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FROM THE MAYOR

The University Park Veterans Day celebration took on new meaning on Sunday, November 11. On a beautiful, sunlit day, the site that will house the Town's future Veterans Memorial was dedicated. The event began with the presentation of the colors by the Northwestern High School Naval Junior ROTC and was followed by a series of brief comments by Anne-Marie Kobbe, President of the Woman's Club, David Fosse, Vietnam War veteran; David Brosch, Town Councilman and US Army Reserve member, and Chris Garcia, President of the UP Historical Preservation Society. As part of the dedication of the site, a ceremonial planting of a memorial tree was conducted. A special *tip of the hat* goes to Chris Garcia and Len Carey and the volunteers who assured the success of the event. And a *very special thank you* to the veterans,

current service members and their families from our community who have sacrificed so much to protect our community, nation and way of life.

As is usual around this time of the year, the University Park Civic Association will sponsor a community potluck at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Queens Chapel Road on Saturday, December 1 starting at 5:30 in the afternoon. The Potluck will be followed by the lighting of the Town Holiday Tree at 7:15. Bring your whole family! It should be a lot of fun. There will be entertainment at the Potluck Supper and Santa has been scheduled to stop by for a visit.

While Hurricane Sandy did significant damage further

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	December 3 & 17
Holidays	December 25 & January 1
Cafritz Oversight Meetings	Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

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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north along the east coast, it only gave us a glancing blow. However, I would like to *thank* our Public Works Department, which worked until the last minute making sure that the streets and curbs were free of leaf bags (plastic and paper) and that all trash cans had been removed from the curb lines. Our tree contractor should also be given a *big hand* for coming in and clearing away all logs and other vegetation in the Town Park that might have clogged the streams that run through the Town in preparation for the storm. As a consequence of these actions and other efforts both the storm water management system and the streams worked efficiently and did not back up and/or flood nearby homes and streets. The Police Department should also be commended for their extra patrols, providing an extra layer of protection during a potentially dangerous event.

PEPCO and the Town continue to negotiate over the proper approach and extent of tree trimming and removal around electric power lines in the public right-of-ways. A number of residents have publicly and privately expressed concern over the impact of such actions on the quality



of life and property values of indiscriminate tree cutting in the neighborhood. The Town has requested a walk-through that the Mayor and full Council can attend. Originally, the walk through was scheduled for the end of October. Due to Hurricane Sandy, the walk-through was cancelled and is not likely to take place until after Thanksgiving.

The Town has engaged the Town arborist to act on our behalf to ensure that once an agreement is reached and a permit is issued, it is adhered to and enforced. The Town is also in the process of requesting information on trees slated for trimming or removal on private property and assurances that permission was obtained from the

property owner or their legal agent. At this time, the Council will discuss and determine the extent of the removals and trimming in Wards 3 through 7 on December 3 and/or 17.

Two small reminders are in order at this time of the year. Please keep your leaves out of the streets. If you choose to bag your leaves, please place the bags next to the street, not on it. This ensures safety and reduces the potential for clogging our storm water management systems. Although snow has yet to fall this season, please be prepared and remember to clear sidewalks quickly after the snow falls. It keeps you, your family and neighbors, and service personnel safe.



As usual the Town will have a holiday fund for Town personnel. If you wish to contribute, please make out any checks to The Town of University Park and indicate in the memo field whether it is for the Public Works or Police Department, or both.

Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to All! Please keep safe, enjoy your families and I hope to see you around Town.

John Rogard Tabori



Editors' Note: New, Old Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline is now the first of the month prior to publication. This deadline was used by the previous editor and many contributors regularly submitted materials by this date. We hope the new deadline works for all.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

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

- ◆ Shop during the day or park in well-lighted areas.
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings when you park, walk and are in the stores.
- ◆ Lock your purchases in the trunk before driving to another store.
- ◆ Remember where you parked and have the keys ready when approaching your vehicle. Request a security escort if you shop alone.
- ◆ Know which credit cards you have with you when you shop. If possible, only take one with you.
- ◆ Shop with a friend. The more the merrier...and safer.

Online shopping also requires caution. Look for signs that the business is reputable, protect your privacy and get all of the details. Use one credit card for easy tracking and keep good records of your purchases. If you know you will not be home during normal delivery hours, have a neighbor retrieve your package or get it later at the delivery pick-up location.

December is National Drunk Driving Awareness Month. Sobriety check-points, extra patrols and cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions are all planned enforcement activities for December. Don't let anyone drive after drinking. It may save a life.



