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## FROM THE MAYOR

The **Cafritz project** has temporarily come to a halt with the withdrawal of their Preliminary Plan of Subdivision application the day before the January 17 Planning Board hearing. They withdrew due to their inability to meet critical District Council zoning order conditions and the Town's covenants, specifically the CSX crossing condition. This condition requires the Cafritzes to secure landing rights for the bridge on the eastern side of the CSX tracks and secure funding for bridge construction. In addition, other conditions to be met prior to the Planning Board hearing were identified as unmet by the Planning Board's staff in its report. Consequently, the planning staff recommended disapproval of the application.

The University Park Cafritz Oversight and Monitoring Committee was concerned by other unmet conditions and recommended that the Town Council support the

planning staff position of disapproval and address separately these conditions. In a January 14 special session, the Council met and voted to disapprove the Cafritz Preliminary Plan of Subdivision unanimously. It appears that College Park and Riverdale Park were also prepared to vote for disapproval the next evening. In the face of the concerns expressed, the Cafritz team withdrew their application. The Cafritz team did not help its cause by releasing three letters with misleading authorship and agreement language.

Despite this difficult experience, the various Town and County officials did not waiver, unanimously suggesting to the Cafritz team that they withdraw their application. Town Hall, the Cafritz Committee and the Council will continue to carefully monitor the project. In discussions with the Cafritz development team afterwards, they indicated that they would resubmit within 30-120 days. The

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	February 4 & 25
Holidays	February 18
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](http://www.upmd.org) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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Town has continued to emphasize the need for timely information. Transparency is not just open discussion and decision-making; it is timely notice. As the new application becomes available and other actions are taken by the Cafritz development team, we will notify the Town and place the pertinent documents on the Town's Cafritz blog site.

**Pepco's plan to trim our trees**, private and public, around their power lines has required Town staff, Mayor and Council's attention. After considerable Council debate, the Mayor adopted a two-pronged strategy: 1) the Town would issue a permit to remove the agreed-upon list of trees in the Town's right of way and 2) would file a complaint with the Public Service Commission (PSC) unless a more satisfactory solution was reached regarding the Route 1 trimming. On January 10, the PSC issued a ruling in the dispute between North Chevy Chase Section 5 and Pepco which mirrors our situation. In the ruling, the PSC required Pepco to develop a pruning plan and submit it to the municipality for review. The municipality could reject in whole or part or suggest modifications to the plan. Pepco has indicated a willingness to discuss a similar agreement with the Town.

In light of the Pepco negotiations, it is increasingly clear that the Town needs a plan that addresses tree planting on both public and private property. Residential property values tend to be higher in or near urban forests. University Park's trees create a very pleasant environment in which to raise our children and enjoy our lives. During the budget process, I expect to look at how the Town can preserve its urban forest and ensure energy delivery is not at risk due to poor tree maintenance and planting practices. If you have suggestions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Town Hall with your ideas. The Town Tree Committee under Chair Lindsey Hicks will meet regularly this spring to consider this matter. Town residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

**Budget Schedule** On February 25, the Mayor and Treasurer will present a mid-year review of the current budget and project the full year revenues and costs. The Mayor's budget will be prepared during March and in accordance with the Town Charter will be presented to the Council and the public on or before March 31, with a formal presentation by the Mayor and Treasurer before Council on April 8. The scheduled Council Meetings of April 15

and May 6 will allow for Council and public discussion of the budget. On May 20, the Council will hold a formal tax rate hearing, if necessary, and vote on the final budget. Please transmit any budget requests to Town Hall before March 1. It is exceedingly difficult to place things in the budget at the last minute.

For the past five years we have kept taxes constant and have not increased property taxes. We are working to continue this for one or two more budget cycles, but cannot guarantee it. Please be patient as we gather information throughout February and determine whether any property tax rate increase will be necessary. I will make every effort to inform the Town as early as possible on this issue.

**Historic District** In late December, the Town was informed by the State that entire Town had been designated as a historic district. Previously only those sections roughly encompassed by Wards 1 through 5 were so designated. This designation conveys some potential tax benefits when you fix up your home if you follow certain guidelines to its historical character. Thanks to Howard Berger and Historical Preservation Commission staff, and Bev Silverberg, President of the College Heights Estates Association, for their hard work and persistence on this issue.

