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FROM THE MAYOR

On Sunday, November 10, the Town celebrated Veterans Day for the second year in a row at the proposed site for a permanent Veterans Memorial here in Town. It was a day of hope and sadness. Hope springs from the fact that it is the service of the many veterans from here in University Park which assures us of the continuation of our nation and democracy. Sadness comes from the fact that we recently lost two veterans who so ably served our nation and community, active duty Navy Cmdr. Stephen Murphy and long-time resident Mickey Lucas. Cmdr. Murphy passed away on November 7 while pursuing a Master's Degree at the Navy War College. He leaves behind a grieving wife and daughter, and many neighbors and friends. Mickey Lucas, a resident of the Town since Pearl Harbor Day on December 7, 1941, passed away on November 1. A Graduate of Gonzaga HS in DC, a veteran of the US Army, a steam-fitter, a union organizer, a union leader, a loving husband and father, a



Town Council Member, a friend, and a fierce proponent of University Park, Mickey exemplified the spirit of the Town - a willingness to help others and volunteer time

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Community Conversation	December 17
Town Council	December 2 & 16
Holidays	December 25 & January 1

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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to make it a better place. A *tip of the hat* to both men for their commitment and service. Finally, I would like to thank the young cadets from the Northwestern HS Junior Navy ROTC, who served as the color guard at the ceremony. They warmed the day and showed that the spirit that marks our Town and Nation will remain alive in the future.

On November 16, at a well-attended event at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Brian Jones, the author of a new biography of Jim Henson, the master puppeteer, creator of Kermit the Frog and former resident of University Park, discussed Henson's life and accomplishments. It was, to say the least, a fascinating evening. It is often forgotten how innovative and creative Henson was, and how powerful a positive impact he was on us and our children. At the event, Sarah Moseley, John Brunner and Maxie Phillips were honored for their hard work in identifying the houses in University Park in which Jim Henson lived and in their strong support for honoring him. Thank you to all three for their efforts on behalf of the Town and the Henson project.

Mayor and Council continue to cautiously explore the possibility of purchasing the Riverdale Presbyterian Church and converting it into a Town Hall and Community Center. The Town has hired four firms to assess the condition of the building and determine the cost of redesigning and remodeling it. Mayor and Council are also exploring the cost impact on future budgets as well as alternative ways of financing the purchase and remodeling, and offsetting future building related expenses. At present the Town Council is scheduled to hold two open, public forums on the subject on December 17 and January 18. The Mayor and Council are also exploring ways of getting a more complete sense of the residents' wishes in the matter. Please keep an eye out for information on the Town web site or through a mailing.

It is with pleasure that I announce that for the present the potential project to build an "academic village" or mall on the University of Maryland Golf Course at the corner of Adelphi Road and University Boulevard has been shelved. In a public statement, the development group, Greenberg and Gibbons, indicated that they would stand down and refocus their efforts along Route 1, where many, including Mayor and Council believe the focus should be.

The Cafritz project continues to draw the Mayor and Council's attention. The Council voted to withdraw from the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision appeal and not to pursue an appeal in the matter of the Secondary Amendments. The Council did, however, vote to appeal the Detailed Site Plan as passed by the District Council as the CSX Bridge issue remained unsettled. A final agreement on the transfer of the land on the east side of the CSX tracks where the bridge will land and a complete financing plan, have not yet been worked out. It is unlikely that the full details of either will be completed until just before Christmas. In order to assure the Town of the ability to move to stop the project if the bridge condition were not met, the Mayor and Council decided to appeal.

On a separate development project, the Council voted to support the Safeway project at UTC, with two conditions: the developer would pursue a warrant for a full light at the main vehicular entrance on East-West Highway and would make available a bus and taxi stop on American Blvd. The Planning Board took note of both and at the hearing the developer pledged to pursue both requests to the best of their ability.

Please take note of the date for the Town Holiday Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will occur on Sunday, December 8 this year. As usual, expect it to be fun and prepare your children to meet Santa Claus!

As always, have a great month, take care and enjoy the onset of winter and the Holidays. See you around Town.

John Rogard Tabori

Photo courtesy of Tiegh Thompson.

