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MAYOR'S COLUMN

In this my last mayor's column, I would like to begin by congratulating the new mayor-elect, Len Carey, as well as the elected and reelected Council Members, Joe Thompson (Ward 1), Bradlee Hess (Ward 3) and Roy Alvarez (Ward 7). Here is wishing you all a great journey as stewards of the Town government, and a *tip of the hat* for agreeing to serve. And, a big *thank you* to David Brosch (Ward 1) and Arlene Christiansen (Ward 3) who so passionately served their respective Wards on Council over the past 3 and 2 years.

The Azalea Classic was a monstrous success this year with over 800 runners, joggers and walkers participating in the three events, the 1K, 1M and 5K. A *tip of the hat* to Kristi Janzen who organized the event and all the volunteers who made it happen. A special *thank you* goes

to Tom Stuckles, who organized the CERT exercise on the same day, bringing a number of resources to bear that made the event run so smoothly.

Electronics recycling was a big hit again with over 7,000 pounds (3.5 tons!) of dead electronics being recycled. This semi-annual event has become a staple of spring and fall. Congratulations to Mickey Beall and the Public Works Department for scheduling and managing this important service to the community and environment.

The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) recently announced they have received funding to upgrade the storm water management system on the University Park Elementary School grounds. Over the summer, AWS will install rain gardens and other storm water manage-

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	June 2 & 16
Tree Forum	June 5
Planning Forum	June 12

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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ment systems on the school grounds, ensuring better drainage while reducing the pollutants and runoff that enter Wells Run from school property. AWS also proposes rebuilding the curbs and gutters lining the cul-de-sacs abutting the Town Park using pervious materials that filter toxic chemicals and prevent them from entering the Town streams. This work would also be funded by a grant awarded to AWS.

Three upcoming public forums/presentations might draw the interest of readers of this column. They are at the UPES Media Center, open to the public and will provide valuable information. Please consider attending.

Monday, June 2, 7:30 PM The Veteran’s Memorial Advisory Committee will present the latest design for the proposed Veteran’s Memorial, along with cost parameters, at the Regular Council session.

Thursday, June 5, 7:30-9 PM Tree Committee Public Forum to discuss an updated Tree Ordinance, with features to meet the Town’s unique characteristics.

Thursday, June 12, 7:30 PM Planning Forum The Council’s newly formed Development Oversight Committee will sponsor an open meeting on the update currently underway for the 1998 Prince George’s Plaza Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) and the Transit Development Overlay Zone (TDOZ) that controls development at the Mall at Prince George’s. William Washburn, planner coordinator with the Prince George’s Planning Department, will make a brief presentation and lead a discussion of future issues and plans for the area.

Finally, I would like to thank all the residents of University Park for giving me the privilege of serving as your Mayor over the past 8 years.

Being Mayor has given me wonderful memories, new friends, and taught me much. I can honestly say that if I were to list all the great people that I have met and worked with here in Town, it would probably encompass all the members of the community, adults and children alike. Of course, I would be remiss if I did not publically thank the extraordinary group of staff with whom I have worked at Town Hall. So to all of you a *final tip of the hat* and a *huge thank you*.

Take care, enjoy the summer and the new Mayor, and I will see you around Town.

John Rogard Tabori

FY15 Budget Approved

On May 19, by a unanimous vote of 7-0-0, the Town Council passed the FY2015 Budget. The vote came after a number of lively discussions. Expected revenues and expenses are summarized in the table below:

Projected Revenue	\$3,027,378
Projected FY2014 Surplus/Reserves	\$1,180,992
Total General Funds Available FY2014	\$4,208,370
Total FY2015 Expected Expenditures	\$3,047,146
Total FY2015 Proposed Reserves	\$1,161,224
Fund Balance Ratio	26.5%

Under the budget, the real property tax rate has been set at 0.645 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This represents a 0.0185 cent increase over FY2014 real property tax rate, which translates to a 3.43% increase in taxes over last year. This is 1.57% less than projected. The personal property tax rate of \$2.25 per \$100 of assessed value remains the same. To calculate your Town real property taxes, divide the taxable assessed value of your home by 100 and multiply the result by 0.645.

When reviewing the full budget, keep in mind that historically, there has been a tendency to underestimate revenue and overestimate expenditures. When designing the budget, the Mayor and Town staff have operated under the assumption that it is better to err on the side of caution rather than optimism, a principle that has served the Town well during the past eight years. If after reviewing the budget you have technical questions, you may contact the Town Treasurer, Dan Baden at Town Hall or Mayor Tabori before June 16 and the new mayor, Len Carey thereafter.

The full budget can be found on the Town website at www.upmd.org/Documents/Budgets. A printed copy of the budget can be obtained on request from the Town Clerk, Tracey Toscano, who can be reached at 301-927-4262, #101 or by email at ttoscano@upmd.org.

**UP Tree Ordinance Public Forum
Thursday, June 5, 7:30-9 PM
UPES Media Center**

University Park’s Tree Committee proposes the establishment of a town-wide tree ordinance. The tree ordinance would maintain the urban canopy, increase real estate values and protect the local and regional ecology, while safeguarding the town’s distinctive well-treed character for future generations.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

In the April edition of the newsletter suspicion literacy was discussed. To follow up, I feel it is important to recap some of the critical points. As a community, individual participation in safety provides the vital link to the police for an effective response and direct impact on the criminal. The UPPD encourages everyone to pay attention, be aware of and report suspicious behavior.

