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MAYOR'S COLUMN

It has been distressing to observe the ongoing incivilities and dysfunction at the highest levels of government in the national news. As Mayor of our small town, I believe this type of behavior shouldn't be accepted in governance at any level yet I fret it may wash into our own sense of community. I am very appreciative that our local custom is different. Here we expect responsive municipal government to protect our interests and work with residents to make our community better. We are all neighbors and strive to work together with civility and empathy.

That's not to say we don't have disagreements in University Park, because we do. When my family moved here in 2004, Queens Chapel Road had long been closed and the matter settled – it had been a dangerous through

road – but the litigation was legend, and not just in our town. In 2008-2009, there was contention over whether Town employees should become part of the Maryland State Retirement Plan. And who can forget the debate regarding the rezoning and development of the Cafritz property, now known as Riverdale Park Station. The Town then considered the purchase of a church property for potential conversion to a town hall and community use. Without doubt there are more issues to come.

Currently our community is grappling with the many traffic impacts throughout town. In the year ahead, Mayor and Council will consider whether to expand and remodel the Town Hall, whether to hire a full- or part-time town manager, and whether town policy should explicitly affirm the Town as a welcoming and inclusive

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	February 5 & 12
Holiday	February 19
Development Committee	February 21

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org.

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community. That's in addition to the annual Council budget deliberations and its tax implications, and the general election in May.

University Park is an active community with a lot on its plate and an ever-shifting array of issues to address. Addressing some of these topics may be difficult, and we should be sure that the issues we take on are worth the difficulty and the risks of division. However, it would be a mistake to avoid issues altogether for fear of stirring things up as avoidance allows disagreements to fester while healthy debate, including mutual respect and listening, can build community and sharpen solutions.

Community conversations can move us forward through difficult terrain. Conversations are two-way: we need to listen with respect for what each of us brings in perspective, and to understand. We don't see enough of this in the national give-and-take, but in municipal government, listening is an essential element of community conversation. We can help too by maintaining a high level of discourse. In our community with its considerable strengths and where ideas matter, incivility costs us all dearly causing people to pull back and withdraw, instead of encouraging us to step in and contribute.

We will always have issues to deal with, some of them difficult, and the future of our community will be shaped not just by their resolution, but how we address them. Working together, as the neighbors we are, is a good approach. Community takes all of us, and we all must listen to each other, pay attention, and show up and speak up on the issues as they arise. Our collective wisdom is strong. Coming together to solve problems and address issues will make us a healthier, more sustainable, and stronger community. Come in then, neighbor, pull up a chair and join the conversation.

—Len Carey

*Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?
Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org*

**Town Council
2018 Adopted Meeting Schedule**
All meetings are open to the public.

February 5	July 9
February 12	July 23
March 5	August 13
March 19	September 17
April 9	September 24
April 23	October 1
May 7	October 15
May 21	November 5
June 4	November 19
June 18	December 3
	December 17

**Notice of Introduction of
Ordinance 18-O-01**

On January 22, 2018, Ordinance 18-O-01 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Legislative Resolution 17-O-03, the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Ordinance, to transfer \$2,600 from Unreserved, Undesignated funds to the General Government Line Item G12, Engineering, to cover the cost of an engineering evaluation of stormwater plans associated with a proposal for redevelopment of the Landy Property, Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-17007, along the headwaters of Wells Run upstream from University Park, as recommended by the Development Overview Committee.

The meeting set for February 5, 2018 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.

For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

**Reminder: Please use University
Park as your address on your
Maryland tax forms.**



FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

University Park is a great place to walk. Many in our community walk, run and bike every day for exercise, commuting, taking the dog out, or for pleasure. Employees of the nearby CDC walk through UP as part of their break from work. As a pedestrian it is important to be safe. Safety tips are universal for children, adults and our senior population:

- When snow makes walking safer than driving, do so with extreme caution. Drivers still tend to venture out, which increases the dangers for everyone. Allow vehicles extra distance for stopping and don't assume they will be able to stop on snow or ice. Snow plows need momentum to push the snow off roads. Please be aware of our plow drivers and help them by staying clear of their intended path.
- Walk on the sidewalks when present. Several streets in UP do not have sidewalks so avoid walking/running down the middle of the road. If you must walk in the road, always walk facing traffic. Don't assume the driver can see you, they may be distracted by tuning the radio, cell phone, coffee, noisy riders, etc. Inattentive driving is a major problem.
- Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Stay out of the driver's blind spot. And make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking/running/cycling near traffic or after dark. Carry a flashlight.
- When walking your dogs, keep the leash short when on a street without sidewalks. Long retractable leashes provide little control in an emergency situation. When walking the dog at night, wear reflective clothing, use a reflective collar or leash, and carry a flashlight so that you can avoid walking the dog onto broken glass or other dangerous items.
- Cross at crosswalks or intersections. Most people struck by cars are hit when crossing at other



places. When crossing, look left, look right and look left again. Children should not cross streets by themselves or be allowed to play or walk near traffic. Kids are small, unpredictable and cannot judge vehicle distances and speeds.