**The streets** will be finished this spring with the exception of Queens Chapel Road. We are seeking funding to make it a green street. The STEP-UP Program will finish up by the end of August. For those of you who have not yet taken advantage of the program, please contact Suzanne Parmet or Chuck Wilson. They will help you with information.

**Town elections for Council representatives from Wards 2, 4, 5 and 6 will be held on May 7.** If you are interested, ballot petitions are available at Town Hall. They must be completed along with the conflict of interest statement and submitted to Town Hall by 5 PM, Monday, April 8. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Tracey Toscano, the Town Clerk.

*Enjoy the winter, drive safely, keep the snow and ice off your sidewalks, and I will see you around Town!*

*John Rogard Tabori*

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

How prepared are you for an emergency event? Until the news warns of a weather event that threatens loss of power, blocked roads, shut down schools and other such inconveniences, we generally go about our daily routine and panic shop at the last minute for water, batteries, shovels and everything else the masses swarm to purchase.

Simply ask yourself, are you ready? Preparation for every possible scenario can be simplified:

- ◆ Have at least a three day supply of food and drinking water on hand for each member of your family and include foods that do not require cooking. Periodically review your supplies and restock with fresh items when there is no emergency.
- ◆ Have a portable radio with batteries for important information. Consider a battery back-up unit for your computer. Change the batteries in your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. Check your electronic devices and determine if you could function without things like a can opener, microwave and coffee maker. Keep your cell phone charged.
- ◆ Restock your first aid supplies, medications, blankets, flashlights, matches, candles and other necessities.
- ◆ Rehearse a family disaster plan with the entire family and make sure everyone is in agreement with it. If you have young children, explain the importance of a plan and have a predetermined location to meet outside of the home in case you are separated.
- ◆ Pets are family members, too. Provide food, water and shelter for them as well.
- ◆ Check and update your emergency contact numbers; i.e., Pepco, WSSC, telephone, poison control, vet, etc.
- ◆ Know how to shut off your water, gas and electric in case the utility company is delayed in responding.
- ◆ Keep plenty of fuel in your vehicle, since during extended power outages gasoline may not be available. Keep your lawn mower gas can full and in the shed.
- ◆ Know your neighbors and be available to assist each other.
- ◆ If you have family in the area, keep them informed of your status. If you leave home for shelter, let someone know where you have gone.



Being prepared will relieve anxiety for yourself and the entire family. *Don't panic, prepare.*

**Theft** On November 30 at 11:45 AM in the University Park Elementary School a suspect entered a classroom and stole a wallet containing cash and assorted cards from the desk of a teacher. Possible suspect was identified. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** On December 4 between 5:30 and 6:30 PM in the 4400 block of Wells Parkway suspect/s stole a holiday lawn ornament (candy cane) from the front yard of the residence. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

**Theft from Auto** On December 8 between 3 and 5 PM in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. suspect/s stole the rear tag from a 1979 Chevy Corvette. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Recovered Stolen Auto** On December 13 at 8:50 PM in the 4400 block of Underwood St. the UPPD recovered a 1995 Jeep Cherokee that had been stolen from the 6800 block of Farragut St. in Hyattsville on November 28. No suspect/s or witness could be located. Investigation is ongoing.

**Breaking & Entering** On December 11 between 10:40 AM and 1 PM in the 6700 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s broke the rear door of the residence and stole some cash, a 40" Sanyo TV, and various DVDs. The UPPD and the PGPD responded and checked the area for witnesses and suspects. The investigation is ongoing.



### Recording Secretary Needed

The Town of University Park needs a dependable part-time person to take minutes twice a month at Town Council meetings. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays beginning at 7:30 PM and lasting approximately 2.5-3 hours each. Minutes must be transcribed into MS Word format. Rate per hour, including meeting and transcription time, is negotiable. Spelling and editing skills a plus. If interested, please call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

## TOWN NEWS



Small STEP. Big Impact.

The Small Town Energy Program ends this summer, and we are in the final months of accepting new participants in the program (more than 300 to date!). Please contact STEP today if you are interested in the program but have not yet gotten around to it. STEP covers \$300 of the \$400 cost of a home energy evaluation. If you decide to make some of the 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. Contact Suzanne Parmet at [energy-coach@smalltownenergy.org](mailto:energy-coach@smalltownenergy.org) or 240-695-3991, or visit the web site at <http://www.smalltownenergy.org>.