It is important to understand the role that being suspicious plays in keeping a community safe and becoming empowered, not paranoid. Not only does it work against paranoia, but other serious grievances, such as racial stereotyping (behavior is suspicious, not the people) and the powerless position of unsuspecting people.

Stay on throughout the day.

The best way to notice that something is off is by paying attention and staying on to the everyday. Being conscious of what's happening around you as you go through a typical day walking to class or work helps maintain a level of vigilance that allows you to more naturally pick up on something that seems awry. Task yourself with learning to be observant. During any of these situations, it's important to follow through by informing safety authorities.

Understand the difference between single and series patterns of behavior.

The realization that something is indeed suspicious does not always necessarily come down to a singular incident. Sometimes it takes the accumulation of a series of peculiar incidents for a person to become leery.

Use all your senses and trust your gut.

While "see something, say something" has been the prevailing maxim in prompting people to take notice of and act on suspicious behavior, the saying alone is certainly limited in terms of awareness. You should use all five of your senses in detecting what's suspicious. This speaks to another equally powerful force that should not be discounted in value: intuition. It can present itself as a soft inkling or in gut-churning anxiety, but it is nonetheless an innate sense existing to warn you.

Share details with police, quickly and often.

Once something or someone registers as suspicious, it's important to report it quickly. Don't filter what's worth reporting by trying to figure out whether it's a valid crime. Leave that to the police to take care of.

As children spend long summer days at home, the internet is a main activity that occupies hours of time. We all enjoy being connected to instant information, news, Facebook, emails, tweets and so on. All of this instant access has inherent dangers that come with it. Our internet connections are easily accessed and many suffer the consequences of viruses, phishing traps, harassment and scams.

Keeping our children safe is one of the most important jobs we have as a community. Whether a child is focused on an electronic device or outside playing with friends, it is important to take responsibility for their development and safety and follow some safety precautions. If you practice safety precautions online and in everyday life, it will establish similar behavior in your children. If you start exploring the internet with your kids from a young age, you greatly expand its capacity as an educational tool. Providing guidance and discussion along the way helps to increase their online skills, confidence and the ability to avoid potential risks. Applying the principles of suspicion literacy described last month and above can also benefit you while interacting in the cyber world.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

Theft Between April 7 8 PM and April 8 9 AM in the 4400 block of Wells Parkway suspect/s entered an open shed in the rear of the yard and stole a portable table saw, a staple gun and pneumatic nail gun. The resident advised that his son had a party the evening before and several of the party goers were going in and out of the shed. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On April 9 at 2 PM in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. a town resident notified the UPPD that they observed someone attempting to break into a home. UPPD officers arrived on the scene and observed two black males wearing dark color clothing, approximately 20-25 years of age at the rear of a home on Tuckerman St. The suspects ran from the area towards 43rd Ave., near the church parking lot. It was determined that the rear door of the residence had been damaged and entry was made into the home. The homeowner was contacted and responded to the scene and determined that no property was stolen. Both suspects were arrested. Case closed.

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Breaking & Entering On April 15 at 2 AM in the 4300 block of Underwood St. UPPD and PGPD officers responded to building alarms at the University Park Elementary School. The perimeter was secured and a K-9 unit was utilized to check the building. A suspect was located in the gymnasium area of the building and placed under arrest. Several desk drawers had been damaged and the suspect was found with a backpack containing two laptop computers and a small camera. The arrested was a white male, 5'7", 150 lbs, short blondish hair, 29 years old. Case closed.

Theft from Auto Between 9 PM on April 21 and 7 AM on April 22 in the 4400 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2010 Nissan Xterra truck and stole a GPS unit and two pairs of earphones. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.



All Things Sustainable

A decision was made recently by the town council to seek the Sustainable Maryland Certification that the state is encouraging its many towns and cities to apply for. The certification process accomplishes a number of things. First, it allows towns like University Park to describe community activities and initiatives that we have already undertaken that are environmentally sound. Second, it is a way to identify areas where we can improve and then prepare a plan as a guide to greater sustainability. Finally, it is a way to connect with other communities also striving to become more green.

As a first step a University Park Green Team is being formed that will prepare our application for the June 30 deadline. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sarah Moseley at sarahnmoseley@verizon.net, Ross Salawitch, rjs@atmos.umd.edu, or Dave Brosch davidcbrosch@comcast.net.

Are you biking now that spring has finally arrived? If you would like to learn about programs that support biking locally and across the state, or find biking events and trails, go to www.cycle.maryland.gov.

A brand new trail has just opened between Riverdale Park and Hyattsville which now allows you to walk or ride your bike up to the Hyattsville Arts District safely. For the time being, the path begins just south of the

Riverdale Park train station and ends at Franklin's Restaurant. Eventually the bike path will transect the Cafritz development site and connect with College Park.