Thefts from auto necessitate extra safety measures to eliminate this criminal activity. Lock your car doors, don't leave keys or valuables in the vehicle. Set your car alarm. University Park is a safe place, but locking doors and putting away bicycles and other valuables is good practice. Most thefts have been for little money and minimal valuable property; however, holiday shopping increases the opportunity for thieves to steal items from your car. Remember to document serial numbers and etch identifying marks on your new gifts. Keep serial numbers, receipts and photographs of your new valuables in a safe place. Have a safe and happy holiday.

When driving, walking, biking or jogging through town take an interest in noticing the unusual and report sus-

picious activity to the UPPD as soon as possible. Together we can make our town safer. A regular walker in UP noticed that certain areas seem less lighted than others. The suggestion was made that if residents turned on the front porch or lawn light it would increase visibility and create better lighted areas for walking. With darkness now coming early in the evening this may be helpful for dimly lit areas.

Theft (Forgery) On Thursday October 25 it was reported that several blank checks were stolen from the home by a family friend in August. Checks were fraudulently written and cashed. The suspect has no known address and is being sought by investigators. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On Friday October 5 between 2 and 3:30 PM in the 4000 block of Holly Hill Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2009 Nissan Altima and stole an iPad. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between Thursday October 17 7 PM and October 18 8 AM in the 4200 block of College Heights Drive suspect/s entered an unlocked 1998 Ford Mustang and stole an Apple iPod and a CD/radio receiver. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.



Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Town leaf collection is underway and will continue, weather permitting, through early January. Collections will also be done on weekends as needed. Crews will generally work counterclockwise through town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 and Ward 6.



Crews cannot backtrack to collect leaves raked to the curb after they have been past your home. Residents and contractors are asked to use caution while raking and be sure there are no rocks, sticks, metal, etc. in your leaf piles. Call Town Hall with questions at 301-927-4262.

**Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee
Council Report, November 5, 2012**

**Current status of the Cafritz
Preliminary Plan of Subdivision**

by Committee Chair & CM Arlene Christiansen

Since the beginning of October, no more of these meetings have been scheduled even though much remains to be completed in this preliminary plan of subdivision stage before a Planning Board hearing can be held. The developer has requested an extension of 70 days, which moved the Planning Board hearing from November 1, 2012 to January 10, 2013. However, with just two months remaining before the January date for the hearing, many issues that must be resolved have not been, perhaps most significantly issues surrounding the conditions for a CSX crossing. Thus far, three possible alignments have been suggested by the developer for a CSX crossing. Although the developer has attempted to negotiate for land for the bridge on the eastern side of the tracks with University of Maryland, Riverdale Park, and most recently the American Center for Physics, there has of yet been no news of success in securing the land for any of the three locations.

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Small STEP. Big Impact.

More than 300 of your neighbors are preparing their homes for winter through the Small Town Energy Program (STEP). Let STEP help keep your house warm and your heating bills low! STEP covers \$300 of the \$400 cost of your home energy evaluation report. If you decide to make some of the report's recommended improvements, STEP then helps you get up to 60% of the costs back through rebates. STEP Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet is there to help you every step of the way, making the whole process easy.

To learn more about your neighbor's experiences with the program, go to www.smalltownenergy.org and click on the For Residents tab. There you will find summary profiles and videos of fellow UP neighbors and STEP participants. Contact Suzanne Parmet at energy-coach@smalltownenergy.org or 240-695-3991, or visit the web site at <http://www.smalltownenergy.org> to get started with STEP today.

Cafritz Bridge

1. Plan A - a direct straight alignment with Van Buren Street, the proposed main street of the Cafritz development. The eastern landing would be on University of Maryland property next to the historic ERCO building. Plan A has not moved forward because the University has refused to give permission to use their land. The bridge would intersect property they own and divide it into two portions.
2. Plan B - redirects the traffic on a J shaped approach south from Van Buren on the Cafritz property towards the more southern end of the property across the bridge onto land owned by Riverdale Park by their soccer field known as the "Field of Dreams" and then on another J shaped return towards the north to meet the existing street grid. Riverdale Park is opposed to Plan B because of its impact on their "Field of Dreams." The configuration of that bridge increases the cost which could pose an impediment for adequate funding (TIF) for both the county and Riverdale Park.
3. Plan C - redirects the traffic from Van Buren on the Cafritz property to Woodberry Street and then lands on property owned by the American Institute of Physics. It is not clear at this time if that alignment would also in any way cross the portion of the Cafritz property that is in College Park and is still zoned R-55. That area was planned to be a pond (park) for storm water management and also contains trees in Stand 3 which were labeled as specimen trees to be preserved by the County's planners. It is unknown at this time the details of the response of the American Institute of Physics to the Cafritz request to have the bridge land on their property.
4. It is possible that the location of the bridge will not be determined easily or in the near future.

