

UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MAYOR

Come celebrate the 235th anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence and the 75th Anniversary of University Park on July 4th. Bring your family, bring your spirit and be prepared to have fun. As usual there will be a parade down Queens Chapel Road with a picnic to follow on the UPES athletic field.

Street Repairs Many of you should be happy to know that WSSC is finished with its work and the Town has awarded a contract to NZI to repair all the streets in the community over the next 18 months. Five companies submitted bids and NZI's was the lowest. The Town will float a 15 year bond in the amount of \$2.38 million to pay for all the street repairs. Although this may seem to be a considerable amount, the annual payments are

within the Town's means and will not cause us to have to raise real property taxes through Fiscal Year 2014, a moratorium on tax increases of five years. Our ability to raise and pay for the bond has been bolstered by the fact that as of the end of June, the Town paid off its previous street bond.

Cafritz Property As some of you are aware, as of June 6 the Cafritz team filed a letter of intent to submit a conceptual site plan to develop the property as a mixed commercial and residential area. The plans currently call for 995 residential units—a mixture of condos, apartments and townhouses—a hotel and 188,000 square feet of retail and office space. The retail anchor store would be

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Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	July 11 & 18, August 15
Independence Day	July 4 Parade & Picnic
Cafritz Presentation	July 18 Council Meeting

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at Univ. Park Elem. 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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Whole Foods, which has signed a lease for 35,000 square feet. This land is currently zoned residential.

At this time the central issues that this plan raises are traffic, storm water management, market feasibility and the desire of the Cafritz property to join the College Park TDOZ, which is centered on the College Park Metro Station. At the time of this writing, with the exception of the storm water management plan, considerable uncertainty exists as to the most efficacious solutions to the many problems that such an intense development will cause. Of particular concern is the potentially disruptive impact of new traffic patterns that will emerge in town as both residents and others beat a path through Town to Whole Foods. If you are interested in this issue, the Town Council has invited the Cafritz group to present their plans at the July 18 Council Meeting. In addition, the Town Council will accept public comment from residents prior to voting on a stance on August 15.

New Stormwater Management Regulations On another matter of considerable importance to the Town, the County Council has taken up the County Executive's stormwater bill. Although in its major outlines the bill adheres to the State model, I am very sorry to report that the bill is quite flawed. Only after an amendment opposed by the County Executive's staff does it allow for notification of municipalities and other contiguous property owners of the submittal of storm water management plans to the County by a developer. The failure to properly manage the flow of water off impermeable surfaces is one of the greatest causes of harm and cost to neighboring properties and jurisdictions, much less our streams, tributaries and the bay.

Adequate, transparent, public review is essential to avoiding poor outcomes. Unfortunately, the storm water retention requirements are simply too low, particularly for redevelopment efforts. Finally, authority to make exceptions is granted to the County Executive and the Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation for financial and technical reasons without reasonable notification or time for public comment. This nullifies whatever reasonable goals and regulations are embedded in the legislation.

One is reminded of the statement that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Shielding government decisions from public scrutiny is to grant absolute power to it. While we should always protect the right to do with our property what we would, we should also ensure that in doing so we do not harm others. Public discourse is crucial to balancing the property rights of not only the developer, but of the surrounding neighbors and communities. The Town Council has voted to take a strong stance in opposition to this bill until these inadequacies have been fully addressed.

K-8 School Another critical issue for the Town that we will pay considerable attention to over the next few months is whether UPES will be transformed into a K-8 or remain a K-6 program. At a well-attended public forum at the end of May organized by the PTA under the leadership of Sarah Heitkemper, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bonita Coleman Potter indicated that the Public School System was unlikely to proceed with such a change in the near future for lack of financial resources. Speaking before the College Park City Council recently, Superintendent Hite made a similar point. To carry the dialogue further and provide a forum for a continuing discussion of this point and other school related policy issues, the Town will create a school policy page on its web site by the middle of July. UPES is such a vital and critical part of our community that it seems appropriate.

Finally, on a pleasant note, the Mayor and Council had the great pleasure to host the five County wide science fair winners at the June 6 meeting for a show-and-tell and to award the five students with a proclamation from the Town expressing our admiration for their work. All five experiments and presentations were of the highest quality. Again, congratulations to Frederick Buchanan, Charles Dawson, Amelia Rose Komisar-Bury, Nelson Lotz and Andrew Martin. Having had the opportunity to act as a science fair judge for the last 6 or 7 years, I can honestly say that the talent of the young people at UPES is quite formidable and speaks well for the future of our Town and the country.

