

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK, MARYLAND  
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## INFORMATIONAL MARCH SUPPLEMENT

### **Town Hall Meeting on Cafritz Development Plans Wednesday, March 20, 2013 7:30 PM University Park Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room**

#### Agenda

- ◆ 7:30 Committee update on the project status and the process going forward including Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and Detailed Site Plan information
- ◆ 7:45 Presentation by members of the Cafritz development team
- ◆ 8:15 Public comment and questions

The Cafritz Committee, Town Council and Mayor encourage you to attend and learn with us about the latest on this project. Join us to hear how the new Cafritz development team plans to meet the District Council order's conditions, as well as the Town's Covenant and Agreement with them. To allow as much discussion as possible, questions will be limited to 2 minutes. University Park residents may speak first. Please visit the Town website's Cafritz blog for relevant documents. Please come and bring a neighbor or friend.

#### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Cafritz Town Hall	Wednesday, March 20
Town Council	March 18, April 8 & 15

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](http://www.upmd.org) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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## ATTENTION RESIDENTS

### Pruning of Public & Private Trees by Pepco to Begin After Monday, March 18



Town officials have been negotiating with Pepco regarding their Vegetation Management Plan for University Park, including both the removal and pruning of public trees near or under their power lines. A permit has been issued to remove up to 30 trees. Work has begun under this permit and should be finished before the end of March.

A second permit will be issued shortly for the pruning of Town trees in the vicinity of the Pepco power lines. Since pruning may impact trees on private property, the Town has taken this step to notify you of the procedures that Pepco has agreed to abide by when they intend to trim trees on private property in University Park.

**As the Pepco and Town arborists move through Town, they will notify all property owners of any need to prune their trees.**

- ◆ Property owners whose trees will be trimmed should have a Pepco notice placed on their door. Keep an eye out for this and read it carefully. Pepco is required to meet national arboricultural standards, but pruning could be dramatic. Be sure that you understand what will be done and give informed consent.
- ◆ The Town will post general information on the streets and addresses affected on the Town website, at Town Hall and the University Park listserv. We will make a hard copy available for anyone who wishes to pick it up. Contact Town Clerk Tracey Toscano at Town-Hall@upmd.org or 301-927-4262 as she will maintain the lists.
- ◆ For detailed information on your tree(s), to negotiate permission to trim or to verify whether you are scheduled to have trees pruned, please contact the arborist in charge of Pepco's operations in University Park: Nathan McElroy, Staff Forester Vegetation Management, Pepco, 3400 Benning Road, NE, Washington, DC 20019; or at [nhmcelroy@pepco.com](mailto:nhmcelroy@pepco.com), or by calling office 202-388-2340 or cell 240-508-7968.

## ELECTION NOTICE

The Town of University Park

for the

Offices of Council Member for  
Wards Two, Four, Five and Six

will be conducted on

**TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2012, 7 AM-8 PM**

**Riverdale Presbyterian Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Road  
University Park**



**CANDIDATES** Candidate packets (ballot petition and financial disclosure statement) are available at Town Hall during business hours and on the Town website [www.umpd.org](http://www.umpd.org) under Elections. If residents have any questions please contact the Town Clerk at 301-927-4262 or email [TownHall@upmd.org](mailto:TownHall@upmd.org)

**REGISTER TO VOTE** Residents may register to vote at Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782, 301-927-4262, Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-5 PM or with Prince George's County Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Telephone: 301-430-8020, (TDD 301-627-3352).

Residents may download the voter registration form at the following address [http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/documents/2011\\_English\\_Internet\\_VRA.pdf](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/documents/2011_English_Internet_VRA.pdf)

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

1. a citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of the Election,
3. a resident of University Park, and
4. registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the Election

**DEADLINE** To file as a candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 8, 2013. The deadline for write-in candidates is Thursday, May 2, 2013.

