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FROM THE MAYOR

Every spring I am reminded what a wonderful Town we live in as the azalea bushes open and flower in hundreds of places. To further celebrate spring, there is the Azalea Classic 5K Race, which will be held for the eleventh year on Saturday, April 21, starting at 9:05. You don't have to be an aspiring Olympian to enjoy the event. You can participate in the 1K Family Run and kids 8-12 can run in the 1 Mile Challenge Run. Or maybe just come out, observe and join the post race party held on the UPES school field. Remember, the proceeds of the event support the UPES PTA!

The Azalea Classic will also mark the end of the Town's year long 75th Anniversary Celebration. One more time, I would like to thank the co-chairs, Sarah Moseley and

Beth Domingo and the many volunteers who made the celebration activities such a success.

The Cafritz development will be considered by the District Council shortly. The District Council will hold a public hearing on the Cafritz rezoning case on Wednesday, April 11 at 10 AM at the County Administration Building in the First Floor Council Chambers. If necessary, a hearing for additional testimony will be held on April 13 starting at the same time and in the same location. Speakers will have three minutes to present their testimony. For this reason, I would encourage any potential speaker to bring written testimony with you to submit for the record. The public hearing record will remain open until the close of business April 16. You may

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	April 2 & 16
Primary Election	April 3
Cafritz Hearing	April 11
Town Election	May 1

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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still become a Person of Record. Individuals desiring to speak may register in advance by calling the Office of the Clerk of the Council at 301-952-3600 or TDD-301-925-5167. Speakers can also sign up on the day of the hearing. My advice is to sign up in advance or you may be speaking in the wee hours of the morning!

The Mayor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013 will be presented to the Town Council on Monday, April 1. It appears that we will not increase property taxes for the 5th year. The budget, as is now usual, will contain a 5-year projection for the budget and documentation for the proposed budget. It will be posted on the Town website for public inspection. Budget hearings and discussion will be held on April 1, April 15, May 7 and May 21. The final budget vote will be May 21. Please keep an eye on our website for announcements concerning council committee meetings on the budget.

I am delighted to announce that at the February 27 Council Meeting, County Council Member Eric Olson presented STEP-UP with a very nice plaque honoring the program's work on energy efficiency. As I noted when County CM Olson presented the plaque, it is an honor to work with Chuck Wilson and Suzanne Parmet, as well as the Advisory Committee and the rest of the STEP-UP staff, volunteers and residents on this project. It is with pleasure that I announce that the Town through the good offices of STEP-UP will have a Town logo on the new Route 1 county bus that runs back and forth from Mount Rainier to IKEA. The route and time table are posted on the Town website for those who are interested. The Route 1 Ride bus, as it is called, will allow residents to get up and down the Route 1 corridor quickly and easily without having to step into a car.

Remember to come out and vote on May 1. The contests include the Mayor and Wards 1, 3 and 7. The polls will be open from 8 AM to 8 PM with balloting at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Queens Chapel Road. Absentee ballots should be requested by April 27 from Town Hall and must be delivered to either Town Hall prior to the close of Town Hall or the polls on May 1.

Finally, **give some thought to joining the University Park Civic Association.** They are putting together a great line-up of fun activities throughout the year. Volunteering with the Civic Association is a great way to get to know your neighbors and the Town. Besides, events like the Chili Cook Off and Wine & Cheese Tasting have some tasty food associated with them!

Thanks everyone, have a great spring. As always, take care of yourselves and I hope to see you around town,

John Rogard Tabori

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance

On March 5, 2012, Ordinance 12-O-02 was introduced. This ordinance would establish an employee service recognition bonus. The meeting set for April 16, 2012 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.

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On March 5, 2012, Ordinance 12-O-03 was introduced. This ordinance would enact Chapter 7 "Public Health and Sanitation" Section 7-107 "Dumpsters and other storage receptacles," and repeal, re-enact and renumber Section 7-107, "Penalty," of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to prohibit placement of construction and other storage receptacles on private property without a permit, to provide for a permit fee and penalty and to make certain renumbering changes. The meeting set for April 16, 2012 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.

District Council Cafritz Hearing

Council Chambers, Wednesday, April 11, 10 AM

The hearing will open with a presentation from Planning Board. Staff will give a presentation on Draft Resolution Zoning Section Item #4C. Each person will have three (3) minutes to testify, speakers are encouraged to submit their testimony in written form for the record.

County Administration Building, First Floor
14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Register to speak in advance by calling the Office of the Clerk of the Council at 301-952-3600 or TDD 301-925-5167. Register to be a Person of Record before or at the hearing on April 11. The hearing record will remain open until COB on Monday, April 16, 2012.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Spring has been here for quite some time, with hints of winter in between. It is the time we enjoy our yards, gardens and great outdoors. Yard work, walking, running—any physical activity can be very therapeutic. Whatever the reason for being outdoors always take precautions to make your day safe and enjoyable. If you hire someone to do your yard work, the UPPD encourages you to obtain adequate identification for your files and ask for a photo ID. Take the extra precaution to know who is working in or around your home and hold that person responsible for the job getting done correctly.

