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FROM THE MAYOR

A number of subjects have come up over the summer that will be of interest to residents. The Mayor and Council continue to examine the possibility of purchasing Riverdale Presbyterian Church to convert it into a combination town hall and community center. The Council will hold a series of public hearings on a possible purchase starting in late September or early October. Look for an announcement of the proposed hearing dates shortly before or after Labor Day.

The Town Tree Committee presented a proposal on August 12 to the Town Council to augment our existing tree ordinance to require a permit for the pruning and/or removal of 24" caliper or above shade trees on private property. In light of comments made by the Council and the controversial nature of the suggested legislation, the Tree Committee was asked to take the proposal back and to hold a series of well-publicized hearings to further

vet the concept. The current Tree Ordinance does not restrict property owner's rights to prune or remove trees on their property. It only provides for a \$300 dollar rebate for each shade tree planted on private property. To clarify, it should be noted that the Town began to follow a "right-tree, right place" rule in 2003-04, when the Town was first certified as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Since Mickey Beall began as DPW Director in January 2008, the Town has closely adhered to this standard. Whether this policy should be formalized in an ordinance is worth discussing. The Town renews its Tree City certification annually, demonstrating that it has met a set of criteria for maintaining and protecting its tree canopy. One of the criteria is the establishment of a permanent tree committee. The Town's current tree ordinance provides for a tree committee made up of interested residents. They offer policy suggestions to the Mayor and Council. In the past,

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Cafritz District Council Hearing September 9
Town Council September 16 & 23
Fall E-Recycling & Shredding Oct. 12 9 AM-1 PM
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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the Committee helped to formulate the shade tree subsidy program and identify the shade trees to be placed on the subsidy list. They have provided guidance to the Town on tree policy and planting strategies in the park and the Town streets. The Tree Committee meets regularly, publicizing its agenda about a week in advance. The meetings are open to the public.

Development projects continue to pop up. The Toll Brothers' Knox Village project on Knox Road in College Park has a Detailed Site Plan application with a hearing expected before the Planning Board sometime in October or early November. The Safeway project at University Town Center is a welcome revival of activity there, although the plans appear to be a significant step back from the original high density, transit-oriented development envisioned in 2006-07. This is disappointing as it diminishes the community vision that was put in place for the Prince George's Plaza transit district overlay zone (TDOZ) in the 1990s. In addition, details about entering the parking garage off East-West Highway and storm water management remain unclear. At present, the State Highway Administration has not warranted a light making it unclear how vehicles will safely make a left-hand turn east onto East-West Highway or if they will be permitted to do so. The current plans seem to indicate not. Town representatives will follow both projects closely and report back to the Council and the Town.

A third major new development is proposed for the University of Maryland Golf Course at the corner of University Boulevard and Adelphi Road. A number of Town residents are researching this project and will do an initial presentation on the plans at either the September 16 or 23 Council Meeting.

The Cafritz DSP appeal will be heard by the District Council on September 9 at 1:30 PM in the Council Chamber in Upper Marlboro. Because this is an appellate hearing, the format may be somewhat different than previous hearings. At a minimum, the appellants and the respondents will be provided 30 minutes each in total to present their cases. We are looking into whether residents acting independently of the appellants and respondents will be able to submit formal testimony, oral or written and what the rules might be. Please see the Town website for further information as the September 9 date approaches.

Studies on traffic at 1) the PM and Saturday peak hours in and around Town and 2) the range and types of bus services that are available along Baltimore Avenue have been received. Both provide baseline information necessary to guide future policy as developments such as Cafritz, Safeway at UTC and Knox Village come online. They provide suggestive data that for some might be counter-intuitive as well as suggest important strategies and policies that are worthy of consideration immediately. Taken together they provide a basis for designing a transportation demand management district (TDMD) that could mitigate the impacts of traffic on University Park. Both studies and supporting materials can be found on line.

Street work under our street maintenance plan was completed in the second week of August. The contractor will carry out minor additional work and/or touch up some of the previous work. I would like to thank Mickey Beall, V. Sidhu, the Town Engineer, and NZI, the contractor, for an excellent job. We are looking for resources to transform Queens Chapel Road into a Green Street. If none are available, we will look to pave it in the summer of 2014.