- As a group, senior citizens are particularly dependent on safe streets for walking because many of them no longer drive. Most elderly pedestrian fatalities result from inattention or carelessness, medical conditions or the effects of medication. It is important that elderly pedestrians take street crossing seriously and appreciate the dangers. Eyesight and hearing often become less acute and the judgment of traffic distance and speed can become less accurate. Elderly pedestrians should allow themselves plenty of time to cross the road.
- Generally, pedestrians have the right of way. However, if a driver doesn't see you, is inattentive, uses poor judgment, is speeding or the vehicle malfunctions and you are struck by the vehicle, the consequences are a critical injury or fatality. The driver may or may not be cited, charged and found at fault but that is of little concern when you are critically hurt, incur permanent injuries, or become a fatality.

Stay healthy by walking, running and cycling. It is great exercise, but please do it safely.

Theft Between December 7 8 PM and December 8 8 AM in the 3900 block of Underwood St., a suspect/s entered an unlocked 2010 Nissan Altima and stole one case of ramen noodles, vehicle jumper cables and a tool box containing assorted tools. A second vehicle was entered, an unlocked 2008 Ford Focus and items stolen included a backpack containing school books and a pair of jumper cables. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. Investigation is ongoing.

Helping Hands University Park (HHUP)



By the time you read this column, we will have completed our first volunteer training sessions in January and will have 20 UP residents set to volunteer with UP seniors! In early February, Loretta Vitale Saks (HHUP Chairperson) will speak at the University Park Woman's Club along with several other speakers from area organizations like HHUP. She looks forward to signing up new members and volunteers at that time.

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Speaking of new members, we invite UP seniors who completed an HHUP application to call us at 301-892-6636 or 240-487-9445 to ask for assistance with tasks including running errands, helping with small household chores, transportation, visits and calls, help with computers and electronic devices, and snow shoveling. To those in UP who haven't completed an application, call us or send an email to HHUniversityPark@gmail.com to receive an application.

It's not too late to sign up for our February program in partnership with The Clarice: Music in Mind: Marimba and Strings. We will host a reception after the 2-hour free concert on Sunday, February 11, 3 PM. Call today to register and request transportation, 301-892-6636, or email us at HHUniversityPark@gmail.com.

We're hosting our first Lunch Club for HHUP Members and prospective members on Tuesday, February 15, noon-3 PM at the home of resident and HHUP volunteer Lisa Seiler, who lives on Tuckerman Street. To RSVP, call Loretta at 240-487-9445. Space is limited so don't delay—we'll arrange for rides upon request.



Tree Committee News

One of my favorite trees is the maple, particularly the sugar maple, state tree of Vermont and the source of the most perfect form of sugar known on earth. But you do not need to go to Vermont to enjoy fresh maple syrup. More than two dozen producers are located in Garrett County in the mountains and valleys around Deep Creek Lake. An equal number are scattered through several Pennsylvania counties flanking the western Maryland panhandle. The weather in February and into March determines the yield and quality. Temperatures must be above freezing in the daytime (but preferably no higher than 36°) and below freezing at night to optimize

maple sap flow and collection. Enthusiasts might add Oakland, Maryland to their weather app and track the temperature beginning with the last two weeks in February. You might want to schedule a day trip to western Maryland in mid-March, when the first batches of syrup will be ready for consumption. Trees sustain us in many ways.

Tree Spotters Sought

If you live in University Park and are an observant person, the Tree Committee would like to recruit you to assist us in keeping tabs on the town's trees, by reporting any activity that impacts our tree canopy. This would include any observed dead or dying trees, or removal of same, either on town or private property. Please share your observations at TreeComm@UPMD.org.