All year long the Public Works staff works diligently on the roadways and parks. Much of the stream along Wells Parkway has been carefully pruned and invasive vines removed. Roadwork will begin again and efforts to keep the streets clean are continuous. The Boy Scouts and other groups are scheduled to clean the streams and each of us can do our share to make our town beautiful. The UPPD is asking you to rid your driveways of untagged, unregistered and inoperative vehicles. They are an eyesore and also not permitted by town code. Letters will be sent out and we encourage you to be proactive and find a place to donate your vehicle (it's a tax deduction). The fine for this violation is hefty and often more than the vehicle is worth. A clean town is a safe town.

The Azalea Classic will play host to most of the joggers and walkers in and around town. Preparations are under way for this wonderful event. Residents of Queens Chapel Road are reminded to not park on the road the morning of the event. The hundreds of people walking and running down the road is quite a wonderful sight. It really is worth the experience.



While walking around town, please be cognizant of your surroundings. A concerned resident asked me to remind you to walk facing traffic and keep in mind that the person driving may not see you. Make eye contact, wave and acknowledge each

other to ensure your safety. And regardless if you are driving, walking, biking or jogging through town take an

interest in noticing the unusual and report suspicious activity to the UPPD immediately. Together we can make our town safer.



Lock your doors and windows in your home as well as your car. Use your steering wheel club and keep your valuables out of sight within your vehicle or in the house and do not leave change in your console trays. Update your inventory list of

your valuables by documenting the serial numbers and keeping a photograph of the item.

Be aware of suspicious activity around your home and in the community. If you see suspicious activity, make mental or preferably written notes of the gender, height, weight and clothing of people and the make, model and tag number of vehicles.

As a reminder, door-to-door salesmen and panhandlers increase in good weather. If they knock on your door, please ask if they have written permission to solicit before buying or donating to their cause. The UPPD will gladly come out to verify their credentials, so you are encouraged to contact us if you notice them going to homes in UP. Familiarize yourself with your neighbors. Crime prevention is everyone's business.

Stolen Auto Between January 31 10 PM and February 1 6 AM in the 6500 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s stole a 2000 Volvo S40 that was parked in front of the home. The keys were left in the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered at the end of 40th Ave. and suspect/s had stolen a coat, some coins and the key to the vehicle. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between February 14 5 PM and February 16 6 PM in the 6700 block of Pineway suspect/s broke the left rear window of a 2001 Honda Accord and stole a Garmin GPS unit and a Sony CD player. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between January 31 8 PM and February 1 8 AM in the 4100 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2010 Toyota Corolla and stole a Calvin Klein coat. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

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Almost a quarter of UP homes have taken advantage of STEP-UP in its first year. Through STEP-UP, it normally costs only \$100 to get a qualified home energy assessor to test and provide a report detailing the specific areas of your home where efficiency improvements could save you money. The assessments retail on the open market for \$350-\$450. STEP-UP participants who follow through with their recommended home energy improvements are receiving, on average, over 60% of the cost of their improvements back through rebates, while also saving \$350 per year on utility bills. To take part in STEP-UP, contact Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet at energycoach@upmd.org, or 240-695-3991.

If the \$100 cost for an energy assessment prevents you from participating in STEP-UP, there is a sister program offered through the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development. DHCD recently announced that it is offering free weatherization assistance to eligible households that meet minimum income requirements.

The program gives special priority to elderly homeowners and families whose income is no more than 60% of the state median income or less. Through the program, the County can provide up to \$6,500 per home in energy efficiency measures. Go to www.princegeorgesmd.gov and click on Weatherization Assistance, or call 301-883-5491 for information. STEP-UP Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet is also available to help you access the program.

STEP-UP Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet takes all the guesswork out of making your home more efficient, affordable, safe and comfortable. Suzanne will work with you every step of the way: selecting a home energy assessor, understanding your home energy report, lining up the right contractor, making sure the work is done right and obtaining all of your rebates. Recently, STEP-UP began working with a small list of preferred home assessors to make it even easier for you to get started. Contact Suzanne for further information.

OBITUARY

Bridget Coyne Irwin, longtime UP resident and secretary to the Chairman, Dept. of Agronomy, University of Maryland, from 1960 until her retirement in 1984, died peacefully February 26, at Collington Retirement Community in Bowie, MD. Mrs. Irwin, a native of County Galway, Ireland, was born January 24, 1922 and immigrated to the United States in 1939 at the age of 18. She first lived in the Bronx, where she met and married John Irwin. They moved to the Washington area in 1960, settling in University Park in 1986. In 2001 they moved to Collington Retirement Community where Mr. Irwin died in 2005.

While living in University Park, Mrs. Irwin was an active member of St. Mark's Catholic Church. Neighbors would see her walking the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to morning Mass every day of the week. She was a member of the altar guild and engaged in a variety of other volunteer work, including offering her services at Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Hyattsville.

Mrs. Irwin was an exceptionally talented amateur potter and was also a deft hand at needlework, knitting and flower arranging. In the Collington community, she kept fit with swimming and exercise classes, as well as walking several miles a day. For recreation, she enjoyed playing bridge and euchre. Survivors include two brothers, two sisters and nephews and nieces in Ireland, England and the United States.