Finally, please note the Council Meeting originally scheduled for September 9 has been moved to September 16.

Have a great September, take care of yourselves, be safe and we will see you around Town.

John Rogard Tabori



Recording Secretary & Backup Bus Driver Needed

The Town of University Park is looking for applicants to fill these positions. Limited hours. Rate is negotiable. Please see page 9 for additional information. If interested, please contact the Town Clerk at Town-Hall@upmd.org or call Town Hall at 301-927-4262 .

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

With the beginning of the school year, traffic in UP increases. Most residents are back from vacation and the University of Maryland is in session. With school buses and delivery vehicles, traffic can become quite chaotic. If possible, choose a route avoiding the school area in the morning. Inattentive driving is a significant contributor to vehicular accidents, and distractions created by radios, cell phones and passengers make driving a tremendous challenge. Drive carefully, watch for pedestrians and pay attention when behind the wheel. Arriving safely is much more important than being on time.

Pedestrian safety enforcement will continue. Drivers who fail to notice pedestrians will be stopped and receive citations. Officers will also be monitoring school bus stops around the neighborhood, and be on the lookout for speeding vehicles, traffic sign violations and inattentive driving. Through these enforcements the University Park Police Department hopes to modify driver behavior and make the streets of University Park safer. We ask that you help us in this effort by obeying all traffic laws.

To the parents of UPES students: arriving early and allowing your child to have the time necessary to be prepared for the school day is an important step in making UPES a happy and safe environment. If you can walk your child to school please do so, as this helps cut down on the amount of traffic in the neighborhood. If you are dropping off a student do not park in the drop off lane on Queens Chapel Rd. Parking in the drop off lane may subject you to a parking ticket and officers will be looking out for parked cars. If you are walking your child into the school building there is parking available. Please do not enter the school bus circle in front of the school or the faculty parking lot. If you must drive, always wear your seatbelts, drive with caution and pay attention to your environment. Working together, we can make the school area a safer place for our children.

Thefts from autos are crimes often easily avoided. In general, two kinds of property are stolen: personal items and car components. Personal items that owners may leave in their cars include loose change, laptop computers, GPS devices, cell phones, portable music players and wallets or pocket books. Targeted car components change as the different features become highly valued. For a time, stereo equipment was targeted, but now air bags and expensive parts such as catalytic converters and high intensity xenon headlamps are prized. Items are

stolen from a vehicle every 8 minutes in the State of Maryland and 28% of all thefts reported are thefts from vehicles.

Thieves look for easy, risk free opportunities. Drivers often become complacent about vehicle security and tend to leave their cars unlocked, windows down and valuables in plain sight. Suburban residential neighborhoods and parking lots offer criminals a large number of potential opportunities for theft. These types of areas can also be quickly canvassed by thieves. Unlocked cars and cars with windows left down and desirable objects in plain view are quick and easy targets. Lock your doors, keep your windows up and remove all inviting items from plain view.

Theft from Auto On June 7 between 8 AM and 5 PM in the 4300 block of Van Buren St. suspect/s entered an unlocked vehicle and stole the handicap placard hanging from the rear view mirror. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between June 14 9 PM and June 15 3 AM in the 6700 block of Forest Hill Rd. suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2012 Honda Accord and stole an Apple laptop computer, computer parts and computer related tools. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between June 19 7:30 PM and June 20 8 AM in the 7000 block of Forest Hill Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2005 Toyota Prius and unlocked 2002 Volvo and stole a backpack and some coins. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between June 20 5:30 PM and June 21 9 AM in the 6800 block of Pineway suspect/s entered an unlocked 2007 Toyota Highlander and stole coins and some clothing. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On June 24 at 4:14 PM in the 6800 block of Baltimore Ave. a suspect described as an adult black male, 6' tall, 180 lbs., with long dreadlocked hair and wearing a white tank top, was observed breaking the passenger side window with a rock and steal an Apple iPad. Suspect then rode away on a silver mountain bike toward College Park. The area was checked and no suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