Upcoming Community Conversations Council Special Sessions



These events are hosted by the Council to allow public input and provide information regarding the Town's possible purchase of Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Tuesday, December 17, 7 PM
Saturday, January 18, 1 PM
Custis Hall, Riverdale Presbyterian Church

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

As you prepare for the holidays, remember these basic tips:

- Shop during the day or park in well-lighted areas.
- Be aware of your surroundings when you park, walk and are in stores.
- Avoid buying more than you can carry.
- Lock your purchases in the trunk and out of sight.
- Remember where you parked. Have keys ready when approaching your vehicle; request a security escort if you shop alone.
- Know which credit cards you have with you when you shop. If possible, only take one; it's safer and easier to remember just one card. A current pickpocket practice is to remove one credit card from your wallet in hopes you will not notice until much later.
- If shopping with small children, have a plan if you are separated from them. Determine a central meeting place or teach them to know that they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.
- Keep all receipts together to help you verify credit card or bank statements.
- Online shopping also requires caution. Use one credit card for easy tracking. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases.
- Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to verify your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.
- Look for signs that the business is reputable. Know your merchant. Protect your privacy. Get all of the details. And keep good records of your purchases.
- Beware of bargains from companies with whom you are unfamiliar—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- If you know you will not be home during normal delivery hours, have a neighbor retrieve your package or get it later at the delivery pick-up location.
- Shop with a friend; the more the merrier...and safer.

Please take the same common sense precautions online as you would offline. The following information is provided by Craigslist:

- Insist on a public meeting place like a cafe.
- Do not meet in a secluded place or invite strangers into your home.

- Be especially careful when buying/selling high value items.
- Tell a friend or family member where you're going.
- Take your cell phone along.
- Consider having a friend accompany you.
- Trust your instincts.

December is National Drunk Driving Awareness Month. Don't Drink and Drive. Be sure your teenagers know this message. Sobriety checkpoints, extra patrols and cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions are all planned enforcement activities for December. Don't let anyone drive after drinking. It may save a life.

Holiday shopping means increased opportunities for thieves to steal items from your car. Remember to document serial numbers and etch identifying marks on your new gifts. Keep these serial numbers, receipts and photographs of your new valuables in a secure place. Lock your doors. Do not leave keys or valuables in your vehicle. Set your car and home alarm.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!



Stolen Auto Between October 21 9 PM and October 22 8:40 AM in the 6500 block of Queens Chapel Rd. a Jeep Liberty was stolen from in front of the residence. The Metropolitan PD recovered the vehicle in the 2400 block of 14th Street NE prior to the owner being aware that it was stolen. No suspect/s was located at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Stolen Auto Between October 26 11 PM and October 27 10 AM in the 6900 block of Pineway, a 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe was stolen. The owner of the vehicle lives in Laurel and had parked the vehicle on Pineway overnight. Upon returning the following morning, they found that the vehicle was not where they had parked it. No suspect/s was located at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft On October 26 at 10 AM at the corner of Wells Parkway and Calverton Drive the victims advised that

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while out for a walk, they hung two blue Nike jackets, one containing a set of keys, on the stop sign. After walking around the block they returned to find the jackets missing. No suspect/s was located.

Breaking & Entering On October 30 at 2 AM in the 4000 block of College Heights Dr. the UPPD and PGPD responded to a breaking & entering in progress. The residents advised that they observed a suspect wearing dark colored clothing standing in their living room. When confronted the suspect dropped most of the property they were attempting to steal and fled out of the home through the rear door. The area was searched by a K-9 dog with negative results. It was determined that entry had occurred through an unlocked rear kitchen window and suspect/s stole an Android tablet. No suspect/s was located. The home was processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

Attempted Breaking & Entering On October 30 at 1:43 AM in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd. the resident advised that they heard noises at the front door as if someone was trying to enter the home. The suspect fled the area after they were unable to open the door. The UPPD were not notified until 11 AM. They responded and processed the door for fingerprints. No suspect information was available. The investigation is ongoing.

Attempted Breaking & Entering On October 30 at approximately 1:50 AM in the 6600 block of Wells Parkway the resident advised that the home alarm was activated, waking them up. There was no indication of an intruder. Later in the day the resident noticed that several window screens were removed. The UPPD were notified. No suspect information was available. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On October 30 at 1 AM in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2005 Subaru Outback and stole a Garmin GPS Unit. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft On October 31 in the 7000 block of Adelphi Rd. it was reported that suspect/s stole a 12' copper downspout that was attached to the home. The realtor selling the home advised that they were unaware of when the theft occurred. No suspects were located. Investigation is ongoing.

September 23 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Carey, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez. CM Christian-sen excused.

Presentation

Mr. David Wilkins, Sr., WSSC Customer Advocate, discussed billing questions with Council. Mr. Wilkins encouraged residents with questions to contact the WSSC Billing Inquiry number (301-206-4001). He explained that customer service representatives will review your account history with you. Mr. Wilkins explained that water rates are tiered and the more water you use the higher the billing rate, which explains why rate fluctuations may change quarter-to-quarter.

Mr. Wilkins described common problems many people overlook; however, when repairs are done this can show a significant decrease in your water bill. Running toilets are often the culprit in high water bills-a malfunctioning flapper can leak 3-5 gallons per minute. To test if you have a leak, WSSC will provide dye tablets to put in your toilet tank overnight. The next morning, if there is any dye in your bowl, this means water is leaking and you should have the flapper replaced.