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**Editors' Note: We have not forgotten about the widely discussed minutes of January 14, 2013.**

**However, Town Hall has had some difficulty in the transcription process. Please see the minutes of February 4 for more information.**

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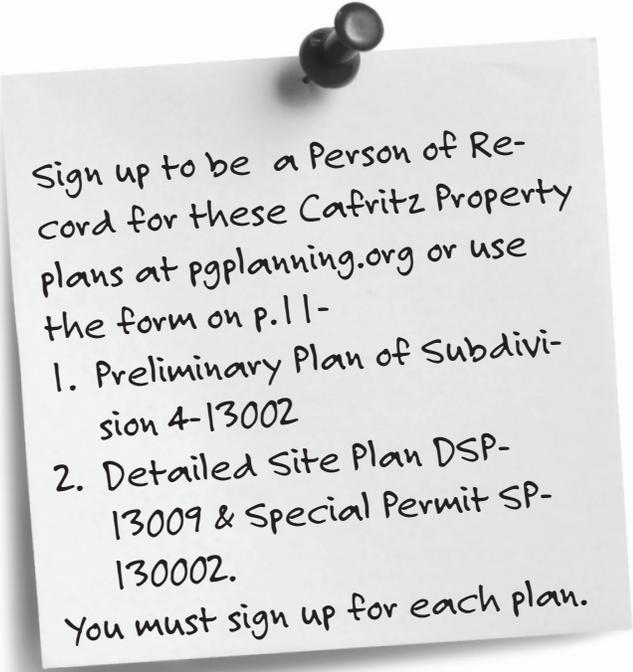
### Town Reminders

**Snow Storms** During snow storms, please consult the Town website at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) or call Town Hall to find out if parking restrictions are in effect. If you have a driveway, park your car in it during the storm. This makes it easier for Town crews to plow and emergency vehicles to pass through the streets.

Please trim your bushes and trees if they overhang the sidewalk. If Town trees in the curb box present a hazard to pedestrians, please inform the Town, do not trim them yourselves.

**Snow Removal** All residents (including renters) are required to remove snow from their private and public front sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.

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Sign up to be a Person of Record for these Cafritz Property plans at [pgplanning.org](http://pgplanning.org) or use the form on p.11-

1. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-13002

2. Detailed Site Plan DSP-13009 & Special Permit SP-130002.

You must sign up for each plan.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Editors' Note: We apologize again for the brevity and quality of the minutes and wanted to share several additional ways for residents to stay up to date on meetings and activities in the Town of University Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

**The Town electronic notice system** offers several lists to receive notices regarding official Town business, events, meetings, and agendas for Town Council and committee meetings. We strongly encourage you to sign up and participate. All meetings are open to the public. Visit [upmd.org](http://upmd.org) and click on Register in the upper right corner to sign up.

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

**Univ. Park Listserv Google Group** is a list for residents of the Town of University Park, Maryland and the adjacent neighborhood of College Heights Estates, Maryland. This listserv is not an official listserv of any municipality, government, civic association or other official entity. Search on Google for the list name to sign up for this and the next group.

**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.

### January 28 Council Meeting Highlights

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

### Public Comment

CM Cron asked if any progress has been made on pot-hole repairs. Mickey Beall reports that he continues to pressure Prince George's County to put additional pressure on WSSC to repair these.

Ms. Kristi Janzen and Ms. Lori Goodfriend introduce themselves as the new chairs of the Azalea Classic; they added that Michael Verde has been appointed to organize volunteers. Ms. Janzen described background information on the history of the event. The official title of the race is the University Park Azalea Classic. This event is co-sponsored with the Town. The former chair, Sarah

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Elder, encouraged Ms. Janzen to present a formal request to the Town Council and describe how costs have increased over time. The cost of t-shirts has risen considerably over time; however, the Town's donation has remained the same. Ms. Janzen and Ms. Goodfriend ask that the Council consider increasing the amount of the Town's donation for this year from \$3000 to \$6000. Historically, the Town's donation has been used to cover the costs of t-shirts. With the increased participation and price increases over time the total costs for t-shirts now totals \$6000.

Ms. Goodfriend reported that the PTA of University Park Elementary School decided not to hold May Fair again this year, and agreed instead to focus on the Azalea Classic.