Road Reconstruction Program Resumes

The Town's road reconstruction program recently resumed with curb and sidewalk replacement on 43rd Avenue in Ward 1. The 43rd Avenue cul-de-sac will be the starting point for this year's phase of road reconstruction. The concrete work will progress through the rest of Ward 1 and move into Ward 3 and possibly parts of Ward 4 by late April.

Construction will initially consist of curb and sidewalk replacement and be followed by milling and repaving of the road. Great consideration will be given to minimizing the impact on UPES, the Azalea Classic and other areas of concern. Additional information, including a more comprehensive projected timeline, will be forthcoming in the next week or so. Inquiries should be made to the Public Works Dept. at 301-927-4262 or mbeall@upmd.org.

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February 27 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, McPherson, Carey, Cron, Bradley Chacón.

Prince George's County Council member Eric Olson read a Proclamation to the STEP-UP energy program to recognize the completion of their first year, recognizing the Town of University Park for the success of the STEP-UP energy program. He presented a plaque to Mayor Tabori.

Public Comment

CM Gekas raised the point that a Town resident in his ward has requested a speed hump on Tennyson Road between 40th and 41st Avenues. Mayor Tabori said a speed hump is planned for this location. Once the permanent speed humps are put in place on Sheridan Street and Tuckerman Street, as part of the permanent paving of these roads, the temporary speed humps can be relocated. Mayor Tabori said it was important to be patient and make sure the speed humps are placed appropriately. CM Brosch asked for the criteria for placing humps. Mayor Tabori said a preliminary traffic study would be needed. The humps require a minimum distance between them to be effective. Mayor Tabori added that a hearing would be held on speed hump placement.

There may also be a traffic study impact from the Cafritz development, depending on whether or not the immediate area is covered by a TDMZ. Mayor Tabori said that he anticipated speed humps could be in place in six to nine months. CM Carey pressed the Mayor to have traffic studies carried out in two areas, Tennyson Road and in Ward 6. Mayor Tabori said that his only concern is that if we do a survey now and are not able to place speed humps in two or more years, we have essentially wasted our money. A new study would have to be conducted.

Mayor Tabori further added that the Council would make a decision on Cafritz zoning in April. Once the Cafritz zoning is determined, the Cafritz developers will conduct a baseline traffic study.

Mr. Lucas raised the concern that a Town resident received a counterfeit \$100 bill from the SunTrust Bank. He warned residents to make sure to check their currency carefully before accepting it.

Permits

Application to Replace Existing Shed, 6712 40th Avenue Motion to approve the application to replace the existing 20'x17'6" shed located at 6712 40th Avenue. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Application to Enclose Existing Sun Porch, 4412 Underwood Street Applicant said the existing porch has jalousie windows. The porch will be enclosed with hardiplanks with installed awning windows. Motion to approve the application to enclose the existing sun porch located at 4412 Underwood Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department Reports

CM Bradley Chacón brought up budget process relative to community organizations. Mayor Tabori said that due to the server crash, he had not been able to create a five-year history of community grants in time for this evening's Council meeting. Both CM Bradley Chacón and CM Carey spoke in favor of reducing the paperwork burden on the groups applying for funding. CM Bradley Chacón advocated keeping the process simple, but also ensuring that the groups justify the funding request.

Mayor Tabori said Delegate Ann Healey has asked for University Park's endorsement of a bill proposed in the state legislature to address blighted properties in Maryland. CM McPherson asked for a clarification of the terms in the proposed bill. Several Council members raised questions. Mayor Tabori said he would ask for clarification on the language. *Motion to Approve Mayor Tabori Writing a Letter of Endorsement of SB 753 on Behalf of the Town of University Park* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Tabori said that the Planning Board resolution with respect to the Cafritz application has been submitted to the County Council sitting as the District Council. The earliest a hearing could be held would be in mid-April. Mayor Tabori brought up the issue so that anyone registered as a Person of Record, or anyone wishing to become registered as a Person of Record, could do so. He said that the County Council must schedule a meeting within 60 days of receipt from the Planning Board, which was February 21. [The hearing is Wednesday, April 11 at 10 AM.—Ed.] The Council may have an additional hearing and has 30 days after the hearing to move the issue forward.

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This means that Attorney Ferguson may be unavailable to University Park for up to 150 days on matters touching on the Cafritz case.

Mayor Tabori asked the Council for assistance with the Route 1 Ride circulator bus meetings. He asked if a Council member would be willing to assume these duties. CM Brosch said he would be willing. The other Council members assented. Mayor Tabori said he would continue to participate in the meetings from time to time.

Mayor Tabori announced that ethics financial disclosure forms are due to be filed. He said that Mr. Krauland has moved out of University Park and thus has had to resign from the Ethics Committee. Mayor Tabori asked the Council members to send him any recommendations for new members for the Ethics Committee.

CM Carey asked Mayor Tabori to provide information on tax rates in University Park and the surrounding municipalities at one of the March Council meetings.

CM McPherson asked about the status of the search for a new Town Clerk. Mayor Tabori said that 19 applications were submitted and one was subsequently withdrawn. The 18 applications will be sent to the reviewing committee on Tuesday. The committee is composed of two town clerks and two town managers from other municipalities. He noted that January 26, 2009 was when the Charter amendment was passed to establish the Town Clerk as a distinct position.