Traffic Engineer

As part of their agreement with the town, the Cafritz team agreed to pay the costs of hiring a traffic-engineering firm to conduct a traffic study before and after construction of the development. The traffic study would include an evaluation of the Cafritz traffic study as well as a study of traffic issues on the roads in our town. The study will also include a TDMD study. The committee needs to interview one more firm, hopefully this Thursday evening before requesting firms submit proposals and bids.

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Buffer Zone

The State Highway Administration has yet to weigh in with its opinion on issues that could impact the development plan and the condition requiring a buffer zone, a condition that is very important to our town. The state may require a portion of the Cafritz property along Route 1 to be dedicated to the state for an increased right of way. The state has also not indicated whether or not they will require an easement for a right turn lane (acceleration/deceleration lane) at the Van Buren entrance to the development. In either case if the state takes some of the Cafritz property along Route 1, committee members and our town attorney have been insisting that the buffer may not be reduced in width. The condition that the buffer is 90' to 120' wide must be met. Should the SHA require more right-of-way, the buffer zone should simply slide over on the plans.

There have also been discussions about placement of a sidewalk at the curb on Route 1. The committee, mayor and town attorney have consistently supported the meandering sidewalk and separate bike path running through the buffer and have opposed placement of a sidewalk at the curb because a sidewalk next to the road would negatively impact the positive benefits of the buffer zone.

Trees/Woodland Preservation

There are trees along Route 1 that are part of Stand 1 which is a group of specimen trees the county planning staff has recommended be preserved onsite. We continue to firmly support the retention of these trees as well as Stand 3, which is near the Storm Water Management pond north of Woodberry along the CSX tracks. In fact we support retention of as many mature trees as possible onsite. Should the location of the CSX crossing be at the northern end of the property, the trees in Stand 3 could be impacted. Since the committee has not seen engineering plans for this proposed bridge location (Plan C), we do not know if the bridge would or would not impact the pond, Stand 3, or the College Park portion of the Cafritz property still zoned R-55.

Storm Water Management

Committee Council Members Carey and Alvarez and Mayor Tabori, along with Tom Stickles attended the one Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) meeting about roadways and storm water management held thus far. While we expect more meetings to be scheduled, we have yet to receive notification of any other DPW&T meetings re: this development.

Parks and Recreation

One of the planning department meetings addressed the issue of parks and recreation. There was discussion as to what could be counted as parkland, which must be public land, and also what combination of on site space, off site space and fees would be used to meet the requirement of park and recreation space. One idea suggested by M-NCPPC staff was to approach WMATA about purchasing or leasing the land adjacent to the Cafritz property above the Metro to convert into a public park. We have not heard a report of WMATA's response.

Although the hiker/biker trail along the historic trolley trail will count as park space, the buffer possibly will not count as park space as it is supposed to be the gateway to the Cafritz commercial/retail development and also the maintenance of that land may be private, not public.

Certification of Cafritz Plan

The plan has been certified. As part of that certification the portion of the MUTC guidelines referencing the Cafritz development has been amended to include the language required by the District Council as part of the zoning ordinance. The committee and our town attorney have reviewed that document and having found errors, have forwarded our concerns to the planning department and the Riverdale Park MUTC committee. The mayor has sent a document that lists those errors and concerns to Susan Lareuse and Quynn Nguyen of the Planning Department. Members of the MUTC committee are also checking the map that has been certified for accuracy. That certified map is based on the conceptual plan maps A and B that were used during the zoning hearings. It serves as the foundation for the development planning and as the plans develop they will be somewhat constrained by that certified plan.

Archeology/Historical Preservation

The Phase II archeology study was reviewed by the planning staff and thus far the Cafritz team has not responded to the requests of the staff for additional information. The Phase II report needs to be further analyzed and more data regarding the ice house and barn is needed. Also the impact of a CSX crossing on the ERCO and National Register Historic Districts including University Park need to be addressed and reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Therefore, the Cafritz development was not scheduled on the agenda for either the October or November Historical

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Cafritz Preliminary Plan of Subdivision by Committee Chair & CM Arlene Christiansen

Since the last meeting of the Cafritz Oversight and Monitoring Committee (COM) and just prior to the printing of this newsletter, there has been a significant new development that may affect the approach and timing for developing an official town response (position statement) to present at the Prince George's County Planning Board hearing on January 10, 2013.

