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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Congratulations and welcome to David Caskey, newly elected to Council from Ward 5. I will say more when a good time presents, but congratulate and thank departing Ward 5 Council Member Heidi Sorensen for her strong service on the Council. Also, congratulations to James Gekas, Linda Verrill and Michael Cron, reelected to Council representing (respectively) Ward 2, Ward 4 and Ward 6.

Newly elected and reelected Council Members will take the oath of office at 7:30 p.m. June 15, at the beginning of the Council meeting. Please come to observe, and to welcome the new Council as well as thank you to the departing member.

The Town bus service began in 2002 through a federally-funded county grant program which enabled the purchase of a small bus with wheel chair lift to serve senior citizens and individuals who for medical or physical reasons required transportation assistance to shop for food or get to medical or other vital appointments. Very quickly the Town experimented with adding morning and afternoon shuttle service for residents commuting via the Prince George's Plaza Metro station. The experiment was successful enough that, with residents urging that the commuter shuttle made public transit a much more viable financial and environmental alternative to commuting by automobile, it became an established service of the Town in 2003.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	June 1 & 15
Development Overview Committee	June 17
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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Use and popularity of the Town bus continues to grow. From 6-9:30 AM and again from 4-7:30 PM on weekdays, the bus provides a commuter shuttle for town residents between the Prince George's Plaza Metro station and various locations in town. On weekdays between 10 AM and 3 PM, the bus is available as a para-transit service and residents may call the Town Hall in advance to schedule a ride within a 5-mile radius of our community. Most Tuesdays, there is also a shuttle service for seniors to grocery stores. Both commuter and paratransit services are popular and growing in use: the shuttle to and from Metro transports 50-55 residents on 80 to 100 one-way trips on most weekdays. The paratransit Call-A-Bus service, dubbed the "senior bus" by many of the older residents who rely on it, transports another 25-30 most months.



The Town leases one bus (known to riders as the new bus) through the County's Call-A-Bus program and owns a second (the old bus) as a needed back-up. The Town employs three part-time drivers: one for mornings, one for evenings and a substitute. I often hear from bus riders about the high-quality service, great care and how they miss the drivers when they are absent. Currently, it costs the Town about \$81,000 annually to operate this transit service. This cost should be weighed against the reduction in vehicle miles traveled by residents, individual cost savings, reduced carbon emissions and the possibility of owning fewer cars. Also, the availability of these Town bus services adds value to our homes and to the quality of life in our community. However we measure their worth, these factors are important to why we live in University Park and in how we get around.

At present, however, both Town buses are in rough shape, presenting both challenge and—behind it—some opportunity to improve the bus program. The new bus, a 2008 Ford leased from the County but maintained at Town expense, requires further costly repairs. The substitute old bus—a 2000 Chevy—is also on the edge of inop-

erability. There is some risk as a result that without the Town bearing significant repair or replacement costs, we would be unable to continue to operate the shuttle and senior bus programs. To address this, I have asked for Council action to purchase two buses, one new and the other used, both appropriately sized and configured for University Park's needs for the future. Purchasing two buses can be expensive. However, the Town is fortunate to have ample reserves, enabling us to pay for both buses without further increase of Town Real Property Tax rates above the rate already proposed.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayor@upmd.org

Shade Tree Reimbursement Program

The Town may offer reimbursement of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) toward the purchase price of any tree listed in the official Town shade tree list that is planted on private property, not to exceed a total of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) in a five (5) year period to any individual household or property, upon such terms and conditions as the Town deems reasonable. Any reimbursements are subject to appropriation and available funding. Approved reimbursement will be made available after successful planting of said tree(s).

Notice of Introduction of Emergency FY 2015 Budget Amendment

On May 18, 2015, Emergency Ordinance 15-O-09 was introduced. This ordinance would amend the Fiscal Year 2015 budget by transferring \$95,000.00 from Unreserved Funds to a new line item, "Transit Bus Purchase" under General Government to fully fund the purchase of a replacement bus or buses and transferring \$7,000.00 from Unreserved Funds to the Street Tree Maintenance line item to pay the cost of Town arborist services in connection oversight of the work authorized by the PEPCO vegetation management permit issued by the Town. The meeting set for June 1, 2015 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The ordinance would take effect immediately upon adoption.

For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Our University Park green space is a wonderful town amenity that serves many purposes. With paved paths, ball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, streams, a beautiful tree canopy, memorials and carvings, it is our treasured town park. With over twenty-five acres owned by the town and dedicated to recreation and conservation it is home to wildlife and serves as a backyard to all of the residents. It has survived floods, a microburst, gypsy moths, snowstorms and droughts and always springs back to be a wonderful place to get away for a quiet moment. Dogs love it, as do raccoon, fox, deer, opossum, ducks, herons and the untold number of birds that find comfort there throughout the year.

As some of you know, prior to finding my place in the University Park Police Department, I served as a Park Police officer in both Prince George's and Montgomery County.