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Theft from Auto Between June 27 5 PM and June 28 5:55 AM in the 4300 block of Tuckerman St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2013 Toyota Sienna and stole a Dell laptop computer, a mobile hotspot device and assorted paperwork. The paperwork was located and returned to the owner. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between June 27 7 PM and June 28 9 AM in the 4400 block of Tuckerman St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2002 Jeep Liberty and stole assorted change from the console area. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On June 28 at approximately 3:15 AM in the 6700 block of 44th Ave. suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2011 Honda Civic and stole a small purse containing identification and debit cards. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On June 28 at approximately 4:50 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked Mazda MPV and stole assorted tools. The tools were later located in the area of 44th Ave. and returned to the owner. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On June 28 between midnight and 5:30 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 1999 Honda Civic and stole a canvas bag containing assorted tools. The tools were located nearby and returned to the owner. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between July, 3 7:30 PM and July 4 11 AM in the 4400 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2013 Nissan Sentra and stole an iPod Nano, coins and car keys. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Stolen Auto Between July, 3 7:30 PM and July 4 11 AM in the 4400 block of Underwood St. suspect/s stole keys from a vehicle and then used the keys to steal a 2006 Ford Mustang. The vehicle was recovered on July 19 in the 5400 block of Lafayette Pl., Riverdale Park. No suspect/s has been located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On July 5 between 1 AM and 9 AM in the 6600 block of Baltimore Ave. suspects entered an

unlocked 2012 Honda Civic and stole a purse containing credit cards and assorted identification. The cards were used locally and photographs were obtained from in-store video. Investigation is ongoing to determine the identity of the person using the card. No suspect has been located.

Breaking & Entering On July 10 between midnight and 4:15 AM in the 4300 block of Underwood St. the homeowners awoke at 5:30 AM discovered a kitchen door open and some property missing. The UPPD and PGPD responded, checked the home and secured the premises. It was determined that no forced entry had occurred and a rear door may have been left unlocked. Suspect/s entered the residence and stole a container of change, a cell phone and a wallet containing identification and a credit card from a table near the front door of the residence. The change container was located a short distance away and the cards had been used in area stores. At this time no suspect/s was located. The home was processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On July 15 between 1:30 and 3 PM in the 4400 block of Underwood St. suspects entered an unlocked 2012 Mazda Miata and stole a purse containing credit cards and other personal identification. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On July 23 at 2:20 AM in the 6500 Block of 41st Ave. UPPD responded for a residential alarm call. Upon arrival, officers discovered a rear kitchen door open and the basement door broken. The home was checked and no one was located. It was determined that the residents were away and out of the area. Upon return of the residents it was determined that some jewelry had been stolen. A suspect was developed from another breaking and entering in UP on the same date and arrest warrants were issued.

Breaking & Entering On July 23 at approximately 12:45 AM in the 7000 Block of 40th Ave. suspect/s entered an unlocked door and stole a purse from the kitchen table. The homeowners discovered the purse missing early in the morning. A joint investigation with PGPD, Hyattsville PD and UPPD resulted in identifying and locating a suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged. The property stolen was recovered and the investigation is ongoing to determine involvement in other breaking and entering crimes.



Small STEP. Big Impact.

The Small Town Energy Program (STEP) has come to an end. On behalf of my STEP colleague Suzanne Parmet and myself, we want to warmly thank the Mayor, the members of the Town Council, the STEP Advisory Committee, the dozens of dedicated volunteers and the hundreds of participants who helped to make STEP a success. It has been our privilege and pleasure to work alongside the entire community on this project. Our thanks to the Department of Energy: all costs associated with STEP were covered by the DOE grant.

The amazing response of the UP community is the root of STEP's success, as well as the participation of our neighbors in Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and College Heights Estates. Working together, we accomplished the following as a community:

- 492 households participated in the program, 275 of them from University Park (30% of the homes in UP)
- 416 households undertook a Home Performance with Energy Star assessment, 232 of them from University Park (25% of the homes in UP)
- 240 households invested in home energy upgrades, 149 of them from University Park (16% of the homes in UP)
- Those getting a home energy upgrade invested on average \$4,500, resulting in a 13% reduction in average annual energy use, a \$325 reduction in average annual utility bills, improved comfort, environmental health and indoor air quality and increased home values
- A 65 kW solar array was installed on University Park Elementary School, providing an educational opportunity and generating clean energy and a modest revenue stream for the Town and the school board for the next 25 years
- A curbside composting program is now running for 150 homes in Town and last year the program diverted almost 30 tons from the local landfill
- An energy efficiency education program was implemented in three local schools including UPES, reducing annual energy consumption by 7% per school