As part of the recent fiscal cliff resolution, Congress has reinstated tax credits for home energy efficiency improvements. These credits are now extended until the end of 2013, and are retroactive for home energy improvements done in 2012. The credit covers 10% of the cost for efficient windows, air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces and water heaters as well as for insulation and materials for air and duct sealing. The credit is capped at \$200 to \$500, varying with the type of equipment installed. Information can be found at [www.energytaxincentives.org](http://www.energytaxincentives.org), or by calling STEP Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet at 240-695-3991.

### Town Reminders

**Snow Storms** During snow storms, please consult the Town website at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) or call Town Hall to find out if parking restrictions are in effect.

If you have a driveway, park your car in it during the storm. This makes it easier for Town crews to plow and emergency vehicles to pass through the streets.

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

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

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

### December 3 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Public Comment

Ms. Jenny Glenn reported a sink hole found in a grassy area next to Wells Run. CM Cron reported that the road has not been properly fixed in the spot where the water main broke on Adelphi Road.

#### Permits

**Application to Repair Damages Caused by Fire, Install Wood Framing on Exterior Walls, Insulation, Replace Drywall, Windows and Doors, 4111 Woodberry Street**  
Motion to approve the application to repair and install wood framing on exterior walls, R-19 insulation, replace drywall, windows and doors located on at 4111 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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### New Business

***Appointment of the Town Clerk as Referenced in Article VII, Section 701 of the Town Charter*** Motion to approve the appointment of the Town Clerk made by the Mayor referenced in Article VII, Section 701 of the Town Charter. Motion approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Christiansen and Sorensen opposed).

***2013 University Park Proposed Council Meeting Schedule*** Motion to approve the proposed 2013 University Park Council Meeting Schedule. Motion approved 7 to 0.

***Special Holiday Compensation for Town Employees*** Motion to approve a special 2012 holiday compensation in the amount of \$300 net of deductions for each current, active employee as of December 1 of that year. Motion approved 7 to 0.

***Resolution 12-R-07 to Execute User Agreements Between the Town of University Park and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services of the State of Maryland and the Motor Vehicle Administration*** Motion to approve adopting Resolution 12-R-07 to authorize the Mayor to execute the Criminal History Records Information User Agreement with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Motor Vehicle Administration Data User Agreement between the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services of the State of Maryland on behalf of the Town of University Park and to sign such agreements in the future on behalf of the Town. Motion approved 7 to 0.

***Contract with Traffic Engineering Firm Kimley-Horn*** Motion to approve the contract and award the bid to the Traffic Engineering firm Kimley-Horn for \$103,500 subject to funding. Motion approved 7 to 0.

***Marvin Blumberg Company, Landy Property Design Changes; Council Review Draft Letter of Support*** Motion to approve authorizing Mayor Tabori to submit the draft letter as revised in support of the Landy Property design changes. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM.



### December 14 Council Special Session Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Christiansen, Carey, Sorensen, Alvarez; Excused, CM Cron. Also present Michael Beall, Director of Public Works, Suellen Ferguson, Town Attorney, John Anna, Town Arborist and President of Adirondack Tree Experts, and Pepco representatives Jerry Pasternak, Region VP, Maryland Affairs and Nathan McElroy, Staff Forester, Vegetation Management.

#### Permit

**Walk-Through Town with Pepco Officials to Review the Tree Trimming and Tree Removal Plan as Proposed.** The Town shuttle bus was used to facilitate a discussion of the group in attendance. Of the list of trees Pepco has proposed for removal/trimming, there are four trees on the removal list that the Town is not in agreement with Pepco on. Council focused on those trees that the Town and Pepco do not agree on. The four trees viewed and discussed are located on Sheridan Street. These particular trees are found in the public right-of-way at following addresses: 4222, 4316 and 4318.

**Council Discussion on Pepco's Permit Request to Trim and Remove Trees in Town.** Council discussed a complex array of issues involved in the care of town trees and the work required to complete this permit. The questions discussed during the meeting will become part of the structure for a draft proposal Council will consider at the regular Town Council meeting in January 2013. Council will review the draft permit proposal and allow time for public review.

