

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

Daffodils and tulips are abloom in yards throughout town and our azaleas are surely next. Fledglings have been sighted in the yellow crowned night heron nest above Woodberry Street. The snows of winter at last are gone and signs of spring are everywhere.

Wells Run has once again been cleaned up. Many thanks to the 54 volunteers ages 2 to 75 years who turned out and waded, pruned, dug, gathered and removed 44 bags of trash from our stream. Of the volunteers, 10 were associated with the Tree Committee's Ivy League and eight from a nearby bottling plant. Thanks to Kate Beveridge, who harnessed that energy and guided it with such productive purpose. The annual Stream CleanUP is sponsored by the University Park Civic Association (UPCA), University Park Woman's Club and

the Stream Committee. This is all coordinated with the area-wide Alice Ferguson Foundation's annual cleanup of the Potomac River watershed. What we do best in University Park, is what we do together.

If you have found the onset of spring a good reason to get out and walk in town, I hope you have discovered the new wood sculpture gracing our park across Wells Run from the 9/11 Memorial. Some finish work is yet to be done, but the new sculpture was created by Don Becker-the same artist who created the nearby Kermit sculpture-from a tall tree stump left from the derecho of a few years ago. The sculpture, when finished, will be of a yellow crowned night heron, which nests nearby and is often sighted in that part of the park.

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	May 4 & 18
Town Election Day	May 5
Ethics Commission	May 6
Development Overview Committee	May 20
Holiday	May 25

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](http://www.upmd.org).

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Thanks to the UPCA which has sponsored a second Little Free Library in town. The UPCA placed the first Little Free Library at Queens Chapel Road near the school and the Town field, where it has been very popular. This second little library is painted in a motif resembling the Maryland State Flag and placed near the footbridge across Wells Run, at the intersection of Wells Parkway (south) and Beechwood Road. Both of these Little Free Libraries were purchased by the UPCA, painted by Town resident Terisa Flick and installed by the Town. They are free to use, a simple means for sharing books and the rules are few: take a book and read it, return it or keep it. Visit often and leave books you'd like to share.



The annual Town budget process is another sure sign of spring, at least for Mayor and Council, as established by the Charter. On March 31, I sent to the Council a proposed budget for the 2016 fiscal year, which begins July 1. Discussing and deciding the matters proposed in the budget will occupy much of the agenda for Council meetings through May.



The proposed budget is balanced, with projected revenues equal to estimated expenditures. It proposes expenditures to maintain Town public and police services at their current level while committing resources toward some longer-term initiatives. Highlights of proposed expenditures include:

- Adding a part-time bookkeeper to enable the Town Treasurer to take on project management duties and applying for grants needed to fund infrastructure repairs and other program initiatives.
- A significant redesign and upgrade of the Town website to make it more informative, functional for residents and user-friendly.
- Purchasing software and video services to enable residents to more easily follow the actions of Town government including Council meetings.

- Provide funding for landscape maintenance of gardens in Town parks and memorials.

This proposed budget—my first as Mayor—is posted on the Town website and available for inspection at the Town Hall.

The budget seeks to meet the needs of the Town for the next year and continue in position to do so in the years following. To cover these expenditures and balance them with revenue, the proposed budget requests an increased levy on taxable real property in the Town of 2.5 cents, from \$ 0.645 to \$ 0.670 per \$ 100 of assessed value, or 3.88%.

This proposal is now in the hands of the Council, which has begun discussing the expenditures and the necessary tax rates. The Council will decide these matters at its May 18 meeting, including any needed tax rate hearing. Please take a few minutes to review what is proposed, consider what we are seeking to do and discuss it with Mayor and Council.