Have a fantastic summer. And please join your neighbors in supporting energy efficiency. STEP-UP is a fantastic opportunity to make your home more comfortable and save a few dollars while doing so! Drive carefully and be safe and I will see you in the fall!

John Rogard Tabori

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

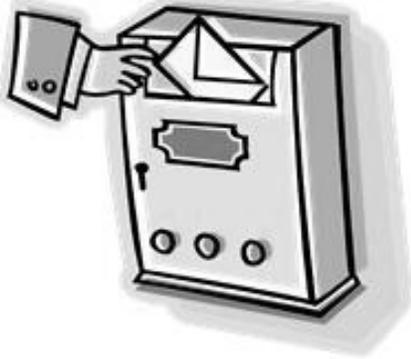
Open Forum Summer Series

The UPPD will cover a variety of subjects including personal protection, securing your home from burglars, protecting your property, crime prevention through environmental design, internet safety, protecting your children and any police related topic of interest requested.

The dates are Monday, July 11; Monday, July 25; Tuesday, August 2 and Monday, August 15. Sessions begin at 6:30 PM, last one and a half hours and will be held in the University Park Elementary School Cafeteria. Your participation is encouraged.

UPPD vacation safety tips for your home:

- ◆ Stop mail, newspapers and other deliveries, or ask a neighbor to bring them inside every day.
- ◆ Use outside lights on motion detectors. Also use timers to turn lights and a radio or TV on and off at appropriate times.
- ◆ Arrange to have yard work done and have a neighbor set out trash on normal collection days. Empty cans and recycle bins should be removed from the curb on the same day.
- ◆ Turn the ringers on phones down or off. Don't change the outgoing message on your answering machine. Never program it to announce that you're out of town, or give another number where you can be reached. Instead, periodically call in and listen to messages.
- ◆ Set the air conditioner to a higher temperature, but don't turn it off. A silent compressor on a hot day is a good indication that the house is unoccupied.
- ◆ If you have an alarm system, make sure it is in working order. If it's connected to a monitoring service, tell them when you'll be gone and where you're going, along with a phone number of the person keeping an eye on things. A home protected by a security system is three times less susceptible to a break-in than one without.



- ◆ Don't leave a garage door opener in the car, especially if you are parking your car on the street. Unplug your electric garage door opener before you leave.
- ◆ Do not keep keys hidden around the outside of your home or in your garage. Intruders know all the secret places where keys can possibly be hidden.
- ◆ Take a last walk around your house before leaving. Make sure all windows and doors are locked and that the alarm system has been properly armed.

Fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County and also a violation of our Town Code. Fireworks are not toys. They burn at a very high temperature and can cause serious injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly. Never give fireworks to young children. Even sparklers can be unsafe. The safest way to enjoy the 4th of July is to attend a sanctioned fireworks display in the area. Have a safe and fun summer.

Stolen Auto On May 3 between Midnight and 7:30 AM in the 4100 block of Tennyson Rd. suspect/s stole a Ford Explorer from in front of the residence. Owner advised that the keys were left in the vehicle. The vehicle has been recovered. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is on-going.

Theft from Auto On May 16 between 6:15 PM and 6:45 PM in the 6300 block of Queens Chapel Rd. suspects broke the driver's side window of a 2000 Ford Focus, stole an iPod Touch and an Alpine Car radio. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.



Theft Between May 22 and May 27 in the 6500 block of Adelphi Rd. the copper down spouts of a residence were stolen. Three suspects have been located for similar incidents in Hyattsville and are the suspects in prior copper gutter thefts in University Park. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On May 30 between 6 PM and 3 AM in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. suspects broke a small right rear window of a 1993 Nissan Altima and stole a JVC radio faceplate and some coins. Suspect/s were located and charged. Case closed.