While with the park police, I rode a park police horse for many years through much of the over 50,000 acres of parkland and recreation areas, and I believe our park is comparable to many of the wonderful park areas in this region.

Thank you to a large group of residents that recently spent a Saturday morning cleaning up debris that had accumulated in the creek. I presume much of the debris comes from storm drains that empty into the stream and carry items downstream to litter its banks. Also, thank you to the residents that call to notify us when graffiti appears on various items throughout the park, as we attempt to remove it as quickly as practical. In my experience, the way to keep our parks safe is to keep them clean, keep them usable, take pride and ownership, and promote usage. The more people that use our park, the safer it will be.

Walk your dog through the park, but please pick up after your pets. Do not litter and if you see litter, please pick it up and drop it in a receptacle. Make the park a part of your daily walk, run or bicycling routine. Play tennis. Bring your tots to the tot lot playground; it's better than Disney World, much closer and less expensive. Take

time to reflect at the 9-11 Memorial, check out the new carvings in the park, sign your children up for youth soccer, t-ball or lacrosse. Plan a picnic in the park, join the Ivy League and help contain the aggressive growth of the vine. Be a bird watcher. Play in the stream. Play in the wooded area. Most importantly, play. Help keep our park safe by using it. Sometimes the best place to have fun is right in our own back yard.

Vandalism Between April 23 and April 24 in the 6500 block of Baltimore Ave. unknown suspect/s broke the bus stop enclosure glass. No witness or suspect was located.

Vandalism Between April 8 7:30 PM and April 9 6:30 AM in the 6400 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s broke the right rear window of a 2014 Subaru Outback. No property was taken from within the vehicle. No witness or suspect was located.

Ivy League Made In the Shade Saturday, June 13, 9-11 AM

The Ivy League invites you to our next session in the deep shade north of Wells Run, east of Queen's Chapel. Please assemble by the tennis courts on the east side of Queen's Chapel, across from UPES. Bring hand clippers, large screwdriver or dandelion weeder. Wear long sleeves,; gloves recommended. Remember: five sessions will earn participants a one of a kind, limited edition, custom Ivy League bandana. You may be closer than you think to fashion envy.

Ivy League Building Bridges

Olive Key Muller, of College Park, became the first nonresident to earn an Ivy League bandana. This intrepid 13-year-old has by her example forged new alliances between our neighboring jurisdictions, erasing boundaries and forging strong links of interurban cooperation. Three Cheers for Ivy League! Three Cheers for Olive Muller!



Vote for Me and I'll Be Your Tree

Please forward your candidates for Tree of the Month. It does not have to be the biggest, the oldest, the most anything. It just needs to be a tree that you like. Ideally, the tree should be on or viewable from public land.

-Chris Aubry, On behalf of the Tree Committee.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 2 Special Session Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentations

Mr. Brad Frome, Deputy Chief of Staff for the County Executive's Office and Rey de Guzman, Chief of Site Road Plan Review Division for the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement talked about the Cafritz Project and stormwater management related to a seven acre portion on the property located in the southwest corner of the site. A presentation was given on their plans to control the water flow into Wells Run. It was determined that holding the water in an underground storage system on the Cafritz property and releasing it slowly during large rainstorms would make little difference in peak flows along Wells Run at the Route 1 bridge.

Questions and Comments (editor's note: responses are in italics)

- How much can Wells Run handle? As we know now, it does flood because of University Town Center and the Prince George's Plaza area. Who's to say that regardless how this is handled, it doesn't create a bigger blockage where Cafritz water meets Wells Run and backs up? There are defects in the culverts that already exist on Wells Run through Riverdale Park. Are those going to be taken care of? It needs to be widened. We need to get the road blocks out of there so the water flows better. *This water is going to enter Wells Run. The question is, when does it enter Wells Run. The last thing you want is to have this water entering Wells Run when the flows in Wells Run are already at or near peak.*
- We currently have problems with hundred year floods that happen more often than every hundred years, so we're still going to have problems. So the development is certainly not going to help us. *The bulk of this site drains into Wells Run already, or did before it was developed.*
- The state does not require mitigation for a hundred year storm event? Could you clarify that? *Counties have a lot of discretion as to the standards they set for water quantity control. Prince George's County applies a higher standard than anywhere else in the state, which is, if you've got downstream flooding, you mandate a hundred years of control on site. So that's a standard that we apply. That doesn't have anything to do with the state.*
- Was the underground storage in the original Detailed

Site Plan approved by the Planning Board or was that some type of conceptual plan? *What was originally approved was that you have to control a hundred years off site. The Detailed Site Plan (DSP) doesn't itself touch stormwater. Stormwater runs concurrent with the DSP. Their plan right now is approved with an underground storage tank. What we have now is an amendment to their approved stormwater plan at the technical level to remove the underground storage tank that's part of what has been approved.*

Brian Devila, Public Sector Division Manager from Charles P. Johnson And Associates gave a presentation on his evaluation of the stormwater issue on the Cafritz property and Wells Run. Mr. Devila stated that he was in agreement with the study that was prepared and has found that this development has no impact on flooding issues along Wells Run upstream or downstream of Route 1.