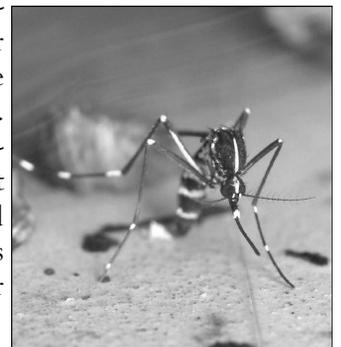
Tree Identification Activity Sunday, February TBD, 1 PM

Do you like a good puzzle? If so, you might be inclined to attend the Tree Committee's next event. We will be offering a guided tutorial on identifying trees in their leafless winter state. We will meet on Queen's Chapel Road in front of UPES on the first temperate Sunday in February. The event will be announced via the UP listserv on the Wednesday evening preceding. We will look at 6-10 trees and identify them with assistance of *The Winter Tree Finder*, a Nature Study Guild publication. Twelve lucky attendees will receive a complimentary copy to keep.

Chris Aubry on behalf of the Committee for Trees, Parks and Environment

Fighting Mosquitoes in 2018

During the spring and summer of 2017 an expanded, town-funded University Park mosquito abatement program included hiring a student intern to educate town residents, do yard surveys and generally help town residents remove breeding sites in individual yards. This was augmented by a resident effort to increase the number of mosquito traps to reduce mosquito populations. Working with Rutgers University, a thousand low cost traps were purchased and then sold to town residents who set them out on their properties. About 800 were



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distributed. Dr. Dina Fonseca, Rutgers researcher, did mosquito counts for many weeks in July, August and September and found that where there were high numbers of traps, there were fewer mosquitoes. This is an important finding and the first time a successful program was initiated and managed by community residents without chemicals and not run by a state agency.



We plan to have another mosquito abatement program for 2018 and our goal is to make it bigger and better than last year. We still have more than 200 traps which are available to town residents during the winter and early spring. A solution to our town's mosquito problem is a community-wide effort with the actions of neighbors benefiting neighbors.

If you have traps already, please set them out again by May 1. If you need traps, we have them available for purchase. Finally, remove all breeding sites in your yard that make for mosquito habitats. We plan to host several informational meetings over the next few months. If you are interested in getting more involved and/or want to purchase traps, please contact us:

Sharon Garrison, 240-381-5228,

sharongarrison@rocketmail.com

Ed Wells, 202-510-4380, ed.wells@gmail.com

Dave Brosch, 301-779-3168, davidcbrosch@comcast.net

December 18 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Schultz, Hess, Caskey, Wells, Alvarez. Excused: Verrill.

Police Chief Wynnyk invited Captain Bud Duellely with the Prince George's County Police Department to give his personal experience with the burglaries in the County. Captain Duellely said that there has been an increase of residential burglaries and said that many of these crimes were committed by three individuals. Two of these individuals have been arrested and the investigators are actively searching for the third individual. When

all three of these criminals are in jail, Captain Duellely expects to see a decrease in residential break-ins.

Presentations

Lindsey & Associates President Robert Diss went through the FY 2017 Audit Report and explained the contents and answered questions from the Council. Note: The "Construction in Progress" line item was a question that Mr. Diss and Mr. Baden were not able to answer and said they would go back and see why this was in the report. They agreed to inform the Council of their findings through a letter.

Motion: To accept the 2017 Audit Report. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Hearing

Appeal from Violation Notice-Basement Ceiling Height and Egress Windows, Vilma Vieras, 4103 Underwood Street.

Note: Just before the meeting, Mayor Carey received correspondence from Ms. Vieras who reported she wouldn't be able to attend the meeting. The public hearing will be continued to the next Council meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018.

Public Comment

A resident urged that the Council act on the report received from the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee concerning a "Welcoming City Ordinance." He stated that the report was received on November 6, 2017 and no action had been taken as of now and that it is a good report and deserves action. He hopes that this will be a well discussed community process that will lead to action. This process will let the Council know the community values and have clear legal advice on how those values can be translated into the Town's governance documentation, and then the Town will be ready if a Federal policy is declared.

A resident who is part of the group working on the Welcoming City Ordinance said that it is critical and very important that the Town Council pull together a public meeting and this should be done soon. She believes that community meetings are a way to build upon the idea of "What is a Welcoming City?" A resident who has been following the activities of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee meetings via email said that she is aware of some residents who do not feel welcome in the Town due to their racial or cultural differences. She

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urged the Council to move forward on the “Welcoming City Ordinance.”

