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MAYOR'S COLUMN

On some recent evenings we've sat in our back yard and enjoyed the absence of leaf-blower and lawn-mower noise or a sound of passing truck, auto, train or ambulance. Instead, the evening sound has been the layered thrum of cicadas, chirping bird, rustling breeze and quiet conversation with friends and neighbors.

If you've been away this summer, welcome back. What a community we live in.

In June I told you that both Town buses were in rough shape, but this presented an opportunity to improve the bus program. Now on the other end of a summer of work on this, I want to update you on the Town bus service and provide a glimpse of what's next.

Mayor and Council agreed in early June to purchase both a new and a used bus to replace the buses owned by the Town or leased through the County's Call-A-Bus program. The Town purchased a used 2006 Ford E450 Star-Trans bus in late July and put it into service on August 5. We have also purchased a new 2015 Chevrolet Express Commercial bus which we anticipate receiving by mid-September. Both used and new buses are larger than the old 10- and 12-passenger buses that sometimes had standing passengers. These buses hold 16 passengers, plus lift and spaces for 2 wheelchairs, and seat 20 passengers if there is no wheelchair. The new bus includes a rack for bicycles. Eventually, both buses will be painted or wrapped distinctively. The Town has returned the bus leased from the County, and will shortly sell the older Town-owned bus at auction.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Holiday	September 7
Development Overview Committee	September 16
Town Council	September 21
Shredding & Recycling	October 10

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org.

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The larger buses necessitates that our drivers have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with a P (for Passenger) endorsement. We are therefore experiencing some transition among our bus drivers. Two drivers have chosen to retire, rather than pursue a CDL. We are hopeful a third driver will receive a CDL and continue to serve. The Town has hired a new driver, Michael Strickland, who is quickly learning our Town and seems to have a knack for good passenger service. Meanwhile, Andrew Plass of our Public Works Department is filling in admirably on morning and afternoon routes and when regular driver positions are filled will become one of our back-up bus drivers.

In the future, Mayor and Council intend to continue the current paratransit service, Tuesday senior bus to grocery stores, and very popular morning and afternoon commuter shuttles to and from the Prince George's Plaza Metro Station. We will consider future changes to the program which make the system safer, more convenient or add value to our community. As the buses are purchased without subsidy and operated entirely at Town expense, we will begin soon to limit ridership to University Park residents and their guests. We are also considering route changes to better reach into more areas of the Town, returning to a fixed-route in the evening and extending the hours in which the commuter shuttle operates.

Also, these Town buses could become a useful part of a system of circulator buses connecting residents with commercial areas and with Metro, MARC and the future Purple Line stations. There have been discussions with the City of College Park, City of Hyattsville, Town of Riverdale Park and the County toward establishing such a system, and moving forward should be a top priority for University Park.

What other ways do *you* imagine for how to use these buses to add value to our community? What additional purpose can they serve for our seniors and people with disabilities? The Town's Green Team has suggested using the bus to transport seniors and others to a nearby

farmer's market. Some have suggested we consider transportation to a monthly luncheon or tea gathering for seniors in our community. Please write to me at mayor@upmd.org about the possibilities you envision for these buses.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayor@upmd.org

Notice of Introduction of Legislative Resolution 15-O-11, Amendments to Chapter 12, Public Ethics Code

On August 10, 2015, Ordinance 15-O-09 was introduced. This ordinance would repeal and re-enact Chapter 12, "Public Ethics," of the Code of the Town of University Park, Sections 12-101, 12-102, 12-104, 12-105, 12-106, 12-107, 12-108, and 12-109 and add 12-110. The meeting set for September 21, 2015 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The ordinance would take effect 20 days after enactment by the Council and approval by the State Ethics Commission. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.



**Free Shredding &
Electronics Recycling**

**for University Park Residents
Saturday, October 10, 9 AM-1 PM
UP Elementary School Bus Circle**

Please see the notice at the back of this newsletter for a list of acceptable items.



Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Laura Collins. She can be reached at UPPetDatabase@gmail.com or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Welcome back. The UPPD hopes you had a safe and restful summer break. Vacations are a wonderful opportunity to unwind, relax and enjoy family time. With the end of summer and school back in session, traffic increases in and around University Park. When we add school buses, delivery vehicles, residents back from vacation and the University of Maryland in full session, the traffic picture begins to unfold into quite a chaotic scene. Drive carefully, watch for pedestrians and pay attention when behind the wheel. Arriving safely is the much more important than not being late. Drive slowly. Watch for pedestrians, cyclists, strollers, seniors, children and dog walkers. If you're only commuting through, choose a route that avoids the UP School area in the morning. Please watch your speed.