### Permits

***Application to Replace Existing Retaining Wall and Front Walkway, 4214 Van Buren Street*** Motion to approve the application to replace an existing 4' x 1' x 38' retaining wall and replace the existing front walkway located at 4214 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

***Application to Install a 20kW Generator, 6905 Wells Parkway*** Motion to approve the application to install a 20kW 60Hz generator located at 6505 Wells Parkway. Motion approved 7 to 0. Because of the number of generators being installed in Town, Mayor Tabori encouraged Council to review the Town Code and develop guidelines to present this spring.

***Council Discussion and Vote on Pepco's Permit Request to Trim and Remove Trees in Town*** The Town Attorney discussed the conditions and proposed revisions to include in the permit request for tree removal. CM Carey asked that the Town Arborist review and re-verify the list of trees to be removed prior to the permit being issued. Motion to approve the conditions as revised to allow Pepco to remove trees according to the amended permit. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Council discussed various ways to notify residents on the trees Pepco will remove. Motion to request Town Hall to publicize the list of trees to be removed, using the website, through a mailing, through the Newsletter and by placing flagging on all trees to be removed. Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori and the Treasurer will report on the past half year budget presentation. The half year review will be presented during the public meeting on Monday, February 25.

The FY14 budget will be submitted to Council by March 31. Council will have time to discuss the proposed budget during the two public meetings in April; public comments are encouraged. During the first meeting in May any modifications can be made to the proposed budget. If the proposed budget requires an adjustment to the Constant Yield Tax Rate residents will be notified and public hearings must be held. The budget for FY14 must be adopted by the last meeting on May 20, 2013.

Mr. Chuck Wilson reported that 203 homes in University Park have signed up for the STEP program. Residents have taken part in the energy audits and many have taken advantage of the retrofit opportunities. The University Park Elementary School Solar Project has required a lot of work and has been in process for a long time. The contract is on the agenda tonight. Council action is required to allow this project to move to the next phase. The compost pilot program is now in the hands of the Town. Mr. Beall has done a great job managing the transition. Mr. Wilson discussed ways to provide educational assistance to residents who compost in their back yards.

Council asked for clarification on the line item in the budget labeled Circulator Bus. Mr. Wilson stated that this program had been discussed long before the Cafritz project discussions began. The Town discussed this idea with the STEP Advisory Committee, which supported the concept for this project. DOE supported the concept of a circulator bus and agreed to allow a budget line item for this program. The concept for this program has also been discussed with county officials.

Council asked that Mr. Wilson discuss the contract for the Solar Panel Project later in the meeting.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden reported on the December 2012 budget and gave a brief year-to-date analysis. CM Alvarez asked Mr. Baden to explain briefly how to read and understand the budget report. Mr. Baden described how each line item is broken down by month and year-to-date; income is listed, and separately the expenditures are listed by department; the DOE Grant

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(STEP) is also listed separately.

Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that a number of residents have taken advantage of the shade tree reimbursement program, and he thanked Ms. Linda Verrill for her work on this program and for her help updating the shade tree list with photographs and technical information about each tree on the list.

Mr. Beall reported on the Town soccer field. One of the goal posts is not on the field because the post was leaning and is currently being repaired. The work is expected to be finished before the LUP soccer program begins.

CM Carey asked for the status on replacing the Town holiday tree. Mr. Beall reported that a final decision has not been made yet. CM Carey also requested a status report on replacing the tennis court. Mr. Beall explained that grant funds will expire on June 30 and the company hired to do the project will begin work in the spring.

Police Lieutenant McCully announced that Officer Chad Sunday has successfully graduated from a challenging and nationally recognized Drug Recognition Program.

CM Sorensen asked for the status on the position for the Recording Secretary. Mayor Tabori stated that the position has been posted on the Town website, the bulletin board outside Town Hall and posted on the MML website. An ad was also posted in the March Newsletter.