Mr. Wilkins also shared simple tips that can help protect the pipes in your home. He advised against dumping grease, fat, sauces, etc. down your drain as this can lead to blockages in the shared sewer lines and also in your own pipes. Mr. Wilkins explained that the amount of water used in washing dishes is not enough to rinse condiments, such as ketchup, oils and sauces completely down pipes. He recommended wiping any leftovers off your plate instead of rinsing, and lastly to store used oil and fat in tin cans and place these in the garbage for collection. Copies of the brochure and other items Mr. Wilkins discussed are available at Town Hall for pickup, along with packets of dye tablets and lids to store grease in tin cans.

Mr. Christopher Taylor, Take Back Our Yards coordinator gave a brief report on the findings from the mosquito program. Mr. Taylor reported that the public parks in Town are clear of mosquito breeding areas; he found that the problem areas are located on private property. Mr. Taylor was asked to list the areas where he found the largest numbers of mosquitoes. He said that mosquitoes breed in standing water. Favorite places they search out

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are: flower pots, especially in flower pots with bases that hold water: bird baths, tarps, children's toys, buckets and tires. He explained that the best way to control mosquitoes are to spray off any items left outside with a hose at least once every week. In closing Mr. Taylor said that mosquitoes are territorial, they don't travel far and that the best way to control mosquitoes in your yard is through prevention.

Permit

Motion to approve the application to fill in an existing in ground pool and add a 10' x 34' driveway located at 4410 Tuckerman Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that the solar panels installed on UPES are operating, the system is up and running and generating electricity. Mayor Tabori commended the Town and all those who worked to make this project a success and reminded everyone of the invitation to attend the dedication of the solar panels on October 19, from 1-4 PM at UPES. Mayor Tabori also noted that the DSP for the University Town Center Safeway is amended; the revised application will be submitted shortly. The updated plans will be presented at the next Town meeting on October 21.

Town Clerk Toscano reminded Council that the deadline to register for the MML Fall Conference is approaching. Also, Granicus sent their proposed contract; copies have been sent to Ms. Ferguson the Town Attorney and the Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure for review.

Public Works Director Beall reported that the Town has signed a one year agreement with Prince George's County to take the compost for our program. Mr. Beall said due to the limitations of staff, time and equipment, the compost program will not be expanded at this time; however, if anyone is interested Mr. Beall is accepting names of residents who would like to be on the waiting list.

Police Chief Wynnyk reported that the department has received a grant for a second license plate reader. This reader will be installed in a UP police car; the additional reader helps expand the program in the department. Chief Wynnyk also noted that he has been elected Chairman of the Maryland Municipal League Police Executives Association.

Continuing Business

Motion to approve the letter developed by the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor and Council in the matter of the renovation of the Hyattsville Branch Library. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the letter developed by the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor and Council in the matter of the proposal to redevelop the University of Maryland Golf Course. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Council discussed changes to the letter Mayor Tabori proposed. During the discussion period Mayor Tabori asked Council to suspend public discussion; Mayor Tabori proposed that Council move into an Executive Session to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice on this matter. At 9:45 PM Council voted to move into executive session.

Motion to move into Executive Session to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice on the matter of the Maryland Golf Course letter. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Budget Amendment Emergency Ordinance 13-O-12 (Introduction)

Motion to introduce an emergency ordinance to amend the FY 2014 Budget, Ordinance 13-O-4, to create an Architecture and Related Services line item and to transfer \$50,000.00 from Unreserved Funds to this line item to ensure that funds are available as needed for evaluation of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church as a possible site for the Town Hall and related governmental and community services. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Council agreed to separate the four different evaluations needed for the Town to consider the amount of work and potential costs necessary to renovate the building and to evaluate the overall condition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Ms. Ferguson will prepare the RFPs for these projects.

Motion to close the Executive Session at 10:17 PM. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The Maryland Golf Course letter was approved with edits CM Sorensen suggested.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:17 PM.

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October 21 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

Harold Freeman of Woodberry Street and representing the Maryland Golf Course Coalition thanked the Council for the kind letter in support of their position.

Presentations

University Town Center Safeway development project located in Hyattsville

Jim Castillo, Senior Director Development and Construction, ECHO

Jack Hollon, AIA, MV+A Architecture

Mr. Castillo and Mr. Hollon gave a presentation on the recent updates as well as answered questions:

- Plans for a bike lane along East West Highway.
- Twenty-eight bicycle racks will be installed.
- The store front will be full glass, floor to ceiling, along East West Highway.
- Adding a feature to allow access from the upper parking area directly to the Town Center without having to go through the Safeway store.
- Will provide a significant number of plantings along the East wall.
- Handling a hundred year flood and treating 100% of it for water quality in an underground chamber with reusable filters.
- Required to have a specific amount of cubic feet of structured soil per tree so that the trees can grow and be healthy; drip irrigation will be used. Will focus on local plantings that are drought resistant.
- There is no current plan for a bus or drop-off lane along East West Highway.
- No plans for a traffic light at the Town Center's main entrance on East West Highway.
- Possibility of synchronizing the traffic lights at both intersections on East West Highway.

