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MAYOR'S COLUMN

I am happy to announce that, on February 22, the Town went live with a beautiful new and very functional website. The new website is the result of more than a year of sustained effort and work by the Town. The Council envisioned a 21st century web presence for the Town, and its Committee on Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure provided a list of must-have features intended to give residents a quick, easy-to-navigate and user-friendly way to locate information without having to understand organization of the Town government, as well as better showcase the Town of University Park to the world. Town Hall staff, led by Mayor's Assistant Andrea Marcavitch, have worked for months behind the scenes with a local-government web design company, CivicPlus, to design the new website and load it with information about the Town and the Town government.

Now we are glad to finally share the new Town of Uni-

versity Park website with you, and we invite you to explore the website and discover what it brings to town residents.

How you explore the new website is up to you, but allow me to walk you through, starting from the homepage (www.upmd.org). With its inviting background banner images of University Park in seasonal splendor it draws us in. Here are a few highlights to help you along:

1. Near the top, note the *Search this Site* box. The new website is entirely searchable. You can enter keywords to help you find information.
2. Just below the top, find the four global navigational tabs-*Government*, *Our Town*, *Services*, and *How do I*. Each presents a drop-down menu of options where you can click on what interests you. Maybe under

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	March 5 & 19
Tree Committee	March 14
Development Committee	March 21
Town Manager Forum	March 26

Most Town Council meetings are at 7:30 at University Park Elementary School. Committee meetings are often at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance.

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Government, click on *Departments & Staff*.

3. Next, scroll down to the 6 green graphic buttons with a white border for quick links to view most frequently searched items. By clicking on the *Newsletter* button, it will take you to the online PDF of the *University Park Newsletter* archives. The *Permits* button takes you to printable and online forms for several of the Town's most popular permits, licenses and more. Be sure to sign up to receive our notification service through text and/or email, by clicking the *Notify Me* button. Don't miss anything that's going on in and around Town.
4. Further down about mid-page, you will find the header, *News & Announcements*, with its brief articles about the latest happenings in University Park and nearby. Follow these news flashes for a quick overview about what's going on in town.
5. On the left, *Quick Links* provides just that- a quick connection to some of the most sought-after Town information.
6. Scroll down further on the homepage, where *Upcoming Events* showcases what's happening in town in a calendar format. Click on a highlighted date to go deeper into the details or click *View All Events*. You get the idea. On the left, you will see a slideshow of ever-changing photos taken by staff or made available by residents to showcase scenes and events around Town.
7. Near the bottom of the homepage, *Area Links* will lead to other websites of interest to Town residents, and an *FAQ* will quick link to answers to questions most frequently asked by residents.
8. At the bottom, *Community Awards and Recognition* features links to organizations which have honored or recognized the Town, including the Maryland Energy Administration's Smart Energy Communities, the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program, the Maryland Historical Trust, and more.
9. Now that you know your way around the homepage, you can create a log-in on the *MyAccount* bar at the top of the homepage to customize your personal gateway to the Town website, choosing the modules, features and keywords that you would like to see most often, including calendars, news items and emergency alerts. You can also save favorite pages within *MyAccount*, making the information that's important to you even easier to find.

The Town's new website is already rich in features, but there is much more yet to come. Over the next several

months, the Town will bring up additional modules and features to broaden the utility of the Town's web presence and add functionality. You can help by letting us know what you think about the new website, including what works well for you and what doesn't, especially features you see on other websites which we might consider adopting on our own.

— Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org

Town Forum on Hiring a Town Manager Monday, March 26, 7:30 PM University Park Elementary School

Mayor and Council will hold a forum to discuss a proposal to be included in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the Town to hire/appoint a town manager. The forum will be a significant part of a Council Special Session scheduled at that time. The forum will include a panel of Mayors and Town Managers from nearby communities for a discussion of how it works in their community. There will be ample time for questions and discussion, so please plan to attend and participate.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 18-O-02

On February 12, 2018, Ordinance 18-O-02 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Legislative Resolution 17-O-03, the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Ordinance, to recognize an increase in General Fund Revenues as follows:

Red Light Camera	\$4,700.00
Prior Years Surplus	\$176,077.00

To appropriate the following additional amounts in the Police line items:

Citations	\$2,000.00
Gasoline	\$2,000.00
Police Vehicle Maintenance	\$700.00

To transfer \$7,000.00 from Police Officer-Unreserved-Designated to the Police Salaries line item.