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Vandalism Between May 13 and May 16 throughout the park area in University Park suspect/s spray painted various play equipment, signs and tables with graffiti. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft Between May 21 and May 22 in the 6500 block of Queens Chapel Rd. the lacrosse goal was stolen from the town soccer field. On May 26 the goal was discovered to have been thrown into the town stream near UPES. Investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with tips regarding crimes committed in town is encouraged to contact the UPPD. All information will be kept confidential. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may

- ◆ Call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411 TIPS (8477).
- ◆ Text PGPD plus your tip to CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone.
- ◆ Visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/> and submit a tip online.



The UPPD e-list is used to notify residents of crime alerts please provide your name, address, e-mail and phone number by mail, email or phone to 301-333-4000 or upchief@upmd.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Over the past couple of years there has been a significant increase in the number of dog bites, cases where dogs chased someone and/or dogs menaced Town staff or residents. Most recently, this has resulted in injury to two Town staff members.

If you own a dog, it is imperative that you maintain control of it at all times. Failure to do so, particularly if your dog harms another dog or person, can result not just in being given a \$200 ticket and your dog being euthanized, but loss of your homeowners insurance and/or a significant bill for the medical care of your dog's victim. This is a steep price to pay when a little care can avoid the issue altogether.

STEP UP

SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM
FOR UNIVERSITY PARK

STEP-UP is pleased to announce that we have three student associates working with us throughout the summer months: Bikash Acharya (a rising second year PhD candidate in Mechanical Engineering at UMD), Nick Leonardi (a rising senior and candidate for BAs in English and Philosophy at UMD) and Caroline Ulwick (a rising junior and Environmental Studies Major with Chemistry Minor and English Concentration at Bates College).

With their assistance, STEP-UP will be out in the community this summer, distributing flyers, administering surveys, delivering yard signs, attending audits and retrofits, posting articles and information on our website and interviewing participants, among other activities. We hope by the end of the summer to have contacted, in at least some small way, every University Park household.

Here's a program update:

- ◆ 128 households are participating in STEP-UP (14% of all UP households)
- ◆ 74 households have completed or scheduled a whole-house energy audit (8% of all UP households)
- ◆ 33 households have completed, scheduled or are actively considering proposals for energy efficiency improvements based on their audits (46% of audited houses)

On June 7, STEP-UP held its second Community Energy Forum on *Energy Efficient Windows & Doors*. Thanks to everyone who participated. Please tell your neighbors about the forum and what you learned. The next forum is expected to take place in early September. Look for more information in the September Newsletter and on the UP Listserve.



Please check out the STEP-UP website at www.mystep-up.com. We are adding new content frequently. The forms you need to sign up for STEP-UP and apply for a STEP-UP incentive, as well as many other useful documents, are there along with information on the program.

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May 16 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Toscano, Carey, McPherson, O'Connor, Bradley Chacón; Town employees PWD Director Beall, Police Chief Wynnyk, Town Treasurer Baden and Town Attorney Ferguson.

Official Swearing In of Council Members-Elect by the Mayor

Lenford C. Carey, Ward 4 Council Member
Tracey J. Toscano, Ward 5 Council Member
Michael B. Cron, Ward 6 Council Member
Mr. James Charles Gekas, Ward 2 Council Member
Unfortunately, Mr. Gekas was unable to attend due to an illness in the family.

Public Comment

Mr. Tom Stickle said that Prince George's County has sponsored a Search and Rescue (SAR) team. This is the first county-based team in the state. Two of the team members are from University Park. He said that for the past several years, the Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT) has conducted an emergency response drill. Mr. Stickle asked for permission for the team to hold a drill to search for a missing child, in partnership with the Anne Arundel response team. The most likely time for the event would be in June. Ms. Mallino asked that the Council be notified when the drill was going to take place.

Motion to approve holding an emergency response training drill in the Town of University Park on a Saturday afternoon in June, with Town Hall to be notified in advance of the event. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mr. Shea of 6512 40th Avenue thanked Mr. Mickey Lucas for his dedicated service to the Town of University Park and especially his dedication to restoring the environment and the wildlife in the Town. Mr. Shea said he and his son now hear bullfrogs and see protected bird species in the Town, including nesting mallard ducks and a yellow-crested heron. Mr. Shea raised a concern that people are allowing their dogs to be off-leash in the park and letting the dogs disturb and chase nesting mallards.