—Len Carey

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

### **Notice of Introduction of FY 2016 Budget Ordinance**

On April 13, 2015, Ordinance 15-O-07 was introduced. This ordinance would adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. The meeting set for May 18, 2015 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

### **Notice of Introduction of FY 2015 Budget Amendment**

On April 13, 2015, Ordinance 15-O-08 was introduced. This ordinance would amend the Fiscal Year 2015 budget by transferring \$1500.00 from Unreserved Funds to the General Government Salaries line time to fully fund a part-time bookkeeper position. The meeting set for May 4, 2015 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

Please ask your teenager to read the following paragraph.

As young adults there is a responsibility to respect yourself, respect others, respect others' property and appreciate the opportunity provided to you by hardworking parents and guardians. Many of you will be 18 years old when you graduate high school. You may vote, do military service, live away from parents at college and you are treated as an adult for any criminal behavior you engage in. It is a huge responsibility and the choices you make are important. Do the right thing even when no one is looking. It's okay to say no. Try to remember how you drove when you first got your learner's permit and your parent was in the seat beside you. It's okay to keep driving that carefully. Make smart choices that keep you and others safe. Bad decisions often have bad consequences. Congratulations to 2015 graduates and be careful in your future endeavors.



As parents it is our duty to talk to children, our own and others, about drinking, drugs, driving under the influence, self-respect, respecting others and having fun in a responsible and courteous manner. Don't be afraid to tell your children no when it comes to dangerous activities. It's okay to say no to underage drinking, especially at home, even if you did it when you were young. One little mistake can impact the rest of their life, if they live through it.

For all of us, it is so important to drive safely. Worldwide, every 26 seconds a person is killed in a motor vehicle crash and every 4 seconds a person is seriously injured in a motor vehicle crash. Many of these could be avoided by driving cautiously and wearing a seatbelt. University Park high school seniors are ending the school year soon and these last few weeks are packed with activities: proms, graduation parties, senior beach week, final exams, college, summer jobs and vacations. It's a significant milestone and the excitement can be overwhelming. These lifetime memories for a student are important, but more important is to finish the school year healthy and safe.

In a community, the common respect of each other and our property is basic to strong values. Please be vigilant of any type of criminal activity on your property, your

neighbor's property and the town property, as they all make up this community. Talk to your children and emphasize the importance of respect of property, especially someone else's and the potential for serious repercussions for criminal acts. Our family is the biggest investment we make and our community is next. Living in a community that protects the environmental resources and capital investments are the key to providing a nurturing environment for the family. When one person commits a simple act of vandalism, we all pay. Report all suspicious activity as soon as you observe it. Waiting until later to call the police makes it very difficult to locate suspects and piece a crime together. Crime prevention is everyone's business.

**Attempt Breaking & Entering** On March 3 at 11:30 AM in the 4400 block of East West Highway the homeowner advised that after hearing a noise coming from the basement of the residence they observed a white male, 5'8" and 180 pounds, walk from the rear of the home and enter a white pickup parked on the street. The vehicle drove away heading west on East West Highway. UPPD responded and further investigation revealed that the basement door had been pried open, but entry had not been made due to the alarm going off and objects blocking the door. No further description of the vehicle or subject was available. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Breaking & Entering** On March 15 between 10 and 11 PM in the 6900 block of Baltimore Ave. one of the tenants returned home and advised that a window pane on the rear glass French doors had been broken by unknown suspect/s. Residents advised that no property had been taken. The area was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** Between March 15 and 18 in the 4200 block of College Heights Dr. unknown suspect/s stole a black canvas bag containing percussion items from the location. The items may have been inadvertently left on the front porch. No suspect was located.



**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.

**Tree Committee Report & Events**

**Holly Hill/Oakridge Community Planting**

**Saturday, May 2, 9 AM-1 PM**

The Tree Committee requests citizen assistance to plant 31 trees in the Holly Hill/Oakridge neighborhood. Residents of this neighborhood are particularly encouraged to participate. All holes will be pre-dug by DPW; volunteers will amend the soil, place the trees and back fill. Please assemble at the corner of Holly Hill and Oakridge. Shovels will be provided by the Department of Public Works should you choose not to bring your own. Rain date is Saturday, May 9. The trees were paid in part by the Prince George’s County Tree ReLeaf program, for which the Tree Committee and Town applied for and received funding for this initiative. A second similarly structured planting will occur in another location in the fall.