To transfer \$5,000.00 from Unreserved – Undesignated funds to the Public Works salaries line item.

To increase Unreserved Fund balance by \$171,077.

The meeting set for March 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.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Spring is on its way! As winter winds die down and warmer days are more frequent, shake off the cabin fever of a cold and snowy winter by getting outside and enjoying your favorite outdoor activity. And while you're out there be sure to remember these safety recommendations.

Safety tips for children: When walking and riding your bicycle always take a friend, be aware of your surroundings, observe traffic rules, wear your helmet and don't take shortcuts. Always tell your parents when and where you are going and what route you will be taking. Trust your feelings! If someone makes you feel confused or uncomfortable, get away as quickly and safely as you can and tell a trusted adult what happened. There are many young children in University Park and watching out for each other is just as important as watching out for yourself.

Safety tips for teens: Don't go out alone. Always tell your parents or an adult where you are going. It's your body, you're smart, you're strong and you know what's going on, so don't ruin it with drugs, alcohol or harmful activities. Say no if you feel threatened and tell an adult. If you're old enough to drive, drive with caution, wear your seatbelt, and don't use your cell phone while behind the wheel. Always be aware of your surroundings. Driving is a tremendous responsibility and it's important to take it seriously. Be sure you arrive alive!



Safety tips for adults: Listen to your children and talk to your parents, know where they are. Drive safely and drive sober. Know your surroundings when walking, cycling or driving. Lock your car doors, always. Be vigilant in your community. Watch out for everyone, you're the adult. Help keep University Park a great place to live, work and play.

Safety tips for seniors: Ask for help. Call on the lovely community of friends you've created to help keep you safe. Lock your doors. Turn on your alarm system every night. Tell someone when you're seeing the doctor. Don't go out alone. Always tell your children or a friend where you are going. Telephone and online scams targeting seniors abound. Nobody should ask you for your passwords, code words or any other private information. If someone asks you to confirm your credit card number, *do not do it*, no matter how professional it sounds or looks. Thieves can reproduce company logos or send emails that look remarkably real. Be smarter than the caller, and don't fall for the "your grandchild is in trouble and needs money to be sent" scam. Ask for a phone number and have someone else call them back.

Carjacking On February 13, 6:55 AM at the Exxon Gas Station in the 7100 Block of Baltimore Ave., a UP resident was pumping gas into their black Audi when an unknown suspect exited an Acura SUV, pushed the victim to the ground and took their car keys. The suspect stole the vehicle and fled southbound on Baltimore Ave. Suspect did not make any demands and did not display a weapon. The victim was not injured. Prince George's County Police detectives are conducting the investigation. The suspect's Acura SUV was recovered on Annapolis Rd. near Capital Plaza on February 14 and it was determined that it had been taken in a similar incident in the Clinton area. The investigation is ongoing.

Gunshots On February 12 at 9:35 PM in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd., the sound of gunshots were reported by numerous residents and heard by the UPPD officer on duty. Witnesses described a possibly light-colored sedan leaving the area after the sound of the shots. Shell casings were discovered in the street, the neighbors were interviewed and a search of the area for the suspect vehicle was conducted. At this time there is no evidence that any home, vehicle or any object was struck by a bullet. This act of reckless endangerment is being investigated by the UPPD & PGPD. The shell casings recovered have been sent to the Gun Laboratory for a forensic analysis.

Tree Committee News

Taking Stock, Taking Advantage

March is an excellent time to assess the tree inventory on your property. While you're out picking up sticks and noting broken limbs in need of professional care, take some time to consider where you'd like to plant an addi-

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tional tree on your property. Then, take advantage of one of University Park's best kept secrets, the Shade Tree Reimbursement Program. The town may provide up to \$300 toward purchase and planting of a shade tree selected from the town's approved list. Both the list and the application form are on the town's website at upmd.org. Take stock and take advantage. A sister program for understory trees will be available soon.