Mr. Shea complimented the recent changes in the Town newsletter. However, he asked that the newsletter be restored to carrying the previous level of details including

police reports that had been filed but were omitted from the newsletter. Mr. Shea also asked that the list of useful phone numbers be restored to the publication, along with the calendar. Mayor Tabori said the calendar would return in a future edition and that he would consider adding a note about leash laws and protecting wildlife in the Mayor's report. Chief Wynnyk said he would talk with Mr. Shea to determine how the police report was not included in the newsletter information.

Ms. Toscano asked Mayor Tabori to ensure that Council meetings are reflected on the calendar on the Town's web site.

Permits

Application to Install Shed (2nd Request), 6505 41st Avenue At the May 2 meeting, the Council tabled approval of this application until the applicant redesigned the shed dimensions to reduce the height of the roof peak. Applicant asked for clarification if the shed had to be built of brick. The house is brick, with wooden clapboard siding on the dormer windows. Attorney Ferguson reviewed the Town ordinances and said vinyl siding would be sufficiently similar to meet the ordinance requirements. Mayor Tabori said the point of concern was the materials, not so much matching the color, within reason. Ms. Toscano and the applicant discussed a beige or neutral color like an earth tone as being appropriate for the vinyl siding. Motion to approve the installation of a wood with vinyl trim shed at 6505 41st Avenue. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Application to Install Shed, 4101 Van Buren Street Motion to approve the installation of an 8'x10'x9'6" wood shed at 4101 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that University Park Elementary School students won two grand prizes and several special prizes at the recent countywide science fair. Mayor Tabori asked if the children could attend the next Council meeting and present their experiments. The Council members agreed. Mayor Tabori said the next meeting would meet slightly earlier, at 7 PM, in consideration of the children's ages.

Mayor Tabori said two Town Public Works department employees have recently been injured from encounters

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with dogs. One employee was bitten and the other badly injured his ankle trying to get away from an aggressive dog. Mayor Tabori emphasized the responsibility of the dog owners to keep their dogs on leash and under the control at all times.

Chief Wynnyk provided the April crime report, and said that May Fair was successful and took place without incident.

CM O'Connor asked if the steering wheel clubs were still available for residents from the Police Department. Chief Wynnyk said they were and encouraged residents who have them to use them on their steering wheels on a regular basis.

Chief Wynnyk said the department is preparing to install a license plate reader in one of the patrol cars. This will facilitate monitoring for cars reported stolen or otherwise flagged.

Mr. Baden reviewed the April 2011 budget report. The Council members raised the concern that they did not receive the report in advance of the meeting. CM Malino asked Mr. Baden to forward the minutes to Council members if the Town Clerk was unavailable.

Attorney Ferguson reported on Mayor Tabori's questions about term limits, the length of terms, and stipends for the Council and the Mayor. She noted that University Park was unusual in providing no stipend to elected officials, especially since the Town does not have a city manager to assist the Mayor. Attorney Ferguson said there is a provision in the Charter for setting a resolution to approve a stipend. The stipend cannot benefit the Mayor or Council members during their current terms. She reported that making terms concurrent would require adjustments to either shorten or lengthen the current terms, as they are presently staggered. Lifting term limits could be done during a current legislative term.

Mayor Tabori asked the Council for guidance on how to proceed and whether or not he should ask the Town Attorney to prepare legislation. CMs Bradley Chacón and Mallino discussed the best way to proceed. CM Malino recommended having the Rules and Regulations committee review the topic first, then provide guidance to the Town Attorney.

Attorney Ferguson reported that the state of Maryland required all municipalities to update their ethics code once the state had completed updates to the state code. The state has now completed its updates. Municipalities have until October 1, 2011 to report that they are in compliance.

Attorney Ferguson reported that property-related expenses incurred by the Town can be placed on the property owner's tax bill. This would cover situations such as tall grass cutting to remedy a code violation.

Continuing Business

Update On Belcrest Plaza/Landy Project Mayor Tabori said he is working to set up a meeting with the two engineers conducting the Nine Pond study. The meeting will take place at Riverdale City Hall on May 24 or 25.

Update on Cafritz Property Mayor Tabori reported on the May 6 traffic meeting at Town Hall. Attendees included Mr. Marty Wells, traffic consultant; Ms. Nancy Randall, lead member of Mr. Wells' team; Attorney Chip Reed representing the property owners; Mr. Tom Stickles; CM Toscano and Mayor Tabori. Mayor Tabori said that University Park was very clear on its position that if the traffic problem can't be resolved, the Town will not support the development proposal.

