slight-
ly different this year, so here is the full schedule:

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10:00-10:15 Arrive at UPES gazebo and drop off potluck dish, blankets and water for your family.

10:15-10:45 Walk to the top of Queen's Chapel Road (near Town Hall) to decorate your bike, stroller, or pet and gather for the parade.

10:45-11 The Parade!

11-11:45 Back to the gazebo for lunch! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and water or drinks for your family.

11:45-12:30 Games and more games!

UPCA July Meeting Tuesday, July 28, 7-9 PM

Everyone is invited to join the UPCA at our meeting at Town Hall. We'll be planning our future events for the neighborhood, so if you're interested in getting involved, either to volunteer for an upcoming event or to chair a new idea, come by!



Town Wide Yard Sale Saturday, September 19, 9-2 PM

Save the date. How to sell at the University Park-College Heights Estates yard sale? Easy—just send an email with your address to dawnandjoe@verizon.net

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.



Riversdale

Events take place at Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riversdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, MD. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.

Jazz on the Lawn Wednesday, July 8, 7 PM Bring a blanket or lawn chair, pack a picnic and enjoy some of the area's top jazz musicians. In case of rain, the concerts move inside. Supported by a grant from the Town of Riverdale Park and the Maryland State Arts Council. Call for details. Additional Jazz on the Lawn summer dates: July 22, August 5 and August 19.

College Park Arts Exchange

College Park Arts Exchange will be running yoga and dance classes through the summer, as well as Arts Drop In and Book Club. Please check our on-line calendar for specific dates and times, and for other events that might be added. College Park Chorale, Youth Orchestra, and Youth Choir and Vocetti will resume in September. Have a wonderful, restful, and artful summer!"

New Location for Hyattsville Farmer's Market Tuesdays, 3-7 PM



The Hyattsville Farmer's Market has moved to the Redeemer Lutheran Church parking lot, 3799 East West Highway. For more information, contact EllaRose Preston at 301-985-5006 or EPreston@hyattsville.org.



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.

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Pepco Tree Work & Removal

Beginning in early July, Pepco will be removing and pruning selected private and public trees encroaching on electrical lines along the following streets:

- 40th Avenue~6400 and 6500 blocks
- 41st Avenue~6400 and 6500 blocks
- 43rd Avenue~ all blocks between East West Highway and Wells Run
- 44th Avenue~ all blocks between East West highway and Wells Run
- Tennyson Road~all blocks
- Adelphi Road~6400 and 6500 blocks
- Sheridan Street~all blocks
- Tuckerman Street~all blocks
- Queens Chapel Road~6400 and 6500 blocks

Public tree removal and pruning by Pepco

The Town is permitting Pepco to prune and remove selectively Town-owned trees under electrical lines along the designated streets. As permitted, this work will be monitored by the Town arborist with oversight from the Director of Public Works. The Town is permitting removal of public trees in front of the following addresses:

- 4401 Tuckerman St., Oak
- 6506 43rd Avenue, Pine
- 4220 Sheridan St., Ash
- 4218 Sheridan St., Maple
- 6518 41st Avenue, Sycamore
- 6509 40th Avenue, Pear
- 4317 Sheridan St., Oak
- 4318 Sheridan St., Oak



Where trees are removed, the Town is working with Pepco and the Tree Committee to replant with appropriate trees selected for each site.

Private tree removal and pruning by Pepco

The permit from the Town does not encompass pruning or removal of trees on private land. Pepco is notifying all homeowners of private trees which are scheduled to be pruned or removed by Pepco. Pepco has assured us that private landowners are able to refuse permission for their private trees to be pruned or removed, and Pepco's contract crews will honor these refusals.

Questions?

Please email Director of Public Works Mickey Beall (mbeall@upmd.org) with any questions about Pepco work on public trees in University Park.



Stay Up to Date & Participate!

Below are additional ways for residents to stay up to date on meetings and activities in the Town of University Park.

Town Electronic Notice System offers several lists regarding official Town business, Council and committee minutes, events, meetings and agendas for Town Council and committee meetings. Visit upmd.org and click on Register in the upper right corner to sign up.

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

Mayor's Update Residents can be added to this list by contacting mayor@upmd.org.

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

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

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

UPplaygroup is open to parents/caregivers in University Park and neighboring areas. This is an easy way to organize playgroups, share information and events of interest, and to discuss parenting issues. In addition to the online discussion and age-based play dates, there are a variety of gatherings for the whole group each year. Contact upplaygroup-owner@yahoogroups.com.

Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Laura Collins, pet database coordinator. 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.

July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Hold the date! Saturday, August 8 Ivy League Session, 9-11 AM</p>	<p>Hold the date! Town Wide Yard Sale Saturday, September 19, 9-2 PM</p>		<p>1 Plastic Bags No Longer Accepted in Blue Recycling Cart</p>	<p>2 Recycling</p>	<p>3 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>4 Independence Day UPCA Celebration, 10 AM-Noon </p>
5	6 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	7 Trash	8	9 Recycling	10 Trash	11 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM
12	13 Yard Waste	14 Trash	15 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM	16 Recycling	17 Trash	18 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM
19	20 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	21 Trash	22	23 Recycling	24 Trash	25 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM
26	27 Yard Waste	28 Trash UPCA July Meeting, 7-9 PM	29	30 Recycling	31 Trash	August 1 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM



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