A few Councilmembers who sit on the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee stated that they have not made a recommendation to the Council on a “Welcoming City Ordinance” and that they need advice on how to move forward before they can do so. Mayor Carey said that he will discuss with the Chair of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee and with the Town Attorney, to find a process to move this forward.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor’s Report

- The Crossing over the CSX tracks at Riverdale Park Station is expected to be open in late January.
- The sidewalk on the east side of Baltimore Avenue across the WMATA property is under construction. The sidewalk will be 8 feet wide when complete and will provide a sidewalk connection on the east side between College Park and Riverdale Park Station.
- Mayor Carey, Dan Baden, Mickey Beall and the Town Attorney met with the County in reference to the playground. The County recommended removing 80% of the asphalt due to a stormwater issue. The Town is working on a plan to remove all of the asphalt. This option may result in a cost savings, though it entails elimination of the markings for hopscotch and other such games.
- A significant amount of time at the January 22 Council meeting will be dedicated to a forum on University Park traffic issues. More details about the Traffic Forum will be announced in the January newsletter.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee Next meeting is scheduled for December 20 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Attended the hearing on the Quality Inn Project and presented University Park’s testimony. Submitted a lengthy letter with comments regarding the County Zoning Rewrite.



Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Laura Collins. She can be reached at UPPetDatabase@gmail.com or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

OBITUARY

Public Facilities and Services Committee The minutes from the December 5 meeting will be available soon.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson Ms. Ferguson thanked CM Wells, Development Overview Committee Chair, for all the work she did on the County Zoning Rewrite.

Chief of Police Wynnyk The November 2017 Crime Report was distributed. In the event that Captain McCully does not return, Chief Wynnyk is currently interviewing in anticipation of initiating the process to fill the position quickly.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden November 2017 Treasurer’s Report was distributed.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:15 PM.

Obituary

Ben Garner, of 44th Avenue, University Park, passed away suddenly on November 27, 2017. Ben was born in Cheverly and raised in Upper Marlboro. Ben was known for many things, but mostly for his good heart and his great laugh. He was one of 7 children. He attended DeMatha High School and the University of Maryland. Ben was self-employed with his own painting company. In fact, many houses in University Park were painted by Ben. Ben and his wife Nancy settled in the Hollywood neighborhood in College Park. They had two sons, Joe and Jack. They moved to University Park in 1999. As the boys grew up, Ben was very involved in their sports. Ben coached baseball teams for Holy Redeemer School and for LUP. Many boys in UP were coached by Ben. Ben enjoyed bowling, hunting and fishing. But he mostly loved crabbing in the Chesapeake Bay and the Patuxent River. He taught many youngsters (and a few adults) how to pick crabs. His crab cakes are legendary in Maryland and Virginia where he will be remembered fondly by family and friends.



University Park Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, February 5, 11:30 AM

The UPWC offers an opportunity to learn more about the Aging in Place Programs in University Park, College Park and Hyattsville. A representative from each community service will share information and answer questions. If you are ready to make use of these programs or want to become a volunteer, please join us. Registration is at 11:30 with a light lunch at noon, then a brief meeting, followed by the program. All are welcome. UPWC meetings are held at the University Christian Church on Adelphi Road, across from NW High School. RSVP is required, patmyers2@verizon.net or call Pat at 301-439-6813.

Second Saturday Lecture

Saturday, February 10, 5 PM

Our next lecturer is Kimberly Schmidt, who will talk about her novel, *Magpie's Blanket*. *Magpie's Blanket* brings to life the history of Plains Indian women and the white invasion-an account not solely of violence and bloodshed but also of healing and forgiveness. Kimberly D. Schmidt is a professor of history and director of Eastern Mennonite University's DC-based program, the Washington Community Scholars' Center. She teaches local multicultural history in Washington, DC and has lived in the area since 1989. At University Park Church of the Brethren.



Valentine Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, February 10, 5-8 PM



Come out for a candlelight supper as University Park Church of the Brethren (4413 Tuckerman Street) transforms its fellowship hall into a bistro-style restaurant, hosting this fun evening for neighbors and friends. Tables for two to ten are available, but no reservations are taken, so depending on what you're looking for, you may need to wait a little. Whether you're on your own or with friends and family, you're welcome to share in this relaxed time not far from home! Donations for the meal go to support local services to those in need. Recipients have included the Community Crisis Services, Help-by-Phone, and the Prince George's Plaza Day Center, among others.