CM Alvarez announced that Lindsay Hicks, Chair of the Tree Committee, has scheduled a meeting on January 31 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Town Hall.

### **Committee Reports**

CM Christiansen gave a short report on the Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee and on the Special Session on Cafritz held January 14. In this regard, CM Christiansen spoke as a Council Member, the matter not being a recommendation of the Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee. Council members discussed the presentation of the three letters by the Cafritz attorney Richard Reid. Council members Cron, Christiansen, Sorensen and Gekas expressed their anger with this deceptive presentation. CM Sorensen suggested that the Town Council file a formal grievance with the bar association. The Town Attorney stated that anyone present at the meeting may file such a grievance.

CM Christiansen asked that Council consider sending a letter to the County Council requesting that they pass legislation similar to that passed in Montgomery County in 2007. "Any final revised plan meeting the requirements for preliminary plan shall be submitted not less than 30 business days before the tentative Planning Board date. If this deadline is not met, the Director shall defer the Planning Board's consideration of the development application."

CM Carey requested that a list of meetings for fiscal discussions on the FY14 budget process be posted for public notice.

### **Continuing Business**

#### **Report on the Cafritz Development Project**

Mayor Tabori stated that he has spoken to Cafritz staff on the matter of adhering to the rules of accepting materials no less than ten days prior to hearings. Other means to control this project are being made; Cafritz has hired a project manager from a nationally recognized firm. Mayor Tabori stated that he was uncomfortable with the way the letters were presented during the Special Session. Mayor Tabori reported on subsequent meetings with Cafritz and Mayor Archer of Riverdale Park and SHA.

### **STEP/University Park**

#### **Elementary School Rooftop Solar Project**

Attorney Ferguson walked Council through the contract and reported that University Park Elementary School is the only public school to be granted permission to place solar panels on their building. Ms. Ferguson explained that the process has been more challenging and taken much longer than anticipated. Mr. Wilson stated that this project has been a focus of the STEP program from the beginning. Ms. Ferguson described some of the challenges the project has endured. She described the leadership changes that took place in the County school system. Mr. Wilson thanked Ms. Ferguson for helping to keep all parties moving forward throughout this process and for negotiating a strong contract. The concerns the contractors have had were successfully ironed out just this afternoon.

Council expressed concerns that this contract seemed rushed. Mr. Wilson responded that due to the length of time this process has taken for all parties to reach an agreement the contract took much longer than expected,

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adding that the viability of the contract is subject to a time limit before it becomes invalid. Funding for this project will soon expire. ***Motion to Approve the Authorization of the Contract for the University Park Elementary School Rooftop Solar Project Subject to Final Review and Approval of the Mayor and the Town Attorney.*** Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.



### January 31 Special Session Minutes

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Christiansen, Carey, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez. Also present: Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney; Michael Beall, Director of Public Works; Jerry Pasternak, Vice President Pepco Region Maryland; Nathan McElroy, Staff Forester Vegetation Management, Pepco.

#### Pepco Permit Request to Prune Trees

Council discussed plans to develop the permit for tree pruning consistent with the guidelines as allowed by the North Chevy Chase Section 5 ruling. Attorney Ferguson began the meeting by describing a general framework of requirements to consider for the permit for the list of trees proposed for pruning.

Council discussed and considered the guidelines as described in the permit allowed by the North Chevy Chase Section 5 ruling as well as standards of pruning for the permit, sizes and diameter of the branches to prune, horticulture standards, arcs, and pruning measurements. Also discussed were whether specific trees proposed to be trimmed need to be trimmed or not. A discussion of Bradford Pears included the care of these trees and the plans the Town has for tree replacement.

Discussion considered whether digitized photographs should be taken of each tree and be used to help show the prescription the Town and Pepco's arborist agree to use as an agreement between the Town and the crew implementing the vegetation management plan. Council further discussed what standards the Town would support, Pepco's standards and the standards that Town Arborist John Anna, recommends.

Due to the number of trees proposed for trimming, this

may require a number of field visits. Questions Council will discuss with John Anna, Town Arborist, includes whether each tree that is proposed for pruning should be digitally photographed, and what pruning documentation/digital markings should be required on each photo.