Inattentive driving is a significant contributor to vehicular accidents and distractions that can be created by radios, cell phones and passengers, make driving a tremendous challenge. Cell phone use and texting are dangerous and illegal. Citations will be issued for observed offenses.

Pedestrian safety enforcement will continue during the school year in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. Through grant funding from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention under the Statewide School Bus Safety Enforcement Program, officers will also be monitoring school bus stops throughout the neighborhood, enforcing related traffic offenses and working to make school bus stops a safety zone for students. The University Park Police Department hopes to modify driver behavior and make the streets of University Park a safe place. We ask that you help us in this effort by complying with established rules and regulations.

To the Parents of UPES 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; this helps cut down on the amount of traffic in the neighborhood. Children riding bikes to school should wear helmets.

If you are dropping off a student please 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. The drop off lane is meant to only be used by parents who are dropping off their children for school. 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, stop for stop signs, drive with caution and pay attention to your environment. These small efforts will help to make the UPES campus safe. Together parents and students can help make the first day of school and the rest of school year go smoothly. Working together, we can keep our community a safer place for everyone.

Let's have a safe school year.

Theft Between June 12 and June 22 in the 4100 block of Sheridan St. it was reported that two bicycles were stolen from an open garage. One bicycle was a red Trek road bike and the second was a red Cannondale road bike. No other information was available. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Theft Between June 1 and June 4 in the 4400 block of Sheridan St. it was reported that a delivered package was stolen from the front porch of the residence. The empty box was found by a neighbor and given to the recipient. The incident was not reported to the police until June 19. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Theft Between June 14 10 PM and June 15 1 PM in the 4400 block of Tuckerman St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2006 Honda Element and stole an Apple iPod. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Theft Between June 14 6:30 PM and June 15 9:30 AM in the 4400 block of Tuckerman St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2012 Jaguar XF and stole approximately \$5 in coins. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Theft On June 17 between 2 and 4 PM in the 6300 block of Queens Chapel Rd. a Blue Trek bicycle was stolen from the garage and a white Huffy bicycle was left abandoned in the driveway. No witness or suspect/s was located.

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Theft Between June 17 and June 19 in the 6600 block of Queens Chapel Rd. it was reported that a delivered package was stolen from the front porch of the residence. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Theft On June 22 at 2:10 PM in the 4200 block of Woodberry St. a witness observed an adult male who was wearing an orange t-shirt take packages from the front porch of the home. The witness dialed 911 and police responded to canvas the area. A suspect was located and placed under arrest. Case closed. Thank you to the vigilant citizen for quickly calling 911. And also thank you to the town resident (a Prince George's County Police Sergeant) who heard the radio call and located the suspect. The suspect arrested is a 5'11" 160-pound adult black male with a dreadlock hair style, with an address in Brentwood, MD. Indications are that he was responsible for most of the incidents that occurred in the month of June, but a lack of witnesses and evidence makes charging not possible. He has been arrested twice in UP for similar crimes.

Theft Between May 21 and June 3 in the 4300 block of Clagett-Pineway the resident advised that while they were away a KYM mountain bicycle was stolen from the premises. No witness or suspect was located.

Theft Between June 14 10 PM and June 15 9 AM in the 4000 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2011 Toyota Scion and stole a Garmin GPS unit. No witness or suspect was located.

Attempt Breaking & Entering (Shed) Between June 30 1 PM and July 14 1 PM in the 6500 block of 44th Ave. Upon returning home from vacation, the homeowner discovered that suspect/s had cut the rear screen and pried open a window to a shed located in the rear yard of the residence. Nothing was taken. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering On July 16 at approximately 8:45 AM, the homeowner received an alert from his home security system advising that his home had been broken into on the 4400 block of Beechwood. The UPPD responded and checked the premises. The suspect stole one laptop and assorted jewelry. Follow-up investigation conducted by the Prince George's County Police Department resulted in identifying a suspect and the return of property taken from the residence. Case closed with an

arrest warrant issued for a Mr. Calvin Adams, DOB 2/8/1964. He has no fixed address.

Theft On July 30 between 4 and 4:30 AM in the 4200 block of Sheridan St. an Orbea road bicycle was stolen from the garage and a second bicycle, a Royce Union road bike had been removed from the garage but left abandoned on the sidewalk near the home. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Tree Committee

Do you have a tree on your property with ivy on the trunk? You may regard this to be a pleasing aesthetic, but it is unhealthy to your tree and to your wallet. Shortly after the Fourth of July, in the full blush of summer, I observed what had once been two fine oaks now serving as a massive trellis for thousands of pounds of ivy. Their two tops had been snapped off, and both trees were nearly joined into one formless mass of ivy. It seemed two giants had been beheaded and were being pulled to the earth by thousands of twining snakes. Trees can increase value of your property. Don't let this happen to you. Should you have any doubts if the ivy on your trees is friend or foe, please send a message to your friends at TreeComm@UPMD.org.