Great Decisions 2018:

A Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Tuesday, February 13 and 27, 7:30 PM



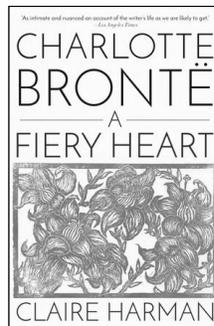
Foreign policy issues, international conflict and trade will continue to present formidable challenges to America, the outcomes of which will shape the future of the Trump administration and the well-being of the country. Join the University Park Great Decisions group for lively discussions about U.S. foreign policy on the 2nd and 4th

Tuesday in February through May. The group will work its way through the annual Great Decisions booklet published by the Foreign Policy Association. Meetings take place in the library of the University Park Church of the Brethren. The booklet and additional supporting materials may be found at the FPA website: www.fpa.org. February's topics are *The Waning of Pax Americana?* and *Russia's Foreign Policy*. If you are interested in joining us, would like a discounted price on the discussion booklet or have other questions, please contact John Rogard Tabori at McTab@aol.com.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, February 20, 8-10 PM

February's book is the biography *Charlotte Bronte: A Fiery Heart* by Claire Harman. March's title is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Please call Mollie Huitema 301-927-5836 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.



Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons

Saturdays, 8-9:30 AM

Come join us to learn the ancient Chinese martial art often referred to as "meditation in motion" and leave feeling relaxed and energized. Free. Hosted by University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For more information, call 301-466-589.



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2018 University Park Woman's Club Scholarships

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

This one time financial need-based award of \$1500 is available to a graduating senior of Northwestern High School. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one time merit-based need-blind \$1500 award is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park. Applications will also be accepted from children and grandchildren of current UP Woman's Club members. All student applicants must live in Maryland. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

Applications and further information can be found at <http://www.upmd.org/?documents>. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Tuesday, April 3, 2018.



Join the University Park Civic Association

We are busy planning events for 2018. Paying your dues in early in the year helps us with the budget for the year, plus the more paying members we have the more great events we can bring you. We ask each family for only \$25 each year to fund our great neighborhood-building happenings. We are run by unpaid volunteers, so 100% of your dues go directly into these events. Thank you to those who have joined for 2018!

Paying your dues is easy. Pay by credit card, just visit <http://bit.ly/upcamembers> Please note that you will

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need a PayPal account. We really prefer this option if it is possible for you to pay this way. Write a check, made payable to the University Park Civic Association, and drop it off or mail it to 4205 Van Buren Street.

Upcoming events include:

Feb. 9 Morning Coffee get-together!

Mar. 18 Easter Egg Hunt & Games

TBD Pub Quiz Night

Apr. 22 New Neighbor Social

Apr. 28 Townwide Yard Sale (Tentative)

Apr. 29 Stream Cleanup

May 5 UP Porchfest

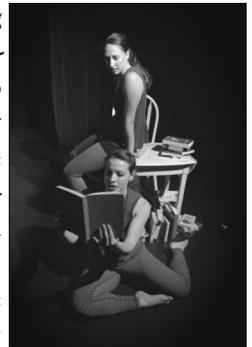
June 3 Mutt Strut

An Artful Afternoon featuring alight dance theater, Sunday, February 4, 1-4 PM. Come early to build a miniature sculptural shelter

with artist Nikki Brooks in a free craft workshop from 1-3 PM. Materials will be provided, bring a small stuffed animal to create a home for.

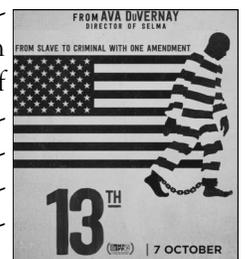
At 3 PM, enjoy a free performance by alight dance theater ~Page 115:

Playing with Words. Based on a collaboration between choreographers Matina Phillips and Eleni Grove and the participants in community movement and story-building workshops. Meet the Artists in Residence at an open house and sale, 1-4 PM. Find beautiful and affordable paintings, prints, ceramics, fiber arts, funky jewelry, and more. See the Museum's current exhibit *The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus*. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic *Mother and Child* statue in Greenbelt and the impressive bas reliefs on the Community Center's facade. Free and all ages welcome. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770, 301-397-2208.



Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, 13th, Monday, February 5, 7 PM Director Ava DuVernay's

13th takes an unflinching and thoroughly researched look at the American system of incarceration, specifically how the prison industrial complex affects people of color. Followed by a discussion facilitated by John Spillane, local film editor and director. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville.