Questions and Comments (editor's note: responses are in italics)

- The peak without underground stormwater is going to happen, based on your scale, how many minutes before the peak with underground storage? *I think it is about twelve minutes.*
- You're not saying there will be no difference in the amount of water going downstream? So it shouldn't have any impact on upstream. *It's basically no difference. There is no impact on upstream.*
- The Route 1 bridge has got to be replaced sooner than later. Let's say we replace the bridge, can this bridge be built so that there is no resistance, no culvert, you have a steel bridge where you have a free flow of water, would that have any impact at all? *It's a lot easier to just say, okay, let's replace the bridge and let more water come out. The impact of that would be on the downstream side. In the county, you cannot just replace the bridge because you have to go and analyze the downstream impact of making the bridge a little bit bigger. Once you make the bridge a little bit bigger, it will create a downstream impact because you are releasing the water fast. It increases the water service elevation downstream of the bridge. This will not solve the problem of the flooding.*
- To mitigate flooding in University Park, the best place to deal with that is 9 Pond? *Most definitely.*
- Do we have any analysis of the capacity of 9 Pond and whether 9 Pond would be sufficient to encompass this goal? *Basically they have determined it will work but the issue is more environmental because it is a wetland and it creates a lot of environmental impact.*

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•The impact of the Cafritz drainage, the seven acres, that is coming in on the east side of Route 1, does that come into the volume or pressure that would exacerbate the flooding on the west side of Route 1, which is the University Park side? *No, it will not have any impact on the west side of Route 1.*

•Who gets to make this decision? *From the feds to the state, from the state to the county gives control over permitting with water called, the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, which is monitored on how much water goes into the tributaries that eventually goes into the federal waterways.*

•Where does the water from Wells Run feed into? Are there towns downstream from us who experience the same kind of flooding? *This is a very wet area. We all know DC is a wet area in general. This project and how they conducted it in general is going to lead to no more water going into Wells Run than had been. Having an underground storage tank or not is not going to have a difference in the water in Wells Run either.*

•The whole thing here changes on how much water and how fast it is coming from the 9 Pond area. When the calculations were made were you talking about the way it is developed now or the way it is going to be developed? *The studies they use to build these numbers is existing conditions. So the water at Wells Run is based on what is happening now.*

•You seem to be making an assumption that all waters are going to be falling on the same place at the same time at the same rate but all storms are a little different. So having that place to retain water for a certain period of time may actually be an advantage in some storms. *Since this is a less than one square mile drainage area, the standard practice is just to assume that and it's a pretty good assumption. It's based on scientific studies that this is the proper way to model this particular drainage area.*

•In reference to 9 Pond and if it is able to hold enough water back, if you have a development at Prince George's Plaza or if you are trying to reduce the amount of water coming off the existing development there, is the work sufficient to make a difference downstream in University Park and Riverdale? *The short answer is yes, based on the studies that have been done before. A study was done in 2011 and the report is available on the town website.*

•Why can't you build a box to collect rainwater and slowly allow it to either drain or leach into the ground and in case of a hundred year flood come out the top of the box and go directly into Wells Run? *The environmental site design is exactly what you describe.*

•What percentage of the rainfall on the parking lot goes

into those swales, 100%, 50%? *The parking lot is permeable pavement.*

•Are there any storm drains on that parking lot? *No, it's permeable pavement. Permeable pavement means there are holes in the asphalt so the water goes right through it and into the ground. The owner of Whole Foods will have to maintain the surface. Every three years the county inspectors will inspect the surface and if it is not in conformance to the standards there will be a fine.*

•How do we protect our homes in case of an incident of flooding? This money that's in front of us right now, let's make it count for the community that could be impacted by flooding that can happen instead of saying this Cafritz piece won't have an impact at all. *You are probably experiencing flooding issues on your property and you have been for quite some time.*

•The type 2 model for the rainfall, it does somewhat say that basically we are going to treat rainfall across the United States more or less the same unless you are in type 1 or type 3 environment. To what extent have you done any sensitivity analysis on it? *Type 2 is the standard that is applied to this region. Type 2 is the one that produces the highest peak, so this is the worst case scenario for the area.*

•The study for 9 Pond identified a drainage area for Wells Run that's dramatically different than the drainage area that's in this study. Why is the upstream drainage area so dramatically different? *It has more accurate information now than before.*

•If the bridge collapses, who pays to fix it? *State Highway is responsible for that bridge. They will have to analyze the downstream and upstream impact of the bridge.*

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM by consensus.

April 13 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

Very concerned about the amount of time it took to speak with a person when dialing 911. Would like to see a change made to prevent this from happening in the future.