Ivy League, September 12, 9-11 AM If you'd like to spend two hours of time in service to this wonderful town, consider joining the volunteers of the Ivy League for their next session. We will be removing ivy from the town's trees on the leg of the paved walking trail that runs along Wells Creek from the foot of 40th Ave. to Adelphi Road, exiting across the road from the Hyattsville Library. Please meet at 8:55 AM at the foot of 40th Avenue. Please bring garden pruning clippers and a large screwdriver, small pry bar or dandelion weeder. Long sleeve shirts and pants are recommended. After five sessions you will earn a custom Ivy League bandana.

Shade Tree Reimbursement September is the ideal time to finalize your fall planting plans. If you plant a shade tree, the town will reimburse you for the cost of the tree, the associated soil amendments, delivery and planting costs up to (collectively) \$300 per tree. There are limits on quantity and frequency for individual homeowners and the program itself has an annual budget. The process is easy with minimal paperwork. The program's description and materials are located at www.upmd.org

-Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Tree Committee

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June 15 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members Thompson, Gekas, Verrill, Sorensen, Alvarez, Hess (arrived at 7:50 PM). Excused: Cron

Swearing-In of Council Members-Elect By Mayor Carey

James Gekas, Ward 2 Councilmember
Linda Verrill, Ward 4 Councilmember
David Caskey, Ward 5 Councilmember
Michael Cron, Ward 6 Councilmember (not present)
Mayor Carey reported he had administered the oath of office to Mr. Cron on June 12.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to erect a shed and a 4' fence and to install a 10' x 25' driveway located at 6813 40th Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a hot tub located at 4202 Clagett Road.

Motion to defer this motion until the end of the Council Meeting. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to lift this motion from the table and to continue the matter at the next Council meeting. Motion approved 5 to 0. (Hess abstains).

New Business

Motion to approve the transfer in 2015 of \$2,000 from Landfill to Travel to cover costs to reimburse an employee for completed Commercial Driver's License training. Motion approved 5 to 0. (Hess abstains).

Motion to declare the 2005 Chevy Impala and the 2005 Chevy Impala Police Department vehicles as surplus and authorize the Chief of Police to auction vehicles with VIN# 2G1WF55K959386715 and VIN# 2G1WS551769431414 for disposal. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the appointment of Tiegh Thompson and Edna (Eddie) Crocker to the Tree Committee. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that:

- A 2015 Chevy Express Cutaway Bus was purchased

and will be delivered in August. The bus will hold 16 passengers and 2 wheelchairs or 20 passengers and no wheelchairs. We continue to search for a used back-up bus.

- The Town has officially withdrawn from the Department of Agriculture's Spray Program for night flying mosquitoes.

- Due to regulations, it is recommended that the portion of the Asian tiger mosquito program (Take Back Our Yards) which administers pesticide dunks, be eliminated. The program will focus on educating homeowners on changing behaviors.

- The College Park City University Partnership announced a homeownership program that will offer \$15,000 down payment and closing cost assistance to University of Maryland employees who purchase homes in College Park.

- Currently researching a new IT support contractor for Town Hall. The proposed purchase will come to the Council for approval.

- Attended a dedication service for Word of God Baptist Church.

- The Town will be in court on June 17 for a code enforcement matter, seeking the ability to secure and maintain the security of a property on 40th Avenue.

- The Maryland Municipal League Conference begins on June 28.

- A special thank you to Ms. Sorensen for her service as a Councilmember representing Ward 5.

- Welcomed Mr. Caskey who will be representing Ward 5.

- Will meet with Comptroller Peter Franchot to discuss fiscal concerns.

- The Department of Public Works and Transportation will soon begin cleaning the channel on Wells Run between the 44th Avenue bridge and Baltimore Avenue.

- The Prince George's County Gazette is folding permanently.

Council Reports

Public Facilities and Services

CM Gekas will temporarily take over the Granicus program until a new Chair is assigned to the Policy, Rules and Municipal Committee. Mr. Gekas will email a copy of the legal document received from the vendor with information on the program to the council members.

A meeting to review the plans for the Veterans Memorial is scheduled for June 18, 2015 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

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Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported that council members will soon receive the official MML confirmation information.

Police Chief Wynnyk reported that at the annual bicycle parade scheduled for July 4, a tent will be set up to check bicycles for safety and helmets will be available for those who need them. Chief Wynnyk worked with code enforcement on grass issues.

Department of Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that:

- The mosquito program has begun. Trapping data will be collected once a month through September.
- The College Heights Estates water main project is ahead of schedule; construction is expected to start in the spring of 2016.
- Effective July 1, Prince George's County will no longer accept plastic bags in the recycle receptacle. A flyer with detailed information will be delivered to all University Park residents.
- Encouraged the Tree Committee and the Town as a whole to begin promoting the shade tree reimbursement program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

July 6 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members Thompson (arrived at 8:25 PM), Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez.