Topics discussed included but were not limited to:

- ◆ the terms and conditions for notification
- ◆ the allotment of time necessary for the notification process and the length of time needed once a permit request is submitted through work completed
- ◆ how resident notification should occur as well as Pepco posting door hangers
- ◆ hours of work permitted Monday through Friday
- ◆ proper traffic control at all times per State Highway Administration standards
- ◆ requirement to provide the Town with a complete list of contractors and subcontractors
- ◆ the length of time a permit would be issued for

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- ◆ work site interactions between the Pepco arborist, contractors/subcontractors hired by Pepco and the Town arborist
- ◆ notification of complaints received and any correspondence related to the progress of the work
- ◆ standards used for tree trimming and tree removal
- ◆ how the project will be phased
- ◆ who is responsible and what action will be taken if there is tree damage caused by excessive trimming or pruning
- ◆ who has the authority to determine a tree is damaged due to over pruning, who has the authority to remove a damaged tree and who is responsible to pay for the cost of replacing damaged trees
- ◆ who is responsible for any damage claims on public or private property and the cost of removing and replacing those trees
- ◆ who will determine the type of tree used to replace any damaged trees

The Special Session was adjourned at 2:40 PM.



### December 17 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Public Comment

CM Cron complimented the STEP compost pilot program, adding that he is pleased to see the program expanding. CM Cron offered a suggestion to provide a training seminar to residents on how-to compost safely in your own backyard for those residents who wish to compost for personal use. CM Brosch suggested that if Town residents did not register for all of the available 150 spaces the expanded compost program is accepting, that any remaining spaces be offered to residents in College Heights Estates.

#### Presentation

*Town Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2012* Review of the Auditor's Report, presented by Frank DeFroda and Tim Sawyer of Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP. The Auditors reported that there were no financial problems discovered during the audit process; no significant adjustments of note were necessary, there were only a few journal entries. Financial operations have been followed as stated in the rules required by the Town, staff and

elected officials interviewed were cooperative and reported no operational concerns and no deficiencies were found. Current assets are available to cover expenses for a year with a favorable 3:1 ratio. FY12 shows the Town has a healthy fund balance of \$1.7 million. The new section of the report is the Single Audit; this system is a requirement for the federal grant received through the STEP program. No concerns or deficiencies were found.

Reports are available in Town Hall and can be reviewed during business hours.

#### *Traffic Engineer*

Mayor Tabori introduced Mr. Papazian who is the consultant selected by the Town of University Park to conduct an independent traffic engineering study on the materials for Cafritz through the planning process. Mr. Papazian gave a brief summary of all materials in the record that he has reviewed to date, which include traffic studies, staff reports, memorandums, maps, conditions and agreements with the Town of University Park and Cafritz Tract, LLC, traffic lights proposed, trip caps, the circulator bus, the Town Shuttle and other related materials from the past few years available in the public record on the Cafritz development project.

Mr. Papazian stated that the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) provided by the developer is comprehensive; however, he encouraged the Town to make sure that the details of each transportation element be clearly defined and nailed down during the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) stage at meetings with the Planning Board staff. Transportation management plans proposed, such as the shuttle bus, must be defined with as much detail as possible during this time. He also suggested that the Town make sure any assumptions regarding the CSX overpass bridge are clearly defined and described in a comprehensive manner, making sure to include as much detail as possible. Mr. Papazian added that he could not find information describing the uses for Maryland Avenue. He suggested that uses for Maryland Avenue be defined at this time with the Planning Board staff and included in reports.

CM Christiansen said some residents have expressed concerns that the CSX Bridge might not be wide enough at 2 lanes. Mr. Papazian suggests that the bridge be designed to support future needs.

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Ms. Ferguson discussed the TMP with Mr. Papazian and specifically asked that he clarify that the information describing the Town Shuttle Bus program is a program already established by the Town of University Park and that the circulator bus offered in the Cafritz PPS is a completely separate program which is the responsibility of the developer. Mr. Papazian stated that the two programs are well stated as two separate programs.

Mr. Chip Reed agreed with the analysis of the traffic plans for the project as presented by Mr. Papazian. Mr. Reed offered to forward the traffic report from State Highway Administration and other documents as needed.

### Permits

Council discussion on the Pepco permit request to trim and remove trees in town continues. Progress is being made on specific elements for this permit. Mr. Pasternak, Region VP, Maryland Affairs, Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Beall and Mr. Tabori continue to work with Council to develop a draft permit for Council. The issues that are currently being discussed are resident notification via door hangers and letters to residents and/or signs. Mayor Tabori suggested that the timeline for permits issued would be 60 days. Council discussed the course of action the Town will take if trees are damaged by Pepco contractors and the process to replace damaged trees.