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College Park parkrun, Every Saturday, 9AM Wouldn't it be great to start every weekend with a non-competitive 5k walk or run? And what if it was timed so you could watch your progress over a whole year? We are so pleased to be able to bring this global recreation movement to our community. Join us any Saturday of the year at 9 AM at 4289 Metzert Road on the beautiful Paint Branch Trail. Get yourself a free runner barcode by registering here www.parkrun.us/collegepark. Bring the barcode with you-you will need it at the finish line. And please spread the word. All are welcome.



Aaron Springer. Bring the family, take a seat, order brunch and get started on your project. You'll leave with a full stomach and an artistic memento from your experience. All ages welcome. February's theme: Mixed Media Sculpture. This event is a partnership with The Clarice and MilkBoy ArtHouse, 7416 Baltimore Ave, College Park.

Opus 40 Ensemble, Sunday, February 18, 7:30 PM Featuring Brad Tatum on Natural Horn and Yee-Ning Soong on Piano. Free.



College Park Arts Exchange

Your generous donations for free events are always appreciated. Be sure and check our online calendar at cpae.org for more events, including ongoing classes. All events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

Sendak's Chicken Soup with Rice, Friday, February 2, 7 PM a fun concert for kids and families led by Eric Maring. Free. Repeat performances on Saturday, February 3, noon and 2 PM.

LoveSICK Cabaret, Friday, February 9, 7:30 PM Exploring the co-dependency of the American Songbook, and some other classy cabaret stuff. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll make an appointment with your therapist. Free. Your generous donations are gratefully accepted.

Page to Performance Workshop: Monologues & Dialogues, Saturday, February 10, workshop 10:30 AM, performance 7:30 PM A day-long exploration of character and voice followed by an evening performance: write, revise and perform monologues and dialogues on a chosen theme. We'll explore what works to make characters alive, believable, specific, funny and riveting as well as how to use monologues/dialogues to tell a story. Workshop Fee: \$45; performance free and open to the public. Please contact info@cpae.org to register. Led by Mary Amato and John Feffer.

Arts Drop-In at MilkBoy Art House, Sunday, February 11, 11 AM-1 PM Adults and kids alike are welcome to take part in fun arts projects facilitated by arts specialist



A National Historic Landmark, Riversdale is a restored, five-part, stucco-covered brick plantation home built between 1801 and 1807. 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park, 301-864-0420.

Exhibit, The Plummer Family from Slavery to Freedom, on view February 1-28 Adam Francis Plummer, the patriarch of the African-American Plummer family, lived at Riversdale. In this exhibit, we recount how some members of his family successfully escaped to freedom, while others waited for legal emancipation. We continue the family's stories after freedom and into the 20th century. Regular tour hours and fees apply.

The Enslaved and Hired Workers at Riversdale Tour Sunday, February 11, 1:30 PM Dr. Leigh Ryan leads a guided tour that focuses on the roles of workers, enslaved and free, who labored here in the early 19th century. For ages 5 and up. \$5/adult, \$4/senior, \$2/student.

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society, Sunday, February 18, 2:30 PM Stay and enjoy a reception with the musicians after the performance. Free. All ages welcome.

NOTICE OF ELECTION



The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

The Office of Mayor
and Offices of
Councilmember Ward 1
Councilmember Ward 3
Councilmember Ward 7

to be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

The Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

at Word of God Baptist Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road
Side Door Entrance

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

Register to vote online at: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration>

OR

File a voter registration form at the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 1100 Mercantile Lane Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774, Monday-Friday, 8 AM – 4:30 PM, Office: 301-341-7300

OR

File a voter registration form at Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782

DEADLINE:

To file as a candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 2, 2018.

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

CANDIDATES:

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by April 2, 2018 at 5 p.m. Packets are available at Town Hall and on the Town website, www.upmd.org under the Government/Elections. If residents have questions please contact the Town Clerk by calling the Town office or email.

DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

Thursday, April 26, 2018

FILING DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN

CANDIDATES: 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2018

*Ed Lee and Stephanie Herold
Supervisors of Elections
elections@upmd.org*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Recycling	2 Trash	3
4	5 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM	6 Trash	7	8 Recycling	9 Trash	10 Second Saturday Lecture, 5 PM Valentine Spaghetti Supper, 5-8 PM
11	12 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	13 Trash Great Decisions 2018, 7:30 PM	14 Yard Waste	15 Recycling	16 Trash	17 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM 
18	19 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	20 Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM 	21	22 Recycling	23 Trash	24
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