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MAYOR'S COLUMN

The 13th Annual University Park Azalea Classic is on May 3 at 8 AM and more information is available at azaleaclassic.com. The info/registration booth will be at the corner of Queens Chapel Road and Underwood Street by University Park Elementary School. The One Mile Challenge Run will start at 8:30 AM, followed by the Val Creighton Memorial Family Fun Run at 8:45 and the 5 K Run/Walk at 9:05 AM. So come out and participate, and/or cheer your neighbors and friends on!

Budget The Mayor's budget proposal was submitted to the Council on March 31. On April 7, it was taken up by Council and introduced as an ordinance. The Council will take public comments on the budget on April 28 and May 5. On May 19 Council will hold a rate hearing and conduct a final vote. The Mayor's proposed budget is on the Town web site; as Council acts and new information is received updated budgets will be posted.

Town Election On Tuesday, May 6 from 8 AM-8 PM, the Town will hold its election for Mayor and Wards 1, 3, and 7 at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Please cast a ballot and express your support for your favorite candidate.

Veterans Memorial The proposed Veterans Memorial remains a hot topic of discussion, with some close-in neighbors arguing for a different location and/or a scaled down and less costly design. In response, the Veterans Memorial Design Advisory Committee presented a scaled down and less costly design. The committee will present the revised design on May 5 for consideration by the Council. Discussions with potential funding agencies suggest that it might be possible to pay for the design and construction of the memorial with grants. Please check out the Town's web site for sketches of the proposed memorial.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	May 5 & 19
Town Election	May 6
Rate Hearing & Budget Vote	May 19
Memorial Day	May 26

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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Sustainable Maryland University Park recently became eligible for Sustainable Maryland Certification. This program, housed at the University of Maryland, recognizes counties, municipalities and local communities that establish and meet a number of sustainable energy and environmental goals. Given University Park's long time commitment to sustainability and the success of STEP-UP/STEP, the Sustainable Maryland Certification is a natural next step for the Town. Under the able leadership of two town residents, Ross Salawitch and Sarah Moseley, both former members of the University Park STEP-UP Advisory Committee, the Town is rapidly approaching certification. For those who are curious about the certification process, more information can be found online at www.sustainablemaryland.com.

New Home Insulation Grant The Town was recently notified that the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration has received a \$600,000 grant to assist qualified households in insulating their homes. Home insulation can significantly reduce home energy costs and make a home more comfortable. If you are interested in the program, please see the information posted on our web site at <http://www.upmd.org/docs/11-749-1397678215.pdf>. You may also call Town Hall and ask for the explanatory document and application.

I would like to *tip* my hat to a wonderful group of neighbors who rescued an injured beagle a short while back. The beagle was found with two broken front legs on the University Park side of Adelphi Road. Thanks to the Shenassa family, he was taken to the Lynn Animal Hospital to be treated. Donations by members of the Good Dog Club here in University Park along with some pro bono services by the veterinarians significantly lowered the medical treatment's costs to the Shenassas. The generosity and kindness of University Park residents never ceases to amaze me. Thank you!

Anna-Mae Kobbe announced that she would not accept another term as president of the University Park Woman's Club because she is getting married this summer. A wonderful president of the Woman's Club and a leader in our community, she will be sorely missed. Thank you for your service, and congratulations on entering a new phase in your life.

By all accounts, the Little Free Library near the University Park playing field has been a huge success since its

inauguration. Books of a wide variety are circulating at a remarkable pace. Book lovers are encouraged to check the collection and when possible leave a book behind. I *tip* my hat to the University Park Civic Association and Terisa Flick for this successful project.

As you clean your yards, mow your lawn and plant new items, yard waste *must be disposed of in paper bags or placed in the green trash bin* for pick up on Monday, or Wednesday after a Monday holiday. The Town is unable to pick up yard waste in plastic bags due to a change in County regulations. The Town is in possession of a small number of old green trash bins that can be used to place yard waste at the curb for pick up. They are available on a first come, first served basis while the supply lasts. If you would like a bin, please contact Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org or call him at 301-927-4262, ext.200.

Enjoy the spring, keep safe and I hope to see you around Town.

John Rogard Tabori

Photos from the successful UPCA Easter Egg Hunt.