The meeting adjourned at 5 PM.



### February 4 Council Meeting Highlights

#### Special Session Minutes for January 14, 2013

Mayor Tabori reported that the minutes for the Special Session are delayed due to the complexity of the meeting. The sensitivity of the new recorder picked up all conversations occurring during the meeting and the order of the agenda was not followed due to the unexpected delay of the Town Attorney. This made it difficult to follow the order of the meeting and to understand who was speaking. Mayor Tabori recommended that meeting be transcribed by a private contractor.

#### Public Comment

CM Cron asked for an update on the potholes that are causing an ongoing problem in town. Mr. Beall reported that some of the potholes have been repaired, although new potholes continue to occur. WSSC has been contacted and repairs continue to be made. The problem on Beechwood continues to be a matter of concern. CM Carey asked about an area where the repair of a pothole has been over filled creating a hump in the road. Mayor Tabori agreed to contact County Council Member Eric Olson's office for assistance to have this area repaired properly.

Mayor Tabori asked Council to move into a work session to discuss the list of trees Pepco has proposed for pruning with John Anna, Town Arborist. ***Motion to Approve Closing the Regular Session and Move into a Work Session.*** Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Permits

##### Council Discussion and Vote on Pepco's Permit Request to Prune Trees in Town

The Motion will be inserted when conditions for the Pepco permit are final. Council discussion on the permit request from Pepco to prune and remove trees in town continues. A final vote may not occur at this time.

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Attorney Ferguson gave a brief overview of the Special Session Council held on January 31 to discuss guidelines for the Pepco permit to prune trees in town.

Mayor Tabori introduced Mr. John Anna, Town Arborist. Mr. Anna introduced Mr. Bill Kelly, Counselor for Adirondack.

Mr. Anna described the type of tree work his company performs and he discussed the following three issues with Council members, stating that he felt these issues would provide Council with helpful information as they consider the permit for Pepco.

1. Tree removal
2. Tree pruning
3. The Bradford Pear Trees. Mr. Anna considered these trees a separate issue.

Mr. Anna discussed the proposed list of tree removals, saying that everyone is in agreement with most of these recommendations of trees on the pruning list except for one large oak tree in town he recommends the town remove from the list. Mr. Anna recommended that all the Bradford Pear trees be kept off the list. He described the inherent weakness of the Bradford Pear and explained that this species of tree is the first generation of this breed. The original tree that the Bradford Pears were created from had large fruits and large 2-inch thorns. Mr. Anna explained that the large fruit and large thorns were bred out of the trees and that if the trees are not pruned properly the species will revert to its original form and the tree will begin to grow the large thorns again. Mr. Anna described the thorns as long needles that can be hammered like a nail.

Mr. Anna said that the Town has approximately 205 Bradford Pear trees in town. The Bradford Pear was developed by a Town resident. Mr. Anna suggested that Bradford Pear trees are best managed by a method of pruning called crown reduction. CM Sorensen asked for the per tree price for crown reduction pruning and for the approximate price for stump removal. Mr. Anna replied that crown reduction is expensive, approximately \$750 for an average size tree. He explained that the work is complex and time consuming. The estimated cost of a 12-inch stump to be removed is \$75. CM Gekas asked for the number of Bradford Pear trees that are located under power lines. Mr. Beall stated an exact count has not been done but added that streets in Ward 6 are pre-

dominantly lined with Bradford Pears and Ward 2 has 50 Bradford Pears on the public right-of-way. Mr. Anna also stated that a number of municipalities are having Bradford Pears removed from their towns because these trees have become an expensive liability. This species is known to cause a great deal of property damage.

CM Carey inquired about the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard for tree pruning.

CM Sorensen asked Mr. Anna if he could recommend a hybrid list to phase out the Bradford Pear trees in town. Mr. Anna agreed that such a plan would be a good plan of action for the future. Mayor Tabori asked if some of the Bradford Pear trees in town could be added to the removal list on the Pepco permit. Mr. Anna hypothesized that Pepco may be willing to remove Bradford Pear trees.