Take Back Our Yards: Mosquito Repression Program

The Town will begin its Asian Tiger mosquito repression program, Take Back Our Yards (TBOY), for the third straight year, in June. The goal of this program is to reduce the Asian Tiger mosquito population by removing breeding sites rather than spraying. The program has data from the 2013 and 2014 summer pilot programs that suggest a marked decrease in Tiger mosquitoes on the blocks where breeding sites were identified and removed. If you did not get a chance to participate last year, or are interested in doing so this year, the program will be organizing soon with the help of a graduating senior from UMD. You can sign up for the summer program now by contacting our Public Works Director Mickey Beall at 301-927-4262 or mbeall@upmd.org.

A sign-up table for the program also will be available on June 12 between the hours of 6 and 7:30 PM at the entrance to UPES. So come by, get some free ice cream, sign up to be a TBOY participant or volunteer, and then join the discussion on the future of the Mall at Prince George's in the Multi-Purpose Room from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

The summer months should be a time to enjoy the outdoors in University Park without the fear of those nasty insects.

Notice of Introduction of LR-14-O-06

On June 2, 2013, Ordinance 14-O-06 was introduced. This ordinance would approve the University Park Police Department General Order Manual. The meeting set for June 16, 2014 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

Notice of Introduction of LR-14-O-07

On June 2, 2013, Ordinance 14-O-07 was introduced. This ordinance would approve the Personnel Manual for the Town. The meeting set for June 16, 2014 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

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April 7 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

William Hockberger of Beechwood Road expressed concern with the location and cost of the Veterans Memorial. He proposed that the Council reopen the search for the most appropriate location and that the cost be capped at a substantially lower level. He suggested that the location be near the school and church, if purchased, and the cost be capped at \$20,000 in University Park taxpayer funds and additional funds obtained through donations or other means could be added.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent item. Motion approved 7 to 0.

To endorse the 28th Annual Spring Walk/Run on Thursday, May 8, 2014 from Noon-1:15 PM through University Park. The following Federal agencies are collaborating on this year's health fair and walk/run: The Center of Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Treasury/Bureau of Fiscal Service and the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency/Maryland National Processing Service Center.

Permits

Motion to approve the application to add a dormer (53 inches x 116 inches x 8 feet) to expand the master bathroom on the 2nd floor located at 4337 Clagett Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that Cafritz is moving forward rapidly on the bridge. Mayor Tabori will put together a detailed timeline of this project and forward this to the Council as well as post it on the website.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the March 2014 report.

Heidi Sorensen reported that the Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure Committee met on several occasions to develop recommendations related to the University Park Town Newsletter. A memorandum/report from CM Sorensen as Committee Chair, dated April 7, 2014 was

distributed. CM Sorensen asked that this report be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Continuing Business

Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-O-04 to the Mayor and Council for the Town of University Park to ratify and approve the extension for the Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, Inc. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Mayor Tabori noted that the 2015 budget cannot be passed until May 19, 2014.

Motion to approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 14-O-05: Fiscal 2015 Budget. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

April 28 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

Ellen Whitaker of Clagett Road supports the continuation of the nonchemical mosquito abatement program that was started last year.

Presentation

Maryland Milestones Aaron Marcavitch, Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area gave a presentation of future plans and distributed brochures of the upcoming events in Prince George's County which can be found on their website www.princegeorges1812.org.

Update on the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan and the Transit District Overlay Zone William Washburn, ACIP, Community Planning, gave a power point presentation of the Prince George's Plaza development plan. The purpose of the plan is to establish a clear vision of the future community and to make sure that it is a community that is pedestrian, bicycle, transit as well as auto friendly. The planning process will take approximately 16 to 18 months and Mr. Washburn encouraged citizens to get involved with the planning. Those interested in updates of the project and upcoming meetings can go to the Prince George's County

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Planning Board website at pgplanning.org/pgplazatddp.htm.

Permits

Motion to approve the application to erect a 4' welded wire fence located at 4315 Woodberry Street. Motion withdrawn by administration.

Motion to approve the application to erect a 10'x14'x10' shed located at 4011 College Heights Drive. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: The permit shall be subject to submitting the final design of the shed.

Motion to approve a six month renewal parking waiver for up to five vehicles at 6511 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that Tuesday, May 6 the Town Election will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 8 AM-8 PM for the offices of Mayor and Council Members for Wards 1, 3 and 7. A budget hearing will be held on May 5, and on May 19 a constant yield tax rate hearing will be held as well as the final vote on the FY 2015 budget. The Cafritzes and the County submitted the special taxing district legislation for a first reading on Tuesday, April 22.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported that a parking permit for approximately 30 cars was requested in Ward 5 for May 3. A vendor's permit has been issued for the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, to solicit donations. The constant yield tax rate hearing notice will be in the May 1 edition of the Sentinel. An ATHA link for the Maryland Milestones can be found on the right side bar of the Town website.

Police Chief Wynnyk reported that he attended the Public Safety Committee meeting in April and sat on a panel for the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. He is preparing for the Azalea Classic and a Citizens Volunteer's live training exercise scheduled for Saturday, May 3. He will attend the 300-mile bike ride for the 2014 Police Unity Tour.

