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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

In late September, the Town of University Park discovered that the Riverdale Park Station (RPS)/Cafritz site builders had plans to build a sizable storm water pipe and drain which would run from the development site to under the center line of Baltimore Avenue, and enter Wells Run upstream on the western—University Park side—of the Baltimore Avenue bridge. The plans were approved this past summer by the State Highway Administration (SHA), Maryland Department of the Environment, the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation and Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement—but without notification to or involvement by the Town. It was not until late September, when Director of Public Works Mickey Beall came upon several workers reviewing the site

near the Baltimore Avenue and Wells Parkway intersection for installation of a 36" diameter drain pipe into Wells Run that the Town was notified of any proposed construction in University Park. Very quickly, the Town made contact with the contractors, insisting that they come in to discuss their proposed work in University Park and to get a permit from the Town before digging into a Town street.

The storm water management concept plan previously approved for the RPS site included drainage to the east and southeast, as well as an extensive bio-retention and cistern system on-site under the gateway park buffer. After the SHA approved plans for widening Baltimore Avenue in front of the RPS site earlier this year, the builders were required by SHA

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council                      November 3, 17 & December 1  
Town Veterans Day Event                      November 9  
Holidays                      November 11, 27 & 28  
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) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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to install additional storm water holding capacity beneath the Whole Foods' parking lot. We are told that, through this larger system, water from a one-hundred year storm would be held and more gradually released. The proposed pipe and outfall would carry this controlled-release storm water from the westernmost third of the RPS site, including some from the WMATA property just to the north of the site, into Wells Run on the west side of Baltimore Avenue. There remains a possibility that this drain can be installed outside of the Town. This pipe, drain and outfall cannot be constructed in University Park as proposed, however, without a permit from the Town of University Park. Any decision with respect to issuing a permit on this proposal and under what conditions will be made by the Council in a public meeting.

There are a number of concerns with installing such a drain into Wells Run at this site, foremost among them the serious flooding which has occurred repeatedly near there, most significantly upstream from Baltimore Avenue to Queens Chapel Road. In June of this year, much of that area was under water during a rainfall of 4.8 inches of rain in one hour. This flooding is dangerous and expensive, and at the very least inconvenient, for the people who live near Wells Run in that area. Also of concern is the current erosion of the stream bank and consequent ongoing damage to the infrastructure adjacent to the stream including the roadway on both sides, the 44th Avenue "hopscotch" bridge, and the gas and sewer utilities near there in danger of being undermined.



There is already concern about the possible effects of this flooding and erosion on the stability of the box culvert under Baltimore Avenue, including the possible effects of additional storm water from the RPS site placed into Wells Run west of the culvert. The Town has requested additional information from the County and RPS to document what

effects, if any, this additional storm water would have. This information will be reviewed carefully and discussed with expert engineers working for the Town. Last, we are attentive to flooding concerns downstream, in the Town of Riverdale Park.

The addition of a storm water drain from the RPS site upstream into University Park doesn't appear to be for any clear hydrologic reason—water doesn't naturally flow that way—and there is a great deal of concern that it not exacerbate any of these serious situations in our community. This is a matter that the Town gets to decide, and we are asking serious questions of the developer, state and county before doing so.

Even without addition of storm water from the east side upstream to this proposed site for the outfall, however, the *current* condition of Wells Run in University Park is a complicated and expensive matter which we must effectively address within the next few years. Meanwhile, the Town is already approaching the SHA to fix some of the inoperable or partially working storm drains along Baltimore Avenue between Wells Run and East West Highway, and is exploring other measures to prevent further erosion and to stabilize the stream banks between Baltimore Avenue and Queens Chapel Road. I will ask for a plan—and proposed budget—to begin to address these problems. Going forward we should resist pressures to remake our pleasant Wells Run into a storm water ditch. Further, as the Prince George's Plaza environs upstream from University Park are built out and redeveloped over the next several decades—that area is slated to become a new "downtown"—our community should insist on robust on-site storm water management in all of those upstream areas. Without this, our little Wells Run could become less a community amenity and addition to our sense of place, and more a risk. We have an opportunity to work together to restore and maintain Wells Run.

*Len Carey*

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

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

There are many reasons to ride a bike, alone or as a family activity. Bicycles are a great way to have fun, get exercise, enjoy the freedom of travel and minimize your impact on the environment. Whether you are just riding your bike around the block because your knees can't take the pounding running inflicts, or your family is spending a week riding down the entire C & O canal, here are a few tips to keep you safe.



Always wear a helmet! The hard facts indicate that more children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport. Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by 88 percent, yet only 45 percent of children 14 and under

wear one. It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes. *Use your head, wear a helmet.*

Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly. Adjust your bicycle to fit. Stand over your bicycle. There should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the top tube if using a road bike and 3 to 4 inches if a mountain bike. The seat should be level front to back and the height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be level with the seat. Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that your brakes work.