Notice of Introduction of FY 2015 Budget Ordinance

On April 7, 2013, Ordinance 14-O-05 was introduced. This ordinance would adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. The meeting set for May 19, 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.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

In 2012, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,328 people in the U.S. were killed in crashes caused by a distracted driver. Also, an estimated 421,000 people were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver. The numbers continue to rise as the use of cell phones for calls and texting while driving increases. Many of these could be avoided by driving attentively and wearing a seatbelt.

University Park high school seniors are ending the school year soon and these last weeks are packed with activities. Proms, graduation parties, senior beach week, final exams, summer jobs and vacations are all packed into a few weeks we'll remember as a significant milestone. Memories are important, but more important is finishing the school year healthy and safe. Far too many youths die as a result of irresponsible behavior. It is our duty to talk to children, our own and others, about drinking, drugs and driving attentively and sober. Instill in children respect for themselves and others, and how to have fun in a responsible and courteous manner. Ask them to do the right thing even when no one is looking. Don't be afraid to tell your children no when it comes to dangerous activities. Bad decisions often have bad consequences. Congratulations to all who are graduating and be careful in your future endeavors.

The UPPD regularly advises residents to keep an eye out and report suspicious behavior. A recent article I read made me realize that with some guidance our community could become less reluctant to report suspicious activity. The author, Roxanne Trust, wrote *4 Points for Teaching Suspicion Literacy* and the following is valuable information from the article:

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 allows you to more naturally pick up on something that seems awry. Task yourself with being observant. Those who regularly go to places would be the first to notice immediate changes—for instance when a door is suddenly locked but shouldn't be, or if a piece of artwork goes missing. Having a familiarity with people and routines helps signal if someone unauthorized enters restricted premises or other odd, unexplained behaviors spring up.

Understand the difference between single and series patterns of behavior.

The realization that something is suspicious doesn't necessarily come down to a single incident; sometimes it takes an accumulation of a series of incidents. For instance, seeing the same stranger twice in one day at different locations could be coincidence, but continually noticing them could indicate a stalking situation. Look for unusual patterns: Do different people keep dropping off unmarked packages at a person's door? Does someone continue to appear with new bruises?

Other times a single, glaring incident should immediately raise a red flag. Disturbing sounds such as screaming or shouting, someone peering in windows and parked cars. Clothing that appears to be trying to conceal something or someone carrying unusually large amounts of money. Individuals who avoid eye contact and seem on edge around law enforcement; unattended packages and bags.

Use all your senses and trust your gut

Use all five senses in detecting what's suspicious. A foul smell or taste could indicate poison or contamination. People who hear gunshots often discount the noise or attempt to rationalize it before investigating the sound or taking cover. Another equally powerful force that should not be discounted is intuition. It can present itself as a soft inkling or gut churning anxiety. Especially with strangers, it is vital to not be immediately trusting. For instance, someone asking for help with a broken down car is something that happens regularly. In a deceitful situation this could be used to lure a person into isolation. Don't get conned into following no matter how harmless a person appears. Instead, report it to the police so that they can assist. Sometimes it's what isn't there that says it all, such as not seeing the broken down car itself.

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. As the saying goes, the devil's in the details. Pay close attention so you can provide as detailed a report as possible. If describing a person, try to first gather the basics: sex, race, approximate age, hair color, height and weight. From there, any distinguishing features are very helpful such as hair style,

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unique accents, clothing, facial hair, scars and overall appearance. Provide the location and direction of travel of the suspicious person involved. If the situation involves someone you know, explain the relationship.

The UPPD hopes this information helps you understand suspicion and the importance of reporting this type of activity.

Vandalism Between February 28 10:30 AM and March 1 6 AM in the 6700 block of Baltimore Ave. suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 1999 Ford Econoline van. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft On March 12 between 1:30 and 6 PM 6800 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s stole two magnetic signs that were attached to the side of a 2005 Toyota Prius. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On March 20 at 5 PM in the 4200 block of Sheridan St. the resident arrived home and found a side porch door had been broken and left open. The UPPD responded and officers arrived to check the home. It was determined that suspect/s had stolen jewelry, a laptop computer and two electronic notepads from the residence. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses and the crime scene processed for fingerprints. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

All Things Sustainable



Two hallmarks of sustainability are balance and the closing of cycles.

All human societies produce waste as a result of their activities. For reasons of health and safety, order and aesthetics modern cultures have developed very efficient ways of removing and disposing of trash. This has been done primarily through incineration and landfills. Both have major environmental impacts. Burning produces air pollution and CO². Sanitary landfills produce large amounts of methane which is a much more serious greenhouse gas than CO².