CM Carey asked if there could be a conversation in May or June with the school board and the UPES principal, to cover issues of mutual interest, including school overcrowding. Mayor Tabori suggested holding a Town forum.

Lt. McCully of UPPD said the officers were in the last steps of certification for the e-Citation program. The Department has six terminals installed in the police cruisers. Officer Sunday suffered an accident the evening of February 17. He had stopped a suspected drunk driver when a drunk driver struck his patrol car. The patrol car was so damaged that the insurance company has declared it a total loss. The driver who hit the patrol car was arrested for driving under the influence. Lt. McCully said the Town was seeking approval for a red light camera at Adelphi Road and East-West Highway.

Continuing Business

Motion to Approve Adopting the Budget Item Transfers as Presented by the Town Treasurer, to Make the Necessary Adjustments Per the Fiscal Year Six-Month Analysis and to Transfer the Funds to the Appropriate Budget Items Motion approved 6 to 0.

CM Carey reviewed the motions and requests from the Public Facilities and Services Committee. He read into the minutes the report from the Committee. The Committee requests that Mayor and staff take a comprehensive look at traffic safety issues in Town, identifying traffic safety issues in town, including location and suggesting a suite of remedial actions which the Town can take to address each identified issue.

The Committee requests that the sidewalk along Underwood Street, adjacent to University Park Elementary School, be repaired by the Town as part of the current paving project, it being in deteriorated condition and representing a trip hazard. Further, that the Town examine other needed repairs to the public right-of-way adjacent to the School, to be undertaken jointly with the School District. The purpose is to improve the safety of students, teachers, staff and visitors using the facilities at University Park Elementary School.

The Committee requests that the Town sponsor a twice yearly event for collection of harmful household waste not permitted in the Town's regular trash collection, yet accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Acceptance Site. These items include acid car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based paints, latex paints, automotive fluids and fuels, gas grill propane tanks, photographic chemicals, cleaning agents, helium balloon tanks, poisons, cooking oils, solvents, varnishes and stains, household batteries, driveway sealers, insecticides, herbicides, swimming pool chemicals, fertilizers, fire extinguishers, mercury and other hazardous materials. A licensed hazardous materials company professional will remove all acceptable items from the resident's vehicle and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner.

Motion: The Council Requests the Mayor, with the Director of Public Works and Chief of Police, Develop and Recommend for Council by April 6, 2012 a Plan for Marking and Signage of Roads and Streets Within the Town of University Park, Including Estimated Costs and a Recommended Timetable for Implementation, to do Such Marking and Signage in Consultation

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with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 2009). Such Plan to be Referred to the Committee on Public Facilities and Services for Further Recommendation to the Council Motion approved 6 to 0. Mayor Tabori said that many municipalities are out of conformance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices because they are trying to meet local conditions. True compliance would require removing some of the stop signs in University Park.

CM Carey said there was sufficient flexibility in the process to allow the Council to waive removal of the stop signs. Town resident Mr. Lee said he did not understand how the traffic signage study could be done, without a traffic study in Ward 6. He noted that the other wards have three-way stop signage that the Chief of Police has said does not conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Mr. Lee strongly advocated for a three-way stop sign at 40th Ave. and Forest Hill Drive.

New Business

Motion to Approve Waiving the Bidding Requirements of Section 2-105(B) of the Town Code and to Authorize the Purchase of a New Computer Server for Town Hall from the Dell Corporation with Installation by Alpha Engineering Associates, Inc., for a Price not to Exceed \$20,000, Subject to Approval of the Contract by the Town Attorney Motion approved 5 to 1 (Brosch opposed). CM Brosch raised concerns about proceeding with procurement without going out to request bids.

Motion to Override the Council's Usual Procedure Requiring Two Meetings to Approve a Transfer of more than \$2,000 and to Approve the Transfer of \$20,000 from Designated Reserves Cable Capital Equipment to Information Technology Costs to Ensure Sufficient Funds are Available to Pay for the Purchase and Installation of a New Computer Server Motion approved 5 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.



March 5 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Carey, Cron, Bradley Chacón (McPherson excused).

Public Comment

Mr. Amster addressed the Council and the Mayor. He referred to his address to the Council and the Mayor from four weeks ago as related to the Executive Session that was recently held. He said that having received no response from the Mayor, he has written a letter to the Mayor seeking a correction to the minutes and access to the Town's public records. Mayor Tabori said Town Hall had received the letter. Mr. Amster read his letter to the Council and the Mayor. Mayor Tabori said Attorney Ferguson would respond to Mr. Amster's Freedom of Information Act request.

Mayor Tabori recommended to the Council that it consider holding an executive session to discuss releasing Attorney Ferguson's opinion. There was general agreement among the Council members to take this matter up at the next Council session.

CM Carey brought up Mr. Lee's email. Mayor Tabori said he would address Mr. Lee's concerns in the Mayor's report later in the agenda.

Permits

Application to Renew a Permit to Erect a 4' Wood Fence, at 4304 Woodberry Street Motion to approve the application to erect a 4' wood fence located at 4304 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Department Reports

Mayor Tabori indicated that his recent accident was more serious than originally realized and that he suffered a concussion when he fell in his driveway. He has had further medical check-ups and his symptoms are expected to fully resolve in the next several weeks.