Introductions

Reverend Dr. John L. McCoy, Senior Pastor, Word of God Baptist Church, expressed that the church wants to become part of the University Park community. He asked for patience from the residents while the building is undergoing some necessary repairs.

Public Comment

The Word of God Baptist Church has been helpful to the Riverdale Presbyterian Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church during the transition and it is very much appreciated.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a hot tub located on at 4202 Claggett Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a special utility permit for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter University Park right-of-way to locate water mains for project as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford E450 StarTrans 20-passenger (16 + 2 wheelchair) bus (VIN: 1FDXE45S06DA04354) from Shumate Truck Center, Tampa, Florida for \$17,500 delivered cost; good cause having been demonstrated that the Town needs a backup vehicle immediately, diligence having been shown in considering buses from an array of sources prior to finding this one, and it being therefore doubtful that a full bid process would bring a vehicle in better condition at lower price. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: This is an as-is purchase with no warranty.

Motion to approve amendments to contract for editors of the University Park Newsletter. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Chairs and Members of Standing Committees. Current committee appointments are listed in italics; new members are listed in bold.

Police, Traffic, and Public Safety

Mr. Alvarez (Chair), Mr. Cron, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Verrill

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure

Ms. Verrill (Chair), Mr. Hess, Mr. Thompson

Public Facilities and Services

Mr. Gekas (Chair), Mr. Cron, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hess, Mr. Caskey

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 307 of the Town Charter, to designate Michael Cron as Mayor pro tempore to perform the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence, and to perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Mayor, without further action by Council, during an emergency when the Mayor is absent. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to approve the appointments of Council Member Bradlee Hess as Chairman and Council Member David Caskey as Member (replacing Mr. Alvarez) of the Development Overview Committee, and Mr. Tiegh Thompson as a member of the Stream Committee. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that:

- Wells Run channel cleaning has begun.
- The new Town shuttle bus will be delivered in August. The old bus will be returned to the County and the Town-owned bus will be surplus. The two new buses will be 16-passenger buses plus space and fixtures to carry wheelchairs. The size of the bus will require the drivers to have a commercial driver's license.
- The County has changed their policy in terms of accepting plastic bags. Effective July 1 residents will no longer be able to put plastic bags or plastic film in their recycling bin.
- Propose that we ask the Green Team to study this matter with the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center and working through the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services recommend to the Council in regard to policies and courses of sustainable action to effectively reduce the occurrence of plastic bags and plastic film as a component of trash from University Park.
- Propose that we invite Adam Ortiz and County recycling center managers to present to the Council and community in regard to the future of Prince George's County recycling and solid waste management.
- On June 17, the Town was in court in Hyattsville on a code enforcement issue. A court order was received to allow the Town to secure a house in the 7000 block of 40th Street and to maintain it in secure condition.

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Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services—CM Gekas

A memorandum from the Public Facilities and Services Committee on the Veteran's Memorial was distributed. The cost of the Veteran's Memorial has been drastically reduced and the design is very reasonable. The site that was approved in Resolution 12-R-05 approximately three years ago seems to be the appropriate site. The Committee recommends that Veteran's Day be celebrated on the Sunday closest to November 11, or on Veterans Day.

Motion to accept the report of the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services and to refer it to the Council for consideration at the July 20, 2015 Council meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:30 PM.

July 20 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to widen existing driveway 5' x 42' and to construct a 2.5' high retaining wall located at 4304 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to demolish and remove a stand-alone one car garage and construct a 18'x18' stand-alone garage in a different location on the site, to replace an existing driveway with a new 85' long driveway of varying widths with retaining wall, and to erect a 3' wood fence, located at 6906 Pineway. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to write a letter to DPIE in support of a variance of less than 3 feet needed to construct a new 12'x 30' driveway at 4405 Underwood Street.

Motion to be continued until the variance from the County is applied for. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve the multi-year contract for information technology support services with BAIS2 of Lanham, Maryland for an amount not to exceed \$ 8,590 per year; good cause having been demonstrated that the Town needs reliable information technology support, the provider being a local company familiar with the Prince George's Intergovernmental Network Community Coordinating Committee, the provider also serving the adjacent Town of Riverdale Park which has similar requirements and speaks highly of their work, and it being advantageous to the Town of University Park to contract for multi-year support services at a fixed rate.