- We achieved a measurable reduction of many tens of thousands of tons of greenhouse gas emissions (the final tally is still to be calculated at time of writing)
- A complete tool kit of lessons learned and program collateral has been compiled. This resource is available free to any other community at www.smalltownenergy.org and soon on the Department of Energy Solutions Center website
- \$2,700,000 was directly invested in our communities, creating almost ten direct jobs and providing employment for over 30 local contractors



STEP could not have achieved these results without the committed participation of the entire community. Our collective accomplishments have also begun to attract interest from other small towns: to date, more than a dozen jurisdictions across the US have begun to implement a community energy efficiency program based on STEP. Thanks again UP for your support in helping to bring this about.

Sincerely,
 Chuck Wilson
 (former STEP Program Director - now retired!)

**Celebrate STEP-UP/STEP
 October 19, 1 PM at UPES**



Join us for a special event. The Solar Panel on the school roof will be dedicated and STEP will be formally closed out. Expect fun things to do and just old fashioned neighborliness!



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.

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July 1 Council Meeting Highlights

An executive session was called at 6:30 PM and concluded at 8 PM for Council to consult with counsel and obtain legal advice on Cafritz.

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

Public Comment

Tom Stickle suggested to the Mayor and Town Council that consideration be given to recognizing Francis M. "Mickey" Lucas for all he has done for the Town of University Park over the past 40-plus years.

Tree Committee Presentation

Ms. Lindsay Hicks, Chair of the Tree Committee, reported on Tree Committee activities and presented current issues before the Committee. The Tree Committee wishes to be apprised of all tree-related activities by the Director of the Department of Public Works. The Chair of the Tree Committee should be the main point of contact.

The Mayor suggested that the Tree Committee could assist in updating the 2009 Street Tree Inventory for the Town of University Park which documents all the trees in the public right of way that exist in University Park and that was completed in cooperation with the University of Maryland. The Mayor also suggested that the Tree Committee discuss coordination with the Director of the Department of Public Works at the next Town Council meeting.

CM Alvarez, Council Liaison to the Tree Committee, read a request from the Tree Committee written by Mr. Chris Aubry requesting that the Mayor and Town Council consider enacting an ordinance to protect the trees in University Park both on public and private land.

Permits

Application to Replace an Existing Deck, 4413 Van Buren Street Motion to approve the application to replace an existing deck located at 4413 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Application to add a 64-foot Section of 4-foot Fence with 2 Single Gates, 4106 Beechwood Road Motion to approve the application to add a 64 foot section of 4' fence with 2 single gates located at 4106 Beechwood

Road. This permit was withdrawn until the next meeting.

Application to Install a Generator, 4333 Clagett Road Applicant was present and gave specifications along with personal guarantee to provide a visual barrier between street and unit within 30 days. Discussion re: exhaust & motor sounds and assurance by Applicant of contractor's/manufacture's guarantee on sound. Motion approved 7 to 0, contingent upon completion of a barrier.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that Mr. Tom Haller will give a brief presentation at the Town meeting on July 15 on the Toll Brothers/Knox Village development project located in College Park. An offer to make a presentation regarding the plans for a Safeway at UTC was made to the Mayor. The presentation will be no earlier than the July 15 meeting, or perhaps in August or September.

Chuck Wilson of STEP reported that the solar project had been approved by the PGCPD board on July 1 with the project coming to completion soon and a joint press release (Prince George's County School Board and STEP/Solar Project) appearing in the *Gazette*. Mr. Wilson also reported that there has been an overwhelming response since the last meeting from residents (more than 30) to participate in STEP.

Continuing Business

Budget Transfer 2nd Reading

Motion to approve the transfer of \$3,300 from Unreserved Funds to Government Studies to cover the cost of the appraisal of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Motion approved 7 to 0. Public discussion with the Mayor and Council to have appraisal and report the findings for potential future action. Appraisal will include value of property and condition of building. Possible that appraisal may be available for July 15 meeting.