**Ivy League Session**

**Saturday, May 16,**

**10 AM-Noon**

Assemble by Little Library, Queen’s Chapel Road. Remember, five sessions will earn participants a one of a kind, limited edition, custom Ivy League bandana. Wow your friends or make your parents proud.



**A Brief Etymology of “Ivy League”**

This term was first used to collectively describe the nine colonial colleges on the eastern seaboard of the United States. Today we recognize it chiefly as the term used to describe a casual alliance of University Park citizens who assemble each month to remove ivy from the town’s trees. The term was first used in this context after the ruminations of Lindsay Hicks, who served as Chair of the Tree Committee from 2011-2014. The next time you read about another Ivy League exploit, raise a glass and offer a huzzah to Lindsay Hicks, who launched the Tree Committee into its current high-arcing orbit. Lindsay remains a Tree Committee affiliate, consulting on our surveys to determine priorities for maintaining the town’s street tree plantings.

**Tree of the Month**

If you know of a notable tree in the town and would like to share it, please send a brief description to [TreeComm@UPMD.org](mailto:TreeComm@UPMD.org) of the type, what makes it notable and its location. Please include your name and address. For



this month, I will start the feature with an ornamental Olive tree located on Tuckerman Street, east side of the street, within 40 feet of Queen’s Chapel Road. It has several notable aspects. First, it is the only tree of its kind used as a street tree throughout the entire town. Most notable is its unique figure 8 habit: it has double trunks which cross each other twice in the space of 10 feet. From certain angles the intertwined trunks resemble lovers embracing or a heart. The silver leaves evoke its Greek cousins in the arid hills above the Aegean Sea.~  
*Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Tree Committee*

**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](mailto: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.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### March 16 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit application to construct a four-foot fence to enclose the back of the property at 4202 Clagett Road.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to authorize the Mayor to approve the special utility permit for the Department of Environment Stormwater Management Division to enter University Park right-of-way to install a storm drain pipe across Wells Parkway at 6905 Wells Parkway as itemized on the permit with the conditions as proposed, subject also to change of inlet location and other changes recommended by the Town Engineer.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Consent Agenda

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

To endorse the annual Spring Federal Agency Walk/Run/Roll on Thursday May 7 from 12 until 1:15 PM through University Park. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

#### New Business

*Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and submit a letter to the Planning Board RE: The Hotel at the University of Maryland and for the Mayor to testify on behalf of the Town at the March 26, 2015 hearing. The letter will be circulated to the Council prior to submittal.*

*The Town shall generally support the recommendations of the Park and Planning staff and alternatively the City of College Park with respect to the parking issues. The Town shall express its particular concern with respect to reduction in the number and amount of signs, the bike racks are every 30 feet on the full perimeter and on the ground floor of the parking garage and as close as possible to the entrance, and pedestrian connections.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and submit a letter to the Planning Board RE: The Kiplinger Development in Hyattsville and for the*

*Mayor to testify on behalf of the Town at the March 26, 2015 hearing. The letter will be circulated to the Council prior to submittal.*

*The Town shall generally support the M-NCPPC technical staff report and the position of the City of Hyattsville. The Town shall express particular concern with the lack of sufficient bike racks and support the installation of a complete street on Toledo Terrace to include bike lanes from the edge of the property to its intersection with East West Highway.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to proclaim April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our town; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that the Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast at UPES was a very nice event. The PGCMA Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19 in Landoner Hills. The Route 1 University Communities Coalition Meeting will be rescheduled. The new trash packer is in service. The zoning rewrite update will be scheduled at a Special Session council meeting in April.