Council Reports

CM Alvarez reported that the notes from the Police, Traffic and Public Safety meeting have been posted on the website. CM Carey thanked Lindsay Hicks for serv-

ing as Chair of the Tree Committee and for her work with the committee. CM Brosch reported that a Washington solar tour is scheduled for the second weekend of October 2014 and would like the Council to consider University Park participating in this tour. Registration is due by early June.

Continuing Business

Mayor Tabori and Council continued discussions on the FY 2015 proposed budget.

Legislative Resolution 14-O-05: Fiscal 2015 Budget (2nd Reading). This Ordinance will be considered for passage on May 19, 2014. A super majority is required to adopt the budget.

New Business

Motion to authorize the Town Attorney, with advice from cable counsel to request additional information from Comcast with respect to the merger with Time Warner. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Heidi Sorensen, Chair of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure introduced a motion from her recommendations for an ordinance set forth in the April 7, 2014 Memorandum.

Motion to adopt the recommendations set forth in the April 7, 2014 Memorandum from Heidi Sorensen, Chair of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure, regarding the University Park Town Newsletter and to direct CM Sorensen and Town Counsel Suellen Ferguson to prepare an ordinance and any other documents needed to implement the recommendations for introduction at the next Council meeting, with the ordinance and other documents to be scheduled for a vote in accordance with the Charter immediately thereafter. Motion approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Gekas, Christiansen and Sorensen, Yea; Carey, Cron and Alvarez, Nay.) Mayor Tabori indicated that he would veto the motion.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:05 PM.

May 5 Council Meeting Highlights

An executive session was called at 7 PM to discuss a proposal for an RFP for the town before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion

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or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

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

Public Comment

Joann Fletcher of Van Buren Street is on the Veterans Memorial Committee and hopes that the proposed site is not changed. She would like to see the cost come down more reasonably. Keep the design more simplified. She does not believe the site will create more traffic.

Julie Enszer of Wells Parkway heard that the Town Christmas tree has died and a new Town Christmas tree will be placed at the proposed memorial site. (Mayor Tabori responded that this is not true).

Michelle Dudash of Wells Parkway said that the Town should consider having trash collection, composting and recycling one day a week for each. She is very supportive of a veterans memorial and can't understand why not share a site where there is already a place of reflection. She questioned whether the site was chosen to advertise the memorial or as a place of reflection. (Mr. Thompson responded that the site was meant to be a place of beauty and very natural. CM Carey also responded that the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services stated in a memo that the proposed site was preferred being that it was more visible and in a part of town which is easily accessible.)

Morgan Wootten of Wells Parkway believes in having a memorial but does not support the proposed site. It is the busiest traffic point in all of University Park, it could hurt the value of the houses around the site and there is a safety factor. A great majority of homeowners in that area do not want the memorial at that particular site. What is there to lose to just take another look at considering another site. The people in the immediate area need to be consulted.

Jenny Glenn of Woodberry Street reported that the house at 4104 Woodberry has cable wires hanging very low in the street.

Mike Jakub of Beechwood and Underwood Street (via e-

mail) stated that the site selection process was well thought out and implemented and believes that the memorial site would be well received by the veterans and the majority of the Town residents. The site is conveniently located and will not place an unnecessary traffic or other burden to those who live near it.

Jenny Glenn of Woodberry Street asked why is it important to move forward quickly in the decision for the site of the memorial? Also, in the make-up of the Committee and the people walking around looking at sites, what was the relative distribution of Wards in the people who participated? (CM Christiansen responded that one of the concerns here is that this has been an eighteen month process that isn't finished at all yet. She also pointed out that CM Carey went to great lengths to reach out and offer the possibility to be on this Committee to a lot of people. CM Carey responded that the participants who selected the site were well distributed throughout the town.) The area is very swampy. There are questions of lawsuits.

Julie Enszer of Wells Parkway commented that she was still waiting for the traffic study, about this area, to be made available for review. The school bus routes in the community change every few years. There is an environmental concern due to dogs being walked in the area. She vigorously objects to the notes that were taken from the Committee hearing, there was strong opposition from neighbors about this memorial, a lot of people opposed it, but to read those notes, you would never know it. She is very skeptical that the process was very thorough since the neighbors were notified after the designs were put up. (Mayor Tabori responded that he is not aware of any traffic study in that area.)

Gary Williams of Pineway stated that he and his wife were quite aware of this project through the town newsletter. He does not understand what impact the memorial would have on the traffic in that area; there will only be a gathering there once or twice a year. He would like to see this memorial put in a public space.

Sara Jean Thompson said she has always enjoyed going to the 911 Memorial. She has attended the two Veterans Day celebrations and there were a lot of chairs but not a lot of people.

Mary Baugher of 44th Avenue believes as well as many

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others who have come to her, that the proposed public site that would honor veterans is a good choice. She mentioned that the events that will be held will either be on a government holiday or on a Sunday. The Azalea Classic causes traffic within University Park, yet she supports this community public event since it is so beneficial. CM Gekas asked to look at another site to get a comparison of cost. Ms. Baugher responded that it would not be fair to ask for another design at another site just for comparison because this is an expensive process. The project needs to move forward in order to apply for grants which will help keep the cost down.

Tiegh Thompson of 41st Avenue said that as a committee member, he pointed out that the committee has tried to be helpful and work within guidelines but the community will make the final decision. He presented a simple plan that he had designed at the beginning of this project which would keep the cost way down.