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Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to declare the 2000 Chevy E450 Bus as surplus and authorize the Mayor to auction vehicle with VIN# 1GBJG31F1Y1217264/Y0080118 for disposal. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to adopt Resolution 15-R-10 in support of the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration FY 2016 MEA Empower LMI Communities Grant application and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Grant application. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to adopt the recommendations from the Development Overview Committee and approve a Town position in support of the Town of Riverdale Park's opposition to the special permit SP-150003 for the 7-Eleven, to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and send a letter to the Prince George's County Planning Board consistent with this position, and to authorize the Mayor to testify on behalf of the Town at the hearing on July 30, 2015. The letter to the Planning Board will be circulated to the Council prior to submission.

The Development Overview Committee recommends that the University Park Town Council authorize the Town Attorney and Mayor to prepare a letter supporting the Town of Riverdale Park's opposition to Special Permit 150003 to convert 6315 Baltimore Avenue into a 7-Eleven store with emphasis on the following:

- *The applicant's concerted effort to skirt the intent of the MUTC zoning overlay, the county master plan, and other development plans.*
- *Traffic and safety concerns, specifically related to pedestrian and bike traffic.*
- *The mismatch between 24-hour operation, the residential area in Riverdale Park, and the historic district in University Park.*
- *Stormwater management.*

Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the Veterans Memorial Design Development Plan at the designated site established by Resolution 12-R-05; to have the Town put the project out to bid with the alternative for Town residents to assist with planting; and to extend the memorial com

pletion date at the designated site from October 1, 2015 to June 1, 2016, as referenced in the June 18, 2015 memorandum from the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comment

(Note: Responses from Council Members, Town Attorney or the Mayor are italicized.)

- *Would like to have a bench included at the site of the Veterans Memorial and if later it seems to create a problem, like undesirable activity, then remove it. Will there be a Veterans Memorial sign? After three years it is time to get a meeting spot and the date settled. This is going to be an ongoing project, the bench and signs can be discussed in the future.*

- *Would like to keep the tradition of observing Veterans Day on the Sunday before November 11.*

- *The Committee took to heart a lot of the public comments about the cost of the original design and that is why the current design is so different.*

Motion to amend to adopt amendment B, to approve November 11 for the Town of University Park to observe Veterans Day. Motion approved 4 to 1 (Verrill abstains).

Motion to clarify that the date for the Town's observance of Veterans Day in University Park is the 11th of November each year. Motion approved 4 to 1 (Verrill abstains).

Discussion of Council Agenda for 2015-2016

The Mayor and the Council went through some of the items in the Council Agenda-Setting 2015-2016 list dated July 17, 2015 and discussed how the items will be handled.

- *The Veterans Memorial has been worked on.*

- *The first thing that should be focused on is to improve the website and improve the transparency of how the town operates. It is essential to have this in place in order to address any of the other issues.*

- *The Committee on Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure is currently working on the "Improve transparency and access" process.*

- *In reference to improving transparency, on the front end, a vision is needed to see how all of the pieces fit together.*

- *When talking about transparency, accessibility or the*

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website, what specific functions and features are wanted.

- The website, to a certain degree is a tool, it can be used to share documents and stream Council meetings.
- Consider streaming meetings through a cable channel.
- Would like to have searchable minutes. Would like to put a topic in a search box and all the minutes and agendas that address that topic will come up.
- Work with Town Hall to come up with a plan.
- A meeting is scheduled with Art at Work Co. to discuss signs throughout town.
- Signage will go through the Council Committee on Police, Traffic, and Public Safety.
- Reaching out to new residents goes through the Civic Association.
- Council members should be welcoming new residents.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey reported that:

- The newsletter contract is signed and completed.
- The used town bus has arrived. The new bus will arrive by the end of August.
- According to the County and municipal animal control experts, the mangy fox that has been seen throughout town does not pose a danger to humans.
- Guests scheduled for the August 10 Council Meeting: University Park Elementary School Principal Toi Davis, to talk about educational programs. The Ethics Commission will propose a revision to the ethics ordinance.
- There is a vacancy on the Ethics Commission since Mr. Leaderman has withdrawn. Council Members are asked to recommend for this important post.
- At request from the Development Overview Committee, attempting to schedule a presentation in regards to the Prince Georges Plaza Transit District Development Plan, Transit District Overlay Zone.
- Town Police Sergeant Enig and Public Works crew member Jerome Roberts rescued a resident who was lost on a very hot day.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano gave a reminder to review permit procedures.

Police Chief Wynnyk reported that:

- A University Park Officer competed in the World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax, VA and came in 8th place.
- Appointed to the Communications Committee for Maryland Municipal League.
- Administrative Assistant Josie Brown has resigned and the position will be advertised.

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- Promoted two officers to corporal positions.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall was not present (report given by Mayor Carey):

- Pepco Vegetation Management will return after July 26.
- Public Works staff are going through training in CPR for the next few weeks.
- Later this month will recognize Public Works employee Terry Murphy for his ten years of service.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:40 PM.