A meeting is scheduled with Jerry Pasternak, Pepco Vice President, to discuss plans for vegetation management and to extend an invitation to attend a council meeting. Mayor Carey reported that House Bill 376, which would reinstate the Town's ability to enforce local rules re: Pepco vegetation management, has received an unfavorable report from the Economic Matters Committee. The Ethics Commission had an organizational meeting on Saturday, March 14 at Town Hall. Per Council instruction, a contract has been offered to the incumbent editors of the University Park Newsletter, beginning negotiations. As was agreed in the charter amendment, this will come to the council for approval.

At the April 13 council meeting, a presentation will be given in regards to the traffic signal installation at Van Buren Street and Baltimore Avenue. The mayor will ask the council to approve a permit for the signal at the April 20 council meeting.

The Mayor attended a briefing on March 12 at Riverdale Park on the Wells Run stormwater management. The

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town consulting engineer will evaluate the data received. A Special Session is scheduled for April 2 at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria at UPES to hear the county presentation. The consulting engineer will also present and discuss the outcome of his evaluation. This meeting will be open to the public.

The WSSC College Heights Estates project is a five-year plan and will result in roadwork on eight streets in University Park. This project is only in the design phase. Construction is not anticipated until 2018 or later. Permits will be required prior to digging.

CM Sorensen reported that she and Tracey Toscano are in contact with Granicus to schedule a demonstration. Other vendors are also being explored.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano distributed letters to the council members for the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. She reminded the council that the deadline to register for the MML convention is approaching.

The February 2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Chief Wynnyk distributed the February crime report. He reported that all University Park officers re-qualified with the Maryland Police Training Commission. The Emergency Plan for University Park has been updated.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:22 PM.

### UPCA News

We want to give a big thank you to Kate and Bruce Beveridge, who led efforts to clean Wells Run. We would also like to thank John Gekas, who started interest in the University Park Tennis Club, who continues to meet at the Queen's Chapel Courts every Sunday, 9-12. If you have any questions about the UP Tennis Club, you can reach John at [UniversityParkTennis@gmail.com](mailto:UniversityParkTennis@gmail.com).

This month, get ready for the popular Townwide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 9, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please also keep in mind our events in a busy June, with the 2nd annual Mutt Strut on June 7, a UP Playgroup Meet & Greet (date and time to be announced next month

and on our website) and a UPCA social at Adelphi Pool on June 30! If you would like email reminders to all of our events, sign up for the UPCA listserv, which accessible on our website, [www.UPCivicAssociation.com](http://www.UPCivicAssociation.com). The UPCA's events are mainly funded by our members' yearly dues. If you haven't paid your \$25 for 2015, please do so at one of our events, or visit our website to give online. Thank you to all who attend and make our events such a success! *Please note:* The bi-monthly UPCA Social for April (originally scheduled for April 28th at The Cron's House) has been moved to Thursday May 14th. We look forward to seeing everyone in May!



Our second Little Free Library has been installed, at the corner of Wells Parkway and Beechwood Road! Take a book, or leave a book you would like to share with others. We send a big thank you to town resident Terisa Flick (pictured above with her family), who once again beautifully painted the library, this time with a Maryland flag design. Don't forget about our other location at the UP soccer field! For more information about the Little Free Library please visit: <http://littlefreelibrary.org>.

### Stream CleanUP Results

In the Stream CleanUP of Wells Run on April 11, 54 volunteers ages 2½-75 gathered, dug and fished out 44 bags ( about 700 pounds) of trash. Of the volunteers, 10 were Ivy Leaguers and eight were from the Silver Spring Coca-Cola Bottling plant. A great job was done. Many thanks to all for beautifying our streams! Enjoy our park and stream. Thanks for your support of the cleanup. It was a beautiful, productive day. -Kate and Bruce Beveridge

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### Bridge Club

Are any neighbors interested in starting a bridge club? Please call Tatiana Joseph at 301-864-0815 or email [tnelsonjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:tnelsonjoseph@gmail.com).