Presentation

Tim Davis of Soltesz, for Calvert Tract LLC re: plans for the installation of a new traffic signal and associated

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sidewalk improvements at Van Buren Street and Baltimore Avenue. Council will consider a special utility permit for this project at the town meeting on April 20, 2015.

- The work in University Park will be limited to sidewalks, curb ramps and paint markings.
- The sidewalk will be closed temporarily during installation.
- There have been no changes in the materials used or traffic flows since the last report to University Park.

A council member expressed great concern that the work being done now with the crosswalk might not be at the right level to allow the stormwater to go where it needs to go.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to erect a new storage shed of a maximum size of 10' x 12' x 6' located at 4320 Underwood Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to expand an existing patio, driveway and repave walkway, steps and porch; and repair underground drain located at 3901 Underwood Street.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit with special exception to push out and expand the existing nonconforming 6' fence, located at 3901 Underwood Street. Council makes the requisite findings to approve this special exception per Section 4-115 Subsections A-E of the town code. Motion approved 5 to 0 (Cron abstains).

Motion to approve a special utility permit for WSSC to dig in town right-of-way to connect water mains at Sheridan, Tuckerman and Van Buren Streets to a water main replacement along Baltimore Avenue as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Continuing Business

Motion to approve the adoption of Resolution 15-O-06 to amend the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance as follows:

- 1. Establish a Revenue account for Sale of Asset - \$2,250*
- 2. Establish a Revenue account for Street Repair Rebate - WSSC \$294,805*

3. Increase Unreserved Fund Balance by \$297,055

Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 15-O-07: Fiscal 2016 Budget. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 18, 2015. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comment

Concerned about the tax increase and asked the Council to be mindful of the residents that are on fixed incomes.

Motion to approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 15-O-08 Amendment of 2015 FY Budget to add a part time position for a bookkeeper, enabling the town treasurer to take on additional duties involving project management and grant application. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 4, 2015. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that:

- A special session for Cafritz stormwater management was held on April 2.
- A special session on zoning and subdivision ordinance update will be held on April 16 at UPES at 7 PM.
- A response was received from the Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board. The town attorney is following up on the response and the Council will be informed when the information is available. It is expected to have a contract for approval for the University Park newsletter editors at the next Council meeting.
- The Azalea Classic is scheduled for April 18.
- Jerry Pasternak will be at the April 20 Council meeting to talk about Pepco Vegetation Management.
- The following is scheduled for April 28: County Executive Rushern Baker will be at University Park Elementary School for a budget walk-through along with Superintendent of Schools Kevin Maxwell. The Hyattsville Community Center will hold an open house for the Prince George's Plaza Area TDDP/TDOZ update from 5 -7 PM. A scheduled Civic Association open house at 3901 Underwood Street.
- The town election is scheduled for May 5, 2015.
- A handout was distributed for upcoming projects from the Anacostia Watershed Society.

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Council Reports

CM Gekas has been given a list of the developers on the Prince Georges Plaza side of town and will circulate this information to the Council.

CM Thompson said that former Ward 1 Council Member Dave Brosch informed him that the Maryland community solar bill passed the House and the Senate.

CM Alvarez said that the Development Overview Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

April 16 Special Session Council Meeting Highlights

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

Update of Zoning Ordinance in Prince George's County

Mr. Chad Williams and Ms. Brittany Drakeford from Prince George's County Planning Commission presented a power point presentation, which described the background of the current zoning ordinance and process and goals.

The Prince George's Zoning Rewrite power point presentation is available on the town website at: <http://www.upmd.org/docs/11-749-1431637093.pdf>

Mr. Williams described the comprehensive process for rewriting the county's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, which determine how land or property in Prince George's County can be developed. Mr. Williams encouraged community involvement, explaining that University Park residents have a critical stake in this rewrite because zoning and subdivision standards are developed with community input. Communities also assist in determining land use, as well as how buildings are constructed and what types of businesses are allowed in a community.

Rewriting the zoning code and subdivision regulations will establish fundamental aspects for our neighborhoods like walkability, building heights, streetscapes,

police stations, schools, bike trails, even whether and how you can build a fence or deck.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:40 PM.

April 20 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

Concerned that the current budget is being discussed at different meetings. In the past, there was an opportunity for a forum and discussion with the public. It was suggested that there be a budget committee. The concern with the present budget is health care benefits. Do part time employees get health care and do the employees pay towards the benefits? When was the last time that the health care was negotiated? The town code states that an inventory is done by the treasurer every year and updated every three months. Is this information available to the public? What is the breakdown of legal costs for the town and where can this information be found?

A follow up on the resident who complained about the amount of time it took for 911 to respond to an emergency call—the response from the county was that this rarely happens and there is no apparent reason why it happened to this resident.

Presentation: Pepco Vegetation Management

Vice President Jerry Pasternak and Pepco Forester Marty Lieb spoke regarding Pepco plans to prune and remove public and private trees in town. Council will consider a special utility permit for this project at a later Council meeting.