It's important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy, it's a vehicle. Obey all traffic laws. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals and lane markings. Yield to traffic when appropriate. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming from a smaller roadway (out of a driveway, from a sidewalk or bike path), you must slow down and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding. This also means yielding to pedestrians who have entered a crosswalk.

Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to

stop before they cross the street. When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, be bright, use lights and make sure your bike has reflectors as well. It's also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility. Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash. If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.

Actively supervise children until you're comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own. Good cyclists make good drivers. If you teach your children to be a responsible cyclist, much of your work will be done when they start driving a car.

University Park is located near a great bike trail system that runs through College Park and Hyattsville and will eventually connect into Washington, DC at the Bladensburg marina. There are several local bike shops a short distance from UP including Arrow bike shop in Hyattsville, College Park Bike Shop and Proteus Bikes in College Park. They are all experienced in fitting you or your child for a bike and offer great follow-up service if you have mechanical issues with your bike. Another resource is the Mt. Rainier Bike Co-op that offers a free bike if you volunteer to go through one of their bike repair classes. A nice opportunity to learn how to do basic repairs and take home the bike you learned to work on.

**Stolen Auto** Between September 25 9:30 PM and September 26 6 AM in the 6700 block of 41st Avenue suspect/s stole a 2009 Chrysler Minivan that had been parked in front of the residence. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

### Notice of Introduction of LR-14-O-10

On October 20, 2014, Ordinance 14-O-10 was introduced. This ordinance would prohibit parking on the south side of Van Buren Street within one hundred feet (100') of its intersection with U.S. Route 1. The meeting set for November 3, 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.



### Curbside Leaf Collection Begins

Loose leaves will be collected by curbside vacuuming November 3 through January 9. Residents are strongly encouraged to rake their leaves to the curb—not into the street—during leaf collection to

avoid bagging leaves.

Prince George's County has prohibited plastic bags since January 1, 2014. As a result, University Park Public Works no longer collects leaves or yard waste in plastic bags. Residents must use bins, trash cans, paper bags or other containers for yard waste. Please contact the Public Works Department with questions or concerns at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org) or 301-927-4262.

### Consider Leaving the Leaves

As the nights lengthen and the northern hemisphere bends from mellow autumn to frozen ground, the deciduous trees of Maryland prepare for their long winter naps. Stark silhouettes against the leaden skies belie the life within. Animals hibernate; woody deciduous plants go dormant. The leaves are shed and life support functions are minimized to conserve energy. Growth rates are halved. The plant hormone abscisic acid (ABA) is produced when triggered by daylight duration. When sufficient levels of ABA collect in the leaf buds, the leaves fall off. The same chemical suspends growth by prohibiting cell division.

Metrics now exist to measure the real estate value of individual trees and the total extra value of a property based on its collective plant stock. It's wise and prudent to provide stewardship in all seasons of the year. In summer we water our trees, in fall/winter we should ensure their needed nutrients will be in place when leaf growth and cell division resume in the spring. We should invest in our trees by "leaving" them alone.

One of the best investments a homeowner can make is to return the fallen leaves to the soil. The trees labored long and hard to draw up trace minerals and transfer them to the leaves. Such minerals in the upper levels of the soil encourage healthy soil dynamics by feeding earthworms and microbes, which in turn serve to lighten soils and encourage root growth and better growth for the tree as a whole. At the very least, the carbon in leaves

will balance the nitrogen in your compost and insulate succulents and other more tender footed plants.

It is necessary to shred the leaves, most preferably with a mulching mower. Any mower with a bag will suffice, with enough patience and multiple mowing. Mulched leaves can be left on the grass or spread in ornamental or vegetable beds.

Mulch your leaves then leave them alone. Your trees and your home's value will both grow.

*-Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee*

### Ivy League

**Saturday, November 8, 9-11 AM**

With the loss of trees on the Cafritz tract, UP's trees need more care than ever. Let's gather in large numbers to clear a large tract of the town's trees from the choking effects of English Ivy. We will return again to the alley behind 44th Avenue and are hoping for a strong turnout, as this is our largest undertaking to date.

Please assemble by Town Hall beginning at 8:45 AM. Please bring ivy removal tools, primarily a set of hand clippers and either a dandelion weeder, a large, long bladed screwdriver or small pry bar. Tree Committee members will bring hatchets and saws for more gnarly vines. Participants will earn another credit toward their Ivy League Bandanas, redeemable after participating in five sessions.



On October 18, the Tree Committee, volunteers and DPW staff participated in Prince George's County Clean Up, Green Up program, a county-wide initiative, planting trees, bulbs and removing litter.