Cafritz Preliminary Plan Of Subdivision

Motion to approve an appeal of the Planning Board Resolution for Cafritz Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-13002 to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Motion approved 5 to 2 (Carey and Alvarez opposed.)

Cafritz Detailed Site Plan and Secondary Amendment
Motion to approve the Town's position in the matter

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of the Planning Board Resolution for Cafritz Detailed Site Plan DSP-13009 and Secondary Amendment SA-130001 to the District Council for Prince George's County. Motion approved 7 to 0.

There was much discussion on this subject by the Mayor, Council Members and the public. [Ms. Ferguson, Town Attorney, suggested that the Town continue to support to the Planning Board. *Editors' Note: This sentence is confusing, but appears in the approved minutes. We believe it to be an error.*] Additional issues such as park space, the provision for grading in relation to building K, L & M and the restoration of the wording from "shall" back to "should" would be appropriate to bring to the attention of the District Council. Finally, Ms. Ferguson noted that it could be stressed to the District Council that the short period of time between the Preliminary Plan and the Detailed Site Plan made it nearly impossible to review and evaluate properly so some items in the Preliminary Plan should also be considered, such as the Transportation Management Plan.

CM Carey proposed that the Town include 3 further conditions: (1) summary conditions 3, 4 and 6; (2) \$50,000 applicant/grading permit fee; and (3) that the applicant demonstrate final approval of the agreement with the University of Maryland for land acquisition and bridge placement.

New Business

Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program

Motion to move that Town Council, as a participant in the Maryland Smart Energy Communities program, adopt the University Park Renewable Energy Policy with the goal of meeting 20 percent of electricity demand in Town Hall with renewable energy generation by 2022, and the Energy Efficiency Policy for University Park with the goal of reducing electricity consumption in Town Hall by 15 percent from a 2011 baseline, and that adoption of these policies be conditional on the completion of the rooftop solar project at University Park Elementary School. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Ordinance 13-O-06 to Amend Fiscal Year 2014 Budget (Introduction)

Motion to approve the introduction to amend FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-06, to add MEA Energy Grant Revenue and MEA Energy Grant Expenditures line items to reflect receipt and expenditure of the Mary-

land Energy Administration's Smart Energy Communities Grant Program. Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is August 12, 2013.

Ordinance 13-O-07 to Amend the Town Code (Introduction)

Motion to approve the introduction to amend Chapter 8, "Traffic and Vehicles", Section 9-104, "Parking" to prohibit parking on the south side of Wells Parkway from Adelphi Road to Eversfield Drive. Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is August 12, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

July 15 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Mr. Tom Haller, attorney for the Knox Village project in College Park, gave a presentation on the proposed Knox Village project. Mr. Bob Keane, Managing Principal, Director of Higher Education, WDG Architecture, gave a Power Point presentation of the proposed project and discussed plans in general terms. Town will receive more information and details on this project once it's submitted to the Planning Board. The Knox Village presentation is posted on the Town website.

Permits

Application to Replace an Existing Shed, 4311 Tuckerman Street Motion to approve the application to replace an existing shed with a new 10'x7'.5"x 9' shed located at 4311 Tuckerman Street. Motion approved 6 to 0, with condition to remove the old shed within 30 days after the new shed is installed.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that Ed Papazian, P.E. Kimley-Horn and Associates will give a brief presentation on the townwide traffic study on August 12. The traffic study will be posted on the Town website as soon as it becomes available. Chris Dodge, Mid-Atlantic Sales Executive, Granicus, Inc. will give a presentation on meeting solutions on September 9. The General Orders Manual and legislation to consider adopting the manual will be

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introduced at the meeting on September 23.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported that the front office continues to bustle with activity this summer, the STEP programs are wrapping up their programs from the 3-year grant cycle which will close out on July 1 and members of the new Take Back Our Yards mosquito program are working to get this program up and running.

Department of Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that the tennis courts will be under contract before the end of June; however, no date has been set for the work to begin. The curb and gutter work on Wells Parkway has been finished; paving will begin soon.

Police Chief Michael Wynnyk reported that the annual 4th of July parade and picnic sponsored by UPCA was well attended and enjoyed by all. Chief Wynnyk distributed the crime report for June.