CM Carey moved to table the discussion on the Pepco permit. CM Sorensen seconded the motion to table. Mayor Tabori ruled the motion out of order, stating that you can't table a discussion. Mayor Tabori asked if Council would agree to continue the discussion for an additional 10 minutes. Council members agree to continue the discussion by consent.

A vote on the Pepco permit request was not taken. Mayor Tabori will draft a letter describing the agreements thus far.

***Council Discussion and Vote on Pepco's Permit Request to Trim and Remove Trees in Town*** Motion will be inserted when conditions for the Pepco permit are final.

***Motion Moved to Request the Town Attorney to Have a Draft Permit Completed by the Regular Town Council Meeting on January 7, 2013.*** Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that an Executive Session was not called during the special meeting with Pepco on December 14. The revised letter of support on the Landy Property design changes has been sent to Prince George's County Planning Board staff. Materials are being uploaded tonight onto the Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee secure website. Committee members are encouraged to log on and test the site. The documents will also be added to the Town website later this week. Holiday hours for Town Hall and the Shuttle Bus will be posted as soon as possible.

Mr. Chuck Wilson reported on the STEP activities. Residents continue to sign up in those communities recently added to the program. The Prince George's County School Board negotiations have been activated once again and the contract agreement to place solar panels on UPES is in the final stages of approval. The Town-wide compost program has gone through its third revision; the revised and expanded Town-wide program is moving ahead and will begin in early January 2013. A meeting with Pinnacle is scheduled for tomorrow. Pinnacle will implement and manage the evaluation requirement for the entire 3 years of the STEP project. A complete evaluation is a required element for this grant.

Town Treasurer Baden reported on the Town's income and expenditure totals for the month of December.

Department of Public Works Director Beall reported that a meeting is scheduled with WSSC to resolve the road repairs. He plans to attend a required meeting with FEMA to receive reimbursement funds for Hurricane Sandy. Leaf collection has gone very well and will be complete in the first week of January.

CM Carey asked if town trees will be marked before Pepco removes them and about plans to post signs to notify residents when Pepco will be trimming and/or removing trees in town. CM Sorensen expressed the importance of having the signs include the contact information for Pepco if/when residents need to report problems, or have questions or concerns on tree work that is done.

Police Chief Wynnyk reported on the success of the Town Tree Lighting event and that the UP Women's Club decorating contest went as planned, as well. Chief

## MINUTES

Wynnyk reported on the December crime statistics.

### Council Reports

***Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure Committee Report*** CM Sorensen reported on the issue of a Recording Secretary and meeting minutes. The Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure Committee addressed Council concerns by recommending that Council return to the previous method of recording minutes and hire a new Recording Secretary to attend meetings and submit minutes to the Town Clerk.

***Outline of University Park Asian Tiger Mosquito Control Project*** CM Brosch introduced Mr. Dan Strickman, as a neighbor and mosquito expert. Mr. Strickman discussed the Asian Tiger Mosquito Control Project he conducted in sections of town. Mosquitoes were trapped and counted, residents were surveyed on questions of downspouts, rain barrels and other water sources on residential properties. Mr. Strickman suggested prices per household and other costs that the town may consider in the future to help residents control mosquitoes. Council asked Mr. Strickman questions, such as the life span of mosquitoes and whether a public hearing would be helpful to discuss this information with residents and answer questions. Mr. Strickman and CM Brosch agreed a public presentation could be beneficial. Mr. Strickman discussed program costs and added that these programs would require a budgeted line item each year. In addition, this project could require the Town to consider creating a new position to manage this program.

### New Business

***Letter to Support the Staff Report of the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission on the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-12004 Cafritz Property*** Motion to approve the draft letter to Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in support of the staff report including the revised recommendations on the Cafritz Property Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-12004. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Council discussed the reasons to move into a closed session. Ms. Ferguson stated that Council may invite anyone you wish into the closed session who may provide answers to questions Council has on the matter.

***Motion to Approve Moving into Executive Session to Consult with Counsel to Obtain Legal Advice.*** Motion

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approved 7 to 0.

The public meeting was adjourned and the Mayor and Council moved the Executive Session to the conference room in Town Hall at 6724 Baltimore Avenue.