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### September 8 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Public Comment

Council Member Linda Verrill read a letter from her Underwood Street constituent, Dr. Katharine Alter, MD, a pediatrician, to express her concern. Dr. Alter would like University Park to increase the awareness and enforcement of bicyclists under the age of 16 to wear a helmet, which is a Maryland state law.

Mr. Dana Shea asked if the Police General Orders Manual is available to the public or will it be on the Town website. Since the document is very large, it will not be on the Town website and cannot be emailed. If a resident is interested in viewing the document, they can either come into Town Hall and read the document or bring a flash drive to the office to download the document.

#### Presentation

*Update on the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) and the Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ)* Mr. William Washburn and Ms. Tamara Jovovic, M-NCPPC Planners.

Mr. Washburn gave a detailed power point presentation on the updated plan, which is to create a new downtown for Prince George's County in the area around the Metro station. This presentation was emailed in a PDF format to Town Hall for those interested. There will be a community planning workshop at the Hyattsville Municipal Center on Gallatin Street on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM; Thursday, September 18 at 5 PM; and Saturday, September 20 at 10 AM. Mr. Washburn encouraged that University Park residents get involved in formulating a vision for this area.

#### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to construct a 6' x 17' first floor addition at 4311 Clagett Road.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit for the installation of 41 solar panels located at 4404 Sheridan Street.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace existing sidewalk and stairs located at 6900 Forest Hill Drive.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing shed and tie in a 10' x 15' covered gazebo over an existing 10' x 15' concrete patio located at 4312 Tuckerman Street.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace existing 300 sq. ft. patio and repair steps located at 4204 Tuckerman Street.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

#### Consent Agenda

*Motion to approve the following consent agenda items.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

To endorse the annual fall CDC/FM/SFEMA walk/run on Thursday, October 2 from 12 to 1:15 PM through University Park. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Block party/street closure 4400 block of Sheridan Street on Saturday, October 11 from 4 to 10 PM. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

#### New Business

*Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter to the District Council on the Adopted College Park Riverdale Park Transit District Development Plan, which consists of the Preliminary Plan and the Prince George's County Planning Board Resolution PGCPB 04-61. The letter should support encompassing a broader view, to include information on major developments nearby the College Park Metro station area and include broader regional transportation initiatives such as the proposed circulator bus system involving the municipalities of College Park, Riverdale Park, Hyattsville and University Park. The Mayor is authorized to testify on behalf of the Town at the hearing on September 16, 2014.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to authorize the Town to enter into a commercial credit card account with SunTrust Bank provided that it does not allow the Town to carry a balance and to authorize the Town Clerk to sign those documents necessary to effect this authorization.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### Department and Council Reports

#### *Mayor's Report*

Mayor Carey welcomed Linda Verrill as the new Council Member for Ward 4. Mayor Carey along with Council Members Thompson, Alvarez, Verrill and Town Clerk Toscano will be attending the Maryland Municipal League conference on September 10-13 in Annapolis. The Town of University Park has been approved as a Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipality. Mayor Carey thanked the Green Team for all their hard work. The Mayor requested, via email and no later than September 15, recommendations of neighbors for appointment to the Ethics Commission. Council will go into Executive Session to discuss the nominations prior to voting at the next council meeting on September 22.

Mayor Carey proposed that the town celebrate Veterans Day on November 11 at 11 AM, no matter which day it falls on. Council members agreed to his proposal. The staff and town attorney are still negotiating payment with WSSC regarding street paving. To make the town permit process more timely, Mayor Carey would like to consider either revising Code 4104 or change the procedures. This issue will be put on the agenda of a future council meeting for discussion. Mayors and council members from University Park, Hyattsville, College Park, University of Maryland and Riverdale Park have been working together to establish what is called the Route 1 University Communities Coalition in order to work closely together. The first full meeting is scheduled for December 3 at 7 PM at the College Park City Hall. Mayor, council members and senior staff of the municipalities will be invited to join a coalition listserv.

#### *Development Overview Committee-CM Alvarez*

On August 14 the committee discussed the updated design of the Cafritz project. A representative will attend the October 20 council meeting to give an update on what they are proposing.

#### *Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee-CM Alvarez*

On August 21, the committee reviewed the Police General Orders Manual and made changes where necessary.

#### *Stream Committee-CM Gekas*

On August 8, CM Gekas and Mayor Carey sponsored an informational session at the Tennyson Road cul-de-sac about installing a porous material in the gutter and

possibly the walkway to the bridge ("The Mickey Lucas Walkway"). This was a demonstration project proposed by the Anacostia Watershed Society, paid for via funds from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The goal of this project is to achieve reductions in nutrient and sediment loads to the stream while engaging in stormwater issues such as perhaps making Queens Chapel Road a Green Street.