Mayor Tabori discussed the situation with the Town's computer server. He said that despite the capabilities of the I-net, the Town still requires a server for email, police records and similar matters. He noted that the discussion about replacing the server was already underway as part of the FY 2013 budget process. Mayor Tabori said he requested the funds in last week's motion as a bridge to a solution if the current temporary server also fails. The server we are using is a temporary replacement that another organization was replacing. Mayor Tabori said his intention was to solicit bids if feasible, but noted that the bid process would take a minimum of two months.

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Mr. Beall continues his efforts to resolve the trash truck clearance issues at the maintenance facility.

A resident in Ward 7 living on Wells Parkway has raised a concern about damage being caused to the ground along Wells Run due to cars being parked on the shoulder of the road. Mr. Beall said that he had discussed this location with Chief Wynnyk and the Town Engineer. The Town Engineer's position was that a curb should not be placed there, to avoid redirecting run-off from Wells Run back down Wells Parkway. Chief Wynnyk's concern is that marking the location as "No Parking" will impede traffic on the road. CM Carey asked for a staff recommendation to the Committee on Public Facilities and Services. Mr. Beall said there have been discussions about a bike lane, as all the remaining roads in Town will be repaved in the coming year.

CM Carey asked about resident requests for sidewalk and street repairs. He asked Mr. Beall for a plan forward on upcoming paving and concrete work and for a hot patch to be placed at Woodberry Street and Queens Chapel Road. CM Gekas asked that the list be placed on the Town website.

CM Carey asked what the options were for addressing future gypsy moth outbreaks. Mr. Beall said that presently there were no alternatives; the Maryland state employee who used to do the egg mass counts no longer does this work. Mayor Tabori requested that Mr. Beall reach out to the agricultural extension service.

New Business

Motion to Approve Adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to Designate Friday, April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in University Park Motion approved 5 to 0.

Mayor Tabori explained that initiating an Employee Service Recognition Bonus system must be taken by passing an ordinance because it is considered a modification to the Town's pay scale. ***Motion to Approve the Introduction of Ordinance 12-O-02, to Provide that a Town Employee, Otherwise in Good Standing, in Addition to His/Her Regular Compensation, Shall Receive Monetary and Other Recognition for Specified Years of Service*** Motion approved 5 to 0. CM Brosch recommended holding a potluck or other celebration to recognize the employees receiving this award. CM Carey recommended involving the UP Civic Association in the event.

Motion to Approve a Special Day or Event to Hold a Town Event Celebrating Town Employees Receiving Service Recognition Awards and to Ask One of the Local University Park Civic Organizations to Sponsor the Event Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to Approve the Introduction of Ordinance 12-O-03 to Enact Chapter 7 "Public Health And Sanitation" Section 7-107 "Dumpsters And Other Storage Receptacles," and to Repeal, Reenact and Renumber Section 7-107, "Penalty," Of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to Institute a Permit System for Placement of Construction and Other Storage Receptacles On Private Property Motion approved 5 to 0.

Council Committees

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Susan McPherson, Chair, James Gekas, Vacant

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Jacqueline Bradley Chacón, Vacant, Vacant

Public Facilities and Services Len Carey, Chair, Michael Cron, Jacqueline Bradley Chacón

University Park Stream Committee Tom Stickle, Chairman, Mickey Lucas, Co-Chair. Len Carey, Liaison to Council

University Park Tree Committee Jenny Glenn, Chair, Len Carey, Liaison to Council

Mayor Tabori proposed CM Bradley Chacón as the Chair for the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee. CM Bradley Chacón pointed out that CM Gekas has been a temporary member of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee. CM Gekas said he would prefer to step down from the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee. CMs Cron and Brosch said they were interested in joining the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Tabori explained that there had previously been trashcans placed around the periphery of the Town. The Maryland Transit Authority and the County have jurisdiction over the trashcans at bus stops. MTA removed them. The Council and the Mayor had a general discussion about the costs and benefits of trashcans. Mr. Beall said he has had a person serving community service time

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going around Town picking up trash. He added that the right-of-way along Adelphi Road belongs to the County, and U.S. Route 1 and MD-410 belong to the State. Mayor Tabori suggested looking at locations where the trash is coming from. The trash may come from people throwing items out of their cars, or from people riding buses. He asked the Public Facilities and Services Committee to look into the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.



University Park Shade Tree Reimbursement Program



The Shade Tree Reimbursement Program offers residents up to \$300 towards the price of purchasing and planting a tree on private property. The purpose of the program is to enhance the town's tree canopy,

which provides many benefits including conserving energy, reducing air pollution, increasing property values, enhancing wildlife habitat and providing aesthetic benefits.

The Town of UP recognizes these benefits and has an ongoing tree planting and maintenance program. But the town can only manage trees on public land, such as in parks and along streets.