Civic Association

Ms. Connie Visnic, President, provided an update:



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.

- The Association now has a full board.
- Membership has almost doubled in the past six weeks.
- The Franklin's fundraiser was successful; the final numbers are not in yet.
- The chili cook-off was also successful with over 30 cooking participants.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda item. Approved 7 to 0.

Application to repair a 6'9" x 7'6" front stoop with steps located at 4409 Tuckerman Street.

Request to close the 4300 block of Tuckerman Street for a block party on Saturday, October 26; set-up begins at 3 PM and clean-up ends at 7:00 PM.

Recommendation approved by the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services regarding the Little Free Library. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services with respect to the proposal for a Little Free Library:

- That the Council designate and approve a site between the sidewalk and trees, near Queens Chapel Road and close to the Town Field and University Park Elementary School for the location of a Little Free Library on public land in University Park, such site to be specifically located by the Town,
- That the Council request that the University Park Civic Association pay for the creation of such a Little Free Library and coordinate its stocking with appropriate books and continuing operation,
- That the Council request that the Town maintain the Little Free Library structure itself where the need for such maintenance is indicated by the University Park Civic Association,
- That this arrangement may be ended or altered at the convenience of the Town at any time,
- That this be subject to a signed agreement between the Town and the University Park Civic Association.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that trick-or-treating on Halloween will be held on the October 31 from 6-9 PM. There will be extra police officers available. Letters on the Hyattsville Branch Library and the UMD Golf Course have been sent and received; there has not been a response. The draft of the Preliminary Plan Prince George's 2035 is available on line for review. Mayor Tabori received a

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letter from M-NCPPC Chair Elizabeth Hewlett asking for comments on the matter. CSP-13003/DSP-12062, Hyattsville Zip-In has requested a continuance. This is an expansion of the gas station at East West Highway and Belcrest Road. As soon as Mayor Tabori gets the plans of this project, he will forward them to Council.

CM Carey reported for the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services that the community conversation meeting held on October 10 went well, with lots of questions and few answers. At its next meeting on October 24 the committee will be working on potential uses of the church, as well as sources of funding and grants. Riverdale Presbyterian Church (RPC) is exploring short-term leases with other churches. The RPC Finance Committee has determined that the church is financially okay into the spring or early summer, which gives the Town more time to make a decision. The church continues to be interested in a lease back of the sanctuary and office space.

CM Brosch made a presentation to a group called Multi-Cities, which includes Rockville, College Park, Hyattsville, Bowie, etc. University Park should consider joining this group, which meets twice a year.

CM Christiansen highly recommends that the Town establish a Planning Development Committee. This committee would keep up on all of the new developments in the area.

Continuing Business

Motion to adopt an emergency ordinance to amend the FY14 budget, Ordinance 13-O-4, to create an Architecture and Related Services line item and to transfer \$50,000.00 from Unreserved Funds to this line item to ensure that funds are available as needed for evaluation of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church as a possible site for the Town Hall and related governmental and community services. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve that the Mayor draft a letter with the two items that were discussed, a bus pull-off and a continuing support for a light if SHA grants it, on the University Town Center Safeway DSP-05084-02, and to bring the draft letter to the Council for approval at its October 28 meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to move that the STEP Advisory Committee research and develop a proposal for an annual University Park STEP Lecture series in collaboration with UMD and research the scope and feasibility of funding sources available. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to move that issues related to the publication of a newsletter be referred to the Council Committee on Municipal Structure for consideration. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:55 PM.

November 4 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch (7:45 due to locked entrance door), Gekas, Carey, Christiansen, Cron, Alvarez. Excused: CM Sorensen.

Mayor Tabori calls for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Francis "Mickey" Lucas, July 31, 1933-November 1, 2013.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that there would be two community conversations to discuss the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Two Special Sessions will be held, Thursday, December 5 at 7 PM and tentatively Saturday, January 18 at 1 PM. Leaf pick up has begun. Leaves should be put along the curb, not in the street. The 2015 budget preparation will begin early next year. Those wanting to participate should contact Mayor Tabori. There is an invitation for 11/11/11 Landover Hills Veterans Memorial Dedication; an RSVP is required. A longtime resident of University Park, Mickey Lucas, passed away on November 1, 2013. Mayor Tabori received a letter from Matthew Tedesco, Attorney for Safeway, asking that University Park waive their 30-day appeal right. This item was added to New Business. Riverdale Park is discussing the Cafritz bridge configuration.