Obituary



Patrick Payne, longtime 50-year-old resident of University Park, died on June 29 of a heart attack following two epileptic seizures.

“Through the years Patrick found ways to contribute to life even though life had treated him poorly. He helped in DC with the Epilepsy Walk and with the Avon Breast Cancer Walk as well. In town, he helped with the Azalea 5K Walk and with the Jim Henson event... Patrick was, his mom says, "a very loving person." He adored children; they gravitated to him perhaps sensing in him the sad little boy he always was. Like all of us, Patrick had his childhood self, hidden inside. That self always yearned for a father different from the one he had been given: seeing UP fathers playing with their sons, walking with them hand in hand, opened wellsprings of loss and longing in Patrick's heart. Though pained in body and soul, Patrick still built a business and lived his life, until in the end he could do no more. Following Patrick's wishes, his organs were given as a gift of life to help others. His epilepsy robbed him of so much but his big heart still beats on in another. May he rest in peace.”—*Rabbi Bob Saks*

Mrs. Payne was very proud of her son being an organ donor. Literature was handed out at the service explaining the importance of signing up to be an organ donor and honoring Patrick for his decision to be an organ donor.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

Mrs. Ann Payne, expresses her gratitude to residents, former clients of Patrick, UPPD officers—especially Chief Wynnyk and Captain McCully—and veteran members of the Department of Public Works for attending Patrick's memorial service. Some of the Public Works staff had known Patrick since he was a young child. She is grateful to Rabbi Bob Saks who conducted a moving nondenominational memorial service and to Loretta Vitale Saks for organizing refreshments. Mrs. Payne appreciated seeing friends from the law firm where she used to work.

UPWC News

The GFWC University Park Woman's Club, Inc. is pleased to announce that the Club has been granted federal IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt status and has registered, for fundraising purposes, as a federal nonprofit with the State of Maryland. Membership is open to all women in central Prince George's County and plans for a men's auxiliary are in the works. (The GFWC Laurel Women's Club covers northern PG County and we would welcome the re-establishment of a club covering Southern PG County.) Membership dues, Holiday House Tour tickets and other donations are tax deductible for those who itemize their taxes. For further information please contact Club President Jana Over at upwcLead@gmail.com or 301-779-5120.

UPWC Ornament Fundraiser

On Sale Now! Only \$10—the charming, fun 2012 White House Christmas ornament depicting the first presidential motor car of William Howard Taft. Only a few of these 2012 ornaments remain at this slashed price. To reserve the 2012 ornament, contact



Jacquie Groppe at jacqueline.groppe@verizon.net or 301-864-2096.

In October the UPWC will begin accepting prepaid pre-orders (\$20) for the 2015 ornament honoring the 30th president, Calvin Coolidge. The depiction of the National Christmas Tree is shiny and illuminated—yes, it lights up! All profits support the many charitable efforts of the UPWC, especially the scholarship funds. An order form will be included in the October 2015 UP Newsletter.

UPCA News



The UPCA wants to wish you a happy autumn, 2015! We have a lot in store for you this month!

We hope to see you at any or all of these events, including Movie Night, the Fall Townwide Yard Sale and the Fall Wine and Cheese event. Please save the date for events in October as well, including a social on 10/21 and Halloween events on 10/31. We also want to give John Gekas a big thank you in his role in continuing to manage the UP Tennis Club. The Tennis Club meets Sunday mornings at the Queen's Chapel Courts. Contact him at universityparktennis@gmail.com if you're interested in joining the group; all levels are invited. A big thank you to all of you who have supported the UPCA with your annual donations! If you have not already done so, you may visit us online at <http://upcivicassociation.com>.

UPCA Movie Night

Friday, September 11, 7:30 PM



It's time for another movie under the stars! Mark your calendar and invite your friends. Popcorn will be served, just bring a blanket, drink and chair. Check out our website or listserv to find out which movie we will be showing. A big thank you to Jean Pirovic and the Pirovic

Team of Long and Foster for once again sponsoring the activities. At UPES. Please email Liana Wallace with any questions at redheadliana@gmail.com.

UPCA Townwide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 19, 9 AM-2 PM

Come one, come all! Do you have any leftover furniture or household items you forgot to set out at the last Townwide Yard Sale? Are you interesting in finding something new and in shopping locally? If you want to sell your treasures, email Dawn Nichols at dawnandjoe@verizon.net to be placed on the neighborhood map and start cleaning out. The UPCA will take care of the rest.