At this printing it is too early to post with certainty the dates of all upcoming meetings and agendas, but residents should be advised that there will be some very important discussions in December which may include a presentation by the developer and opportunity for the Mayor and Council to receive the benefit of comments from residents. At this printing the Town Council may discuss Cafritz at both its December 3 and December 17 meetings and there will be significant discussions at both the UP Cafritz COM Committee meetings (TBA) and the Riverdale Park MUTC Committee meeting Wednesday, December 5. We encourage your participation.

The developer presented a revised Preliminary Plan of Subdivision at the Riverdale Park Town Council work session on November 26, which they intend to submit to the Prince George's County planning department staff on Thursday, November 29. Although there are significant changes in this revised plan as well as a lack of some critical information, the developer still hopes to meet the deadline to have a hearing on January 10 before the Planning Board.

If the developer cannot meet the deadline to complete this Preliminary Plan of Subdivision stage, then the 140-

day period expires and the developer must begin this stage again.

The new plan shows Option C for a vehicular connection over the CSX tracks with a landing on the southern portion of the property owned by the American Center for Physics (ACP). At this time, the ACP has said, "Not no" in response to a request to use their land and are exercising due diligence to determine a final answer. University of Maryland has refused to agree to use of their land for the originally proposed Option A crossing at Van Buren Street.

The stormwater management plan has been altered because the placement of the CSX crossing reduces the area available at the northern end of the property for a stormwater management pond. There is a request to build a temporary pond where one of the multifamily six story buildings will be located. That would increase the amount of land to be cleared and graded during Phase I. Once the multifamily structure is built the stormwater retention would be under the building. It could be many years before full build out of the development when the temporary pond would be eliminated.

Additional topics of note:

- ◆ The Maryland Avenue extension from the old town MUTC by the MARC station into the Cafritz property is now planned to dead end into a parking garage at the southern end of the Cafritz property rather than connecting with the road network in the Cafritz development.
- ◆ One area of great importance to our town is the lack of a decision from the State Highway Administration on the right-of-way requirement for Route 1 along the Cafritz property which could impact the location or size of the buffer, one of the important conditions in our town's agreement with the developer.
- ◆ There are problems with underground utility placement that involves whether the streets will be publicly or privately owned. The amount of land covered with concrete might need to be increased depending on the outcome.



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Preservation Commission meeting. The next meeting is December 18 and the staff needs to have their requests met by November 18 in order to place the Cafritz development on the December agenda.

Transportation

The hiker/biker trail location is now following the original location of the trolley trail. The townhouses near the trail will be on side streets running perpendicular to the trail to allow corner units to have a view of the trail. Discussion continues on ownership of the various roads. The committee will be discussing the traffic study with Dr. Mohktari, M-NCPPC traffic planner, this Thursday. The traffic study will determine and set a trip cap that will be used to determine the density for the project.

Record Keeping and Sharing

The committee has begun to record information from these meetings and other research on a spreadsheet which is posted on a secure website where it will be available as read only to all council members.



Trash Tips

Yard waste and brush is collected Monday. Yard waste must be bagged or in a container and consists of grass clippings, leaves, ivy and vines, and garden vegetation. Brush should be placed at the curb in piles. Limbs should not exceed 4' in length nor 6" in diameter. Brush consists of branches and limbs from shrubs or trees.

Bamboo, dirt or soil are not acceptable. Bamboo must be cut to 6' lengths, tied into a bundle and placed at the curb on your regular trash collection day. DO NOT place yard waste on the street, curb or gutter.

All bulk metal is collected on Tuesday and Friday. Items must be brought to the curb. This includes appliances.

A/C's, DEHUMIDIFIERS, FREEZERS and REFRIGERATORS REQUIRE A \$20 PAYMENT-payable to the Town of University Park and submitted to the Town Clerk prior to scheduling the pick up.

Unacceptable items include compressed cylinders of any size, shape or condition, and drums, tanks, kegs and barrels (plastic and metal) greater than 55 gallons unless the sides are removed and the vessel flattened for collection.