CM Carey reported on the Public Facilities and Services Committee. There will be no Public Facilities and Services Meeting on November 7, as scheduled. The Veterans Memorial Design and Advisory Committee had a successful meeting on Saturday and hope to bring a proposal to the Council next spring. Veterans Day Observance is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 2 PM at the Veterans Memorial Site. On November 11, Wards

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4 and 7 are co-hosting a Public Safety Walk and Talk with Chief Wynnnyk. The walk will begin at the intersection of College Heights Avenue and Van Buren Street at 7 PM.

CM Alvarez reported on the Tree Committee. Chris Aubry made a presentation concerning a city wide tree ordinance which would include public and private property. Mr. Aubry asked the Council to endorse a public forum in order to get the town's opinion on this matter. ***Motion to endorse a public forum and to send a letter requesting attendance.*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

CM Christiansen reported that the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee is scheduled to meet on November 20. CM Christiansen expressed frustration with the Council's email functions and suggests inviting a representative from ALPHA to have a discussion and training session on the matter. Mayor Tabori agreed to arrange a training session with ALPHA and Council.

Continuing Business

Motion to approve a letter of support on the matter of the DSP-13025 University of Maryland Student Housing at Knox Road for the Planning Board Hearing on November 14, 2013. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the Mayor and Council write a letter of support for Prince George's County Bill CB-77-2013 and to circulate it to the Council for comment prior to sending. Motion approved 6 to 0. Dannielle Glaros, Eric Olson's Chief of Staff, stated that CB-77-2013 was aimed at reducing the damaging effect that a neighborhood nuisance property can have on the surrounding community. For these severe cases, this civil mechanism would allow the police to take action such as fines and referral to a Nuisance Abatement Board. The County Council will hold a public hearing on this bill on November 19, 2013.

New Business

Motion to approve a process whereby direct solicitation with a structural engineer to evaluate the structural elements of Riverdale Presbyterian Church as associated property. Motion approved 6 to 0. It was explained that this evaluation is recommended since the building uses require a higher standard of evaluation, such as the police department, emergency shelter, etc. and will be ranked at a higher risk which triggers stricter code requirements.

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Motion to approve drafting a letter of support with conditions on the University Town Center Safeway DSP-05084-02. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:35 PM.

UPCA News

Have you seen the sporty new magnets that more and more of your neighbors have on their car? You can get one for your family by joining the University Park Civic Association! When we receive your contribution, a magnet and a welcome letter will be delivered to you by our Membership Chair, Dawn Nichols.

University Park's very first Little Free Library has been approved, ordered and will be unveiled soon! Many thanks to Terisa Flick for suggesting the idea, her skill and eagerness to do the painting, and her willingness to oversee the project to make sure the library is always well-stocked with appropriate books.

At our November UPCA meeting we started discussing 2014 events and lining up event managers. If you are interested in managing or helping with an event, please let us know. You may email UPCA President Connie Visnic at connie.visnic@gmail.com. We are redoing the event notebooks, so if you happen to have one or more of these step-by-step binders, please get them to Dawn Nichols or Connie Visnic so we can incorporate the history into updated event binders.

The Tree Lighting on December 8 will be the last opportunity to make your 2013 and 2014 contributions at the special combo rate of \$40. Please bring your checkbook, credit card or cash—you will get your UPCA car magnet on the spot! We will also be collecting money for the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, so please bring some cash to put into the fire fighter's boot. They are ready to protect and help us 24/7 in times of emergency.

2014 looks bright and promising for many fun events and lots of new UPCA members! Make sure you're a part of it! Visit our website at www.upcivicassociation.com.



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Alternative Holiday Fair

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 AM-3 PM

Come purchase holiday gifts that support good causes and great nonprofit organizations! You'll find good food and unique gifts that support groups trying to make the world a better place. Some of the organizations that will be at the fair include, Serrv, Heifer Project, Dublin Rising, New Community Project, Tatanka Wakpala Model Sustainable Community, Equal Exchange (fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate), Bead for Life, the Elephant Sanctuary and local artists.

There will also be children's cookie baking and a food stand selling polish sausages & veggie burgers, fresh candied nuts and more. Open to everyone—the more the merrier! Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman. For more info, visit upcob.org.

Annual Town Holiday Party & Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 8, 4 PM and 6 PM

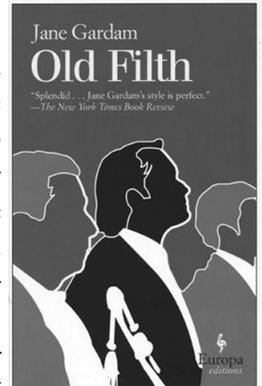


Town residents and employees are invited to gather at 4 PM for a community potluck in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Please bring a main or side dish or dessert to share with 10-12 people. Everyone is asked to bring their dish in a disposable pan or bring a grocery bag so they can take home their dish, utensils and any leftover food after the dinner. Please consider labeling your dish in regard to ingredients, such as "contains nuts," "vegetarian" or "vegan," etc. A mitten tree will be available, so bring a new pair of gloves, mittens or a winter hat to decorate the tree, which will be donated to a local charity. The potluck includes a performance of "Rufus the Red-nosed Raindog" by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre and crafts for children, followed by a short walk to Henson Green, at the intersection of Sheridan Street, 40th Avenue and Queens Chapel Road, for the annual holiday tree lighting. Mayor John Tabori will light the tree. Arranged by volunteers and coordinated by the University Park Civic Association. Questions or suggestions? Please email Len Carey at lencarey@verizon.net.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, December 10, 8-10 PM