Continuing Business

Cafritz Special Permit SP-130002

Motion to approve an appeal of the Planning Board Resolution for Cafritz Special Permit SP-130002 to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Ordinance 13-O-06 to Amend Fiscal Year 2014 Budget (2nd Reading)

Motion to approve to amend the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-06, to add MEA Energy Grant Revenue and MEA Energy Grant Expenditures line items to reflect receipt and expenditure of the Maryland Energy Administration's Smart Energy Communities Grant Program. The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is August 12, 2013. A super majority is required to amend the budget (5 votes).

Ordinance 13-O-07 to Amend the Town Code (2nd Reading)

Motion to approve to amend Chapter 8, "Traffic and Vehicles", Section 9-104, "Parking" to prohibit parking on the south side of Wells Parkway from Adelphi Road to Eversfield Drive. The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is August 12, 2013.

New Business

Ordinance 13-O-10 to Amend FY14 Budget

(Introduction)

Motion to approve the introduction to amend the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-10, to transfer \$67,500 from Unreserved Funds and add Cafritz Legal Fees line item to insure that funds are available and reflect the expenditure of legal fees associated with the various appeals of the Planning Board Decisions with regard to the Cafritz Property Development. The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is September 23, 2013. A super majority is required to amend the budget (5 votes).

Council asked that the list of potential costs related to the cases be drafted for Council to review. CM Christensen moved to table, seconded by: CM Gekas. Approved 6 to 0.

Highway User Revenue Grant (HUR)

Motion to approve the application for a one time grant to receive a portion of the \$15,379,979 Special Fund allocated in the State 2014 budget to the Maryland Department of Transportation to provide an additional infusion of one-time-only HUR grants to municipalities. The Town agrees to expend these grant funds in accordance with Section 8-408 of the Transportation Article, which specifies that HUR funds may only be used to pay or finance (1) the cost of transportation facilities; (2) the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of roads or streets; and (3) debt service on bonds or other evidences of obligation lawfully issued by or for the municipality for the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of roads or streets. The Mayor is authorized to sign and submit the application form. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Vehicle Lease Agreement with Prince George's County
Motion to approve, in substantially the form attached, the Vehicle Lease Agreement with Prince George's County for the Call-a-Bus now in possession of the Town and the associated Municipal Lease Agreement. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Route 1 Bamboo Issue

CM Carey explained that the bamboo located on the west side of Route 1, north of Queen Chapel Road is growing in the state right of way. This issue was referred to the Committee on Public Facilities and Services for review and recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 10:35 PM.

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July 27 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council members Gekas, Carey, Cron, Alvarez. Excused were CMs Brosch, Christiansen and Sorensen.

New Business

Resolution 13-R-11 in Honor of Francis M. (Mickey) Lucas

Motion to approve Resolution 13-R-11 in appreciation of Francis M. (Mickey) Lucas and in recognition of his numerous contributions and years of dedicated service to the community of University Park; and to name July 31, 2013 Francis M. (Mickey) Lucas Day in the Town of University Park. Motion approved 4 to 0. Council discussed edits to the draft resolution; changes were agreed on and approved.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:25 AM.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Recording Secretary Needed

The Town of University Park needs a dependable part-time person to take minutes twice a month at Town Council meetings. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays beginning at 7:30 PM and lasting approximately 2.5-3 hours each. Minutes must be transcribed into MS Word format. Rate per hour, including meeting and transcription time, is negotiable. Spelling and editing skills a plus. If interested, please call Town Hall at 301-927-4262 or contact the Town Clerk at TownHall@upmd.org

Backup Bus Driver Needed



The Town of University Park is looking for a person to serve as a backup bus driver. This position is an as-needed position. Person should have a flexible schedule with a valid Maryland driver's

license and a good driving record. This would be an ideal position for a retired Town resident who knows the Town and surrounding roadways and enjoys working with the public. Rate per hour is negotiable. If interested, please call Town Hall at 301-927-4262 or contact the Town Clerk at TownHall@upmd.org

TOWN EVENTS

University Park Civic Association News & Events

The UPCA is pleased to announce new leadership. Connie Visnic, of Underwood Street, has accepted the position of President, and Nigel Ogilvie, also of Underwood Street, has volunteered to serve as Treasurer. Carol Cron will continue in the role of Secretary. We held our first ever UPCA executive board meeting recently to make some exciting plans for the UPCA, the most important of which is increasing membership. Dawn Nichols has accepted the role of Membership Chair.