To increase and maintain a healthy urban tree canopy, the town needs to ensure that trees are also planted on private property. To take advantage of this program, follow these steps:

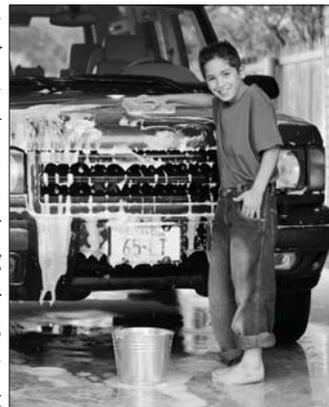
1. Plant a tree from the Approved Shade Tree List.
2. Fill out the Shade Tree Reimbursement Request form.
3. Deliver the tree receipt and the form to Mickey Beall at Town Hall or mbeall@upmd.org.

Complete guidelines, the request form and the Approved Shade Tree list are available at the Town of UP website at: Public Works/Department Info. This program is in effect as long as funds are available.

TOWN EVENTS

Attention! Teen Workers

For your benefit, a Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year each spring and fall in the *Newsletter*. Any teen aged 13-19, living in University Park, who has services to offer Town residents this spring and summer may be included. Services such as lawn work, window/car washing, baby sitting, pet care and more are regularly included.



If you would like to be listed, please email the Editors at univparknews@gmail.com before the May newsletter deadline of Thursday, April 5 with the information below.

1. your name
2. age
3. phone number
4. ward number
5. email address
6. type of service(s)

Lost Pet Database

To register your pet and report a lost or found pet, contact Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743 or linda_verrill@yahoo.com. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified. If you find or spot a loose animal, please call or email Linda Verrill.



To have your pet added to the database, please provide: your name, address, e-mail addresses, all of your phone numbers; as well as the name and contact info of a second person to contact (e.g., friend, neighbor or nearby relative); name of your pet, species, breed, color, markings, age, weight.

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UP Civic Association News

UPCA is pleased to announce a brand new website, www.upcivicassociation.com. This new website will be updated regularly and will have all of our events posted on it. We are excited to announce that UPCA annual dues can be paid via PayPal at the link on our website. We hope this will make it more convenient for UP residents to support us.

The 2012 annual supporting contribution is \$25 per family. If you would like to write a check and mail it to our treasurer, you can address it to UPCA, c/o Leatha Thome, 4108 Van Buren Street, UP.

The UPCA is re-energizing and re-organizing and is in need of a President or Co-Presidents. We are getting more residents interested and involved in our activities. We have a great calendar of events for 2012 with event managers already on board, not only for our traditional events but also for several new fun events. With more helping hands, serving as a Co-President is a breeze! If you are interested in this, please contact Carol Cron, UPCA Secretary, at carol.cron@hotmail.com.

Following our new meeting format, we are alternating our monthly meeting with a UPCA social at the home of a town resident. On April 24 residents are welcome at the home of Betsy Tournquist, 6406 40th Avenue, UP.

Woman's Club Focus on Floral Design

Monday, April 2, 11:30 AM



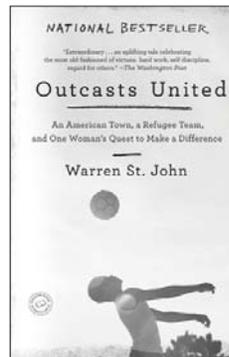
A floral designer from Wood's Florist in College Park will demonstrate techniques for creating a spring bouquet. Melody Lawrence, UPWC Arts Program Chair will introduce the speaker.

The meeting begins with fellowship at 11:30 AM.

Lunch will be served at 12 Noon and the program begins at 12:30 PM. Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Guests are welcome to visit club meetings; however, they are asked to make a reservation by calling Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414.

Socially Conscious Seasonal Book Club

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 PM



We will meet to discuss *Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference* by Warren St. John after a free, simple supper of southern food. Childcare and children's activities provided (please let us know numbers and ages of children at peggy@rivpres.org). The book chronicles a soccer season for several teams of "Fugees," all coached by an

American-educated Jordanian woman in a small town outside of Atlanta in 2006. This unlikely combination is inspiring and thought-provoking. Read and join us! Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Local Mulch Sale

Saturday, April 14, 8 AM

University Park Church of the Brethren will be selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch this spring. Two-cubic-foot bags of mulch are \$3 each and will be available for as long as supplies last on Saturdays, March 31 and April 14 in the Church parking lot at the corner of Tuckerman Street and Route 1. To order in advance, please email upcob2@verizon.net or call 301-864-4328. Free curbside delivery to destinations within a reasonable distance from the church will be available for advance, prepaid orders of 15 bags or more.

Annual Town Stream Cleanup

Saturday, April 14, 9 AM-Noon

Groups, residents and friends are all encouraged to join in beautifying our park and stream. Meet at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church parking lot and start the day with coffee and donuts before spreading out to help beautify our stream. Supplies such as waders, gloves and bags will be provided. Student community service hours earned will be documented.



Bring your own gloves. Rain or shine. Sponsored by the UPCA, The UP Woman's Club and the Town Stream Committee. If you have questions, contact Kate Beveridge at 301-277-4485 or BBeve@verizon.net.