Veterans Living Memorial Dedication

On one of the most perfect autumn afternoons in memory, University Park dedicated the site of the town's planned Veterans Memorial on November 11. Sgt Maj Efrem Wilson, USMC (Ret), led the Northwestern High School Navy JROTC Color Guard in the Presentation of the National Colors. Mayor John Tabori introduced the program and read Town Resolution 12-R-105. Anna-Mae Kobbe, president of the UP Woman's Club; David Fosse, town resident and U.S. Army veteran; David Brosch, Ward 2 Council Member and U.S Army Reserve veteran; and Chris Garcia of the UP Historic Preservation Association also delivered remarks at the dedication. Mayor Tabori, Dr. Kobbe and Mr. Fosse planted a sapling as a symbol of the future memorial. Mr. Fosse and Ward 4 Council Member Len Carey, also a veteran, placed a floral wreath at the site. Mayor Tabori concluded the ceremony with a formal acknowledgement and expression of gratitude to the many veterans in attendance.

Resolution 12-R-105 establishes a town observance of Veteran's Day and authorizes funding for the design and development of a living memorial to all town veterans. This group includes all UP residents who have served in the armed forces since the town was chartered in 1936. The Town Committee on Public Services and Facilities, the Mayor and Town Council will work with several town organizations to complete the Veteran's Memorial by October 15, 2015. The site of the planned memorial is on the Wells Run side of the intersection of Wells Parkway, Clagett Road and Eversfield Drive.

Special thanks go to Pastor Kim McDowell of the University Park Church of the Brethren, Michael Cotter, Jerome Roberts and Joe Robertson for their support of the dedication event.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Editors' Note: We regret that the Council Meeting minutes have been less informative and timely in recent months. Unfortunately, the Town has yet to replace Ms. Jenny Glenn after her resignation.

October 15 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

CM Cron read an email message into the record on behalf of a resident on College Heights Drive regarding speed limit signage on College Heights Drive and driver speed in that area.

Permits

Application to Enclose Backyard with a 4' Fence and Gate, 4303 Tuckerman Street Motion to approve the application to enclose the section of the backyard between the house and the garage with a 4' fence and gate located at 4303 Tuckerman Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Application to Replace Sections of the Existing 4' Fence Including Gates, 4416 Underwood Street Motion to approve the application to replace the existing 4' fence including gates located at 4416 Underwood Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Application to Construct a 30' x 18' Detached Patio with the Placement of a Dumpster, 4017 Tennyson Road Motion to approve the application to construct a 30' x 18' detached patio with pavers and place a dumpster on 41st Avenue for yard waste and debris located at 4017 Tennyson Road. The permit for the Dumpster is not to exceed a 90-day limit on 41st Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Presentations

Mr. Blumberg, Mr. Chip Reed, Esq., Mr. Chris Hatcher and Mr. Gordon Ingerson, KPN Architects, presented design changes to the Landy Property. The design changes proposed to this project are minor in nature and improve the overall plan. The Prince George's County Planning Board staff support the proposed changes. See Continuing Business below for Council vote on this matter.

Department Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that he is working on scheduling interviews with three Traffic Engineers. The Cafritz Committee has been meeting regularly. Useful matrixes are being developed to help committee members manage this complicated project. Regarding the Maryland Book Exchange Project, Mayor Tabori asked Suellen Ferguson to give a brief update on the solutions to the County Council's Remand Order the developer will present to College Park and the Planning Board.

Public Works Director Michael Beall reported on the speed limit signs posted in town and the installation of new signs. Mr. Beall reported on WSSC water main repairs and patchwork on town roads.

Police Chief Wynnyk attended the public safety committee meeting held by CM Alvarez. A public safety meeting for the hearing impaired (with signer) was held for residents. The CERT Team has a new member, recommended by Mr. Stickles. Grant applications have been submitted for School Bus and DUI grants.

Council Reports

CM Alvarez, Chair of the Committee on Police, Traffic & Public Safety, reported that the Committee, the Town Chief of Police and several Town residents discussed the Traffic Study for Wards 2 and 6 completed by Mr. Cook in Spring 2012. The Committee recommended reinstalling speed bumps or speed tables on Sheridan as soon as possible. The Committee also recommended that all speed bumps or speed tables be uniform throughout the Town. CM Alvarez recommended that speed tables and not speed bumps be installed. Further discussion of the Traffic Study and a discussion of the use of stop bars, speed cameras, curb painting and additional speed control in the Town will be held at a future meeting. *Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Proceed with Installing Lower Cost Speed Tables on Sheridan, Tuckerman and Pineway; the Remaining Issues to be Referred to the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee for Further Review and Recommendations.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