Joann Williams of Pineway pointed out that this process has been a model process and if we start all over again, this has the potential of the project going on forever. Of course some people will think that there are better places for the memorial, which is expected. She had nothing to do with this project but was well aware of what was going on through the newsletter and emails. The committee deserves credit for their careful work.

Colin Ferguson of 41st and Tennyson said that as a committee member and current Maryland guardsman, he wouldn't say this project is urgent but there are times in history when there is interest in funding things and there are times when there is not. As political positions change and public sentiment changes, so does funding; he feels this project should move forward. He personally feels that having something that stands out on the border of town that people can see is important but understands that the residents that border this area do not share the same opinion.

Lisa Thompson Taylor of 41st Avenue stated that she might be able to find some funding for this project.

CM Brosch stressed that every effort was made to try and give people a chance to be part of the process. He does not agree that there will be a traffic issue. He would like to see the design be relatively simple and spend the extra money on helping veterans.

CM Christiansen received input from six of her constituents that they are concerned about the cost and the need for a memorial. She suggested that the Town have an ongoing living memorial fund.

Permits

Motion to approve the application to erect a 4' welded wire fence located at 4315 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve the application to erect a 4' wood fence at the Church of the Brethren at 6412 Baltimore Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that Tuesday, May 6 the Town Election will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 8 AM-8 PM for the offices of Mayor and Council Members for Ward 1, 3 and 7. A Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing will be held on May 19, as well as the final vote on the FY 2015 Budget. The Constant Yield advertisement has been placed in the newspaper. A draft copy of the College Park TDDP is available at Town Hall for those who are interested. Mayor Tabori will contact a representative to schedule a briefing of the Council in an open session in regard to the College Park TDDP.

Department of Public Works director Michael Beall reported that the recent recycling event was very successful, with more than 7,000 lbs. of electronics. University Park will be hosting shredding in the fall. Based on last year's results, it was decided that shredding will be done once a year. New bollards have replaced the utility poles at the intersection of Wells Parkway and College Heights Drive. More bollards will be purchased over the summer for the intersection of Chancery and Calverton. He commended Mr. Hall, public works mechanic, for the hard work on replacing the cab of the leaf truck. He reported that the two missing street signs along Route 1 will soon be replaced. CM Carey reported that he has recently been told by residents that the public works staff do a very good job and are highly responsive to the people of the town, adding to a sense of community.



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

MINUTES

Council Reports

CM Christiansen, current chair of the Council Advisory Committee on Development Issues, announced a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 12 at 7:30 PM at UPES multi-purpose room for residents to voice their opinions to the planning group of the Prince Georges Plaza Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zone. CM Christiansen also encouraged residents to join the Committee.

CM Alvarez reported that a Tree Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Continuing Business

Mayor Tabori, the Council and Dan Baden continued discussions on the FY 2015 proposed budget. There is a request for \$5,000 for the FY 2015 Budget from Adam Ortiz, Director, DER and Patrick Wojahn, Council Member, College Park to partner with surrounding municipalities for a feasibility study that would evaluate the level of need, staffing levels, location, size and functions of the site to build a second animal shelter in the 4-cities area. Municipalities include College Park, Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton, Greenbelt, Hyattsville and Riverdale Park.

The Council agreed to add a new line item called North County Animal Shelter Study and to put \$100 down with a promise to the group that the full \$5,000 will be considered after reviewing the proposed study.

Legislative Resolution 14-O-05: Fiscal 2015 Budget (2nd Reading) This Ordinance will be considered for passage on May 19, 2014. A super majority is required to adopt the budget.

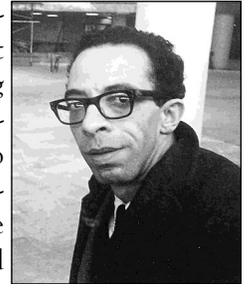
New Business

To reconsider the location of the Veterans Memorial site located on the Wells Run side of the intersection of Wells Parkway, Clagett Road and Eversfield Drive resolution 12-R-06 and to request the Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee consider additional sites. **Motion to authorize the Town Council to reconsider Resolution 12-R-06 for the Veterans Memorial site.** Motion defeated 2 to 3 (Gekas and Alvarez, Yea; Brosch, Christiansen and Carey, Nay.) Note: The Veterans Memorial Design Advisory Committee will give a presentation on June 2.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:05 PM.

OBITUARY

Ralph Dawson Matthews Jr., a long-time UP resident, died on April 3 at the Adelphi House, an assisted living facility. He was 86 years old. Matthews was a top-flight journalist who followed in the footsteps of his father as managing editor of the AFRO American Newspapers and was a friend to Malcolm X and Miles Davis, among others.



Matthews was born in Baltimore and attended Syracuse University. During summer breaks from college, he worked with his father, Ralph Matthews Sr., at the Baltimore AFRO American Newspaper. He became the newspaper's managing editor in 1977. Matthews worked at the AFRO until 1986.