Mayor Tabori said there is uncertainty on whether the State Highway Administration data on traffic volume on Route 1 is correct. SHA says that 25,000 cars travel in each direction each day. The Town's red light camera data and the traffic monitoring device installed by the Town yield estimates of 40,000 cars per day.



The Cafritz developer has proposed placing the traffic control light at Van Buren Street with a triangular barrier in the median. Mayor Tabori said one unintended consequence of this design is that the Whole Foods would become inconvenient to University Park residents, who are a target market for the store. The traffic barrier to prevent University Park becoming a cut-through for high traffic volumes would also make it impossible for University Park residents to drive directly onto the Cafritz development.

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Mayor Tabori said a major problem in the proposed design is a potential queuing problem for traffic, caused by the short distance between Queens Chapel Road and Van Buren Street.

Cafritz intends to build 180,000 to 200,000 square feet of commercial space and 950 living units. Mayor Tabori noted that there is no continuous sidewalk from the Cafritz property to the University of Maryland, which would make it difficult for people to walk to the Whole Foods store.

Mayor Tabori said that Senator Paul Pinsky, County Council Member Eric Olson, Delegate Justin Ross and County Executive Rushern Baker attended the May 12 meeting with Whole Foods representatives. Mayor Tabori is concerned there is no feasible solution to the traffic problem at this time. He said that if the Town wished to conduct an independent traffic study, the Town will need to engage someone outside the immediate area to achieve true independence.

Mayor Tabori added that the development timeline is compressed with Cafritz planning to submit a conceptual site plan by June 2011. Whole Foods has signed a contingent lease to open within two years. The Whole Foods representatives were unable to answer what the impact would be on the MOM's Organic Market in College Park and the Yes! Organic Market opening in Hyattsville.



Town Street Repair and Maintenance Plan Motion to approve hiring and initiating discussions with bond counsel, in order to begin negotiations of the bond terms and conditions and to return to the Council with a proposed ordinance and recommendation on the bond. Motion approved 6 to 0. Mayor Tabori said he would report back to the Council on June 6.

Legislative Resolution 11-O-03: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Adoption Motion to approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 11-O-03: Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, with the associated five amendments. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Amendment 1 Motion to approve budget item F3 be moved from reserved designated funds to unreserved designated and be split into two separate budget items. New item F3 becomes "Roads and Sidewalks" and budget item F4 becomes "Park Infrastructure," each item funded in the amount of \$200,000. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Amendment 2 Motion to approve the amount for budget item G1 Salaries be set at \$124,869, which removed the proposed \$10,500 for the Mayor's salary from the budget. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Amendment 3 Motion to approve the budgeted amount for budget item G26 Council Stipend in the amount of \$17,000 be removed from the budget. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Amendment 4 Motion to approve adding new budget line item F0 in the amount of \$50,000 under unreserved designated funds for paying the Mayor and Council a stipend. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Amendment 5 Motion to approve adding new budget line item F7 Roads and Sidewalks in the amount of \$1,062,500 under reserved designated funds from the bond. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Works Budget Transfer Adoption Motion to approve moving \$1500 from the undesignated reserve to building maintenance to cover the costs of installing the new generator in Town Hall. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

On June 6, 2011, Ordinance 11-O-04 was introduced. Ordinance No. 11-O-04 would authorize the issuance and sale of Town of University Park General Obligation Bond, 2011-1, in an amount up to \$2,380,000.00 for the purpose of funding infrastructure improvements throughout the Town, to include the repair, reconstruction, and maintenance of Town streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bridges, park paths and park structures.

The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is the Mayor and Common Council meeting on July 11, 2011.

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June 6 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Carey, McPherson, Gekas, Cron; Town employees PWD Director Beall, Police Chief Wynnyk and Town Treasurer Baden.