CM Brosch proposed the Town Council take a stand against gambling and gaming in Prince George's County and the State of Maryland, and moved that Council take a formal stand against the ballot initiative to urge residents to vote against Question No.7. *Motion that the*

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council of University Park Take a Formal Position in Opposition to Ballot Question No. 7. During the brief discussion, 4 of 5 of the council members present expressed personal opposition to Question 7. At the conclusion of this discussion, CM Carey moved to table the motion to oppose Question 7, noting that this issue has little to do with the business of the Town of University Park and this issue is not on the declared agenda for this meeting, therefore Council members have not had an opportunity to discuss this with constituents. *Motion to Table the Motion in Opposition to Ballot Question No. 7.* Motion approved 3 to 2 (Brosch and Alvarez opposed).

Continuing Business

Motion to Approve Adopting the FY-12 Budget Item Transfers as Presented by the Town Treasurer, to Make the Necessary Adjustments Per the Fiscal Year-End Analysis and to Transfer the Funds to the Appropriate Budget Items. Motion approved 5 to 0.

The town supports the Landy Property design changes. Upon receipt of the referral from Park and Planning, the said letter will be brought before Council for final review. *Motion: The Town has no objections to any of the minor amendments proposed to the Detailed Site Plan for the Landy Property. We support the redesign of the parking or loading areas, which has the effect of reducing the impervious area and thereby buffering the flows of storm water into Wells Run upstream of University Park. We also support the minor amendments, which will encourage bicycle use.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

New Business

Motion to Approve the Introduction of FY13 Budget Item Transfers to Cover Costs Related to Storm Cleanup Recommended by the Town Treasurer, to Transfer a Total of \$40,000 from Undesignated Reserves, and Move \$35,000 into the Park Tree Maintenance Line Item and \$5,000 into the Street Tree Maintenance Line Items. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to Approve a Two-Month Extension of the Current STEP Kitchen Waste Compost Pilot Until the End of December 2012 Using Budgeted STEP Funds and to Schedule Time in November to Consider Expanding the Program into 2013. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to Approve Developing a Technical Consulting Service Agreement with Live Green Similar in Scope to the Agreement in Place with STEP's Current Technical Service Consultant Subject to Town Attorney Review. In order to avoid a conflict of interest Chuck Wilson will be the sole administrator on the Live Green agreement. Motion approved 4 to 0 (Brosch abstains).

Motion to Approve Amending the Contract with Pinnacle Communications Resources Company, LLC to Complete Unfinished Program Evaluation Work Using the Scope of Work and the Unspent Funds from the Original SERA Contract Subject to Town Attorney Review. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to Approve Negotiating a Contract Directly with ICF to Complete Unfinished Utility Evaluation Work Using the Scope of Work and the Unspent Funds from the Original SERA Contract Subject to Town Attorney Review. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to Approve Authorizing Mayor Tabori to Draft a Letter of Opposition on the Maryland Book Exchange as Reported Out from the Planning Board and to Support College Park's Position and any Compromise They Might Make. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to Approve Closing the Legislative Meeting at 10:25 PM to Move into Executive Session to Consult with Counsel to Obtain Legal Advice and Consider Matters that Relate to Negotiations. Motion approved 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM.

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.



Potluck Dinner & Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 1, 5 PM & 7 PM

Town residents are invited to gather at Riverdale Presbyterian Church for a potluck dinner, a performance of Santa's Present by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, and crafts and games for children, followed by a walk to Henson Green for the annual holiday tree lighting.



Please bring a main or side dish or dessert to share with 10-12 people. Please bring your dish in a totally disposable pan or bring a grocery bag to take home the dish, utensils and any leftovers. Bring a new pair of gloves, mittens or winter hat to decorate the Mitten Tree for a local charity.

The University Park bus is available this year to transport residents to and from the potluck and tree lighting. Seniors wishing to make use of this service should make a reservation through the Town Hall at 301-927-4262. These December 1 activities are arranged by volunteers coordinated by the University Park Civic Association and open to all town residents.