### Doris Penn Hendershot

Doris Penn Hendershot died at her University Park home on January 2 after 18 months of treatment for cancer. She was 74. She moved to Wells Parkway in February 1977. She was a retired librarian who worked most recently for the Textile Museum in DC. She is survived by her husband, Gerry Hendershot, of University Park, a daughter, Tabitha Hendershot Foti, a son-in-law, John Foti, and two grandsons, Thomas Hendershot Foti and Michael Franklin Foti, all of Arlington, VA.



Doris was born on a farm near New Concord, Ohio and graduated from Muskingum College. While attending library school at the University of Chicago, she met and married Gerry in 1964. They lived in Wooster OH, Manila, The Philippines, Nashville TN and Providence RI, before moving to UP. Doris was an active member of Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 1977-1991, before moving her membership to the Church of the Pilgrims. Her daughter attended UPES, Hyattsville Middle and Northwestern High School.

A fourth generation Presbyterian, Doris held leadership positions in several Presbyterian-related organizations in the area, including Presbyterian Women of National Capital Presbytery, Elder for Worship and Music at Pilgrims and the Women's Board of the Ingleside Retirement Community.

Doris was a prodigious reader, favoring works of biography, spirituality, textile arts and mystery series (Dick Francis was a favorite). Her frequent visits to the Hyattsville Library made her very familiar to the staff there. Near the end of her life, her walks through the park between library and home were a major source of exercise and pleasure for her.

**UP Woman's Club Meeting**

**Arts in the Community**

**Monday, February 4, 11:30 AM**

Dr. Lauren Heather Lay, program manager at CREATE Arts Center of Silver Spring, will be the speaker at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Dr. Lay's primary focus is textiles, mixed media and abstract painting. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Recreation with an emphasis on Youth and Human Service Agency Leadership and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Arts and Theology. Her studio is in the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, where she is the Artist in Residence and sings in the choir. Dr. Lay will highlight the work of the CREATE Center to bring the arts to the community.

The meeting begins with fellowship at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served at noon and Dr. Lay will speak at 12:30 PM. Guests and those interested in club membership are encouraged to attend the meeting. Call Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414 for additional information on Woman's Club programs and sponsored activities.

**Wednesday Night Live for Families**

**Wednesdays, 6:30-8 PM**

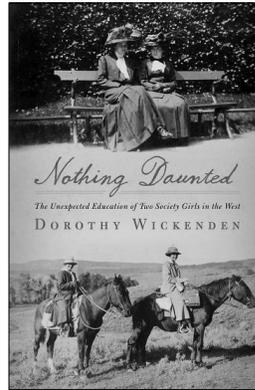
Riverdale Presbyterian Church continues this winter with simple suppers 6:30-7 PM and programs for children (5-12), teens and adults from 7-8 PM. For children, the reading tutoring program (7-7:45) continues. Beginning January 23, Sarah Nelkin returns to teach improvisation and drama games for children ages 5 and up, and beginning hand bells will be taught by Rees Richardson for grades 6 and up.

For adults, Pastor Loril Hawk will lead a Lenten Bible study beginning Ash Wednesday and Gail Randall will lead a 4-week Bible study on Fruits of the Spirit from January 16-February 6.

All are welcome. Please let us know if you will join us for this free program by visiting [www.rivpres.com](http://www.rivpres.com) or phone 301-927-0477. Adults must register children under 12 and let us know pick-up arrangements. We will be looking for volunteers to help with suppers.

**After 8 Book Group**

**Tuesday, February 19, 8-10 PM**



February's selection is *Nothing Daunted* by Dorothy Wickenden, a nonfiction work of two prim and proper New England ladies who travel out to the Wild West. The March selection is *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

**Hold the Date:**

**12th Annual Azalea Classic**

**Saturday, April 20 8:30 AM**

Please join us for the 12th Annual UPES Azalea Classic 5k run/walk, 1 mile kids' challenge and 1k family fun run! You don't need to be a runner to participate in the 5k—walking is great exercise. This community and family event supports the UPES PTA and our neighborhood school. Run or walk and attend the post-race party with food, music, prizes and a DJ. Register at [www.azaleaclassic.com](http://www.azaleaclassic.com).