- The reason for the work being done by Pepco is that in 2011 the General Assembly passed a reliability statute requiring the Public Service Commission, which regulates the utilities in Maryland, to adopt regulations to improve reliability.
- Trees will either be pruned or removed.
- Pepco works collaboratively with the public works director and the town arborist to reach an agreement on the scope of work for each tree.

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- Trees that need attention on private property will be contacted personally by a Pepco representative. If the homeowner is not home, a door hanger will be left with contact information.
- Trees will not be removed from private property unless the homeowner gives written permission.
- Pruning of trees on private property does not require written permission.
- Cases where homeowners do not give permission to have work done on their property must be documented to the state.
- Stumps will be removed by the town.
- A tree voucher is offered for trees removed from private property or Pepco will directly plant the tree, depending on what the homeowner prefers.
- On public property, Pepco will replace every tree that is removed.
- Door hangers have been distributed to the homeowners that require work on their property.
- Letters will be mailed to every customer whether work will be done on their property or not.
- Information can be found on Pepco's website under tree trimming 101.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing driveway that is 680 sq. ft. located at 4320 Underwood Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to demolish and remove the stand-alone one car garage located at 4310 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a covered 60-foot ditch with pipe and gravel within the boundaries of the property along the north side of the house located at 6712 41st Avenue, with the condition that the town engineer approve details of the ditch prior to construction and approve it upon completion. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve a special utility permit for Calvert Tract LLC to install a new traffic signal and associated sidewalk improvements at Van Buren Street and Baltimore Avenue involving some work in the town right-of-way as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Hess abstains).

Panel of Civic Groups

Connie Visnic, University Park Civic Association
Becky Widman, University Park Elementary School Parent Teacher Association
Kristi Janzen, Azalea Classic

Each civic group gave a brief presentation explaining their need for financial support from the town. The town attorney said that generally when money is given to an organization, the town should request from the group a release from liability or hold harmless.

New Business

Motion: Resolved that the mayor request that SHA design the regrading and repavement of Baltimore Avenue so that stormwater at the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren run into storm drain at north side of Van Buren near intersection with 44th in conjunction with work already scheduled to be done. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

The mayor reported that Arbor Day is scheduled for April 24 at UPES. The Anacostia Watershed Society tree planting is scheduled for April 25. The town is scheduled to plant trees in Ward 5 on May 2.

CM Alvarez reported that the Veterans Memorial Design Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported that a Ward 5 candidate is pending approval from the election judges.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the March 2015 treasurer's report.

Police Chief Wynnyk attended the Azalea Classic. With the mayor, he met with the potential buyers of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Department of Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that electronics recycling is scheduled for next Saturday from 9 AM-1 PM at University Park Elementary School.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

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May 4 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

A request was made to ask Paula Martino to drive through Town since there seem to be a lot of lawns that are not being maintained.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to construct an 8' x 12' shed located at 6716 40th Avenue. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve a special utility permit for WSSC to rehabilitate sewer pipes and manholes in the Town right-of-way as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve a special utility permit for WSSC to dig in Town right-of-way to connect water mains at 43rd Avenue and MD 410 as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Continuing Business

Motion to approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 15-O-08 Amendment of 2015 FY budget to add a part time position for a bookkeeper, enabling the treasurer to take on additional duties including project management and applications for grants needed to fund infrastructure and other projects in town, with the condition that the Council review the efficacy of this bookkeeper position with each budget cycle beginning with fiscal year 2017. Motion approved 6 to 0. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 4, 2015.

Motion to reduce line item S3 (Street Tree Maintenance) to \$22,000 and create a new line item S8 (Promotional Signage) for \$3,000. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to schedule a special session on May 28, 2015 at 7:30 PM (location to be determined) to complete council action on FY 2016 budget and tax rate. Motion approved 6 to 0.

TOWN EVENTS

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that the Town election will be held on May 5 for Wards 2, 4, 5 and 6. Mayor Carey proposed that at the first council meeting in June that a Council photo be taken. The Route 1 Coalition meeting will be held either June 17-18 or 24-25 in Riverdale Park. The meeting will focus on condition and plans for the school systems capital. The mayor participated in the town tree planting along Oakridge and Holly Hill.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

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.

Charlie Butler, 15, 347-359-7654, Queens Chapel Road, Charlesbutlererhs@gmail.com lawn care, pet sitting.

Nora Stewart, 16, 301-209-7341, Van Buren Street, nora.stewart@gmail.com, mother's helper, babysitting, pet sitting and tutoring. CPR certificate. Experienced with references available.

Andrew DeSantis, 17, and **Peter DeSantis**, 15, 301-779-9669, Van Buren Street, cutting lawns, trimming, weeding, painting, washing windows, lifting heavy objects, and performing miscellaneous household jobs. References are available.

Frances (Franny) Ashcraft, 20, 301-832-4279, Tuckerman Street, f.c.ashcraft@gmail.com. CPR and first aid training. Baby sit any ages, pet sit and/or house sit.