For All Good Causes

Holiday Market & Sharing Fair

Saturday, December 1, 9:30 AM-3 PM

Shop with a heart for the earth and its people. Choose alternative gifts from nonprofit and Fair Trade sources that build justice, make peace and protect the environment. Stop at the Bake Sale table for homemade cookies, pies, cakes and candies. Feast on grilled bratwurst, veggie or buffalo burgers, hot cider and fresh, sugar and cinnamon coated almonds. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, December 11, 8-10 PM

December's selection is the novel *44 Scotland Street* by Alexander McCall Smith. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. The January selection is *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. Call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

UPWC Holiday Boutique

Friday, December 14 from 6:30-10 PM

The University Park Woman's Club will offer a holiday boutique for your shopping pleasure at the home of Amelia Roberts, 7036 Hunter Lane. Vendors will be selling hand-made arts and crafts. The boutique is being held in conjunction with the annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour. For information about the Candlelight House Tour see the insert in this newsletter. The boutique will feature 6 vendors and the club's Santa's Corner. The Woman's Club will be selling a variety of holiday items including the 2012 White House Christmas ornament, the White House commemorative ornament and decorated fresh green wreaths.



Proceeds from the boutique and the house tour support scholarships and educational/cultural projects in the community.

LUP Boys and Girls Club Basketball

Registration for ages 5-15 is closing on December 21. Several teams are already filled so don't wait, register now! Register on our website, www.lupsports.com. Any questions, call Alex Heitkemper at 301-503-7783.

Christmas Concert, Harp Ensemble, Saturday, December 1, 7 PM

The Berwyn Concert Series is proud to present the 3-Harp Ensemble formed by Cheryl Roeske, Sue Richards and Mimi McNeel performing arrangements of classical, traditional and Christmas music in a sanctuary decorated for the holidays. Free and open to the public. Donations welcome. Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Friday, December 7, 8 PM

The UMD Choral Activities presents the eleventh annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Memorial Chapel on the College Park campus. This service is modeled after the world famous Christmas Eve tradition presented annually at Kings College Cambridge on National Public Radio. This year's event will use the original format of the 1918 service. They will be joined by the Maryland State Boychoir, Femmes de Chanson, MännerMusik and organist Theodore Guarrant, plus readers from the University campus and

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

community, with audience participation. Tickets \$15, \$10 seniors (62+), \$5 students and children. Call 301-405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

Dominion Brass Christmas Concert Sunday December 9, 5 PM The Dominion Brass is a large brass and percussion ensemble made up of professional musicians and music educators from the DC area. Since their founding in 2002, the ensemble has raised over \$30,000 in support of various local, national and international ministries and charities. The concert is free, but canned food donations to the College Park Food Bank or monetary donations to World Vision will gladly be accepted. Wallace Presbyterian Church, 3725 Metzert Rd., College Park. For more information, call 301-935-5900, www.wallacepca.org.



Senator Pinsky's Town Hall Meeting Saturday, December 15, 9:30-11 AM Maryland State Senator Paul G. Pinsky will share a legislative update. Chief Administrative Officer Bradford Seamon will present the latest news from the Prince George's County Executive's Office. Time will be set aside to hear from you. Mark your calendar and bring your family and neighbors. For more information, call 240-391-8154 or email ppinsky@senatorpinsky.org. Riverdale Elementary School, 5600 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park.

Intro to Iyengar Yoga with Anna Rain Mondays, 6:15-7:45 PM, January 14, 21, 28, February 4 Come give Iyengar yoga a try and see how you can increase your flexibility and have fun and feel good. A regular yoga practice can improve mental and physical health. No one is the wrong size. No one is too old or too stiff to benefit. 4-week Introductory Series for those new to yoga and new to the Iyengar method. Cost: \$54. More information is available from Anna Rain, certified Iyengar yoga instructor, at www.annarainyoga.com, 240-645-8482. Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

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.

College Park Youth Orchestra Concert Sunday, December 2, 7 PM Director Ken Whitley will conduct the

Primary and Intermediate Ensembles in this Christmas concert. Free. Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville.

Diving Board: New Plays by Local Playwrights Friday and Saturday, December 7-8 Active Cultures Theatre brings the annual Diving Board Play Reading series to the Old Parish House. **Saturday, 5 PM**—For the Love of Cricket is a Bollywood-inspired loved story set amongst graduate engineering students at UMD. **Saturday, 8 PM**—Our Man Beverly Snow is a historical drama about local food culture and race relations set in DC in the 1830s. **Friday, 8 PM**—TBA.

CPAE BOOK CLUB Friday, December 14, 7:30-9 PM Discuss Literary Nonfiction by Women at the CPAE Book Club. December's book is *Passionate Nomad: The Life of Freya Stark*, by Jane Fletcher Geniesse.

Youth Choir and Vocetti Winter Concert Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 PM Chris Fominaya directs these talented young singers for their winter community concert. Free. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park.