UPCA Fall Wine & Cheese Party
Saturday, September 19, 6:30-9:30 PM

Please join us for the 4th annual Wine and Cheese party! We will gather at the Old Parish House for an enjoyable, adults only event. We will be serving an assortment of wines, gourmet cheeses and light dessert, set in a beautiful location with indoor and outdoor seating. Entertainment will be provided. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd., College Park. Tickets prior to September 17 are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. At the door, tickets are \$35 per person, credit card only. Contact Carol Cron at carol.cron@hotmail.com to purchase tickets (payable with cash, check or credit card). Plan for a night out-invite your friends and neighbors!



UPCA October Social
Tuesday, October 13, 7-9 PM

Save the Date! Please save the date for the UPCA October social. The Becrafts will once again host the well-attended October UPCA social at their house, 7016 Partridge Place. Please contact Christine Becraft with any questions at christine_n_d@yahoo.com.

Chili Cook-off

Saturday, October 17, 4-7 PM

Save the Date! Do you think you cook a rockin' good chili? Do you want to put your creation to the test against other contestants? Come join the Chili Cook-off and show us what you got! We will take either a chili entree or a slammin' side dish. UPES. If there is rain, we will be in the school auditorium instead of outside on the lawn. For more information, please contact Connie Visnic at connie.visnic@gmail.com.

Halloween Event

Saturday, October 31

Save the Date! The UPCA will have a Halloween event; stay tuned for more information in the October newsletter.

College Park Arts Exchange

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

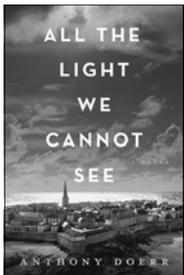
College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti, *Open House, September 8, 6:30 PM* Students ages 5 and up work with high-energy director Chris Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills and perform for the public several times a year. \$85 per semester per child. Rehearsals on Tuesdays, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

New Street Dance Workshop and Show, *Saturday, September 12, Workshop 4-6 PM, Show 7 PM* New Street Dance Company presents a cutting edge dance performance developed for the Philadelphia Fringe Festival featuring live musicians. Be a part of the show by taking part in the workshop with the show to follow. Pay As You Can donations are greatly appreciated for these high quality events.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, September 22, 8-10 PM

The September book is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. The October book is *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. Please call Leila Steiner at 301-779-7295 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.



Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons

Saturdays, 8-9:30 AM

Come join us to learn the ancient Chinese martial art often referred to as "meditation in motion" and leave feeling relaxed and energized. Free. Hosted by University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For more information, call 301-466-5894.



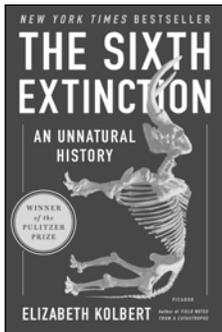
UPWC Meeting

Monday, October 5, 11:30 AM

Join us Monday to hear Jo Epps, certified pedorthist, discuss foot health and how to find shoes to best support your feet. A light lunch will be served at noon. Jo will speak at 12:30 PM. Childcare is free. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville. RSVP to Jana Over at upwcLead@gmail.com or 301-779-5120.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Blue Sky Puppet Theater, Sunday, September 13, 3 PM Blue Sky presents *The Jester's Box*. Ideal for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for these popular events as space is limited.



CPAE Book Club Tuesday, September 15, 7 PM Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. September's book is *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, by Elizabeth Kolbert. October's book is *H is for Hawk*, by Helen Macdonald. College Park Community Library, 9704 Rhode Island Ave., in the basement of the Nazarene church.

Sewing Workshop, Saturday, September 26, 10 AM-noon Make a tote bag-no experience required! All materials and sewing machine provided. Please register in advance as class size is limited. \$10.

Children's Arts Drop-In Programs September 26 and 27 Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. Saturday 10 AM-Noon at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House.



College Park Youth Orchestra Young string players will develop their ensemble and sight-reading skills under conductors Ken Whitley and Claudia Chudacoff. Students rehearse twice a month, with three public concerts a year. More at www.cpyo.net.

College Park Chorale, Sundays, 7-8:30 PM Come and join! Rehearsals under the direction of Allison Hughes. Fee.

College Park Youth Music Traditions, Mondays, 6:15-7:30 PM Learn old time skills with Eric Maring and Liberty Rucker. \$150 per semester, beginning September 7.



Riversdale

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

Grandparents' Day Tours, Sunday, September 13, 12:15-3:15 PM Bring your grandparents (or other senior guests) for a free guided tour, then do a fun activity with them. One free tour with each paid admission.

Homeschool Family Day, Thursday, September 17, 10 AM Riversdale invites homeschoolers ages 5 & up and their families for a day of hands-on learning! Join us for open hearth cooking, interactive tours, and more! Advance payment required by September 9. \$8/child, adult chaperones free.