Nick Spears, 19, 240-676-6856, Tuckerman Street, lawn mowing, yard work, baby sitting, errands, chores, packing and moving (out of town June 11-July 25).

Mitchell Moore, 17, dmitchellmoore@hotmail.com, lawn service (mowing, weeding raking, etc.), snow shoveling, miscellaneous home chores (like furniture moving), baby sitting and pet sitting.

Molly Moore, 15, mollymariemoore@gmail.com, baby sitting, pet sitting, summer tutoring, swim lessons at Adelphi pool.

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Patrick Whelton, 16, 301-440-8789, Woodberry Street, twhelton@umd.edu, grass cutting, yard work, car washing, pet care.

Nadia BenAissa, 16, 248-462-1509, Wells Parkway, nadiasb13@gmail.com, baby sitter.

Ellen Baugher, 20, (240) 676-7333, 44th Avenue, ellenbaugher@gmail.com, baby sitting and pet sitting. References available.

UPCA News



University Park welcomed many visitors to our town by getting rid of some unneeded items during the

UPCA Spring Yard Sale on May 9. Thanks to all of the households who participated! The UPplaygroup also held a great event for our infants and preschoolers on May 3. Much appreciation to the coordinators: Christine Becraft, Kara Frome and Elizabeth Seeger, for helping set up the Meet 'n' Greet.

In June, the University Park Civic Association will be holding events for dog lovers, tennis players and pool goers. Visit our website at UPCivicAssociation.com to keep up to date, or to pay your \$25 annual dues to help keep us running. Also, if you're interested in volunteering for an event, contact UPCA President Connie Visnic (connie.visnic@gmail.com) or the event chairperson listed below. We look forward to seeing you at our events!

UPWC Scholarship Winners



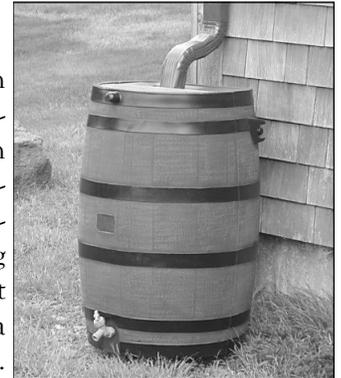
The University Park Woman's Club has selected three students to receive scholarships this year. The University Park Woman's Club scholarship for \$1000 is awarded to Penelope Daniel, a senior at Elizabeth Seton High School. The Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship for \$1000 is awarded to Vanessa Herrera, a senior at Northwestern High School. An additional Doris McPhee Scholarship for \$500 is awarded to Ambrea Williams, a Northwestern High School senior. All of the students demonstrated high academic and personal achievements.

Rain Water Harvesting with Rain Barrels

Saturday, June 6

10 AM-Noon

Learn how to design a rain water harvesting system using rain barrels, get a rain barrel rebate from the county, and slow down the stormwater run-off damaging Wells Run, the Northeast Branch and the Anacostia River. 6900 Wells Parkway.



For information contact emefurlong@gmail.com, or just come on by! Light Refreshments will be served.

Mutt Strut (Woof!)

Sunday, June 7, 9-10:30 AM

The 2nd annual UPCA Mutt Strut will be held at the UP Town Soccer Field. What could be more fun than people and dogs taking a 1.5 mile stroll through University Park escorted by the UP Police department? Human entrants get a t-shirt and other goodies; matching bandanas for dogs; prizes, booths, entertainment and donuts!

Don't miss out! Registration is only \$5 per person. To register go to UPCivicAssociation.com. For more information, contact Linda Verrill, linda_verrill@yahoo.com or 301-927-6743.



University Park Tennis Club

Summer Meet Up & Sign Up

Sunday, June 7, 10AM-Noon

Bring your gear and meet with other tennis players in the neighborhood. Play a match or two with others, or if you're a beginner, go over some basics. Tennis balls and water will be provided! Queen's Chapel Rd. Tennis Courts. Please contact John Gekas with any questions at UniversityParkTennis@gmail.com.

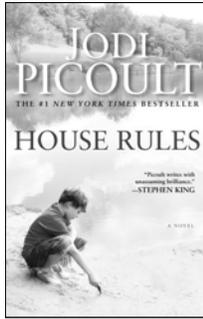


**University Park
Tennis Club**

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

After 8 Book Group Tuesday, June 16, 8-10 PM

The June book will be *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month (the second Tuesday in December) from September to June. Please call Mollie Huitema at 301-927-5836 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information. Get a head start on the books for fall. The books for September through December



are: Anthony Doerr, *All the Light We Cannot See*; Bill Bryson, *A Walk in the Woods*; Stewart O'Nan, *Emily Alone* or *Wish You Were Here*; Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead*.