Riversdale

The Riversdale Museum Shop

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

An 1812 Winter Evening at Riversdale Friday, December 28, 6-9 PM Riversdale invites you to relax in the warm glow of our candlelit mansion. The house will be festooned with greens and period music will play as costumed interpreters representing family, friends and servants of the house interact with visitors on their self-guided tours of the mansion. Cooking over an open hearth fire in the kitchen, children's activities and warming refreshments are all part of the spirit of the evening. \$5/adults, free/children 12 and under. No reservations necessary. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.

OBITUARIES

Longtime resident of UP Ruth Lutwack, 96, passed away October 24. Mrs. Lutwack served as Mayor of University Park from 1974 to 1982. She was living at Autumn Assisted Living in Cockeysville, MD when she died of congestive heart failure.



Ruth Lutwack led a life dedicated to public service and improving the lives of the people and communities where she lived. Upon moving to Maryland, she became involved in women's groups in the area and eventually centered her focus on University Park. Through her tireless effort working first with the Woman's Club and then in four terms as Mayor, many improvements were made in the Town and the quality of life of residents.

Under her guidance the town became a member of the Maryland Municipal League, developed a viable police department and instituted a Neighborhood Watch program, which contributed to a reduction in crime. Mrs. Lutwack was also instrumental in establishing the Town Newsletter, building two new tennis courts and resurfacing the others.

Also during her terms as Mayor the Town established a dedicated Town Hall building that provided offices for the mayor, town treasurer and University Park Police Department as well as facilities for the University Park public works department, a room for monthly council meetings and storage space for town records and small equipment. Other accomplishments include installing new street signs throughout town and stopping the serious flooding in the Town Park by building a new bridge and culvert.

Ruth Vivian Taylor was born in Glastonbury, Conn. She settled in the Washington area around 1950. She was a matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, a service organization. She was a past president of a University of Maryland club for spouses of faculty. She served on the Prince George's County zoning committee and unsuccessfully advocated against the Metro train system extending to

the University Park area. She moved to Towson, MD from University Park in 2001.

Her husband of 62 years, Leonard Lutwack, an English professor emeritus at the University of Maryland, died in 2008. Survivors include her daughter, Penelope Fallon of Lutherville, MD and two grandchildren.



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.

PEPCO TREE REMOVAL/TRIMMING

on Route 1 has raised considerable concern about the impact that Pepco may have on our canopy. To address these issues the Town Council will conduct a walk-through on a date TBD. Please watch for an e-notice.

On December 3 and 17, the Town Council will discuss and determine the extent of Pepco's work in Wards 3 through 7. Public input is welcome at both meetings.

University Park Woman's Club
19TH ANNUAL
CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY
HOUSE TOUR &
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



Friday, December 14, 2012

House Tour 7-10 PM

Holiday Boutique 6:30-10:30 PM

Tour Homes

Alvarez, 4103 Van Buren

Becraft, 7016 Partridge Place

Freeman, 4212 Woodberry

Model Home, The Reserve,

7249 Commander Drive

Roberts, 7036 Hunter Lane

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

For advance tickets, please call 301-277-0414 or
purchase at the UP holiday potluck dinner & tree lighting December 1.

Tickets will also be available Friday, December 14 during event hours at each house and at the holiday boutique. No admittance without a ticket. The boutique will be located at 7036 Hunter Lane and features local artisans.

Proceeds support college scholarships and community service projects.

University Park Woman's Club
HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST
Sunday, December 16, 2012



By having the UPWC House Decorating contest the 3rd Sunday of December we hope to enable more people to be involved in the contest. This year the contest will judge only those houses that are decorated when it is dark.

Please turn on your lights by 5 PM.

Categories

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

Rules

- ◆ Decorations should be done by owners.
- ◆ 2011 winners cannot win in the same category this year, especially if the decorations remain the same as the previous year.
- ◆ Winners will receive a certificate along with a sign placed in their yard.

December 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Holiday Market 9:30 AM Potluck Dinner & Tree Lighting 5 PM & 7 PM Newsletter Deadline
2	3 Town Council 7:30	4	5 TBD Cafritz Oversight Committee	6	7	8
9	10	11 After 8 Book Group	12 TBD Cafritz Oversight Committee	13	14 Candlelight Holiday House Tour 7 PM	15
16 House Decorating Contest 5 PM	17 Town Council 7:30	18	19 TBD Cafritz Oversight Committee	20	21 LUP Club Basketball Registration ends	22
23	24	25 Holiday	26	27	28	29
30	31 January 1 Holiday					



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