In an effort to become a more sustainable community, University Park initiated its pilot household composting

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.

The University Park Tree Committee envisions an ordinance that is different from other ordinances within the Washington DC metro area. The Committee proposes an educational program that requires a request to the Town Arborist for a consultation prior to tree work. Final decision for pruning or removal would be left to the homeowner. Fines would be levied only if the request was not submitted.

In general terms, the University Park Tree Ordinance would

- define the Town's urban forest by species type and minimum size for inclusion
- list all species of trees considered invasive and define the rules regarding those
- establish, define and codify procedural guidelines for consultation requests for removal or severe pruning
- provide incentives for compliance
- provide flexibility when modifications to the ordinance become necessary
- define channels of communication and responsibility for enacting all aspects noted above

The Tree Committee looks forward to hearing your thoughts. Those unable to attend may email comments to TreeComm@upmd.org.

collection program at fifty households about two years ago. This has now been extended to 15% of our families and the program recovers several tons of food scraps annually. This food waste is composted aerobically, producing a soil amendment that can be used on lawns and gardens, a far superior result to the buried garbage that produces methane, a by-product of the anaerobic landfill process. Our food waste is now taken to a new county composting facility and University Park is the first participating Prince George's County municipality.

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March 3 Council Special Session Highlights

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

New Business

Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft a letter to Prince George's County Planning Board expressing appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the meeting on February 20, 2014 concerning the update of the Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zone for Prince George's Plaza, and stating support for a modification process that includes full public participation and expressing the Town's intent to participate in this effort. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve a letter in substantially the form attached to support the adoption of the Electricity-Community Renewable Energy Generating System-Pilot Program legislation (SB786 and HB1192) by the Maryland General Assembly. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent.

March 6 Council Meeting Highlights

An Executive Session was called at 6:30 PM to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on the matter of Cafritz.

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

Public Comment

Bruce Burrows thanked the Mayor and those who participated in expanding the write up in the newsletter about the Cafritz process. He recommended that the Council consider revalidating the former assessment that was made on what it would cost to expand the Town Hall.

Jayson Amster reported to the Council that the appeal challenging the Cafritz ordinance granting the zoning change has been scheduled for argument before the Court of Special Appeals within the first two weeks of September. He questioned why the Town has decided not to enforce the private agreement with the Cafritz developer through the courts.

Justin Bollis addressed the placement and issuance of

the University Park permit for the shipping container placed behind the western side of the 6500 block of 43rd Avenue. There are a number of safety concerns of the container's present location: restriction of access for emergency vehicles, blind spots for pedestrians and traffic and increased traffic when donations are brought to the container. It was suggested that the container be moved to the Church parking lot.

Steve Hurtt reported that a small area of the sidewalk on Tuckerman sticks up about one inch which makes it a tripping hazard. A constituent asked CM Christiansen to bring to the attention of the Council that the Town-owned lot on Route 1 has trees that are covered with ivy. In order to preserve the trees, action may soon be taken to remove the ivy.

Permits

Motion to approve the application to install a generator located at 4103 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 5 to 0 (Alvarez abstained).

Motion to approve the University Park Civic Association Mutt Strutt on Sunday, June 8 from 9:30 to 11 AM. UPPD escort is requested. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that there will be two items on the March 17th agenda: a request to purchase and dedicate two park benches for two members of the community, and to arrange for the Cafritz site manager to come and explain the plans of the project on Route 1. A letter will be presented to the Council for modification in reference to the TDDP. Last call from the public for any suggestions on the budget which will be submitted on March 31. Mayor Tabori offered to the Council a special session on "How We Build Budgets."

Council and Committee Reports

CM Christiansen reported that the Cafritz Oversight and Monitoring Committee looked at the development issues regarding the Cafritz property as well as planning and developing issues that are within one mile of the town. They also discussed the future of the Cafritz Oversight and Monitoring Committee. CM Carey plans to call a meeting of the Public Facilities and Services Committee. CM Carey attended a program in Chevy Chase on March 2 and found that they are very interested in the Step-Up program in University Park. Mayor Tabori

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had a discussion with Patrick Wojahn, District 1 representative in College Park, who expressed interest in forming a work group between the four communities: College Park, University Park, Riverdale Park and Hyattsville.