The December book is the novel *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam. The January selection is *The Piano Teacher* by Janice Lee. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month (December on the second Tuesday) from September to June. Please call Mollie Huitema at 301-927-5836 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more info.



UPWC House Tour Celebrates 20th Year

Friday, December 13, 7-10 PM

The University Park Woman's Club, Inc. will hold their 20th annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour on Friday, December 13 from 7 to 10 PM. Six beautiful homes and a holiday boutique will be featured this year. For a listing of homes and ticket information, see the insert in this newsletter.

The Woman's Club initiated the house tour in 1993. Mrs. Maxie Phillips was the club president from 1992-1994. Mrs. Phillips' leadership helped launch this new fundraiser for the club. The house tour continues to be a favorite neighborhood activity for residents. Because of the support the community has given the house tour, \$40,000 in college scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors from University Park and Northwestern High School. The club has also supported projects for such groups as the UP Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School, Northwestern, the town of UP and the Prince George's County Domestic Violence Shelter.

The club members want to thank supporters of the house tour for making the annual event so successful. Without your help, we could not do the outreach and community service that is a part of the club's mission.

UPWC Ornament Sale

As part of the Woman's Club biggest fundraising event, the Holiday House Tour and Boutique, UPWC is selling White House Ornaments from the WH Historical Association. The fun representation of the first Presidential motor car of William Howard Taft,



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(\$20), the wreath of peace, honoring Woodrow Wilson (\$23) and the commemorative, elegant White House ornament crafted in sandstone (\$23) are available for purchase. All three ornaments are available at the special price of \$65. To purchase, contact Jacquie Groppe at jacqueline.groppe@verizon.net.

UPWC Home Decorating Contest

Sunday, December 15, 5:00-7:30 PM

Sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club. Participants should have their lights turned on from 5-7:30 PM. Decorations will be judged in three categories this year:

- Most Unique - 1st place only,
 - Best Decorated Door - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
 - Best Decorated Whole House, 1st 2nd and 3rd place
- The top winners in each of the category will win a \$50 prize. All winners will receive a certificate and a letter of appreciation. Special recognition signs will be placed in winners' yards lighted with a solar spotlight. Winners listed on UPListserve and in January Newsletter.

Rules: Decorations should be done by owners. Last year's winners are ineligible unless they have created a new design. There is plenty of time to make your home a seasonal treat for the eyes if you start now. Let's see what awesome results we can create this year! Remember, seasonal has many meanings. For more information, please contact Sallie Holder at slholder410@gmail.com or 301-864-9264.

Senator Pinsky Town Hall Meeting *Saturday, December 14, 9:30-11:30 AM* Maryland State Senator Paul Pinsky will share a legislative update. Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kevin Maxwell will present his vision for Prince George's County Schools. State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks will share her view of law enforcement in Prince George's County. Lamont Elementary School, 7101 Good Luck Road, New Carrollton.

Maryland Cantabile Concert

Saturday, December 14 at 7 PM

Featuring local singers, the Maryland Cantabile will perform a concert at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in College Park. The concert will include works by



Barber, Mozart, Victoria and Persichetti.

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.

Make a Wreath, *Saturday, December 7, 2-5 PM* We will provide the basic wreath making materials. Check our website for ideas of other things you can bring from home to make your wreath uniquely your own. Pre-register by sending \$15 material fee by Dec. 1 to CPAE, PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20741.

Seasonal Celebration *Sunday, December 8, 3 PM* Bring the whole family for this fun afternoon of local talent. Enjoy a snack and a hot drink while friends share their favorite holiday pieces.

Nutcracker Ballet *Sunday, December 15, 3:30 PM*

Connect the Dots Dance Company presents the Nutcracker, an interactive, family friendly experience that includes a narration, a ballet craft, a ballet class and a more. Free, but please give generously to help support local dance company Connect the Dots Dance.

CPAE Book Club *Friday, December 20, 7:30 PM* Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. December's book is *Life List: A Woman's Quest for the World's Most Amazing Birds*, Olivia Gentile.



Riversdale

The Riversdale Museum Shop

Find a wide variety of books relating to the history and culture of Maryland and 19th Century America and gift items including jewelry and ceramics. See our line of exclusive Riversdale items for the home, including glassware. For kids, we offer educational kits, games, puzzles and an assortment of children's books. The Shop is open during tour hours; Friday and Sunday 12-3:30 PM and during special events.