Presentation by UPES Science Fair Winners and Awarding of Proclamations by Mayor Tabori Amelia Rose Komisar-Bury of Hyattsville took a First Place Ribbon for Excellence in Physical Science for the 4th grade for her project, *What natural dye formulation retains its color the longest?* Andrew Martin was awarded a First Place Ribbon for Excellence in Mathematics and Technology for the 4th grade for his project, *Does more mass inside a ping pong ball affect how far the ball travels when the same amount of force is applied?* Frederick Buchanan received a First Place Ribbon for Excellence in Mathematics and Technology for the 5th grade for his study, *How will loading dice affect the probability of a number's occurrence?* Charles Dawson won the Grand Prize for the 5th grade for his project, *Do rechargeable batteries charge faster at first and then slower the more they are charged or do they recharge evenly the whole time?* Nelson Lotz of College Park took the Grand Prize for the 6th Grade with his experiment, *Does the material of a Trebuchet's sling change the distance traveled by the projectile?*

Public Comment

Ms. Sarah Moseley from the 75th Anniversary Committee reported that Ms. Bonnie Erickson, executive director of the Jim Henson Legacy, had emailed approval to University Park to rename the small park area around the Town Christmas tree as "Henson Green."

Mr. Tom Stickles proposed a dog romp area to the Council, to be used for a three-month trial period. The proposed area would be located in the Town park opposite University Park Elementary School in an area that is lacking grass, is subject to flooding and out of sight of the walking path. The area would be a circular space of approximately 100 square feet, enclosed by a 32-inch high fence anchored by vertical posts. He asked that the Council consider his request and asked for further discussion at a future Council meeting.

Jo and Gary Williams, residents of Pineway, addressed the Council to support providing a salary to the Mayor. Ms. Williams noted the extensive responsibilities of the Mayor and was firmly in favor of a stipend or salary

for the position.

Consent Agenda

Application To Replace Existing Deck And Stairs, 4301 Clagett Road Motion to approve consent agenda item. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that the first hearing of the Prince George's County storm water management ordinance would be held on June 9 at 10 AM at the County Administration building. He said he intended to testify and to raise two key points. The first point concerns the number of exceptions to enforcement that have been embedded in the bill, which essentially serves to negate the legislative authority of the bill. These exceptions grant the director of the Public Works and Transportation Department and the County Executive the power to grant waivers to the requirements of the bill under their own authority, without hearings or other oversight.

The second key point is to include consideration of common pool resource management systems for storm water control and mitigation. Common pool solutions are a third alternative to public or private solutions. An example of private solutions would be underground storage tanks located under a building, which require ongoing maintenance and cannot be enlarged or reconfigured once installed. Common pool solutions lead to sustainable, renewable solutions. Nine Pond would be an example of a common pool solution.

Mr. Carey asked about the absorptive capacity of Nine Pond. Mayor Tabori said Nine Pond should be able to absorb a rainfall of 2.5 inches in a 24-hour period and significantly reduce flooding for rainfall in excess of that amount. By comparison, the standards in the proposed Prince George's County storm water management ordinance specify the ability to absorb 0.5 inches of rainfall in a 24-hour period.

Motion to approve the Mayor representing the Council in his testimony before the hearing on Prince George's County storm water management ordinance. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Mayor Tabori added that Town Hall has received a preliminary report from the two engineers working on the Nine Pond study. The preliminary report shows that

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the Nine Pond area can be feasibly turned into a bio-retention area. The Army Corps of Engineers will provide grant money for the study up to \$200,000 and will pay for up to 60% of the cost of the work. Mayor Tabori noted that there are still a number of discussions that will need to be held with the property owners that would be affected by the Nine Pond proposal.

Mayor Tabori and the Council discussed the recent progress of the Cafritz development. Mayor Tabori said he is still conducting an analysis of the traffic data. He noted that the Cafritz property owners are pushing to adjoin to the College Park Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ) and be rezoned accordingly. Mayor Tabori said this proposal does not make sense, as the Cafritz property is physically isolated from the College Park TDOZ. He said he intended to discuss this issue with the Mayor of Riverdale Park.

Mayor Tabori recognized Mr. Mickey Lucas, the outgoing Council member and awarded him a plaque in recognition to his dedicated service to the community. Mayor Tabori praised Mr. Lucas' experience and dedication in improving the stream habitat of Wells Run.

Chief Wynnyk provided the April crime report.

Chief Wynnyk reported that a license plate reader system has been received and will be installed in a patrol car. Eight mobile radios have been received, representing a savings of approximately \$30,000. Chief Wynnyk has applied for a school safety grant and for a grant to replace the patrol officer's body armor.