Please watch for our updated flyer in the October UP Newsletter. You will be able to pay your \$25 annual supporting contribution by credit card (in person or by writing your credit card number on the form), PayPal, check or cash. If you have not made your 2013 contribution, you may do so up until December 1. Payments made after December 1 will be credited towards your 2014 contribution. Checks can be mailed right now to Nigel Ogilvie, 4413 Underwood Street, UP. With a greater financial base and more active members, we will be able to offer more great events for UP and CHE families.



There are new events coming in October: a Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26 at 3 PM and a Halloween Pumpkin Walk on Thursday, October 31 at 6 PM. Details of these new events will be in the October UP Newsletter.



Of course, it wouldn't be fall without the Annual Chili Cook-Off! This much-anticipated event will be on Saturday, October 12 at 5 PM. Get your best chili recipes tested and perfected, and bring your chili entry to this fun, competitive event. Our events always need volunteers to help with planning, set-up, running and clean-up. The event manager's name is listed on our website.

We are on the brink of a new era for the UPCA, and we are hoping for a banner year in 2014 in terms of both the number of dues-paying members and the great community events sponsored by the UPCA. To see an overview of the UPCA, please visit our website at www.upcivicassociation.com.

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UP Woman's Club Fundraiser

The UP Woman's Club is selling the popular collectible White House Christmas Ornaments. Prepaid orders are being taken for the 2013 ornament featuring the 27th President of the U.S., Woodrow Wilson, the 2012 ornament recognizing President William Taft and the White House Commemorative Ornament. Ornaments will be \$21 if ordered by October 10 and \$23 if purchased after the 10th. Buyers will receive their orders by November 1. Proceeds of this fundraiser will support community outreach programs of the Woman's Club. Contact Woman's Club member Jacquie Groppe at 301-864-2096 or jacqueline.groppe@verizon.net to obtain more information or to place an order.



After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, September 17, 8-10 PM

The September book is *The Uninvited Guests* by Sadie Jones. The October book is *In the Garden of the Beasts* by Erik Larson. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.



Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 28

9 AM-1 PM

The UP community has requested a Fall Town Wide Yard Sale and the UPCA has responded. If you wish to have a yard sale, email Dawn Nichols (dawnandjoe@verizon.net) with your name and street address. Advertising and signage will be paid by the UPCA.

Clothing Co-op Fall Clothing Sale

Saturday, October 12, 10 AM-Noon



The UP Children's Clothing Co-op will hold its annual Fall/Winter Clothing Sale at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. A wide variety of quality, pre-washed, gently used children's clothing from

newborn to teen sizes, along with a selection of toys, books, maternity and child-care items. All for sale at great prices!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Summer Concerts at Town Center Market *September 5 and 12, 7 PM* Treat your family to great music by the top of the class at the University of Maryland School of Music. September 5 features Edward Jakuboski's Classical Brass Trio and on September 12, singer/keyboardist Alexandra August. A presentation of the Riverdale Park Arts Council, UMD Clarinet Professor and Music Dept. Chair Robert DiLutis and the UMD School of Music. For more information and concert updates, visit www.rpartscouncil.org or email Yorkedial@gmail.com.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series *Budrus Monday, September 23, 6:45-9 PM* The Hyattsville Branch Library, in partnership with locally-based The Creative Edge Studio, begins its third season of screening independently produced films (foreign, documentary and feature). The evenings conclude with a discussion facilitated by local Hyattsville filmmaker, Andrew Millington. *Budrus* is an award-winning feature documentary film that follows Palestinian community organizer, Ayed Morrar, who unites Fatah, Hamas and Israelis in an unarmed movement to save his village from destruction. Hyattsville Library, 6530 Adelphi Rd.

College Park Arts Exchange

All events are free and take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Parking passes are available. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti Open House *Tuesday, September 3, 6:30 PM* Students ages 5 and up work with high-energy director Chris Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills and perform for the public several times a year. Vocetti is a group for more advanced singers. \$85 per semester per child. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park.