### UPplaygroup Meet 'n' Greet

Sunday, May 3, 11 AM-12:30 PM



Calling all parents/caregivers of infants and preschoolers! Get to know your neighbors with young children at this free event. Playgroups are a great way for babies and children to develop and practice their social skills, and the easiest way to find or form a playgroup is by attending the annual UPplaygroup Meet 'n' Greet. Representatives from established groups that would welcome new members are encouraged to attend as well or to send their contact information to one of the coordinators (Christine Becraft [christine\\_n\\_d@yahoo.com](mailto:christine_n_d@yahoo.com), Kara Frome [karasell14@gmail.com](mailto:karasell14@gmail.com), Elizabeth Seeger [seeger\\_e@hotmail.com](mailto:seeger_e@hotmail.com)). Light refreshments will be available courtesy of the University Park Civic Association. University Park Tot Lot (behind the church at 6513 Queens Chapel Road).

### University Park Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, May 4, 11:30 AM

James Alexander, Lead Program Analyst, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, Department of State will speak on Russia and the Ukraine. Please RSVP for this informative free presentation to Jana Over at [upwcLead@gmail.com](mailto:upwcLead@gmail.com) or call 301-779-5120. Childcare is free and lunch is provided by the club, with a free-will contribution basket. The club meets at the University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD, at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads. Registration starts at 11:30, with lunch at noon and the presentation at 12:30 PM.

### Townwide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 9, 9 AM-2 PM



Be on the lookout for the Spring Townwide Yard Sale happening in May! This will give you a chance to meet new neighbors and make some money on things you no

longer use. Want to be included as a seller in the Spring UPCA Yard Sale? Email Dawn Nichols at [dawnandjoe@verizon.net](mailto:dawnandjoe@verizon.net) to be added to the list, ask questions and have your house on the sale map.

### UPWC Garden Tour

Saturday, May 9, 1-4 PM

Wander through your neighbors' backyards, play in their tree-houses, admire their ambitious kitchen gardens, relax in their serene oases and find inspiration for your own piece of the earth. Also, see your artistic neighbors creating art before your eyes during the tour. For those who are avid horticulturists and amateur gardeners alike, the Garden Tour is a wonderful way to spend a spring Saturday afternoon with your neighbors. Walk the tour, bike or drive from house to house. Maps will be available at host gardens, which will be labeled with our signature hand painted signs. The 2015 Garden Tour includes the following addresses:



- 3806 Calverton Drive
- 4102 Clagett Road
- 4337 Clagett Road
- 4204 Tuckerman Street
- 4000 Tennyson Road
- 6500 40th Ave.
- 4014 Tennyson Road
- 6506 41st Ave
- 7000 Forest Hill Drive and
- 6912 Wells Parkway.

Refreshments will be served at the Nelsons' at 4000 Tennyson Road. This is a free event. If you have questions about the tour, please email Sara Nelkin at [saranelkin@gmail.com](mailto:saranelkin@gmail.com).

### UPES Planting Day

Saturday, May 16, 10 AM-1 PM

Big changes are coming to the UPES grounds and you should be part of them! The Anacostia Watershed Society is beginning a major project on the grounds of University Park Elementary School to stop run off into the adjacent creek (Wells Run) which flows into the Anacostia River. Over the next two years, the plan includes planting a butterfly garden, new trees and native plants,

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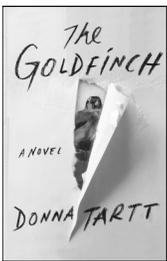
in addition to grading changes, removing pavement and shoring up the eroding hillside by the playground.

On May 16 we will be planting native plants along the creek bank adjacent to the school. If you would like to help, RSVP to AWS at <http://www.anacostiaaws.org/calendar/wells-run-stream-buffer-planting> or email [UPESPTAgrounds@gmail.com](mailto:UPESPTAgrounds@gmail.com).