Chief Wynnyk said that Lt. McCulley is attending the new chief's training program. One officer is attending the DUI training program for a week. Chief Wynnyk said he plans to hold four public safety forums this summer.

Most impressively, Chief Wynnyk reported that he successfully completed his bike ride from New York to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Beall reported that the Public Works Department installed more Wood Carpet mulch in the tot lot by Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The damaged bridge railing by the 9-11 Memorial has been replaced. Public Works crews have installed the 75th Anniversary signs on light poles near Town Hall.

Mr. Beall said that now that the paving and public facility contracts have been awarded, he will work with Attorney Ferguson on the grant application for green street design along Queens Chapel Road.

Mayor Tabori said the State Highway Administration has been working with the contractors to bring the ramps on the Route 1 sidewalks up to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. He said that Mr. Beall had a very successful walkthrough with the WSSC supervisors to identify areas of roadway and sidewalks that were left in unsafe condition after the water line replacement work.

Mr. Chuck Wilson reported that effectively a non-response was received to the Solar Co-op's proposal to install solar panels on the University Park Elementary School. The Prince George's County School Board responded with a letter that did not address the proposal.

Discussions are ongoing regarding Pepco smart meters, the SunTrust loan loss reserve and the Composting Cab proposal.

New Business

Parking Waiver Renewal For Rental Property, 6704 40th Avenue Motion to approve the application for an on street, six-month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6704 40th Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Street Improvement Contract Ms. Mallino raised the concern that there be no adjustments, add-ons, or increases in price without explicit approval of the Council. She added that the daily delay penalty amount seemed low.

Motion to approve the award of the bid for street improvements, Contract UP 2011-01, in an amount not to exceed \$1,755,900 without contingency as per bid sheet and \$1,894,610 with contingency as per bid sheet, to NZI Construction Corporation, on the condition that they agree to a contract in substantially the form attached. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Legislative Resolution LR 11-O-04 Ordinance Bond

Ms. Linda Perlman, bond attorney, attended the meeting. Mayor Tabori said the main issue was to consider the alternatives between option 1 and option 2. Option 1 would be a bond interest rate of 3.07%, a bond fee of \$1000 and to consolidate all of the Town's banking

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under SunTrust. Option 2 would be a bond interest rate of 3.23%, a bond fee of \$2500 and retain the Town's current accounts under Bank of America. Mayor Tabori added that a related topic is whether or not to take the bond for the full amount or for a smaller amount. CM Carey raised the concern that his recollection was that the bond amount was for road, sidewalk and gutter improvements only, with no component of the funds to be used for park infrastructure. CMs Carey, Mallino, Mayor Tabori and Attorney Perlman discussed the details around how bonds funds could be used.

CM Carey asked if the ordinance was subject to a referendum. Mayor Tabori said that it is. Mayor Tabori said the ordinance was introduced in this evening's meeting in order to meet the respective timing of public announcements on the ordinance and complete the process within the period of time the banks have specified for issuing a bond. The final passage date of the ordinance would be planned for July 11. Mayor Tabori said his intention was to allow the public sufficient time to consider the proposal. Attorney Perlman said the bond funds must be substantially disbursed within 3 years. The interest rates available from Option 1 or Option 2 are locked in until August 12.

CM Gekas asked questions about the state investment fund. Mr. Baden, Town Treasurer, answered CM Gekas' questions about interest rates and liquidity. Mr. Baden said that the state investment fund is highly liquid. CM Mallino asked for a comparison of bank charges between Bank of America and SunTrust and for a definition of carrying out "substantially all" of the Town's banking with SunTrust. CM Mallino asked for clarification if SunTrust would require the Town to move all our monies currently in the state investment fund to an account with SunTrust.

Motion to approve the introduction of LR-11-0-04 an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of town of University Park general obligation bond, 2011-1, in the amount of up to \$2,380,000.00 for the purpose of funding the performance of infrastructure improvements throughout the town. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Cornhole Tournament Request Mr. Jon McLaren and Ms. Sarah Heitkemper, representing the University Park Civic Association, spoke to the Council and the Mayor about the 4th of July event. They invited the Mayor and

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TOWN EVENTS

Due to space constraints, this month's pull-out calendar and additional community events may be found online.



Potluck Tea for Flo Harris

Sunday, July 10, 4 PM

For all town residents who have benefited from long time UP Newsletter editor Flo Harris's skill, diligence and caring, we will have an opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude for the thirty years she gave us.