Continuing Business

Budget Transfers (2nd Reading)

Motion to approve the adoption of the budget modifications to transfer \$26,500 from Department of Public Works Payroll Tax and Benefits line item to cover additional expenses in the following areas:

Building Maintenance	\$6,000
Park Tree Maintenance	\$5,000
Street Tree Maintenance	\$5,000
Travel and Dues	\$1,500
Tools Supplies and Equipment	\$2,500
Work and Storage Space	\$6,500
Total	\$26,500

Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to withdraw the appeal in the matter of the Planning Board Resolution on the Special Permit for the Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan Special Permit SP-130002, Civil Action No. CAL 13-21085. Motion approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Christiansen and Gekas opposed). Mayor Tabori cast the tiebreaking vote.

Motion to withdraw the appeal in the matter of the District Council decision in DSP-13009 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center, Civil Action No. CAL 13-32328. Motion approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Christiansen and Gekas opposed). Mayor Tabori cast the tiebreaking vote.

Motion to withdraw Ordinance 14-O-03 authorizing the acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church on 6513 Queens Chapel Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve preparation of a draft letter by the Mayor and Town Attorney on the matter of the DSP-99004/07 Prince George's Plaza, Chick-Fil-A for the District Council Oral Argument hearing on March 17, 2014. This is specifically to oppose the variance for the drive thru and to coordinate with Hyattsville to the best of our ability. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve changing the name of the Cafritz Oversight and Monitoring Committee and to direct this advisory committee to additionally monitor and report to the Council on planning, zoning and development issues within a mile radius of the Town's borders. Additional members will be recruited to join the current chair and members on the committee and the Mayor will serve ex officio. The Committee is to produce a mission statement and provide a new name for the Committee and to report back to the Council on these two subjects. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:55 PM.

March 20 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Christiansen, Carey, Cron, Alvarez, Sorensen (arrived at 7:40 PM).

Public Comment

Kim Sherrill asked that the town reconsider the site location for the Veterans Memorial. The base price for this Memorial is an extraordinary expenditure and there are other locations that can accommodate what is being requested without that expenditure.

Presentations

Cafritz Project at Riverdale Park

Mr. Rod Garrett, Project Manager, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, who is a member of the team leading the design effort of the Cafritz project introduced Mr. Bob Lockhart and Mark Ellis, CCCI, members of the construction team. Mr. Lockhart presented a poster layout of the Whole Foods design along Rt. 1 and gave a comprehensive overview of the project.

- They have been permitted and are currently grading the job, doing tree removal and getting the areas ready for building placement
- Preparing to remove the large hill of soil which will require trucks continuously leaving the site, approximately one truck ever three minutes
- Workers will not be parking their vehicles in University Park since they will be operating the heavy equipment or driving dump trucks
- Once construction begins on Whole Foods, parking will be available on site for the workers
- Trying to create the Whole Foods Market shell in less than a year

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- Will try to leave as many trees in the parks along Rt. 1 as possible as a barrier
- A traffic light will not be installed until necessary
- Fences have been installed to keep people from walking the site
- In about six or seven months there will be a lot of utility work ongoing
- The temporary office trailer will be relocated to the Rt. 1 location
- The only thing that will be done that will affect the University Park side of Rt. 1. is building the traffic signalization
- The trees that were recommended to be removed by the arborist in the buffer area will be cleared prior to the utility work, which will be done in approximately six to eight weeks;
- Landscaping along Rt. 1 will be completed in a south/north sequence as the facing buildings are finished
- It should take approximately nine months to build the shell of Whole Foods
- An extra lane, required by State Highway Administration, will be added to Rt. 1
- There will be temporary road closures along Rt. 1 between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM; does not see any reason for permanent lane closures
- Current plan is to have trucks enter and exit job site with a right turn only
- Schedule of work is 7 AM-4 PM Monday through Friday. Occasionally there may be Saturday work and extending the workday to 5 PM
- Estimated that Whole Foods will open for their first customer in the summer of 2015
- The bike path will remain closed as long as necessary for safety reasons; the final decision to open will be determined by Park and Planning
- Water trucks will be used to keep the dust down
- Mr. Lockhart is willing to send weekly updates of what is going on at the job site
- Mr. Garrett will check on the current status of the 55 and older housing which was a consideration at one time
- The designer of the bridge is Dewberry Architect and Shirley Construction is the design builder
- All concerns regarding the construction or safety issues on the site should be forwarded directly to Mr. Lockhart
- The trees that will remain along Rt. 1 have been marked and numbered as save by the arborist.