The Calverts by Candlelight *Saturday, December 28, 6 PM*

Experience the decorated and candlelit museum as the Calverts welcome guests to their home for tours, refreshments and children's activities. \$5/adults Free/children 12 & under accompanied by adult. 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for info.

OBITUARY

Francis “Mickey” Lucas, 1933-2013, passed away on November 1. He was 80 years old and was known to family, friends, colleagues and neighbors for his good nature and gregarious personality. Mickey graduated in 1951 from Gonzaga High School in Washington, DC, he attended the Bullis School and the University of Maryland. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.



In 1985, Mr. Lucas began working as an organizer and representative of the Virginia Pipe Trades Council. Additionally, he served as president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer of the D.C., Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia District Pipe Trades Council. A 58-year member of the United Association and Steamfitters UA Local Union 602, he became a special representative in 1990 for the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada.

Mickey is survived by Kay, his wife of 60 years; daughters Carin Weisberg, Michele Dusenbery (Paul) and Pamela Lucas; sister Mary L. Lucas; grandchildren Malore and Kelly Dusenbery; and nephews, Charles F. and Robert M. Turner. His sister Ellen L. Turner preceded him in death.

A former Town Council Member, Mickey loved to share the history of University Park and environs. He was a passionate labor and civic activist. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Make -A -Wish America, P.O. Box 6062, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

New Permit Forms & Guidelines

Updated forms and guidelines are now available that make it easier to apply for a building permit or variance. These forms can be found under Documents, then Building Permits at upmd.org. Please review them and applicable county forms if you are planning a project

TOWN NEWS

Participate & Stay Up to Date!

We wanted to share several additional ways for residents to stay up to date on meetings and activities in the Town of University Park.

The Town Electronic Notice System offers several lists regarding official Town business, Council and committee minutes, events, meetings and agendas for Town Council and committee meetings. Visit upmd.org and click on Register in the upper right corner to sign up.

Town Council Minutes are posted on the Town website. Highlights appear in this newsletter, however, somewhat more detail is available on the town site.

UPPD Safety Alerts are sent out by Police Chief Michael Wynnyk. Subscribe to this list by contacting the UPPD and providing your contact info.

WATCH UP & CHE Google Group is a neighborhood watch-type list and public safety officials do not monitor it. Any concerns should always be called in to the appropriate number: emergencies go to 911 and non-emergency calls to 301-352-1200.

University Park Listserv Google Group is a list for residents of University Park and the College Heights Estates. This listserv is not an official listserv of any municipality or civic



association. Search on Google for the list name to sign up for this and the next group.

UPplaygroup is open to parents/caregivers in University Park and neighboring areas. This is an easy way to organize playgroups, share information and events of interest, and to discuss parenting issues. In addition to the online discussion and age-based play dates, there are a variety of gatherings for the whole group each year. Contact Michelle Wedge at mdwedge@gmail.com or Christine Becraft at christine_n_d@yahoo.com.

Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743.

University Park Woman's Club
20TH ANNUAL
CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY
HOUSE TOUR &
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Friday, December 13, 2013

House Tour 7-10 PM

Holiday Boutique 6:30-10:30 PM

Tour Homes

Vartan & Gill, 4103 Beechwood Road

Beveridge, 6509 40th Avenue

Christiansen, 6711 44th Avenue

Wells & Zinnamon, 6910 Pineway

Roerig & Parish, 6902 Wells Parkway

Wootten, 6912 Wells Parkway

Tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 on the tour.

For advance tickets, please call 301-277-0414 or
purchase at the UP holiday potluck dinner & tree lighting December 8

Tickets will also be available Friday, December 13 during event hours at each house and at the holiday boutique. No admittance without a ticket. The boutique will be located at 7036 Hunter Lane and features local artisans.

Proceeds support college scholarships and community service projects.

University Park Woman's Club HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST Sunday, December 15, 5-7:30 PM



There is plenty of time to make your home a seasonal treat for the eyes if you start now. Let's see what awesome results we can create this year! Remember, seasonal has many meanings. Please turn on your lights by 5 PM. Decorations will be judged in three categories this year.