UPCA June Social Tuesday, June 30, 7-9 PM

Come to the June social of the University Park Civic Association at the Adelphi Pool and enjoy the summer outdoors or in the water! Stop in any time after 4 PM, sign in at the front desk and the UPCA will pay your guest fee. You can bring a picnic and have a delightful dinner outside. At 7 PM, the Tiki Bar will be serving rum and virgin frozen cocktails, courtesy of the UPCA. The pool is very kid friendly, including a toddler pool for those with small children. A fun evening for everyone in the neighborhood. See you poolside! Adelphi Pool, 9442 Riggs Rd.

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.

Save The Date: 4th of July Saturday, July 4, 10 AM-Noon

Decorate your bikes, join a parade, play some games and enjoy a neighborhood potluck as the UPCA celebrates Independence Day with our Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Contact Connie Visnic (connie.visnic@gmail.com) if you'd like to help. The setup is slightly different this year, so here is the full schedule:



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.

10:45-11:00 The Parade!

11:00-11:45 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!



Riverdale

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

Tasting the Past: The Virginia Housewife Sunday, June 7, 1:15 PM Foodways historian Leni Sorensen shares her research on Mary Randolph, author of a landmark 19th century cookbook, and her enslaved cooks in antebellum Richmond. This lecture and tasting is a joint program with the Culinary Historians of Washington, DC. Resident/\$10; Nonresident/\$12.

Father's Day Tours Sunday, June 21, 12:15 PM Make this Father's Day memorable! Bring your father, grandfather or other special gentleman for a free guided tour of Riverdale House during open hours. One free tour per paid admission. \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/students, free for children 4 & under.

Jazz on the Lawn Saturday, June 27, 7 PM Bring a blanket or lawn chair, pack a picnic and enjoy some of the area's top jazz musicians. Supported by a grant from the Town of Riverdale Park and the Maryland State Arts Council. Rain date will be the next day.

- June 27 - Project Natale
- July 25 - Cheek to Cheek
- August 15 - Miles Spicer Group

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Hyattsville Arts Festival Call for Exhibitors & Performers

The Annual Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival Exhibitors Application and Performers Application are now available online at <http://hyattsvilleartsfestival.com>. The festival will be held Saturday,

September 19 from 11 AM-5 PM. This is a juried festival. Only original artwork, photography, handmade jewelry and crafts are allowed. No commercial merchandise will be accepted unless it is incredibly unique and environmentally friendly in nature. Food vending is not allowed. Performances of all types will be welcomed for the main stage. We welcome submissions from throughout the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area. Performer applications must be received (not postmarked) by 6 PM on Monday, June 29. Exhibitor applications must be received (not postmarked) by 6 PM on Monday, July 27.



Shopping Locally: 2015 Farmers Markets

You can eat locally-grown produce and more by shopping at these markets within a 5-mile radius.

Downtown College Park Farmers Market
4500 Knox Road
College Park, Maryland 20740
Sunday 10 AM- 2 PM

Riverdale Park Farmers Market
4650 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737
Thursday 3-7 PM

College Park Farmers Market
5211 Paint Branch Pkwy
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 7 AM-Noon

The Farmers Market at Maryland
1115 Eppley Recreation Center
College Park, Maryland 20742
Wednesday 11 AM-3 PM

Hyattsville Farmers Market
3505 Hamilton Street
Hyattsville, Maryland 20782
Tuesday 2 PM-6 PM

Crossroads Farmers Market
Anne Street at University Blvd. East
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912
Wednesday 11 AM-3 PM

Mount Rainier Farmers Market
One Municipal Place
Mt. Rainier, Maryland 20712
Saturday 10 AM-2 PM

Hollywood Farmers Market
9801 Rhode Island Ave.
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 8 AM-Noon

USDA Beltsville Farmers Market
5601 Sunnyside Ave., Parking Lot B
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
Thursday 10 AM-2 PM

Cheverly Community Market
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly, Maryland 20785
Saturday 8 AM-Noon

Greenbelt Farmers Market
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM

Takoma Park Farmers Market
Laurel Ave. between Carroll Ave. & Eastern Ave.
Takoma Park, Maryland 20913
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM



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.



RAIN CHECK

REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County is committed to improving the quality of life for its communities by promoting green solutions to stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff occurs when rain (or snowmelt) flows over the land picking up pollutants such as oil, grease, sediment, and nutrients which make their way into local streams and rivers. The Rain Check Rebate Program allows property owners to receive rebates for installing Rain Check approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives and churches) can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program.

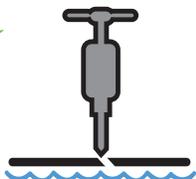
Rebate-Eligible Practices



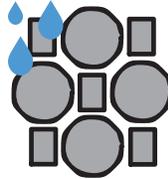
CISTERNS
\$250–\$2,000



GREEN ROOFS
\$2,000–\$20,000



PAVEMENT REMOVAL
\$600–\$5,000



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
\$1,200–\$5,000



RAIN BARRELS
\$50–\$100



RAIN GARDENS
\$1,200–\$2,500

If your property is located within a Homeowners Association (HOA), you must submit documentation of approval by the HOA with application.