Beech Tree Puppet Theater *Sunday, Sep. 8, 3:00 PM* Enjoy a magical tale of princes, princesses, wizards and giants, woven through beautiful handmade puppets, musical instruments and song, and performed by trained opera singers Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for these popular events as space is limited.

Baltimore Physical Comedy Colloquium presents *That's Not Allowed! Friday, September 13 7:30 PM*

OBITUARIES

Join Pipo, Nini and other quirky characters who crash through time and space to tickle your funny bones with healthy doses of chaos, magic and musical numbers from the 1920s and 30s. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

CPAE Book Club *Friday, September 20, 7:30 PM* Discuss Literary Nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. September's book is *Wounds of Passion: A Writing Life* by bell hooks.

Children's Arts Drop-In Programs *September 28 and 29* Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads 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. This month's theme is Profusions of Paint.

College Park Youth Orchestra Young string players will develop their ensemble and sight-reading skills under the direction of experienced conductor Ken Whitley. Students rehearse twice a month, with three public concerts a year. Find registration information at www.cpyo.net.

College Park Adult Choir Please contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 if you are interested in singing with a group of adults. Schedule and fee TBD.

OBITUARIES

Charles Christopher Duffy-Ledbetter, 28, passed away June 10, 2013. Chris was born on January 20, 1985 to Stephen Ledbetter and Karol Duffy in Philadelphia, PA. Chris grew up in University Park and graduated from St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel. After high school, Chris attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk and received a bachelor's degree in English, followed by George Mason University, and a master's degree in international trade and commerce. After college he taught English to high school students in China. His enthusiasm for experiencing different cultures led him to more than 33 countries and four continents. He was passionate about literature, music, films, snowboarding, hiking and biking. Chris interned at the Department of State, volunteered with the 2012 Presidential election and recently worked in the Office of Volunteer Health at the Peace Corps. Most of all Chris loved his family and friends. He is survived by his mother, Karol Duffy of South Riding, VA, his father Stephen Ledbetter and stepmom Lisa Ledbetter of Annandale, VA, his

grandmother, Marie Duffy of Wilkes-Barre, PA, his grandfather, Lee Ledbetter and grandmother, Harriett Ledbetter of Eaton, CO, his brothers, Lee Duffy-Ledbetter and Evan Duffy-Ledbetter, his stepbrother, Christopher Stanley, his stepsister, Katy Stanley and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

David G. Ross, long-time resident of Calverton Drive, and a Prince George's County Circuit Court judge for 15 years, died June 4 at Woodward Estates, an assisted living facility in Bowie. He was 77. Judge Ross sat on Prince George's County's Circuit Court bench from 1978 until 1993. Judge Ross was then selected by President Bill Clinton as commissioner of the Office of Child Support Enforcement. He oversaw the development and management of the federal office until his retirement in 2001. The National Child Support Enforcement Association named him family court judge of the nation in 1989, and he received a lifetime achievement award from the Department of Health and Human Services in 2000. After his retirement, he split his time between Bowie and Florida. He also served on President Obama's transition team for the Department of Health and Human Services in the late 2000s. Born in Quanah, Texas, David Ross grew up in Washington. He was a 1953 graduate of McKinley Technical High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 1960 and a law degree in 1964, both from American University. He served in the Army during the Berlin Crisis of 1961 and remained in the Army National Guard until retiring at the rank of colonel in 1982. Judge Ross was a senior partner at the Bowie law firm Ross, Lochte, Murray, Redding and Devlin. He served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1970 to 1978. His marriage to Jane Lewis ended in divorce. Survivors include two children, Abigail Hopper of Severna Park, Justin Ross of Hyattsville and seven grandchildren.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 13-O-10
On August 12, 2013, Ordinance 13-O-1 was introduced. This ordinance would amend the FY2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-4, to create a Cafritz Legal Fees line item and to transfer \$57,500.00 from Unreserved Funds to this line item to insure that funds are available as needed for legal expenses associated with appeals of the Planning Board decisions with respect to the Cafritz Property. The meeting set for September 23, 2013 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.



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