Mayor Tabori asked Mr. Anna to move the discussion to tree pruning. Specifically Mayor Tabori asked Mr. Anna to discuss ways to help the town build safe guards into the permit to ensure that Pepco prune trees properly and as agreed.

*Motion to Approve Closing the Work Session and Return to the Regular Session.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to Authorize the Town Attorney to Draft a Permit for Pepco to Prune Trees and that it Be Provided to Council to Review Prior to Submittal to Pepco.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to Authorize the Town Arborist to Draft a Plan for the Removal and Pruning of the Bradford Pear Trees.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori provided an update on the progress and success of the compost waste program and the partnerships for this project.

The Mayor provided an update on WSSC. He stated that the Town will use the WSSC calculations to pay for repairs to roads damaged as a result of their water and sewer projects.

### Committee Reports

CM Alvarez announced that a Police, Traffic & Public

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Safety committee meeting will be held on February 11 at UPES at 7:30 PM.

CM Carey presented the committee report on Public Services & Facilities announcing that the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) would design the Veterans Memorial, working with a design advisory committee. The committee is searching for funds for the memorial from a variety of sources.

CM Gekas commended the Azalea Classic organizers Kristi Janzen and Lori Goodfriend and encouraged Council to support the additional funds requested.

### Continuing Business

#### Report on the Cafritz Project of Riverdale Park

The Town received revised storm water management plans from Loiederman Soltesz, Inc. on behalf of their client, Calvert Tract, LLC. The Town also received a separate letter from Cafritz counsel notifying neighboring municipalities that Cafritz Property of Riverdale Park plans to submit a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision to the Prince George's County Planning Division for review.

Important note: M-NCPPC considers the Cafritz Project of Riverdale Park a new application. If you want to be a Person of Record for this project you must register with the Prince George's County Planning Department. The form can be found at this address: [http://www.pgplanning.org/Resources/Person\\_of\\_Record.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/Resources/Person_of_Record.htm)

To register as a Person of Record the following information is required for this project:

Name of Project: Cafritz Property of Riverdale Park  
Project Number: Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, 4-13002

Mayor Tabori reported that electronic copies of the storm water management maps from Cafritz are available and anyone interested is welcome to stop by Town Hall to view the original documents received.

Cafritz has selected a new attorney, Larry Taub of O'Malley, Miles, Nyles & Gilmore P.A. Mr. Taub is an experienced attorney who has represented University Town Center for a number of years.

This is an important development for the Town regarding the 9 Ponds project as well.

### New Business

#### Legislative Resolution 13 O-01-Introduction

Resolution and Ordinance of the Town of University Park, to amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Ordinance to add revenue line item Cafritz Revenue for receipt of the sum of \$48,700.00 and expense line item Traffic Study-Cafritz for the expenditure of the sum of \$48,700.00, to make provision for receipt and expenditure of funds for the anticipated costs associated with the traffic study related to the Cafritz development during FY13.

*Motion to Approve the Introduction to Amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Ordinance to Add Revenue Line Item Cafritz Revenue for Receipt of the Sum of \$48,700.00 and Expense Line Item Traffic Study-Cafritz for the Expenditure of the Sum of \$48,700.00, to Make Provision for Receipt and Expenditure of Funds for the Anticipated Costs Associated with the Traffic Study Related to the Cafritz Development During FY13.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to Authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to Draft a Letter to be Sent to the Prince George's County Executive and Our County Council Representative, Eric Olson, with the Recommendation that Prince George's County Adopt as Part of Preliminary Plan Procedure for Development the Following:*

*"Any Final Revised Plan Meeting the Requirements for Preliminary Plan Shall be Submitted not Less Than 30 Business Days Before the Tentative Planning Board Date. If this Deadline is not Met, the Director Shall Defer the Planning Board's Consideration of the Development Application."* Motion approved 7 to 0.