Every practice must meet criteria established by the Department of the Environment (DoE). All practices except rain barrels require pre-approval to qualify for the rebate. Rain barrel rebate applications do not require pre-installation inspections.

A successful rebate applicant will use the website to follow these steps:

1. Assess their property and select the appropriate practice from the list of eligible practices.
2. Review the County's practice guidelines.
3. Submit a project application to DoE. Upon approval the County will send an agreement form and assign a County project coordinator.
4. If applicable, work with a project coordinator to schedule a pre-installation site visit.
5. Complete the project according to DoE standards within 12 months.
6. If applicable, schedule a post-installation site visit.
7. Submit receipts and rebate request to DoE.
8. Receive rebate check.

More information about the Rain Check Rebate Program including detailed information on rebate amounts can be found on the program website.

Rebate amounts are determined by:

- **Type of practice**
- **Project cost:** The rebate amount cannot exceed the total project cost
- **Applicant type:** Rebate ceilings are set at \$2,000 for residential practices, and \$20,000 for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

Need Help?

Find out if a community workshop is planned for your area by visiting the calendar of events on the program website.

You can also learn about certified contractors and where to find supplies you'll need to install the practices.



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



▶ What is the Rain Check Rebate Program?

The Rain Check Rebate Program allows property owners to receive rebates for installing stormwater management practices to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives) can recoup some of the cost for installing practices covered by the program. This rebate program was established in 2012 through County Bill 40-2012 and is administered by DoE.

▶ Who is eligible for a rebate under this program?

An applicant is eligible for a rebate as long as: 1) the project is established on property located in Prince George's County; 2) the application for the project was approved within 12 months of the completion date; and 3) DoE inspected the completed project and found it to be in compliance with its original approved application; and 4) the project follows DoE's best practice guidelines and criteria for that type of project.

▶ What stormwater management practices are eligible for rebates?

Urban Tree Canopy, Rain Barrels, Cisterns, Rain Gardens, Permeable Pavement, Pavement Removal, and Green Roofs are all eligible for a rebate from Prince George's County. To qualify for a rebate, the project must be successfully implemented on property located within Prince George's County. All practices except for rain barrels must be approved by the County prior to installation and must follow County installation and design guidelines. Every practice must meet general eligibility criteria established by DoE. The projects listed above are the only types of stormwater retrofits that are eligible for rebates under the Rain Check Program. Applicants will not be eligible for a rebate if the project is part of the permit approval requirements for new building construction or renovations, or if the property is located within a municipality that has a similar rebate program for stormwater management projects.

▶ How much money can I expect from a rebate?

The rebate amounts are determined by the Rebate-Eligible practices used and cannot exceed the total cost of the project. Rebate ceilings are set at \$2,000 for residential properties and \$20,000 for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities and not-for-profit organizations.

▶ I'm concerned about maintenance of the practice once it is installed.

The County has developed maintenance guidelines that will be given to each applicant and are available on the Program's website. There are also a variety of technical resources available on the Program's website.

▶ Does the County have a list of vetted contractors that I can use to install one of these projects?

Yes, DoE is developing a list of qualified private and non-profit contractors that property owners may utilize to implement a stormwater retrofit project, including Prince George's based businesses.

▶ Am I still subject to the Clean Water Act Fee if I have stormwater management practices on my property?

Yes, however you may be able to reduce your fee significantly by implementing best management practices that treat all or a portion of the impervious surfaces on your property. Practices eligible under this rebate program will help reduce the amount of impervious cover on a particular property, which in turn may keep your Clean Water Act Fees lower.

▶ How do I submit an application?

Applications can be submitted online or via paper forms downloaded from the program website www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/environmentalresources/Pages/default.aspx or contact Chesapeake Bay Trust at www.cbtrust.org

Where can I find more information on the program?

Detailed program information can be found by visiting our website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/environmentalresources/Pages/default.aspx. Here you can find useful information on the Rain Check Program, applications, rebates, best management practices fact sheets, and operation guidelines for maintaining your water quality improvement project.

June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	2 Trash	3	4 Recycling	5 Trash	6 Rain Water Harvesting with Rain Barrels, 10 AM-Noon
7 Mutt Strut, 9:30 AM University Park Tennis Club, 10 AM-Noon	8 Yard Waste	9 Trash	10	11 Recycling	12 Trash	13 Ivy League Session, 9-11 AM
14	15 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	16 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	17 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM	18 Recycling	19 Trash	20 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM
21	22 Yard Waste	23 Trash	24	25 Recycling	26 Trash	27 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM
28 	29 Yard Waste	30 Trash UPCA June Social, 7-9 PM	July 1	July 2 Recycling	July 3 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	July 4 Independence Day UPCA Celebration, 10 AM-Noon 



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3	Bradlee Hess	301-699-0694
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	Heidi Sorensen	301-927-4977
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7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

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