Permits

Motion to approve the application to remove existing drive strips and replace with a new 85' x 10' concrete driveway located at 4409 Tuckerman Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the variance request for the installation of a nonconforming 6' fence including 1' lattice located at 3901 Underwood Street with the requisite findings to approve this special exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Cron abstains).

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reports that due to the snow storm, the county buildings closed on Monday and as a consequence the oral argument hearing for the Chick-Fil-A was not held. A new date has not been scheduled. Mayor Tabori requested guidance from Council for three items for the budget: Mosquito Project, Granicus and Riverdale Presbyterian Church. This was added to New Business as a general discussion of potential issues for the budget.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reports that the office is gearing up for the budget. The Town election date is Tuesday, May 6. Polls will be open at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Police Chief Wynnyk attended the annual MOU meeting, hosted by Laurel city police department. He also participated in the Deep Creek Lake Plunge and attended the Maryland Highway Safety Summit. The Public Safety Fair, held at UPES, was very successful. The UP police department passed the Criminal Justice Information System annual state audit.

Michael Beall, Director of Public Works reports that park benches will be donated by a town resident. Council should discuss whether these benches should be placed in new areas or if they should replace old benches. Mr. Beall stated that he welcomes any input from the Public Facilities and Services Committee on this matter. After comparing the January 2013 and January 2014 street light utility bills, there was a savings of 30% which is approximately \$1,000. Mr. Beall explained in detail that he expects to be approximately \$1,200 and \$2,000 over budget by the end of the year in the salaries line item due to snow removal and mosquito control. He

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would like Council to review this line item since he would like to bring in the mosquito pilot intern two months earlier (May & June). Mayor Tabori stated that the mosquito pilot should be assessed to see if it is something that should be continued or not. Over the past five years it cost over \$90,000 to repair the two trash packer trucks. Mr. Beall would like to replace these two trucks with two new ones. The approximate cost would be \$160,000 each. He also would like to replace the donated pickup truck from Park and Planning with a new truck that will be capable of plowing and carrying heavy loads.

Council Committee Reports

CM Len Carey of the Veterans Memorial Design Advisory Committee reports that there was a community conversation held on March 13. At this meeting there were three basic issues: change the site location, cost concerns and whether there is a need for a University Park Veterans Memorial. The Committee met on March 16 and chose to go forward. It was decided not to change the location, yet the proposal was revised which will reduce the cost. The Committee is planning to meet with the nearby residents and the community on April 12.

New Business

Motion to approve adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate Friday, April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day in University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to introduce 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.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to submit the letter to the Prince George's County Council in support of the modification process that includes full public participation and expressing the Town's intent to participate in this effort. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Potential Issues for the Budget

Granicus: CM Sorensen will contact Tracey Toscano with the amounts for services from the Granicus proposal for Mayor Tabori to include in the FY 2015 budget. Mosquito Project: Mr. Beall will forward these numbers to Mayor Tabori. Riverdale Presbyterian Church: A line item of \$100 will be added to the budget.

OBITUARY

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM. John Berry Bourne died peacefully on February 8 at his home in Hyattsville. He was 86. His many friends knew him as Jack and will long remember his infectious smile. Jack was born at home in University Park to the late T. Earle and Marie A. Bourne. T. Earle became University Park's first mayor following the town's incorporation in 1936. Jack lived in University Park and Hyattsville for most of his life, attending University Park Elementary and Hyattsville high schools.

Jack served in the US Army from 1946-47, participating in the demobilization of US Armed Forces in Hawaii at the end of World War II. He was a skilled amateur mechanic, but his duties in the Army included logistics and inventory. Jack attended the University of Maryland after his military service, earning an accounting degree. He went on to enjoy a long and prosperous career as a Certified Public Accountant in Baltimore and Washington. Over the years, Jack also used his financial skills to serve in a voluntary capacity for organizations such as the Boy Scouts, the Prince George's County Historical Society and Berwyn Presbyterian Church.

Jack leaves four children, Nancy Nagel and Jean Pirovic of Hyattsville, Carol Bourne of Kuwait, and John Bourne of Silver Spring; six grandchildren and one great grandchild; a brother, Richard Bourne of College Park; and a sister, Mary L. Merryman of West Salem, Ohio. Jack's many friends in Hyattsville and University Park bid him a fond farewell.

REMINDER

Town Election
Tuesday, May 6, 8 AM-8 PM
Riverdale Presbyterian Church



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.