Matthews was an important chronicler of the Black Power movement in the 1960s and 1970s as the creator and editor of the New York Citizen Call newspaper in Harlem. He reported on the important events of that movement, meeting with Malcolm X on a weekly basis. In fact, Matthews was allegedly the only reporter allowed into the meeting between Malcolm X and Cuban president and revolution leader Fidel Castro in 1960.

Matthews was also an early managing editor of broadcast news at Howard University's WHUT-TV. In that capacity he managed the grant that allowed him to hire and train many young black broadcast professionals who worked in front of and behind the camera. In his later years, he worked as an educator in the D.C. Department of Health and was also a speechwriter for Mayor Marion Barry.

Matthews was a life-long lover and advocate of jazz and a jazz concert promoter. He was often called upon to lecture on the music he loved and the musicians that made it great, many of whom he knew personally. It was through this work that he met and befriended Miles Davis. Matthews also served as jazz historian for the Jazz Listening Group of D.C.

Ralph Matthews Jr. is survived by his wife Sharon; his daughter, Marcy Crump; his oldest son, David Matthews; his youngest son, Khari Charles Matthews; a grandson, Shawn, and three granddaughters: Talia, Zora and Isabella.

Wedding Congratulations



David Alan Cron and Tina Marie Pappas were married on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel with 240 guests in attendance. David is a lifelong resident of University Park and attended University Park Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School and Northwestern High School. David graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2006. Tina attend-

ed The Academy of the Holy Cross and she is a 2010 graduate of Virginia Tech.

David is the son of Michael and Carol Cron of Underwood Street, University Park. The groom's grandparents, Martha and Victor Parker were residents of University Park from 1958-1979. Tina is the daughter of Chris and Teresa Pappas of Potomac, Maryland. The wedding reception was hosted by the Pappas family at Congressional Country Club in Potomac. The Crons hosted a rehearsal dinner at Normandie Farm in Potomac.

The UMD Chapel for wedding ceremonies has become a Cron family tradition, as Michael and Carol were married there 35 years ago, and the groom's brother, Jon, married Shannon Cron there in 2010. David and Tina met about six years ago in College Park through mutual friends, some of whom were in the wedding party.

Tina's Maid of Honor was her sister, Jennifer Pappas, and bridesmaids included Shannon Cron and six others. David's Best Man was Jon Cron, and he had seven other groomsmen. Three-year-old Christopher Cron, the groom's nephew and godson, served as the ring bearer.

The bride wore an off-the-shoulder white lace wedding dress with a cathedral train, both beaded with Swarovski crystals and an elegant headpiece made with Swarovski crystals. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white hydrangeas, pink peonies and baby pink roses. The bridesmaids wore navy blue floor length gowns of varying styles and carried similar bouquets.

Special guests at the wedding included Annette and Stephen Silcock, who traveled to Maryland from New Zealand for the wedding. Annette Gray Silcock was an AFS exchange student hosted by Carol's family. Michael,

Carol and David enjoyed a spectacular trip to New Zealand following David's college graduation in 2006.

After a week-long honeymoon at Sandals Resort in St. Lucia, David and Tina Cron will reside in Potomac, Maryland.

UP Woman's Club News

June 2, Sir Walter Raleigh Inn Restaurant

At the May 5 meeting of the UP Woman's Club, Inc. members elected Jana Over of College Heights Estates president for the 2014-2016 term. Additional officers elected were Jacquie Groppe, Vice-President; Sara Nelkin, Secretary; and Michelle Wedge, Treasurer. Current president Anna-Mae Kobbe will serve on the board of directors as the Past President/Director. Officers will be installed at the June club meeting and take office July 1.

The June 2 meeting will be held at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn Restaurant. Scholarships will be presented to two outstanding high school seniors. Pre-registration is required to attend the luncheon. For more information or to register for the June 2 meeting, please contact Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414.

UPplaygroup Playday Picnicpalooza

Saturday, June 7, Noon-2 PM



Pack a picnic lunch and head to the grassy area near the UP Tot Lot for a day of fun and music. Families and caregivers are invited to get to know their neighbors with young children (recommended for ages 0-12, but older children are welcome as well).

There's lots of fun in store, including a sing along to favorite kid-friendly songs with Mary Wheatley, face painting and outdoor games. Drinks and treats provided and an opportunity to get information on local playgroups. This is a free event sponsored by the University Park Civic Association. Pack your picnic and join us! Questions can be directed to Michelle Wedge (mdwedge@gmail.com) or Christine Becraft (christine_n_d@yahoo.com).



TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

UPCA Mutt Strut

Sunday, June 8, 9:30 AM



Woof! Woof! Join us for the 1st annual UPCA Mutt Strut at the UP Town Soccer Field. It will be a fun gathering for our precious dogs and their faithful human friends to take a two mile stroll through University Park escorted by the UP Police department.

Registration is \$5 per person with discounts for large families. Human entrants will get an event t-shirt and other goodies. We'd like to thank our generous sponsors C-PUP Pet Sitting & Dog Walking, Adelphi Pool, The Big Bad Woof and Lynn Animal Hospital. Don't miss the fun! For more information and to volunteer to help at the event, contact Linda Verrill (linda_verrill@yahoo.com, 301-927-6743).