For the following reasons:

- ◆ To allow adequate time for completion of a written staff report.
- ◆ To enable that the written staff report is available no later than 10 days prior to the Planning Board hearing.
- ◆ To allow adequate time for the public, including municipalities, to adequately review the application and the written staff report.
- ◆ To allow municipalities adequate time to provide public notice of and to conduct an open public meeting with sufficient time available to review, discuss, take public comment and vote on the position that will be presented to the Planning Board on the staff report and final preliminary plan.

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

**Azalea Classic: It's a Team Effort**  
**Saturday, April 20**

Countless town residents and neighbors have pitched in, organizing and staffing over the years, founder and former race director Sarah Elder notes. It takes lots of volunteers doing everything from soliciting donations, posting flyers, organizing registration forms, stuffing racers' info packets, and patrolling the course to keep the event on track. Mary Beth Shea, Jon Mote, Michelle Hermanson and Kim Fisher are some who have helped organize it in the past, she notes. Moira Abernethy, a Calvert Hills mother of four UPES students, suggested the original idea to Elder and collaborated on the course.

Many local business owners contribute financial support and in-kind donations as well, helping to raise money and defray race costs. List Holt, owner of Paperworks Balloons, for example, donates the large balloon arch that marks the start of the race along Queens Chapel Road. (For a complete list of sponsors and donors committed to our neighborhood, please look in a future UP newsletter or see the colorful race T-shirts that participants wear!) Neighborhood church and school groups also get involved, such as the Northwestern High School Marching Band and a group of volunteers from St. Anselm's Abbey School, as do our local police force, who plan long in advance to manage the traffic.

"Several town residents were responsible for creating the very colorful logos," Elder notes. "For example, Kathy Hart designed years three and four. Sherri Joyce did year six. Joel Floyd did eight and nine." This year, the design was created by Aaron Springer, an artist who works with UPES kids (and resident of Calvert Hills), combining 12 images—for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual—created by students at the school.

Since it began, the race course has remained the same, but elements have been added to make it as family-friendly as possible. "In the beginning we had only the 5K. Once I realized the course and the distance was too challenging for young runners we added the fun run and then the 1mile," Elder says.

The Azalea Classic has even inspired annual gatherings: "For the last four years, whether I've run the Azalea Classic or watched my friends and family run the hilly roads of UP and College Heights Estates, I have had a sizable group of friends, runners and their families over to my



house (on Sheridan Street) for brunch, and sometimes games," says Erica Marrari. "The event is my impetus for having folks over for a large, post-race breakfast. This has become one of my favorite new traditions."

People can participate at their own pace, Elder says. Many like to walk the 5K, while some supporters feel most comfortable on the sidelines, cheering participants on. "They're challenging themselves at different levels," says Elder, who is passing the baton to a new director this year. "The finish line is the most fun!"

To get started, some residents are coordinating an informal beginning-runner training program, affectionately known as "Couch to Classic," in which people walk and run in the neighborhood. For days and times, go to [www.azaleaclassic.com](http://www.azaleaclassic.com).

Proceeds from the University Park Azalea Classic provide much-needed support for classrooms, teachers and the library at UPES. Contributions help fund things such as math and science enrichment, art instruction, and computer and media assistance. To register, donate or learn more, speak to a UPES student, email Kristi at [kristibjanzen@gmail.com](mailto:kristibjanzen@gmail.com), or go to [www.azaleaclassic.com](http://www.azaleaclassic.com).

*-Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen, the new Azalea Classic director*

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DIVISION

REQUEST TO BECOME PERSON OF RECORD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Application Number (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Application Name (If available)

I wish to become a party (person) of record in the above-named case. I understand that this will not be considered a valid request unless it is received prior to the close of the hearing record.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please print)

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Signature

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City

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Zip Code

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MAIL TO: Development Review Division  
The Maryland-National Capital Park  
And Planning Commission  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive  
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Phone: 301-952-3530

FAX TO: 301-952-3749

E-MAIL TO: Reyna.Kosla@ppd.mncppc.org



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