Clean Up, Green Up



As you garden and do your spring cleaning, please be mindful of the Town's guidelines regarding waste disposal.

Yard Waste is collected each Monday. Yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, so it is important to keep it free of trash, rocks and other debris. Bamboo is considered trash. Please put yard

waste out only on the evening before collection.

Trash is collected from your green cart each Tuesday and Friday. Place outside by 7 AM. We do not collect or dispose of construction debris. For bulk trash, visit www.upmd.org and click on Town Info and Contact Us to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday bulk pick-up. Please wait to put items at the curb until your designated day. A \$20 disposal fee is charged for each item that contains Freon: refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, etc.

Recycling Have your blue recycling cart ready for collection each Thursday by 7 AM. Use your single stream recycling cart for collecting

- all glass (except mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass and windowpanes)
- mixed paper (telephone books, magazines, boxes, rinsed milk & juice aseptic cartons, envelopes and newspapers, etc.)
- some metal (aerosol cans, aluminum foil, aluminum and metal food & beverage containers)
- many plastics (grocery bags, bubble wrap and stretch film collected into one knotted bag; plastic glasses, food containers numbers 1-7, cups and tableware, flower pots and Rx containers)
- clothes hangers

Please rinse all containers so they are free of food and grease. Labels and tabs are okay and lids are allowed.

Trash & Recycling Carts Please do not put out trash and recycling carts earlier than the night before your scheduled pickup days. It is each resident's responsibility to return the cart from the curb on the same day after pickup. Carts stored outside must be out of view from the street. If the most convenient place to locate your

carts is a visible one, consider installing wooden surrounds, barrier walls or lattice and plants.

Attn: Teen Workers

A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year each spring and fall in the Newsletter. University Park teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents this spring and summer (lawn work, window/car washing, baby sitting, pet care, etc.) should email their name, age, phone number, street name, email address and type of service(s) to univparknews@gmail.com before Sunday, May 4 for publication in the June Newsletter.



University Park Shade Tree Reimbursement Program



The Shade Tree Reimbursement Program offers residents up to \$300 towards the price of purchasing and planting a tree on private property. The purpose of the program is to enhance the town's tree canopy, which provides many benefits including conserving energy, reducing air pollution, increasing property values, enhancing wildlife habitat and providing aesthetic benefits.

The Town of UP recognizes these benefits and has an ongoing tree planting and maintenance program. But the town can only manage trees on public land, such as in parks and along streets.

To increase and maintain a healthy urban tree canopy, the town needs to ensure that trees are also planted on private property. To take advantage of this program, follow these steps:

1. Plant a tree from the Approved Shade Tree List.
2. Fill out the Shade Tree Reimbursement Request form.
3. Deliver the tree receipt and the form to Mickey Beall at Town Hall or mbeall@upmd.org.

Complete guidelines, the request form and the Approved Shade Tree list are available at the Town of UP website at: [Public works/Department Info](#). This program is in effect as long as funds are available.



**13th Annual University Park Azalea Classic
5K-1K-1M Run/Walk
Saturday, May 3**

The 13th Annual University Park Azalea Classic 5K/1Mile/1K run and walk is coming soon! This is a fantastic way to connect with the community, strengthen our ties, get some exercise and help raise money for the kids at our school, all at the same time. Maryland State Delegate Alonzo Washington will be our celebrity starter, and the Northwestern High School Marching Band will appear again as well.

Registration includes a raffle entry for great prizes, high-quality colorful t-shirt with a custom design, medals for all kids participating in the 1K and 1M races and certificates for winners of each age/gender category. Feel free to walk the race, of course. We'll finish up with our awesome DJ, fruit & bagels and certificates and raffle prizes at our post-race party. The event is over around 11 AM, so you can move ahead and keep up with all your other obligations, too. Find out more or register online at www.azaleaclassic.com.

Azalea Classic volunteers needed! We need many, many volunteers to make this day a success. Please contact Kristi Janzen at kristibjanzen@gmail.com or Michael Valverde at michaelvalverde@hotmail.com if you can help out. Even a few hours makes a huge difference, as it takes scores of people to put this event together. Most jobs will be May 2 for evening packet pick-up and set-up and May 3 (morning of the race, before & during the race), but a few are earlier, so let us know ASAP!