CM Hess reported that Public Works was very responsive to his recent request. Over the weekend, he sent Mickey Beall an email to report graffiti near the tot lot. He went past the tot lot on Monday and the graffiti was gone.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:55 PM.

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### September 22 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Presentation

##### *Take Back Our Yards (TBOY) Mosquito Program Final Report*

Mr. Beall, Director of Public Works, introduced Sophie Jin, Mosquito Pilot Coordinator for the Town of University Park. Ms. Jin, a University of Maryland graduate, gave a power point presentation on *Take Back Our Yards: University Park Asian Tiger Mosquito Program*. The presentation will be posted on the Town website. Mayor Carey suggested sending thank you notes to the block captains for their help in promoting the program. Mr. Brosch, Tuckerman Street, hopes that the council will consider funding this program next year. He has noticed a difference with the mosquitoes in his own backyard after following the suggestions from Ms. Jin.

#### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a new section of walkway located at 6900 Forest Hill Drive.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing 4' fence along the rear of the property located at 6709 Queens Chapel Road.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

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*Motion to approve the request for a building permit for the installation of a 12" wide x 42' long concrete channel drain in backyard made of cement and PVC pipe located at 6602 44th Avenue.* Motion approved 5 to 1 (Sorensen opposed).

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing 10'x 8' x 8' shed located at 6811 Adelphi Road.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Continuing Business

*Motion to accept the Police General Orders Manual (GOM) incorporating the recommendations from the Council Committee on Police, Traffic, and Public Safety.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### New Business

*Motion to authorize the town to purchase from GranTurk Equipment Company, Inc. two Kenworth Series trucks with 25 yard Leach 2RIII trash bodies at a total price not to exceed \$ 330,000.00, subject to approved financing.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Carey attended the Fall Maryland Municipal League Conference in Annapolis, September 10-13 along with Council Members Verrill, Alvarez, Thompson and Town Clerk Toscano. At this conference, the Town of University Park was recognized as a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community. The town received an email from the county requesting the possible use of the town Call-A-Bus to transport students from University Park to Mt. Rainier. This request will be researched and discussed with the council prior to a decision. Veterans Day 2014 will be celebrated on Sunday, November 9. Next year, Veterans Day will be celebrated on the established holiday, which is November 11.

#### Council Reports

CM Sorensen reported that the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee completed a series of four meetings on the referred statement of work related to the Newsletter Editor. The report will be completed by the end of the week, which will meet the September 30 deadline.

Town Attorney Ferguson continues to work on negotiations with Comcast for the municipalities she represents.

Town Clerk Toscano reported that at the MML Conference, she attended the Green Team programs for energy efficient shuttle buses since the Town is in need of dependable bus service. Residents are very pleased with the free service from the Town Engineer, Mr. Sidhu, to assist residents with storm water mitigation issues.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the August report. The audit report is due on November 1.

Police Chief Wynnyk thanked Ms. Ferguson for her work on the Police General Orders Manual. Officer Chad Sunday was recognized by the Highway Safety Office for his work in DUI Enforcement. The two new police vehicles have arrived but still need to be equipped. The department passed the Criminal Justice Information System audit.

Department of Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that the composting program will reach approximately 26 tons for the calendar year, which is a 10% increase from last year.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:20 PM.

### October 6 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members Gekas, Hess (arrived at 7:33), Verrill, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez. Excused: Thompson.

#### Public Comment

Arlene Christiansen suggested that a no parking sign be placed on the south side of Van Buren Street indicating not to park close to the corner since it is very dangerous entering or exiting University Park.

#### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a 604 sq. ft. rear addition in place of most of an existing deck and add 4'x15.5' of deck, located at 4111 Tennyson Road.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to construct an 8' x 12' x 9' storage shed (the northeast corner of the shed will be between 25 to 45 feet from the northeast corner of the property and the east side of the shed will be at least 2 feet from the east border of the property) located at 4204 Tuckerman Street.*

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit for a 2' x 18' retaining wall, located at 4209 Tuckerman Street with a condition that the Town Engineer inspect the site, review the plans and provide an imprimatur.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit with Special Exception for the installation of a nonconforming 6' fence, located at 4209 Tuckerman Street. Council makes the requisite findings to approve this Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code.* Motion approved 3 to 2 (Gekas, Hess, Alvarez: Yea; Verrill, Sorensen: Nay; Cron: Abstain).