UPCA Ice Cream Celebration

Thursday, June 12, 6-7:30 PM



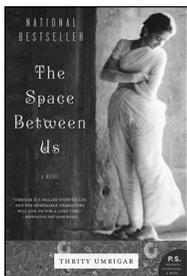
The UPCA says happy last full day of school to many of the children in UP and CHE and all the kids at UPES. Join the Mister Magic ice cream truck in front of UPES for an ice cream treat. Mister Magic sells all kinds of neat things from shakes to splits and everything in between! Stop by

for a treat on your last full day of school! All are welcome.

UPCA June Social

Tuesday, June 17, 5:30-9 PM

The UPCA June Social will be held at the Adelphi Pool as a potluck dinner. If you're a member of Adelphi Pool, be sure to plan to attend. If you're not a member, your visitor pass will be paid by the UPCA. Please bring a dessert, snack or adult beverage to share. Adelphi Pool is located at 9442 Riggs Road.



After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, June 17, 8-10 PM

The After 8 Book Group is open to all town residents. The June book selection is *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. Call Gerri Barnes at 301-439-9163

to attend. This is the final meeting of the 2013-14 season. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Please call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

July 4th Picnic and Parade

Friday, July 4, 10 AM

Join the University Park Civic Association for some Independence Day fun. Bike/Stroller/Wagon decorating starts at 10 AM near town hall on Queens Chapel Road. At 10:45 the parade marches down Queens Chapel with a picnic to follow at the UPES gazebo. Please bring a dish to share and chairs/blankets and drinks for you and your family. To volunteer please email Dawn Nichols at dawnandjoe@verizon.net

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.

Raq Out! Bellydance Concert *Saturday, June 7, 7:30 PM*

Bellydancers from a variety of different traditions from around the world will share this amazing dance form. Dancers are teachers and students from around the area, so this is a great community event. Free and open to the public.

Mini Bop Disco *Sunday, June 8, 2:30-4:30 PM*

Come dance to great hits when the Old Parish House will be transformed into a disco for kids and parents. Free.

College Park Youth Choir Spring Concert *Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 PM*

Youth Choir and Vocetti will perform at St Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave. College Park.

CPAE Summer Youth Musical

Join CPAE for a fun community youth production of *Alice in Wonderland*, directed by Allison Hughes and Laura Lising. No auditions, there is a part for everyone from chorus members to soloist. First rehearsal and read through is June 29; contact us for a rehearsal schedule. Performance on July 19 at 4:30 PM. Cost: \$30 per performer; Checks payable to CPAE due at the first rehearsal. Registration: <http://goo.gl/XK3OI7>. Deadline for registration is June 20.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series Filmmakers' Showcase *Monday, June 16, 7-9 PM* For the third year the Hyattsville Branch Library will close the Independent Film Series with a program showcasing the work of local filmmakers: *Creating a Different Image* directed by Olofunmilayo Macaran and another short film by student Jamal Samuel from Joe's Movement Emporium in Mt. Rainier.



An American Girl at Riversdale: Meet Caroline Abbott *Sunday, June 15, 1:30 PM* Caroline Abbott is the newest addition to American Girl's historic doll and book series. Riversdale House Museum will host Kathleen Ernst, author of the Caroline series. Guests ages 6 and up are invited to bring their dolls as they step

back into 1812 and participate in a program with Ms. Ernst, enjoy refreshments, and introduce their dolls to new friends at Riversdale. Period attire encouraged! \$18/residents, \$22/nonresidents. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Capacity limited; registration required by June 2.

Downtown College Park Farmers Market *Sundays, 10 AM-2 PM* The market is now in its fourth season and has an expanded roster of 15+ vendors, including new items such as artisan bread, jam, meat, pickles and wine. In addition to several new vendors, the market's returning favorites include Bill's BBQ and Miller Farms. More info at www.downtowncollegeparkmarket.org. College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road.

Adelphi Pool Memberships now available. Join your friends and neighbors for summer fun at the pool! The Adelphi Swimming Pool is a private, member-owned pool. Surrounded by trees and open spaces, the pool facilities are among the best in the area. We have a 50 meter Olympic size pool with multiple lap lanes, a diving well, a slide and a separate fenced in wading pool and play area for our youngest members. The pool has a wonderful new handicap accessible bath house with locker rooms, showers and snack bar. On the hill overlooking the pool is a shaded picnic area where families can enjoy food from home or cook on one of the pool's grills. Free swimming lessons offered at the beginning of the season for your little ones, a swim team for the older

kids and water aerobics. Check out adelhipool.org for membership info. Adelphi Pool 9442 Riggs Road.

Clip and Save!

Town Teen Workers List

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



Max Janzen, 13, Queens Chapel Road, 301-277-8268, chiefaardvark@gmail.com, soccer coaching for elementary-age kids, pet sitting, dog walking.

Didac Hormiga, 17, Van Buren Street, 301-832-4515, dhormiga15@gds.org, math tutor, Spanish tutor (native speaker), dog walking.

Charlie Butler, 14, Queens Chapel Road, 347-359-7654 or 301-277-7451, lawn mowing, trimming, dog walking, pet sitting.

Catie Catacalos, 16, Beechwood Road, 301-927-8108, reynecatacalos@gmail.com, babysitting, pet sitting including cats, dogs, small mammals and reptiles.