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Live!, Saturday, September 26, Noon-3 PM Riversdale is joining museums across the country and opening its doors for free during this annual event hosted by Smithsonian Media. Find out more and print your required ticket here: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>



Wallace Presbyterian Church Grief Counseling Sessions, Tuesday, September 1, 7 PM This is the first of a 13-week grief support group. Each meeting is self-contained and does not need to be attended in sequence. GriefShare is a network of 12,000 churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from grief. The program includes a video seminar, group discussion and a personal workbook. \$15 fee for the workbook. To learn more about GriefShare, visit www.griefshare.org. If interested, please notify the church office at info@wallacepca.org or at 301-935-5900. Open to all, 3725 Metzert Rd., College Park.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2015 Summer Patio Concert Series, *Wednesdays, 7-8 PM* FYI for music lovers! The Riverdale Park Arts Council (RPAC), in collaboration with the University of Maryland Wind, Brass and Percussion Department, presents their 2015 Summer Patio Concert Series on the patio of the Town Center Market located at 4705 Queensbury Rd, Riverdale Park. September 2: Carol Ann Bosco, Cello and Vocals, Folk/Irish. September 9: Riversdale Woodwind Trio. September 16: John Wambach & Alex Galitsatos Jazz Duo.

2015 Prince of a County Reception and Fundraiser, *Sunday, September 13, 1-3 PM* Prince George's County Historical Society cordially invites you to enjoy a tour and a short history of the newly restored Old Greenbelt Theater along with light fare and wine. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors. \$50 per person (\$25 tax deductible). RSVP September 5, 2015. For more information please email ipetrus1 at verizon.net, call 301-440-8404 or visit <http://pghistory.org/main/calendar/prince-of-a-county-fundraiser/> Old Greenbelt Theatre, 129 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770



Hyattsville Arts Festival, *Saturday, September 19, 11 AM-5 PM* See over 70 exhibiting artists, enjoy live entertainment and eat some of your favorite foods block by block. Come to the Arts District Hyattsville shopping center to experience amazing arts and crafts, numerous live performances, as well as tasty local food and drink. For info, <http://www.hyattsvillearts.com>.

Harvest Time: 2015 Farmers Markets

Savor the season's locally-grown produce and more by shopping at these markets within a 5-mile radius.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FREE SHREDDING & E-CYCLING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, October 10, 9 AM-1 PM

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you can't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale on September 19...don't put it in the trash. Recycle it! Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. All e-cycle items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc., in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Please check the Public Works page at upmd.org for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations. **Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.**

Acceptable Items

Answering Machines
Ballasts-non PCB
Batteries (see list below)
Cables
Camcorders
CDs/ DVDs
Cell Phones
Circuit Boards
Compact Disc Players
Computer Equipment
Computers
Copiers
Cords
Duplicators
DVD Players
Electric Typewriters
Electronic Games
Fax Machines
Hard Drives
Keyboards / Mice
Household Electronics
Ink / Toner
Lab Equipment
Laptops
Laptop batteries
LCD Monitors
Mainframe Equipment
Media
Metal Scrap
Microwave Ovens
Modems
Monitors
Networking Equipment
Pagers
PDA's
Printers
Printed Circuit Board
Radios
Rechargeable Batteries
Remote Controls
Scanners

Stereo Components
Stereos
Tapes
Tape Players
Telephones
Telecom Equipment
Televisions
Testing Equipment
Toasters
Transparency Makers
Two-Way Radios
UPS - Power Supplies
VCRs
Word Processors
Other Electronics



What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners
Broken CRT monitors
Console Televisions
Dishwashers
Dryers
Light bulbs
Medical Waste
Nuclear Waste
Paint
PCB Ballasts
Radioactive Waste
Refrigerators
Thermostats
Washers

What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries
Lithium Batteries
Magnesium Batteries
Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries
NiCd Wet Cell Batteries
Nickel Iron Batteries
Nickel Zinc Batteries
Silver Oxide Batteries
Zinc Carbon Batteries

September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Save the Date UPWC Meeting Monday, October 5, 11:30 AM</p>	<p>Save the Date Free Shredding & Electronics Recycling Saturday, October 10, 9 AM-1 PM</p>	<p>Trash</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Recycling</p>	<p>4 Trash</p>	<p>5 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM </p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7 Labor Day: Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>8 Trash</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Recycling </p>	<p>11 Trash UPCA Movie Night, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Ivy League Session, 9-11 AM</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14 Yard Waste</p>	<p>15 Trash</p>	<p>16 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>17 Recycling</p>	<p>18 Trash </p>	<p>19 UPCA Townwide Yard Sale, 9 AM-2 PM UPCA Fall Wine & Cheese Party, 6:30- 9:30 PM</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>22 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM </p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Recycling</p>	<p>25 Trash</p>	<p>26 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM</p>
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