Ivy League

Saturday, March 10, 10 AM

The Ivy League, UP's only monthly volunteer opportunity, is in session on the second Saturday of most months. Volunteers work for two hours with Tree Committee members to remove English ivy from the town's trees in our parks and public right of ways. No experience is needed. We will be meeting at the corner of Wells Parkway and Eversfield Drive. Volunteers should bring a pair of basic hand pruners and a prying tool of their choice: dandelion weeder, large sturdy screwdriver or a small pry bar are all good choices. Volunteers attending two sessions will receive a custom made, limited edition Ivy League bandana.

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

Helping Hands University Park

It's now the law As of January 1, 2018 every home in Maryland is required to have a sealed 10-year battery life smoke detector on the ceiling near its bedrooms. We recommend installing combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. If you are a member of HHUP, this is a task our trained volunteers can help you with. If you're unable to get out to purchase smoke detectors, we



will do that for you. Have you already purchased your new detectors and want to request help with installation? Call us at 301-892-6636 or 240-587-9445 or send an email to HHUniversityPark@gmail.com.

There is no fee to become a member of Helping Hands. If you need an application, please call or email us. We welcome charitable contributions. Make your check payable to HHUP and send it to us care of UP Town Hall.

To our members: don't hesitate to call us when you need assistance. This is the only way we can know to request help from our volunteers. Call us at 240-587-9445. We will make every effort to lend a hand! This past month, volunteers drove members to and from our first Lunch Club at the home of Lisa Seiler—a big shout out to Lisa! Volunteers drove members to and from an amazing concert at The Clarice followed by a reception featuring conversation with gifted percussionist Lee Hinkle and composer Andrea Clearfield. Another volunteer helped with clean-up after our reception. Quite a different request had another volunteer take electronics from the home of an ailing resident to the dump for recycling. Need a hand? Lend a hand! Think of Helping Hands UP for both!

Save the Date: Sunday, April 15 at 3 PM at The Clarice: Music in Mind with The Left Bank Quartet. Come celebrate Spring with the blossoming of 19th-century Moravian musical nation-



alism! The essence of indigenous Bohemian folk culture distilled in great art music as represented in three wonderful quartets of Dvorák, Janáček, and Haas, and played by the Left Bank Quartet. HHUP will once again have a reserved section of seats at this free concert. We will host a reception for our volunteers and members following the concert. Transportation will be provided upon request, just call 240-487-9445.

Mosquito Control News

We have begun organizing the 2018 Asian Tiger Mosquito Control Program, a coordinated effort by the Town of University Park and UP Community Mosquito Control

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(UPCMC). This is the sixth year of our town's efforts to control mosquitoes using environmentally-safe methods. Mosquitoes are a community-wide problem and reduction and control will require all of us working together. If you have lived in town for any length of time you are familiar with the Asian Tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*), an annoying, day-biting nuisance and potential health risk.



Almost 800 traps were purchased by town residents and deployed in their yards last summer. We still have about 200 traps which we would like to sell before spring when the unsold traps will have to be returned to Rutgers University. The traps are \$15 each and we recommend that each household acquire two. These traps can be purchased up to Saturday March 10 and can be picked up at Dave Brosch's house at 4313 Tuckerman Street that Saturday from 8:30 AM until 12 noon, or by calling 301-779-3168 or reserving traps by email at davidcbrosch@comcast.net.

Let's trap those mosquitoes into oblivion so we can enjoy the outdoors this summer. We are asking everyone to set out their traps by May 1 this year. If you are uncertain about how to do that contact one of us and we will be happy to come to your house and show you how.

Sharon Garrison, sharongarrison@rocketmail.com,
240-381-5228

Ed Wells, ed.wells@gmail.com, 301-864-1735

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

January 22 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda items.
Approved 5 to 0 (Caskey and Wells abstain).

To remove and replace 35'x 10' driveway located at 6800 Pineway.

To move two existing windows located at 6813 40th Avenue.