The Anacostia Watershed Society's landscape plan does not touch the garden in the island of the bus turnaround and the PTA is taking on beautifying that area to make it worthy of its front and center location. If you would like to help with this effort or hear about other gardening opportunities at UPES in the future, please email [UPESPTAgrounds@gmail.com](mailto:UPESPTAgrounds@gmail.com).

### After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, May 19, 8-10 PM



The May book is *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. 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 Gerry Barnes at 301-439-9163 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

### Mutt Strut

Sunday, June 7, 9:30 AM

Save the Date! Woof! Woof! Join us for the 2nd 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 1.5 mile stroll through University Park escorted by the police department. Registration is \$5 per person, and human entrants will get an event t-shirt and other goodies. Don't miss the fun! For more information and to volunteer to help at the event, contact Linda Verrill at [linda\\_verrill@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_verrill@yahoo.com) or 301-927-6743.



### Attention: 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 [uniparknews@gmail.com](mailto:uniparknews@gmail.com) before Monday, May 4 for publication in the June Newsletter.



### 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](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013 for more information.

### Connect the Dots Ballet Concert Saturday, May 9, 3 PM

Connect the Dots Dance Company and the College Park Arts Exchange proudly present a free and abridged version of *Sleeping Beauty*. The performance features a ballet craft, costume try-on session and a free ballet class. More info: Amber Shriver, [connectthedotsdancecompany@gmail.com](mailto:connectthedotsdancecompany@gmail.com).

### Songwriters Coffeehouse Saturday, May 9, 7:30 PM

Local songwriters showcase their work in an informal setting. Refreshments! Free, but donations gladly accepted.

### Raq Out Belly Dance Concert Saturday, May 16, 7:30 PM

Enjoy the exciting rhythms and amazing precision of local belly dance performers and teachers.

### CPAE Book Club Tuesday, May 19, 7 PM

Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. May's book is Alison Bechdel's *Are You My Mother?*, a graphic memoir.

### Children's Arts Drop-In Programs May 30 and 31

Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. May's theme: Paper Bag Puppet Theater! Saturday 10 AM-Noon at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House.



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Events take place at Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call 301-864-0420 or email [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com) for more information.

**Mother's Day Tours *Sunday, May 10, 12:15-3:15 PM***  
Bring your mother, grandmother or other special lady in your life for a free guided tour of the house! One free tour per paid admission. \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/students, free 4 and under.

**Riversdale Chamber Music Society *Sunday, May 17, 2:30 PM***  
Enjoy an innovative performance from the Riversdale Chamber Music Society. Tonight features musicians from the woodwind quintet performing Igor Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*. Free. All ages welcome.



**Bostwick Festival *Saturday, May 2, 10 AM-4 PM***  
Music from the Homespun Ceildh Band and Blue Plains, swordfighters, blacksmith, farm animals, flintlock demonstration, several arts vendors and tours of the property. We even have a trolley running from Waterfront Park with stops at the new 1812 monument and the Magruder House. 3300 48th Street, Bladensburg. Info at [www.marylandmilestones.org](http://www.marylandmilestones.org).

**Rivers to Rockets Bike Rally *Sunday, May 3, 10 AM***  
This ride uses the bike trails through Berwyn Heights and Riverdale Park, pausing at the arts festival. Magruder Park, Hyattsville. Registration at 10, ride leaves about 10:30 and lunch is included with the registration costs. Info at [www.marylandmilestones.org](http://www.marylandmilestones.org).

**Riverdale ArtsFest 2015 *Sunday, May 3, 11 AM-5 PM***  
Enjoy dozens of local artists selling their own original artworks, along with food vendors and a free, day-long concert featuring jazz, blues and rock. The music lineup includes The Smokin' Polecats and The Archie Edwards

Blues Heritage Foundation. Paintings both abstract and realistic, pottery fired by gifted hands, home-made soaps and jewelry will be on display. Riverdale Park Town Center, 4650 Queensbury Road.