### Continuing Business

*Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft a letter on the matter of the DSP-99004/07 Prince George's Plaza, Chick-Fil-A for the District Council hearing on October 20, 2014, and authorize the Mayor to testify at the hearing on behalf of the Town. 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 authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to submit a letter to the Prince George's County Government urging adoption of a coordinated approach to the planning and development of the Prince George's Plaza and University Town Center area, including the Hyattsville Branch Library, a new Prince George's County Community Center and the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan. Special attention should be given to stormwater management and its effects on Wells Run, the need for a demographic and market study of the area, and the development of a comprehensive transportation plan for the Hyattsville, College Park, Riverdale Park, University Park and University of Maryland area. All appropriate local and county officials should be copied.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey explained in detail the issue with Cafritz and the proposed stormwater work in University Park. Representatives of Cafritz will give an update of the project at the October 20 Council meeting. Mayor Carey

asked that questions for the Cafritz representatives be emailed to him by next week. Mayor Carey gave a reminder of the follow up meeting for the Transit Development Overlay Zone at Prince Georges Plaza scheduled for October 14, 6:30-8:30 at the Prince Georges Plaza Community Center.

### Council Reports

**Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee** CM Sorensen distributed the final report on the Town Newsletter. The report has been posted on the Town website. The council will discuss the report on October 20 in the work session and in executive session on October 20. The executive session will take place in Town Hall after the work session.

**Development Overview Committee** CM Alvarez reported that Cafritz is asking for a change in the secondary amendment, asking that free-standing signs be permitted to provide identification of the development. Committee members attended the library presentation and the Prince Georges TDDP Design Workshop.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:35 PM.



Wrapping up after University Park's fall electronic recycling and shredding event.



### Lost Pet Database

To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call the new pet database coordinator, Laura Collins. She can be reached at [UPPetDatabase@gmail.com](mailto:UPPetDatabase@gmail.com) or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

**Obituary**



**Margaret Malanoski** of Van Buren Street passed away on August 15 at the age of 52, after a 17-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Margie grew up in Silver Spring, MD, attending Springbrook High School. She earned a B.A from Rosemont College, as well as an M.A. and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Maryland. After working for several years in the Economic Research Service at the Department of Agriculture, she joined the staff of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget in 1996, rising to the level of Branch Chief in 2008, and becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service in 2010.

Margaret applied her economic and scientific expertise and experience to improve many public policy decisions, most notably in the areas of agriculture and food safety. She also made critical contributions to policies related to health care, labor, education programs and nanotechnology. She developed and maintained strong, effective relationships with people in the agencies whose regulations she reviewed, staff in the branch she supervised and officials in the White House who relied heavily upon her analysis and insight. Margie spent countless hours mentoring and coaching junior staff. She was also a strong voice for balance between work and family life for all and especially for young women, who find it difficult to rise into management due to work demands.

Margie moved to University Park with her husband, Scott Lilienthal, in 1991. She is survived by Scott and their two sons, Jack (age 18) and Thomas (age 16) as well as her mother and 11 siblings. Margie was a devoted wife and mother and throughout her life remained close to her six sisters and five brothers. She was a regular volunteer at the Washington International School, where both of her sons attended school. She was very proud to see Jack graduate in May and be accepted to Colorado College.



**Town Teen Worker List**

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



**Andrew DeSantis**, 17, and **Peter DeSantis**, 15, 301-779-9669, Van Buren Street, andydesand12@yahoo.com, peterdesantis8468@gmail.com, lawn and garden work, snow shoveling, indoor painting, house sitting/pet sitting and more. Experienced with references.

**Elan**, 16, and **Ariel Markel**, 14, 240-441-9994, 41st Ave, a4markel@gmail.com, lawn mowing, raking and related yard work.

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

**Nadia BenAissa**, 16, 202-550-6806, Wells Parkway, nadiasb13@gmail.com, babysitting and dog walking/pet sitting.

**Maria Korzeniewicz**, 14, 301-277-1767, Underwood Street, babysitting, mother's helper, dog walker/pet care.

**Christopher Brunk**, 15, 301-779-7314, Pineway, cbrunk4444@gmail.com, yard work, pet sitting.

**Mitchell Moore**, 16, 301-310-4619, 44th Ave, yard work of all kinds, snow shoveling, miscellaneous household work, computer tech support, pet sitting, babysitting.

**Molly Moore**, 14, 301-928-0868, 44th Ave, pet sitting, baby sitting, miscellaneous household work.

**UPWC News**

There is still time to participate in the annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour on December 12, sponsored by the UP Woman's Club! The tour is a popular annual fundraiser with the proceeds supporting scholarships and educational/cultural programs. The club is seeking a few more homes from UP and College Heights Estates for the tour. Homes of all styles, age and size are desired. Residents are asked to decorate their home's interior as they would for the holidays.

Exterior lighting is not required. For additional information or to volunteer, please call 301-277-0414 or email amkobbe@aol.com.

It's time to start thinking of new creative exterior holiday designs for the annual home decorating contest on December 14. Categories and further details will be included in the December Town Newsletter. Rules: Decorations should be done by owners. Last year's winners are ineligible unless they have created a new design. Remember, seasonal has many meanings! For more information, please contact Sallie Holder at slholder410@gmail.com or 301-864-9264.