Louis Catacalos, 14, Beechwood Road, 301-927-8108, reynecatacalos@gmail.com, dog walking, soccer skills practice with kids 9 and under.

Nora Stewart, 15, Van Buren Street, 301-209-7341, nora.stewart@gmail.com, mother's helper, babysitting, pet sitting. Experienced with references available.

Andrew DeSantis, 16, and **Peter DeSantis**, 15, Van Buren Street, 301-779-9669, andydesand12@yahoo.com, peterdesantis8468@gmail.com, lawn and garden work, raking, window washing, painting, house sitting/pet sitting, watering plants, lifting heavy objects, and other miscellaneous household projects. Experienced with references.

Elan, 16, and **Ariel Markel**, 14, 41st Ave., 240-409-9990, a4markel@gmail.com, lawn mowing.

Alex Lesiw, 16, 301-852-8461, 40th Ave., lesiwalexander@gmail.com, lawn mowing and yard work.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION



The Town of University Park will hold a Special Election
for the
**OFFICE OF
COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD FOUR**
ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014

Polls will be open between
8 AM-8 PM
Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road

REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

- Online at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/VoterInformation/Information/Pages/default.aspx>
- At the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774, Monday -Friday, 8 AM-4:30 PM, 301-341-7300
- By picking up a voter's registration form at Town Hall

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

To register as a new voter the deadline is July 14, 2014 at 5 PM.

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

1. A citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of the Election,
3. A resident of University Park and
4. Registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the Election

CANDIDATE DEADLINE

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) need to be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by Monday, July 21, 2014. Packets are available at Town Hall and on our website, www.umpd.org under Elections. If residents have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk via phone or email.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DEADLINE

August 7, 2014 at 5 PM

Tracey J Toscano
Town Clerk
TownHall@upmd.org

Ed Lee and Stephanie Herold
Supervisor of Elections
Elections@upmd.org

Town of University Park
6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782
Monday-Friday 9 AM-5 PM
Office: 301-927-4262, Fax: 301-277-4548, TDD: 1-800-735-2258

Planning Forum
Community Listening Session
with the Prince George's Planning Department

**Planning the Future of the
Prince George's Metro Area**

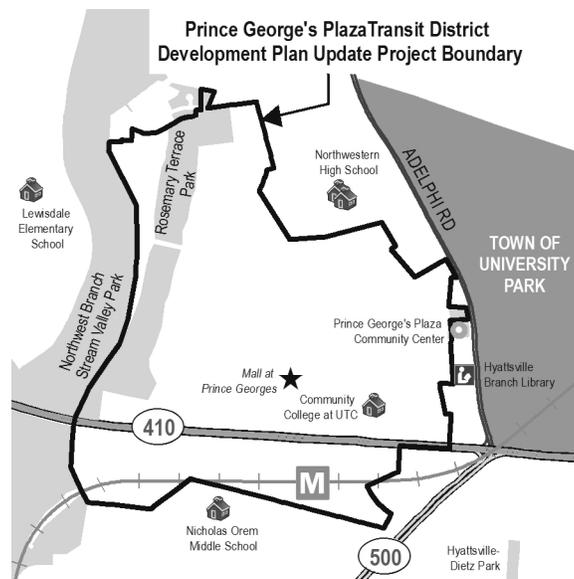
Thursday, June 12, 7:30 PM
UPES All Purpose Room

What changes would you like to see in the future of the Prince George's Plaza Transit District
(outlined on map below)?

Do you like the current pedestrian bridge? Have a better idea?

What might you like to see in a redeveloped Prince George's Plaza Mall?

Join in the conversation with the Prince George's Planning Department Staff and your friends and neighbors. This is a convenient opportunity to voice your ideas and concerns without travelling far from home while the county is still gathering information. There will be a short presentation about the planning process followed by the opportunity to meet in smaller groups to share ideas.



Hosted by the UP Development Oversight Committee with support from the following organizations:
University Park Women's Club, UPES PTA, UP Solar Co-op, UP Historical Society.

June 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Yard Waste UP Woman's Club Meeting, RSVP Town Council, 7:30 PM	3 Trash	4	5 Recycling Tree Forum, 7:30 PM	6 Trash	7 UP Playgroup Playday Picnicpalooza, Noon-2 PM
8 Mutt Strut, 9:30 AM 	9 Yard Waste	10 Trash	11 	12 Recycling UPCA Ice Cream Celebration/Take Back Our Yards Sign Up, 6-7:30 PM Planning Forum, 7:30 PM	13 Trash	14
15	16 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	17 Trash UPCA June Social, 5:30-9 PM After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM	18	19 Recycling	20 Trash	21
22	23 Yard Waste	24 Trash	25	26 Recycling	27 Trash	28
29	30 Yard Waste	July 1 Trash	July 2	July 3 Recycling	July 4 Fourth of July Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up July 4th Picnic and Parade, 10 AM 	



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Town Council

Ward	Council Member	Phone
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2	James Gekas	301-864-2734
3	Arlene Christiansen	301-927-2394
4	Lenford C. Carey	301-864-1383
5	Heidi Sorensen	301-927-4977
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

NEWSLETTER

The July-August newsletter deadline is Wednesday, June 4. 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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