After 8 Book Group
Tuesday, April 17

The After 8 Book Group, which is open to all town residents, meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The April selection is *Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen. For more info on the group, please call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



Saturday, April 21

Join the UPES PTA and community for a morning of fun and fitness! There's an event for everyone: a 1K Fun Run, a 1 Mile Challenge and a certified 5K. We'll have medals, top runner prizes, music from the Northwestern High School Band and a post-race party with DJ music. This year, we're offering a technical t-shirt if you register before April 1, sponsor a student option to allow more kids to participate and additional music along the course. To save paper and time, we encourage you to register at www.azaleaclassic.com or www.signmeup.com. Check our website for all the details.

UPWC Annual Garden Tour
Sunday, April 29, 1:30 to 4:30 PM



UPers who love gardens, step up in 2012 and open your garden to the UPWC Annual Garden Tour. It's FUN! There's no fuss! It's very informal and there is no *judging!* The number of visitors is *modest*. The point of the tour is to share the joy of plants, not to show off something perfect. We need fresh locations to keep the

tour interesting and informative. Interested garden hosts should contact organizer Birgit Brill at 301-779-9179 or by emailing brill.birgit@gmail.com. Updated details will be posted, when available, on the University Park listserve.

UPCA Town-wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 5, 9 AM-2 PM

If you're looking to de-clutter your attic, basement or spare room, mark your calendar for the Town-wide Yard Sale. Ellen Jasinski and Lynn Desautels are coordinating the collection of participant addresses and the advertising and publicity to bring lots of yard sale shoppers to town that day. Information will be posted on the UP listserv. If you have suggestions for ways to advertise feel free to contact Lynn at doctord@kokikai.org or Ellen at ellen_jasinski@yahoo.com.



Vacation Bible School

Plan now for Vacation Bible School during the week of June 25-29. This summer University Baptist Church and Riverdale Presbyterian Church combine forces to offer quality free VBS from 9 AM to Noon at UBC and Noon to 3PM at RPC, Monday-Friday for ages 5-12. Plans for aftercare/camps until 4:30 PM and registration information to follow at www.rivpres.org and www.weareubc.org.

May Fair: Help Make it Happen & Volunteer
Tentative Date—Saturday, May 12, 11 AM-3 PM

The UPES PTA is in search of volunteers to organize this year's May Fair and make it happen! May Fair is a great community-focused event that has been a UPES tradition of fun and games for all members of the community for over 40 years. All proceeds benefit UPES PTA-funded projects for the school.

But we really need your help this year—if you are a current or former UPES parent, or just a dedicated community member who is willing to help, please contact Sarah Treado of the PTA at satreado@aol.com or 301-864-3770. Thank you for your consideration and the PTA will keep you posted on plans for this event!



TOWN EVENTS

Great Decisions 2012



Town residents, friends and others are invited to join this discussion series offered by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The FPA is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan organization that promotes foreign policy education. The group meets bi-monthly on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at Church of the Brethren. For more information and a copy of the discussion materials (\$20), contact Maxie Phillips at 301-927-0857.

Cybersecurity: The New Frontier *April 14* The securitization of cyberspace has caused a sea change for both governments and the private sector, faced with new threats, new battlegrounds and new opportunities. Faced with challenges such as international cybercrime and authoritarian control of networks, how will the U.S. and its democratic allies approach the cyber frontier? How does this new domain figure in U.S. strategic interests?

Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq: Right Time, Right Peace? *April 28* Ten years after September 11, 2001, the U.S. is winding down its military commitment in Iraq and slowly pulling out of Afghanistan. What exit strategy will help Afghanistan and Iraq build stable democratic nations? How can the U.S. continue to achieve its counterterrorism goals? What is the role of the U.S. in the future of the Middle East?

State Of The Oceans: Waves Of Change *May 10* The world's oceans are essential to life on earth and are tremendously sensitive to global climate change. What are the consequences of climate change on oceanic factors like biodiversity, sea levels and extreme weather systems? How can the U.S. and its international partners address the emerging challenges to this shared resource?

Indonesia: Prospects for Prosperity *May 24* Having emerged from authoritarianism in the last 15 years, Indonesia has made remarkable strides politically, economically and socially. Yet the new, democratic Indonesia is still a developing country facing considerable challenges. How can Indonesia continue its path of growth, reform and prosperity? What is Indonesia's role in the global community?

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Explore the Route 1 Corridor by Bus

Route 1 is experiencing a renaissance and the Route 1 Ride (TheBus 17) can take you to every part of it. The Route 1 Ride goes from Mount Rainier to IKEA and comes every 30 minutes to a bus stop near you. Avoid the hassles of traffic and parking, get there quickly and inexpensively by taking the Route 1 Ride. Find out more at www.route1ride.com or visit your local town hall for more information.

Hyattsville Library HiLi Book Discussion, *Saturday, April 21, 3 PM* The April selection is *This Book Is Overdue!: How Librarians And Cybrarians Can Save Us All*. We need librarians, who won't charge us by the question or roll their eyes, no matter what we ask. Who are they? What do they know? And how quickly can they save us from being buried by the digital age? This book is a romp through the ranks of information professionals and a revelation for readers burned out on the clichés and stereotyping of librarians. Upper Level Meeting Room.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series *Monday, April 23, 7 PM* The April film is the National Geographic film *Amreeka*. Muna Fara, a Palestinian single mom, struggles to maintain her optimistic spirit in the daily grind of intimidating West Bank checkpoints, the constant nagging of a controlling mother and the haunting shadows of a failed marriage. Everything changes one day when she receives a letter informing her that her family has been granted a U.S. green card and she moves with her teenage son to small town Illinois. The film will be followed by a discussion facilitated by local filmmaker Andrew Millington.