Please mark your calendars for the Appreciation Tea for Flo Harris at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Custis Hall. Ladies and gentlemen are encouraged to wear hats to tip to Flo and bring a card or thank you note for the memory box that will be presented at the tea. If possible, please bring a plate of finger food. Beverages will be provided. (Note: this is a revised date.) Any questions contact Chris Garcia at urbanipm@gmail.com or Sarah sarahnmoseley@verizon.net.

Over-30 Full Court Basketball

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-10 PM

Are you are interested in joining a group of over-30 folks to play full-court basketball twice per week at a gym near UP? You will get in some good games and socialize with neighbors. We limit the number of spots to ensure everyone plays each night. You should be over 30, live in UP or CHEA, like playing with a friendly and semi-competitive and enjoy socializing. A small donation covers the gym. Please contact George Klimes at 301-379-6457 or gklimes@remax.net.

Minutes continued

Council members to participate in the 4th of July event and the Corn Toss activity. They asked that American flag banners be placed on the electrical poles along Queens Chapel Road.

Motion to approve the UPCA request to use the Town field for a Corn Toss on Saturday, June 25, 2011 and Saturday, July 2, 2011 (rain date) from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Motion approved 5 to 0.

As a separate comment, Mayor Tabori said the hearing on adding a section of University Park to the National Historic Register will be held on June 20. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

75th Anniversary Summer Update

Work continues during the summer months. Commemorative paper fans will be handed out at the July 4th Parade and will sport the official 75th motto: *Celebrate. Participate. Remember.* Come celebrate 235 years since the birth of our country and 75 years since the birth of our town.

75th Anniversary Quilt



There's still time to participate in the creation of this quilt which will be a map of the town with each block represented by a quilt piece to be decorated by a town resident. Once the quilt is completed it will be hung in Town Hall as a lasting reminder of

the 75th Anniversary. Please pick up a quilt piece, precut to size for you to decorate and embellish. A wonderful, quick summer project! Completed pieces are due by September 6. To find out where to pick up your quilt piece contact Kim Fisher 301- 996 -4491 kfisher@nas.edu, Beth Domingo 301-779-1569 beth@bethdomingo.com or Teresa Puma 301-927-1569 teresapuma@comcast.net.

Service of Remembrance On Sunday, September 11 at 2 PM gather at the 9/11 Memorial in the park to remember the defining tragedy of the decade. There are plans to screen a documentary about the history of this event on Saturday, September 10 but time and place are still to be determined.

Inside-Out Parade Town historians are hard at work designing displays for October 8. We need more folks to bring their stories and photos and participate in this project which will culminate with a book on the history of University Park.

The Henson Green project is proceeding with plans for a sign and other exciting developments to be announced later this summer. The dedication of the Henson Green will take place Sunday, October 9 at 2 PM. Please mark your calendar and join us for the ceremony and then help inaugurate the University Park Walking Tour. For more information email Sarah Moseley at Sarahnmoseley@verizon.net.

July 4th Parade & Picnic

Monday, July 4, 10:30 AM?

Join the UPCA for a fun Independence Day celebration. Bike/stroller/wagon decorating will take place from 10:30 to 11 AM at the top of Queen's Chapel Road by Town Hall with the parade to University Park Elementary School following. Residents not participating in the parade are invited to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the parade along the route.



This year prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bikes and most patriotic pet. After the parade, join us for a picnic lunch at the UPES gazebo. Please bring your own drinks, blankets and shade as well as a side dish or dessert to share. Fun will include water balloon toss, relay races and games for kids. For questions, volunteer information or to register your group for the parade please contact either Betsy Tornquist 301-864-1320 or Dawn Nichols 301-277-8866.

UP History Group

Thursdays, July 21 & August 18, 7:30 PM



The UP History group will meet in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. For each meeting, participants will have an opportunity to report on progress and share plans for the coming month. We expect to have time at each meeting for individual group discussions.

Please plan to join us whether you are already a contributor or just beginning to develop an interest in either the publication or the oral history project. If you aren't able to attend but have updates for the group, you may write Bob Headley, general editor, at rkheadl@aol.com and tell him what you would like to share about your progress. Write Chris Garcia at ubanipm@gmail.com with questions.



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