Note: Mr. Alvarez has copies of rebates through Prince George's County for permeable surfaces. Mayor Carey said that he would find a way to make this information more broadly available.

Public Comment

- A resident encouraged the Council to consider making University Park a "Welcoming Community" or a "Sanctuary Community" and that this topic should be put on the agenda for future meetings.
- A resident stated that he does not see any gain for the Town to be labeled a "Sanctuary City." He does not think the jury is out yet on what the long-term impact would be on such a designation.
- The University Park Civic Association recently handed out door hangers with upcoming events. The new membership drive for 2018 is now open for those interested in joining the Civic Association.

New Business

Motion: To introduce LR 2018-O-01 to transfer \$2,600.00 from Unreserved Undesignated to 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. Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest this resolution may be considered is at the February 5, 2018 Council meeting.

Motion: Per Section 504(a) of the Charter of the Town of University Park, to set a May 1, 2018 date for General Election in the Town-for the Offices of Mayor and Councilmembers for Ward 1, Ward 3, and Ward 7-and to approve the poll hours of operation from 8 AM to 8 PM. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

The Town's new website will be rolled out on February 8. Mayor Carey said that any corrections that need to be made on the website should be emailed to Andrea Marcavitch with a copy to Mayor Carey.

Council and Committee Reports

Mr. Alvarez asked about the status of the Public Hearing for 4103 Underwood Street that was to be rescheduled

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from the canceled January 8 Council meeting. Mayor Carey said that the Public Hearing was rescheduled for the February 5 Council meeting.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for January 30 at 7 PM.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 31 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Public Facilities and Services The Committee plans to meet in the near future to discuss the tennis court and other items.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden December 2017 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Mr. Beall informed the Council that the wife of a Public Works employee suddenly passed away. He asked that those who could attend the funeral services would be appreciated.
- Permit applications have been submitted for the playground to the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) and are being reviewed. It appears that the process should move forward fairly smoothly.
- Permit applications for the pedestrian bridge have been submitted to DPIE and are under review.

Traffic Forum Presentation

Kimley-Horn and Associates Traffic Engineers Ed Papazian and Andy Smith gave a power point presentation of the findings and conclusions from two traffic impact studies completed this fall in University Park. The first presentation was the post-development study of traffic impacts in town of Riverdale Park Station and the second was the Sheridan Street Study (paper copies of the studies were distributed). Mayor Carey informed everyone that the Council Committee on Police, Traffic and



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.

Public Safety will review the two studies at their next meeting scheduled for January 30 and make a recommendation to the Council. Residents are encouraged to attend the Committee meeting as well as Council meetings.

Questions and comments for the Cafritz Study (answers from traffic engineers)

- How can you tell if there is normal traffic growth vs. cut-through traffic? *If your major roadways, Adelphi and Baltimore Avenue are growing due to development, then you may see increases in traffic through town.*
- Could the increase of traffic on Pineway and Route 1 on Saturday midday be due to the new development with cross-through traffic? *It is hard to say if Riverdale Park Station itself is the cause. It could be a multitude of factors including apps like Waze, Google Maps, etc.*
- Data indicates an increase of incoming and outgoing traffic at the same intersection, which happens to be at Adelphi Road; explain cut-through traffic. *If there was a major increase in cut-through traffic, it would be evident from the traffic counts. A sizeable increase at several of the entry locations and a corresponding increase at the exit locations. The engineers just do not see that.*
- The biggest percentage increase is Underwood and 44th Avenue. The reason may be residents do not want to turn left onto Van Buren any longer, so they turn left on Underwood or Wells Parkway and that is driving a lot of left turns onto very narrow streets with extra stop signs that people just go through. *Some people will avoid Van Buren due to the signal.*
- Riverdale Park Station has a lot of development left to go, are there plans to continue the traffic study in the future? *Mayor Carey said that as of now, there are no plans to continue the study, but it would be an open possibility.*
- It would have been useful to make a comparison not only to the cut-through streets, but to the streets where one would not expect to see cut-through traffic. *For the purpose of this study of evaluating the effect of the shopping center on cut-through traffic, what they did was the valid methodology.*