**UP Woman's Club Meeting
Monday, May 5, 11:30 AM**

This month's meeting features the Prince George's Community College SAGE Program. Ms. Suzanne Van Nuys, coordinator of the program will present an overview of

SAGE classes offered, class locations and the educational opportunities offered to local residents. The meeting is open to men and women who have an interest in learning more about SAGE. Jacquie Groppe, Education Program Chair, will introduce the speaker. UPWC meetings take place at Custis Hall in Riverdale Presbyterian church.

Members are reminded to collect Boxtops for Education and Labels for Education found on food and household packaging and turn them in at the May meeting. The boxtops and labels collection is an annual club project that supports the University Park Elementary School.

The UP Woman's Club is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. and the Maryland Federation of Women's Club, Inc. Membership in UPWC is open to all women in UP and surrounding communities. For a membership brochure or for more information, please contact President Anna-Mae Kobbe at amkobbe@aol.com.

A Note About UPWC Presidency Anna-Mae Kobbe announced that she will complete her current term of office as president June 30 and then step down. This decision was influenced by the fact that she has been selected to be the District Governor of Rotary District 7620 (Central Maryland and Washington, DC) in 2016-2017. For the next two years she will be training and preparing for assuming the District Governor position.

**UPCA Townwide Yard Sale
Saturday, May 10, 9-2 PM**

Well over 50 families will be selling their treasures at individual yard sales throughout town. A complete list of the many yard sales will be available at www.upcivicassociation.com.

If you are interested in children's clothes, books and toys, visit many of the sellers from the University Park Children's Clothing Co-op in the UPES parking lot.



New this year, a few food trucks will be parked in front of UPES for hungry shoppers and sellers. Also stop at the UPCA table where you can pay your \$25 dues for 2014 and guess the number of candies in the jar for a free membership.

Local Bird Walk

Saturday, May 17, 7:30 AM

Want to know more about the birds living and migrating through University Park? Join our local bird expert, Rick Borchelt, at the University Park Elementary School Gazebo for a Bird Walk to learn about our spring and summer bird populations. This activity is part of the *Science in Your Community* series sponsored by University Park Community Solar, LLC.



The War of 1812:

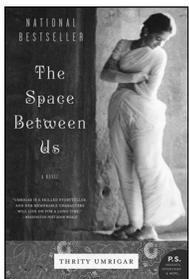
History for the Entire Family

Sunday, May 18, 3:30 PM

The University Park Historic Preservation Association switches gears while sticking to the core mission of keeping history alive. Join us on Sunday for an afternoon event and bring anyone under 20 you can find. Admission price is your smile. *Let's Look Back* is an original puppet theatre presentation commemorating the War of 1812, specifically the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner and the Battle of Bladensburg. This 35 minute production by UP's own Blue Sky Puppet Theatre is geared for all ages. The production features all of the wacky humor and creativity that the company is known for while slyly slipping in history and education (www.blueskypuppets.com). Co-sponsored by Maryland Milestones. Custis Hall, Riverdale Presbyterian Church. For more information, write urbanipm@gmail.com.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, May 20, 8-10 PM



For May, bring a favorite poem to read and discuss. The June book selection is *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Please call host Gerri Barnes at 301-439-9163 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for information.

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 at linda_verrill@yahoo.com or 301-927-6743.



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.

Riverdale ArtsFest2014 Sunday, May 4, 11 AM-5 PM

Enjoy dozens of local artists, authors, food vendors and a free, day-long concert featuring, among others, the Smokin' Polecats with Dave Sherman and Marianna Previti, the Hermoza Latin Quartet, the US Army Field Jazz Combo and members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. ArtsFest is a showcase for emerging and vintage local and regional artists, authors discussing their work and an exhibition of vintage vehicles. Next to the MARC train station, Riverdale Park Town Center, rain or shine.

5th Annual Native Plant Sale Saturday, May 10, 8 AM-4 PM

More than 50 varieties, including Wild Columbine, Red Chokeberry, Butterfly Milkweed, New England Aster, Marsh Marigold, Buttonbush, Eastern Redbud, Summersweet and Ox-eye Sunflower. Prices range from \$2 to \$12. Look for updates at www.nativeplantsale.org. Hyattsville Elementary School, 5311 43rd Avenue.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fairland's 7th Annual Health Fair: Delivering Solutions for Total Body Health *Saturday, May 17, 10 AM-2 PM* The interactive health fair will allow participants to join in classes, training sessions, and have free bone density, hearing, vision, blood pressure, cholesterol screenings and many other health related activities. This event will encompass health and fitness activities for the entire family. Our on-site trainers and fitness instructors will be available to assist you in planning individual personal health and fitness programs. Fairland Sports & Aquatics Complex is located at 13820/13950 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, MD 20707.



Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series *Cutie and The Boxer, Monday, May 19, 7-9 PM* Nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 2014 Academy Awards, *Cutie and the Boxer* is a film about love, sacrifice and making art. In New York City in 1969, 19-year-old art student Noriko fell in love with 41-year-old avant-garde artist Ushio Shinohara and put her career on hold to marry and support this rising star of the Manhattan art world. But 40 years later and still struggling, Ushio remains consumed with reinforcing his legacy via his 'boxing' paintings, while Noriko is now finding her own creative voice through a series of drawings.

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.

Sleeping Beauty *Sunday, May 4, 2-3 PM* Connect the Dots Dance Company presents a free sensory friendly performance of the classical ballet. This performance is

perfect for families with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder or any other sensory processing disability. The performance features sensory friendly music, a child-friendly narration, a shortened version of the ballet, family style seating and a break room. To order tickets please contact us at connectthedotsdancecompany@gmail.com.

Documentary: **Led Zeppelin Played Here *Friday, May 9, 7:30 PM***

If you are a fan of local history, rock music or both, you won't want to miss this documentary by Jeff Krulik. 1969. Man lands on the moon. Half a million strong at Woodstock...and Led Zeppelin performs in the gym of the Wheaton Youth Center in front of 50 confused teenagers. Or did they? Filmmaker Jeff Krulik offers his take on an enduring local legend. \$5 suggested donation at the door. This is a very popular documentary, so please rsvp.



Teddy Bears' Picnic *Sunday, May 11, 3-4 PM* Celebrate a traditional Teddy Bears' picnic with your favorite stuffed animal. Stories, singing, picnic and parade at the Old Parish House, rain or shine.

CPAE Book Club *Friday, May 16, 7:30 PM* Discuss Literary Nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. May's book is *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson.



Stream CleanUP

Fifty-four volunteers collected 45 bags of trash and 12 bags of recyclables during the 2014 Stream CleanUP. Along with local families, twenty volunteers from the Coca Cola Bottling plant in Silver Spring joined in. A great job! Many thanks to all for beautifying our streams today!



TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

ELECTION NOTICE

**AN ELECTION FOR THE
Town of University Park for the
Office of Mayor and Office of Council Members for
Wards One, Three, and Seven
will be conducted on**

**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014
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 file as a candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 7, 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 April 7, 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

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Town of University Park
6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782
Office: 301-927-4262, Fax: 301-277-4548, TDD: 1-800-735-2258,
Website: www.upmd.org, Email: townhall@upmd.org



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

Prince George's County
Department of Environmental Resources
Waste Management Division
Recycling Section



Adam Ortiz
Director

**Source
Reduction
Tips**

Grass Cycle: Use a mulching mower to finely shred your mowed grass and leave it on the lawn. Start a backyard compost pile.



**BROWN
IS THE NEW
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Effective January 1, 2014,
Residential Curbside
Yard Waste Collection will
no longer be accepted in
plastic bags. Residents
should place yard waste
loose in a collection can
or use large yard waste
PAPER bags.

For more information, please call
County Click 311



**or
CAN IT...**

Save money and use
reusable containers,
such as trash cans. Be
sure to clearly mark the
can/container

YARD WASTE



May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Save the Date! Tree Ordinance Public Forum, June 5, 7:30-9 PM	Save the Date! June 8, 9:30 AM 					 13th Annual Azalea Classic 5K-1K-1M Run/Walk, 8:30 AM
4 Town Teen Worker submissions due	5 Yard Waste UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM	6 Trash Town Election, 8 AM-8 PM	7 	8 Recycling	9 Trash	10  Town Yard Sale, 9 AM-2 PM
11	12 Yard Waste	13 Trash	14	15 Recycling	16 Trash	17 Local Bird Walk, 7:30 AM
18 UPHPA's The War of 1812: History for the Entire Family, 3:30 PM	19 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	20  Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM	21	22 Recycling	23 Trash	24
25	26 Memorial Day Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	27 Trash	28 Yard Waste	29 Recycling	30 Trash	31



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 Chief Michael Wynnyk 301-277-0051
 Mayor Tabori home 301-779-6530

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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 June newsletter deadline is Sunday, May 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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