**UPWC Archival Cataloging Project**

What do you throw away? What do you keep? If you keep it, how and where will items be stored? These questions keep museum specialists, paper/e-records managers, librarians and historical archivists awake at night. If you have a budding historian or archivist in your family, read on! The University Park Woman's Club is offering the opportunity for two high school students living in University Park or College Heights Estates to earn student service learning activity/community service hours. Established in 1941, the UPWC will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2016. To assist in preparation for the Club's 75th anniversary, more than 70 years of records need to be catalogued and in some cases transcribed. Photographs need to be scanned or re-imaged digitally. Interviews will be scheduled with long-time club members.

This volunteer work will be performed on weekend days under the supervision of Jana Over, current club president. Access to a laptop and digital camera will be provided. The number of work sessions per month and the hours per session will be based on participants' schedules. Student volunteers will have an opportunity to meet with a current U.S. National Park Service curatorial specialist to learn more about the field of museum studies. To apply for consideration, please email the following information to upwcLead@gmail.com, subject line *UPWC SSLA application – your last name*: Your name, current year in high school, name of high school now attending, your email and home address, parent or guardian name and telephone number, name of your school's SSL/Community Service Coordinator and a short paragraph on why this project is of interest to you.

**UPCA News**



The University Park Civic Association completed another busy month in October. Thanks to Rob and Monique Bourque for coordinating the Chili Cook-Off contest, the Becrafts for hosting a festive UPCA social and Michelle Wedge for arranging pumpkin carving and the jack-o-lantern trail on Halloween.

A big thank you to all who attended the chili cook-off and to those who submitted an entry or brought a side dish to share. Even with the rain we had a great turnout and intense competition continued once more between neighbors for the best chili in town!

**Official Results UPCA 12th Annual Chili Cook-off Vegetarian Category**

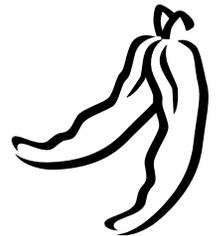
Champion: Demink Family, *Kaboom Chipotle White Chili*  
 Runner-Up: Kira Moss, *Moroccan Kitty*

**Mild Category**

Champion: Abigail & Lucy Saldana, *Big Giant Bowl of Chili*  
 Runner-Up: Thomas Tsuji, *Nala's Bite Chili*

**5-Alarm Hot Category**

Champion: Tom Mooney, *Like Father, Like Son*  
 Runner-Up: Bob Moss, *Who Ya Gonna Call? Ghost Chili!*



This year the **Overall People's Choice Award** goes to the Demink family with their *Kaboom Chipotle White Chili*. Congratulations to all.

**Join us for our bimonthly UPCA meeting Tuesday, November 18 at 7 PM.** It will be held in the first room to your right as you enter the annex of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and help us plan one of our great events. The UPCA is volunteer-run, and needs people power and your membership dues to support our many free events. Please visit our website at <http://upcivicassociation.com> and pay your annual supporting contribution of \$25 per household via check, cash, credit card or PayPal. You may also drop off a membership form and check with the UPCA Membership Administrator, Abby Schneider, at 6804 Wells Parkway.

**UPplaygroup**

**4th Annual Post-Halloween Costume Party  
Saturday, November 1, 2-4 PM**

New to the neighborhood? Come out and meet your neighbors at the UPplaygroup post Halloween party! We invite kids of all ages to once more wear their Halloween costumes and join other families for a fun-filled afternoon at the UP Tot Lot, the playground east of the church at 6513 Queens Chapel. Refreshments provided courtesy of the UPCA. Free. To learn more or to join the UPplaygroup's online community, please visit [www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/UPplaygroup](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/UPplaygroup). Questions may also be directed to Michelle Wedge [mdwedge@gmail.com](mailto:mdwedge@gmail.com) or Christine Becraft [christine\\_nd@yahoo.com](mailto:christine_nd@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there!

**University Park Woman's Club Meeting  
Monday, November 3, 11:30 AM**

The club will host an informative group discussion on home life and conservation topics, coordinated by Kate Beveridge. Registration at 11:30 AM with lunch at 12 noon. Membership in the Woman's Club is open to all women in UP and surrounding communities. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Free childcare. Members and non-members are asked to RSVP by calling Jana Over at 301-779-5120 or emailing [upwcLead@gmail.com](mailto:upwcLead@gmail.com).

**Veterans Day Celebration  
Sunday, November 9, 2 PM**

Please join us for our town's observance of Veterans Day to honor those men and women who have lived in University Park and served or are serving in the military. We are again fortunate to be joined by the Northwestern High School Junior ROTC Color Guard. The ceremony will be held at the same location as in previous years, in the park adjacent to the intersection of Wells Parkway, Clagett Road and Eversfield Drive. The occasion will provide us with a perfect opportunity to reflect on the contributions of our veterans to our country and our town. Hope to see you there.