**Do You Have a Neighbor 90 Years Old?**

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Department of Parks and Recreation is looking for Prince George's County residents ages 90 and above to recognize during its annual Centenarian Celebration this spring. Special recognition will be given to County residents 100 years and better at the spring event. If you know a Prince George's County resident who is 90 years old or above, please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation by February 28. Call 301-206-3350 and provide information about residents 90 and better, or email [public.affairs@pgparks.com](mailto:public.affairs@pgparks.com) and use the subject line "Residents 90 & better." Fill out the Centenarian Form online at [http://www.pgparks.com/Things\\_To\\_Do/Senior\\_Activities/Centenarian\\_Form.htm](http://www.pgparks.com/Things_To_Do/Senior_Activities/Centenarian_Form.htm).



**Lost Pet Database** To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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.

**Historic Whodunit Saturday, February 9, 6:30 PM** In 1812, Augustus Foster, British Minister to the United States, visits Riversdale to bid farewell to the Calverts before his return to England. Caught up in the politics of the war, Foster and other honored guests find themselves in the middle of intrigue and possibly even murder. Meet the minister and other honored guests during dessert; then, working in teams, collect the clues to solve the mystery. Ages 18 & up. \$25/residents, \$30/nonresidents. Registration required by February 1.

**The Plummers' Kitchen Sunday, February 24, 12-3 PM** Explore how enslaved workers, including Riversdale's Plummer family, would have eaten. Join the Riversdale Kitchen Guild in the dependency kitchen and watch as they create early-to-mid 19th century traditional African-American foods. Dishes will be made on the open hearth by costumed interpreters using period cookware. Seasonality of garden produce will also be discussed in reference to the Plummer's profit-generating produce sales. \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/students 5-18; 4 & under Free. No reservations necessary.

**Jane Austen Café Saturday, March 9, 2 PM** In celebration of Jane Austen, a contemporary of Riversdale's Calvert family, and the 200th anniversary of *Pride and Prejudice*, we will be hosting a Jane Austen Café. Delve into a lively discussion about all things *Pride and Prejudice*: food, clothing, characters and more. Light refreshments will be served. \$25/residents, \$30/nonresidents. Advance registration required by March 1.

### 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.

**Dance Show with Shannon Dooling Saturday February 9, 7:30 PM** Shannon will bring friends from near and far to round out an evening of exciting choreography. Special guests: Philadelphia's New Street Dance Company and the local New Chicago Youth Company. Pay as you can donations greatly appreciated.

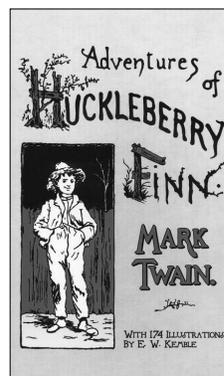
**Chinese New Year Sunday, February 10, 3 PM** Celebrate with this mesmerizing performance of traditional Chinese music by Yuli Wang and Andy Clement. This event is ideal for children 3 and up with their parents.



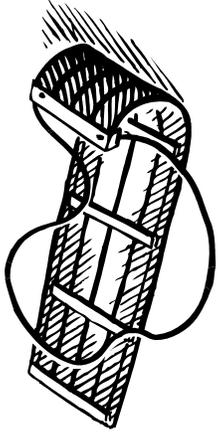
**CPAE Book Club Friday, February 15, 7:30 PM** Discuss Literary Nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. February's book is *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed.

**Children's Arts Drop-In Programs February 23 and 24** Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. Saturday 10 AM-12 PM at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House. This month's theme is 3D paper pop art.

**College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti** Students ages 5 and up work with high-energy director Chris Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills and perform for the public several times a year. \$85 per semester per child. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, beginning January 29.



**Hy-Li Book Discussion: Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* February 16, 3 PM** Come talk about the classic American adventures of young Huck Finn and runaway slave Jim as they escape on a raft down the Mississippi from the questionable civilization of 19th century America. Hyattsville Library, Upper Level Meeting Room.



# February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Trash	2
3	4 UP Woman's Club 11:30 AM Town Council 7:30 PM Yard Waste	5 Trash	6 Wednesday Night Live RPC 6:30-8 PM	7 Recycling	8 Trash	9
10	11 Yard Waste	12 Trash	13 Wednesday Night Live RPC 6:30-8 PM	14 Recycling	15 Trash	16
17	18 Holiday No Yard Waste Pickup	19 After 8 Book Club 8 PM Trash	20 Wednesday Night Live RPC 6:30-8 PM Yard Waste	21 Recycling	22 Trash	23
24	25 Town Council Meeting 7:30 PM Yard Waste	26 Trash	27 Wednesday Night Live RPC 6:30-8 PM	28 Recycling		



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