Questions and comments for the Sheridan Street Study

- A resident asked if the sight distance of 108 feet is generous enough to measure when there is traffic.
- Has it been considered to install a traffic light at

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Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue? *State Highway Administration (SHA) does not allow for traffic signals that are close unless there is a specific reason.*

- Reported traffic accidents on Sheridan Street were mentioned in the study. Is there data on the traffic accidents at the intersections of Tuckerman and Wells Parkway? *The two mentioned streets were not looked at as part of this study, but they could request this information.*
- Out of the six accidents at Sheridan and Baltimore, three of the accidents had nothing to do with the intersection, one of the accidents was caused by an illegal turn, so this leaves only two accidents in a three-year period, not six. It is not the Town's responsibility to protect any citizen who wants to drive poorly.
- Has there been any discussion about increasing the line of sight at that intersection as opposed to closing the street? As a resident on Tuckerman, there is extreme concern about increased traffic on the street. *No firm conclusions have been made as far as closing Sheridan Street.*
- Wells Parkway and Baltimore Avenue have a history of automobile crashes where cars drive into the creek and even fatalities.
- Were residents interviewed as part of the study? *No, this was not a part of the study. There were discussions with the employees at Town Hall.*
- There will be a lot of crazy traffic moving around if Sheridan Street is closed.
- Can written comments be submitted for the January 30 Committee meeting? *Mayor Carey said that comments can be sent to him and to send a copy to your Councilmember representative.*

Public Comment and Discussion

- A resident on Clagett and College Heights noted that there is a dramatic increase in the character of traffic. An inexpensive solution could be additional signage and cars should not be routed through the neighborhood with Waze and Google Maps.
- The traffic has increased very dramatically on Pineway as well as the speed and very few people stop for stop signs. The Town needs to do something so that it is not worth cutting through University Park to save time. Need an increase in police stopping cars.
- A resident on Tuckerman Street said that it would

make sense to stall any decisions about Sheridan Street until the development in close proximity to University Park is completed.

- A resident on Pineway, near Amherst, is in favor of speed humps since they are effective.
- The "no left turn" on Sheridan Street is not effective. School buses, utility trucks, etc. ignore the sign daily. The intersection has always been dangerous when making a left turn from Town onto Route 1.
- A suggestion was made to use a convex mirror to help improve the vision at Sheridan Street or ask the homeowner to redirect the wall at the end of his property.
- A possibility would be blinking stop signs or cameras for those who go through the stop sign at Clagett and Clagett Pineway.
- Would like to see the study that was done with just the raw numbers of vehicles instead of percentages.
- The flashing speed sign seems to slow vehicles down. Add 25 mph signs at the beginning of a block where there is a long straight stretch of road.
- A concern with children walking to school and traffic on the roads without sidewalks.
- The whole town has traffic problems, not only Sheridan Street.
- The study does not reflect the issue with the morning southbound cut-through in town.
- Chief Wynnyk responded to some of the comments. He pointed out that a lot of the people who run the stop signs and speed live in town. A significant number of tickets and warnings are written which requires the officers having to spend time in court and less time on the streets. He encouraged residents to continue calling him with concerns and the police department will do what they can to address this problem. He asked residents to get the tag numbers of the buses, postal workers, etc. that are speeding and he will contact their employers.
- Additional suggestions were made to slow vehicles down: no thru traffic signs, traffic circles, narrowing lanes, stop lines.
- The Town needs to work on pedestrian safety as well as the traffic issues.
- University Park needs to create a maze.
- Mr. Beall pointed out that boundary roads, Route 1, Adelphi Road and East-West Highway, will require agreements or permissions from State Highway and or the County for potential solutions.

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Mayor Carey reminded the residents that what happens next is in the hands of the Council and most importantly before the Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety. The Committee will bring a recommendation to the Council.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.