Categories

- ◆ Best Door Decoration – 1st, 2nd and 3rd places
- ◆ Best Whole House Decoration – 1st, 2nd and 3rd places
- ◆ Most Unique/ Most Original Decorations – 1st prize only

Rules

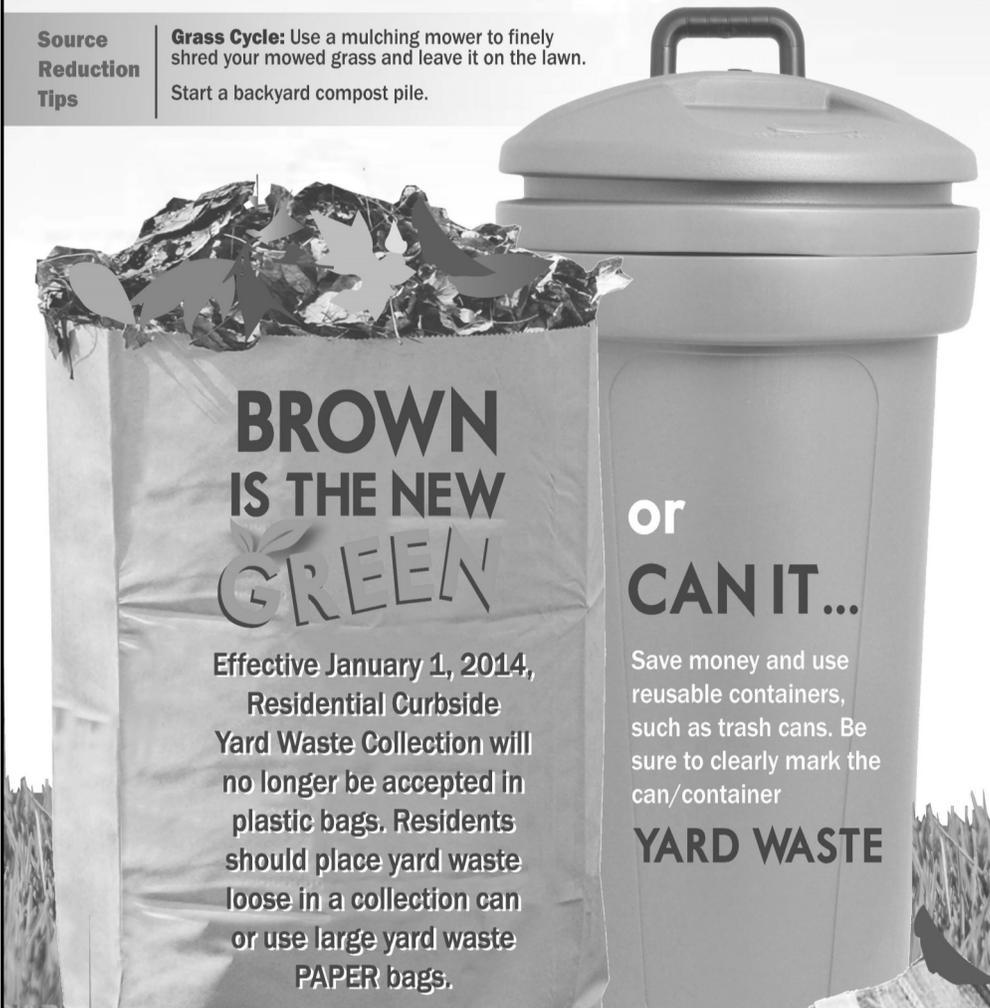
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**Source
Reduction
Tips**

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



**BROWN
IS THE NEW
GREEN**

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

or
CAN IT...

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

YARD WASTE

Plastic Bags Banned for Yard Waste

Prince George's County has prohibited plastic bags at its Western Branch Yard Waste Facility as of January 1, 2014. As a result, University Park Public Works will no longer be collecting leaves or yard waste in plastic bags after December 30, 2013 (the last yard waste collection day of the year). However, loose leaves will be collected by curbside vacuuming through January 10. Residents are strongly encouraged to rake their leaves to the curb during leaf collection to avoid bagging leaves.

After December 30, residents must use bins, trash cans, paper bags or other containers for yard waste. Please contact the Public Works Department with questions or concerns at mbeall@upmd.org or 301-927-4262.

Curbside Leaf Collection Continues Through Jan. 10

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

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

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

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

Collection in each Ward will be on a 2-3 week cycle. No signs will be posted. A ward map is posted at www.upmd.org

December 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	3 Trash	4	5 Recycling	6 Trash	7 Alternative Holiday Fair, 9:30 AM-3 PM Church of the Brethren
8 Annual Town Holiday Party & Tree Lighting, 4 PM & 6 PM, RPC	9 Yard Waste	10  Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM	11	12 Recycling	13 Trash 20th UPWC House Tour, 7-10 PM	14
15 UPWC Home Decorating Contest, 5:00-7:30 PM	16 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	17 Trash Community Conversation, 7 PM, RPC	18	19 Recycling	20 Trash	21
22 	23 Yard Waste	24 Trash	25 Christmas Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	26 Recycling	27 Trash	28
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<i>Ward</i>	<i>Council Member</i>	<i>Phone</i>
1	David C. Brosch	301-779-3168
2	James Gekas	301-864-2734
3	Arlene Christiansen	301-927-2394
4	Lenford C. Carey	301-864-1383
5	Heidi Sorensen	301-927-4977
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

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