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.

Rock and Roll in Prince George's County *Friday, April 13, 7:30 PM* Come hear and share stories of Prince George's County at the dawn of rock and roll, when Route 1 was a melting pot of college kids, beatniks, hippies and motorcycle gangs. Hosted by author Mark Opsasnick and filmmaker Jeff Krulik, it'll be part slideshow, show and tell, and rock and roll reunion.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Shakespeare Factory Players Present *Macbeth*, Saturday, April 14th, 1 PM Pay as you can donations are gratefully accepted for this first-rate professional presentation of *Macbeth*. Reserve your tickets in advance by emailing info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Inspiration to Flight at College Park Airport Museum, Saturday, April 14, 1 PM Join us as the CPAE offers their *Inspiration to Flight* arts program at the museum. Explore how human beings have imagined flight in song, story and art. College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park. Pre-registration required. 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544 Ages 5 & up, Free with museum admission: \$4/adult; \$3/seniors ages 60 & up; \$2/ages 18 & under.

Family Yoga Workshop Saturdays, April 14, 21 & 28, 10-11 AM Join Rebecca Gitter for a short workshop series of Family Yoga, giving parents and children an opportunity to playfully explore yoga together. Increase strength, flexibility, coordination and posture. Learn fun partner poses, breath techniques and enhanced concentration that will create a foundation for health and wellness. Please bring a yoga or exercise mat for each participant (a limited number will be available to borrow). Parents and kids ages 5-11 (no younger siblings, please). \$10 per day per parent/child team, drop-ins welcome. Register in advance for the three-day series by sending \$25 to CPAE, PO Box 784, College Park MD 20740.

CPAE Book Club Friday, April 20, 7:30 PM Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. April: *Blood Work*, by Holly Tucker.



Musical Instrument Petting Zoo Sunday, April 22, 3 PM One of the most popular events of our year. Music Ed students coach your child to try out real instruments! Free!

CPAE Baby Arts Group Fridays, 12-1 PM Like a playgroup but with more arts for Babies, Toddlers and Pre-K. A lunch hour with arts activities led by trained professionals for caregivers and 0-4 year olds. Bring your own lunch. Free, but we suggest a \$5 donation to help cover costs for our arts teachers.



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

The 1812 Woman Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6 The 1812 Woman offers you the unique opportunity to experience the life of a woman in 1812 during a weekend at Riversdale House Museum. Begin the weekend on Saturday with an overview of the events leading up to the war. Then, explore household tasks such as plain sewing and bookkeeping. Katie Cannon of Ageless Artifice will talk about personal appearance and will have her wares for sale. Participants will work with members of the Kitchen Guild to prepare their dinner over the open hearth. In the evening, listen to period literature and enjoy games and pastimes. Enjoy a rare opportunity to sleep in the historic house Saturday night. After a morning of programs on Sunday, the weekend concludes at noon. Participants are welcome, but not required, to come in period attire. Advance payment required by April 30. \$75 residents/\$90 non-residents.

Quarterly Lecture: The War of 1812 in Maryland, Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 PM Dr. Ralph Eshelman will present research from his book, *The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake: A Reference Guide to Historic Sites in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia*, with an illustrated talk. He will sign copies of his book after the program. Dr. Eshelman is the former Director of the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, MD and was a Research Associate in the Department of Paleobiology at the National Museum of Natural History. \$5 adults/\$2.50 students with ID.

Seasonal Selections: From Garden to Table Sunday, April 15 & 29, 12:00-3:30 PM The Seasonal Selections program offers special monthly cooking events with a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce and the traditional cycles of an early 19th century farm inspire each month's Seasonal Selection. The Kitchen Guild hosts *Green, Green* on April 15 and *Celebration of Spring* on April 29.

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FREE E-CYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, May 19, 9 AM to 1 PM
UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you can't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale...don't put it in the trash or at the curb! Just put it back in the basement or garage for a couple weeks, then recycle or shred it! Please bring your Driver's License for proof of University Park residency. Your documents will be shredded FREE on site. All E-cycle items collected will be reused, refurbished, or recycled through Turtle Wings, Inc. in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. Your hard drive can be shredded for a \$10 fee.

Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them at the Prince Georges County Landfill personally. TV's and Electronics will NOT be collected with regular weekly collections. Please visit upmd.org, click on Public Works>Department Info for a complete list of acceptable items..

ELECTION NOTICE

The Town of University Park for the
Office of Mayor and Offices of Council Member for
Wards One, Three and Seven

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012, 8 AM-8:00 PM
Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road



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

CANDIDATES Candidate packets (candidate petition and financial disclosure statement) are available at Town Hall during business hours and on the Town website www.umpd.org under Elections. If residents have any questions please contact the Town office at 301-927-4262 or email TownHall@upmd.org

DEADLINE To file as a Candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 2, 2012

DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES Thursday, April 26, 2012

Please Note

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.

Primary Election Day Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Voter Registration Reopens Monday, April 16, 2012



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NEWSLETTER

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