Solar Power for Puerto Rico

A group of UP residents has formed Solar Power for Puerto Rico, a grassroots initiative to raise money for solar electric projects in remote areas of the island where the electric grid may not be restored for more than a year. Local residents originally from Puerto Rico, along with the nonprofit Global Solace, have helped the group identify five projects, the first of which will get underway in March. The projects range from providing an inverter and battery backup for an existing solar array that survived the storm but now has no grid to plug into, to building solar mini-grids with battery backup to power a school and a library, each of which also serves as a community refuge center. The three communities in which these projects are located—Ceiba, Manaubo and Yabucoa—have partnered with the group on their plans.

Ways to help: Follow and share our Facebook page: [facebook.com/solarpowerforpuertorico](https://www.facebook.com/solarpowerforpuertorico). Donate online to nonprofit partner Global Solace (be sure to choose the “Puerto Rico” fund) at globalsolace.org. Mail a check made payable to Global Solace, with Solar Power for Puerto Rico on the memo line to Global Solace, Inc., 20530 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839. Contact David Brosch for more ways to volunteer: solarpowerforpuertorico.md@gmail.com.

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



UPCA News
 **UPCA** In January community members *University Park Civic Association* young (and not so young) enjoyed playing board games together at Board & Brew. In February coffee, pastries and great conversation was enjoyed at Dawn's house for our first morning coffee social. It was a great way to start off a cold February morning. The next week a great time was had by many of our neighbors at Burton's Grill for happy hour. We are sure to see many familiar faces at Burton's again soon.

Save the Date for the UPCA Yard Sale and Porchfest. Both of these great events will take place on Saturday, May 5, the Yard Sale from 8 AM to 1 PM and Porchfest from 2 to 6 PM. Our fantastic event organizers are working on making this a fun-filled day in University Park! For up-to-date information and any changes in our events, please subscribe to our emails at www.upcivassociation.com.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the UPCA for 2018. We have a record number of members so far this year. If you have not joined for 2018 there is still time. You can join today at <http://bit.ly/upcamembers>. The UPCA is run solely by volunteers, so 100% of your dues go to our community events.



UPCA Porchfest Registration Now through April 21

Registration for Porchfest is now open! If you would like to participate as a performer or host, email Jason and Emily at UP.Porchfest@gmail.com. Registration ends on April 21. We will couple participants with porches/hosts by that date. We are looking forward to another wonderful afternoon of music! Rain date is May 19.

What is Porchfest? Porchfest is a family-friendly community music event, appropriate for all ages. The focal points will be a variety of musical acts ranging from acoustic to electric, solo to ensemble. All are welcome and invited to participate by either playing music, hosting with your porch or yard, or being a music lover strolling through town to hear different performances.



University Park Woman's Club Meeting
Monday, March 5, 11:30 AM

The UPWC will be on the go as the March meeting will be at the College Park Air Museum. Registration will be at 11:15 AM with a guided tour at 11:30. Lunch is at 12:30, followed by a brief business meeting. Guests, both men and women, are invited. RSVP is required. There is a \$10 fee to cover both the tour and lunch, payable when registering. RSVP by February 28 to Pat Myers, patmyers2@verizon.net, or call 301-439-6813.



Second Saturday Lecture
Saturday, March 10, 5 PM

Our speaker for this month is Alice Christman, staffer for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. She will be talking about the body of water that is home to 18,000,000 mid-Atlantic region residents and what the foundation is doing to protect the bay from environmental degradation.

Future Saturday lectures during the coming months include:

- *April 14* Two poets, Sarah Winn and Sally Kindred, discuss inspiration and the creative process.
- *May 12* The history of chocolate with Shielah Kaufman.
- *June 9* A tour of a restored prairie on the Eastern Shore with Dr. Doug Gill.
- *July 14* Air pollution & greenhouse gas emission with Dr. Russ Dickerson.

If you have an interesting topic you would like to present or know of a good speaker, please contact Dave Brosch at 301-779-3168.

UPCA Trivia Night at Looney's Pub
Monday, March 12, 7-9 PM

Join your neighbors to test your knowledge at Looney's popular pub trivia! The UPCA will provide appetizers & snacks to go around. Located under The Varsity, 8150 Baltimore Ave.