**After 8 Book Group**

**Tuesday, November 18, 8-10 PM**

The November selection is *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini. The December book is *Rise and Shine: A Novel* by Anna Quindlen. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Please call Mollie Huitema at 301-927-5836 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

**For All Good Causes Holiday Sharing Fair  
Saturday, December 6, 9:30 AM- 3 PM**

Save some shopping to do near home and support non-profits and artists working for justice, peace and the good of the earth. Grilled brats, pecans and baked goods will also be available. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.

**Save the Date! Tree Lighting &  
Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, December 7**

More information will be in the next newsletter's UPCA update. Please contact Debra Suarez ([debra.suarez@gmail.com](mailto:debra.suarez@gmail.com) or 301-613-9505) if you are interested in volunteering for this event. The more volunteers the merrier!



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**Maryland Golf Course Community Day, Saturday, November 1, 22-6 PM** Explore through nature walks with Audubon experts (the course is a sanctuary) or run or walk the front 9 holes on cart paths. For the kids, one word: Golfzilla! Free golf clinics taught by our PGA Golf Professionals at 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 PM. Register online at [golf.umd.edu](http://golf.umd.edu). Reduced prices \$15 per person for 9 holes of golf (includes cart); reserve a tee time by calling 301-314-GOLF. Save on gear in the Golf Shop. Visit Mulligan's Grill located in the clubhouse. Watch the Terps take on Penn State! For info visit [golf.umd.edu](http://golf.umd.edu) or call 301-314-GOLF.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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.

**Raq Out Bellydance Concert and Swap Meet *Saturday, November 1, 7:30 PM*** Area Raq Sharqi performers, teachers and students share this exciting dance form with the community. Free and open to the public; fun and appropriate for all ages. Plus, there will be a bonus bellydance gear swap meet before the show, open to the public from 3-5 PM.

**NaNoWriMo Writing Marathon *Saturday, November 8, 10 AM-10 PM*** National Novel Writing Month is a writing phenomenon. Thousands of individuals have taken the opportunity to participate with the goal of writing 50,000 words (the length of *The Great Gatsby*) in one month and thousands have succeeded! If you think you have a novel in you, you probably do. Join the official NaNoWriMo project and then come to our marathon to dedicate a big lump of time to your novel. Bring snacks or take a break at nearby restaurants. Older teens and adults.



**St. Martin's Day Lantern Festival *Saturday, November 9, 3:30-5:30 PM*** This annual festival is led at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 Princeton Avenue, by volunteer Birgit Meade. In this traditional German festival, people carry paper lanterns lit up with candles in a parade outside at dusk, while singing traditional lantern songs. Ages 4 and up to adults.

**Trash to Treasure: America Recycles Day *Saturday, November 15, 10 AM-3 PM*** This workshop will help you make fun things out of recycled materials. Cosponsored by the City of College Park Public Works Department. Bring your family, friends or group. Please RSVP and bring a lunch. Great for all ages. Davis Hall, 9217 51st Avenue, College Park.

**Children's Arts Drop-In Programs *November 15 and 16*** Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. Saturday 10 AM-12 PM at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House.

**CPAE Book Club *Tuesday, November 18, 7 PM*** Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. November's book is *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren.



**An Afternoon of Austen Fashion *Saturday, November 15, 1:30 PM*** Come dressed in your finest and enjoy two illustrated lectures, by area costume historians. Show off your fab fashions during a flash fashion show and end the afternoon with period refreshments from the Kitchen Guild. Registration has been extended to November 7. \$20/residents, \$24/nonresidents.

**Breakfast with Sint Niklaas *Saturday, December 6, 9 and 11 AM*** Sint Niklaas will be making his annual visit to the museum on his feast day. Children and parents will enjoy a Belgian-inspired program and children will receive a gift from and have time to visit with Sint Niklaas. Registration required by November 16. Choose the 9 or 11 AM seating. \$10/child, \$7/adult for residents; \$12/child, \$9/adult for nonresidents.

Need more info? Want to register for a program? Call the Riversdale office at 301-864-0420 and staff will be happy to assist!

**Trash to Treasure: 6th Annual M-NCPPC Green Craft Fair *Saturday, November 8, 10AM-4PM*** Go green with your holiday shopping this year! Join us for our 6th Annual Trash to Treasure: Green Craft Fair. Explore local crafters and artists who create treasures made from at least 50% recycled, organic, fair trade or sustainably-harvested materials. Items for sale include jewelry, candles, recycled wood carvings, knitwear, bags, paintings and more. Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.

**Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Black Indians: An American Story, November 17, 7-9 PM*** *Black Indians: An American Story* brings to light a forgotten part of America's past—the cultural and racial fusion of Native and African Americans. Narrated by James Earl Jones, and produced and directed by Rich-Heape Films, this film explores what brought the two groups together, what drove them apart and the challenges that face them today. Our post-film conversation will be facilitated by Talaya Grimes of the Creative Edge Studio.



# Curbside Leaf Collection

## Nov. 3-Jan. 9

Please rake leaves up to the curb line for removal by the leaf vacuum machine beginning in November and continuing through early January, weather permitting. The leaf vacuum will operate during daylight hours Monday through Friday and on weekends as needed.

Please rake leaves only up to the curb line. Do not rake leaves into the gutter. Residents and landscapers are asked to use caution while raking and be sure that there are no rocks, metal, etc. in your leaf piles.

Please do not expect crews to backtrack to collect leaves after they have passed your home. They will return after completing the 2-3 week cycle.

Please note the schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice. A tentative November schedule is available at the Department of Public Works calendar on [upmd.org](http://upmd.org). The tentative December schedule will be posted in late November. We endeavor to vacuum each street as many times as possible--weather, holidays, and other factors sometimes allow/cause the crews to progress faster or slower than expected. The schedule will be adjusted based on the actual progress of the collection crews. Please work with us.

Collection in each Ward will be on a 2-3 week cycle. No signs will be posted. A ward map is posted at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org)

## Recycling Reminders

By placing your recycling bin and/or cart at the curb once a week on your regularly scheduled collection day, you reduce the amount of trash that is disposed of at the landfill. All recyclable items are placed in the same container. Recyclables do not need to be sorted or separated.

### Acceptable Items

#### **Glass**

Food and beverage containers

#### **Metals**

Empty aerosol cans

Aluminum, bimetal, ferrous, steel food and beverage containers

Aluminum foil

Coat hangers

#### **Mixed Paper/Corrugated Cardboard**

All paper

Aseptic/gable-top milk and juice cartons

Catalogs

Corrugated cardboard (boxes)

Frozen food packaging

Hard and soft cover books

Kraft paper bags and wrapping paper

Magazines

Newspapers with inserts

Paper board (cereal and cracker boxes)

Telephone books

#### **Plastics**

Bagged grocery bags, shrink wrap and stretch-film  
(Insert all bags within one bag; no loose single bags)

Drinking cups/glasses

Flower pots

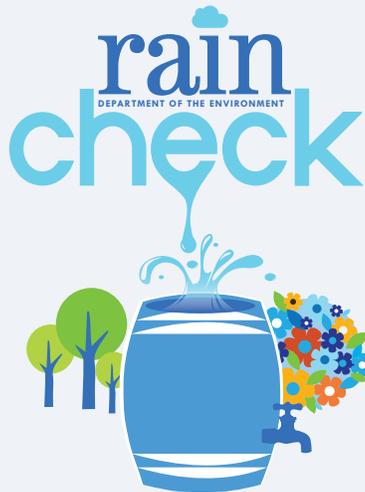
Narrow-neck containers with code identification numbers 1 through 7

Wide-mouth containers such as peanut butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise and whipped topping; margarine/butter tubs

Prescription bottles

Coat hangers

Remember to rinse all food and beverage containers and to recap or place the lids in the recycling cart/bin.



# 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.

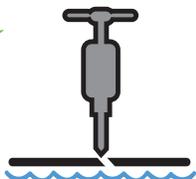
### Rebate-Eligible Practices



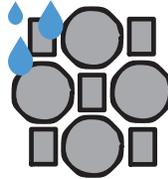
**CISTERNS**  
\$250–\$2,000



**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



# November 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 	3 <b>Curbside Leaf Collection Begins, Yard Waste</b> Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM <b>Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	4 <b>Trash</b>	5	6 <b>Recycling</b>	7 <b>Trash</b>	8 Ivy League, Town Hall, 8:45 AM
9 <b>2014 Veterans Day Celebration, 2 PM</b>	10 <b>Yard Waste</b>	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	12 <b>Trash</b>	13 <b>Recycling</b> Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee Meeting, 7 PM	14 <b>Trash</b>	15 
16	17 <b>Yard Waste</b> <b>Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	18 <b>Trash</b> UPCA Social, 7-9 PM After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM	19 	20 <b>Recycling</b>	21 <b>Trash</b>	22
23	24 <b>Yard Waste</b>	25 <b>Trash</b> Development Overview Committee Meeting	26 <b>Recycling</b>	27 <b>Thanksgiving</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	28 <b>Town Holiday</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	29 
30 December 1	<b>Yard Waste</b> <b>Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>			<i>Save the Date!</i> For All Good Causes Holiday Sharing Fair Saturday, December 6, 9:30 AM- 3 PM		<i>Save the Date!</i> Tree Lighting & Potluck Dinner Sunday, December 7



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**NEWSLETTER**

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