**6th Annual Native Plant Sale *Saturday, May 16, 8 AM-2 PM***  
Looking to make your garden or yard more beautiful, interesting and inviting to birds, bees and butterflies? Do you want to plant fruit-bearing shrubs? Or maybe you want to replace some English



ivy that's smothering your garden. You can find all the plants you need to make these changes and more at the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA's 6th Annual Native Plant Sale. Please contact Bart Lawrence at [bartkathleen@hotmail.com](mailto:bartkathleen@hotmail.com) with any questions. 5311 43rd Ave., Hyattsville.

**Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Local Filmmaker's Showcase, Monday, May 18, 7 PM***  
Chris Lynn, filmmaker, sound artist, educator and curator screens various landscape films, including his *Trilogy of Summer* and a new Super 8 film. The digital images and Super 8 films capture the subtle rhythms of movement, light and sound in urban and rural landscapes, including in China, where Lynn has filmed extensively. All are invited to this community event to support and celebrate the work of Prince George's County independent filmmakers. Refreshments will be served.

**At War With Ourselves—A Visual Art Response, *Opening Reception: Saturday, May 30, 5-8 PM***  
A year-long series of programs investigating and learning from the legacy of the Civil War on race in America. The series culminates in an original musical composition commissioned by the Clarice Smith Performing Art Center based on a new poem by Nikky Finney, composed by Terrance Blanchard and to be performed by the Kronos Quartet with a 500-voice choir. In partnership with the year-long programming leading up to the first performance, this exhibition invites members of Black Artists of DC to respond through visual art to Nikky Finney's poem – released to artists before its official publication – utilizing art to contribute to a national conversation about the history and experience of being a black male in the United States. Brentwood Arts Exchange, 3901 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood, MD 20722.



# NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park will hold an election for

**Councilpersons for the Second, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Wards**  
to be conducted on

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

The polls will be open 8 AM to 8 PM at  
University Park Town Hall  
6724 Baltimore Avenue

**The following candidates have filed for the office of:**

**COUNCILPERSON-WARD 2**

**James Gekas**

**COUNCILPERSON-WARD 4**

**Linda Verrill**

**COUNCILPERSON-WARD 6**

**Michael Cron**

No person has qualified to be a candidate for Councilperson-Ward 5 at this time.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Save the Date! Mutt Strut Sunday, June 7, 9:30 AM			1 <b>Trash</b>	2 Tree Planting, 9 AM-1 PM Holly Hill/Oakridge
3 UPplaygroup Meet 'n' Greet, 11 AM-12:30 PM	4 <b>Yard Waste</b> UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM <b>Town Council,</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	5 <b>Trash</b> <b>Town Election,</b> <b>8 AM-8 PM,</b> <b>Town Hall, 6724</b> <b>Baltimore Avenue</b>	6	7 <b>Recycling</b> <b>Ethics Commission,</b> <b>7 PM</b>	8 <b>Trash</b>	9 Townwide Yard Sale, 9 AM-2 PM UPWC Garden Tour, 1-4 PM
10	11 <b>Yard Waste</b>	12 <b>Trash</b>	13	14 <b>Recycling</b>	15 <b>Trash</b>	16 Ivy League Session, 10 AM-Noon UPES Planting Day, 10 AM-1 PM
17	18 <b>Yard Waste</b> <b>Town Council,</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	19 <b>Trash</b> After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	20 <b>Development</b> <b>Overview</b> <b>Committee, 7:30 PM</b>	21 <b>Recycling</b>	22 <b>Trash</b>	23
24	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	26 <b>Trash</b>	27 <b>Yard Waste</b>	28 <b>Recycling</b>	29 <b>Trash</b>	30



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3	Bradlee Hess	301-699-0694
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	Heidi Sorensen	301-927-4977
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

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