Great Decisions 2018:
A Foreign Policy Discussion Group
Tuesday, March 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. March's topics are *Conflict in the South China Sea* and *Saudi Arabia in Transition*. 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. If you sent an email between 12/1/17 and 2/1/18, please resend.

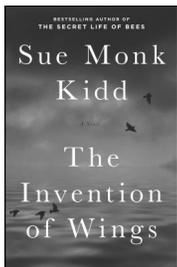
6th Annual UPCA Spring Egg Hunt & Games
Sunday, March 18, 12:30-2 PM (Rain Date March 25)



Children birth through grade 6 are invited to participate in the Spring Egg Hunt and Games. The egg hunt begins promptly a 12:30

PM for the youngest children (0-2 years) followed by older age groups (3-6 and 7-grade 6). Other activities include face painting, crafts and games with a chance to win tasty prizes. Be ready to roll an egg and hop like a bunny! Wear warm clothes and shoes appropriate for walking in the park. Treats provided, but you may wish to bring drinks. UP Town Park Tot Lot (behind the church at 6513 Queens Chapel Road). Brought to you by the UPCA in partnership with the Prince George's Plaza Community Center/M-NCPPC.

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After 8 Book Group Tuesday, March 20, 8-10 PM

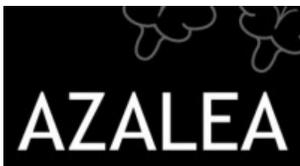
March's title is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. April's book is *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. Please call Rachel Mayo 301-864-5351 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.

UP Church of the Brethren Annual Mulch Sale Saturday, April 7, 8 AM

UPCOB will be selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch at \$3.75 per 2 cu. ft. bag in the parking lot of the University Park Church of the Brethren at Baltimore Ave. and Tuckerman St. in University Park, until it's all gone. Advance, prepaid orders of 15 bags or more can be delivered to your curbside, if within reasonable distance. Due to limited time and quantity, early reservation is essential to secure your delivery slot. Any questions, please call 301-864-4328 or send an email to UPCOB2@verizon.net. Please note there is only one day of sale this year.



17th Annual Azalea Classic Saturday, April 21, 8:30 AM



Classic

UNIVERSITY PARK, MD

Join the University Park community for a morning of family-friendly fun and fitness. The Azalea Classic has a race for everyone! Choose from our USATF certified 5K, our 1 Mile Challenge or our 1K Family Fun Run. All races take place on quiet, azalea-lined streets in University Park. The first race starts at 8:30. Sign-up today at azaleaclassic.com. All proceeds benefit the UPES PTA.

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.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In, *Sunday, March 4, 1-3 PM*

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to attend a free Community Art Drop-In workshop with Artist in Residence Gina Denn. Participants will make attractive and useful new-sew, fabric covered zipper pouches, using duct tape and other materials. Materials will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring in any flat woven cotton fabric they may wish to use. No reservations are needed. The program is open to both residents and nonresidents of Greenbelt. Free. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, 301-397-2208.

Greenbelt Youth Musical, *Sunday March 4, 3 PM*

Will Tell: Teens and Tunes in Tugwell Town celebrates Greenbelt's 80th anniversary with a trip back to Greenbelt High School in 1937. This show is ticketed and advance purchase is recommended. Tickets (\$5) are available at the Greenbelt Community Center business office, M-F, 9 AM-4:30 PM. Phone orders: 301-397-2208.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Voices Beyond the Wall-Twelve Love Poems from the Murder Capital of the World, Monday, March 12, 7 PM*

Director Brad Coley tells the story of a Fulbright Scholar and the teenage girls he teaches. Our Little Roses girls' or-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

phanage in Honduras is a refuge from abandonment, poverty and abuse. But it is a home where a slow process of healing begins, and for one year where Spencer Reece encourages the girls to find their voices in the reading and writing of poetry. Film screening will be followed by a discussion facilitated by John Spillane, local film editor and director. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville.



Riversdale

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.

In a Timely Fashion: 19th-Century Clocks in America, on view March 11-June 30 In the 19th century, clocks were just becoming common in households. Explore the history of timekeeping in this exhibit featuring clocks from members of the D.C. chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. Regular tour hours and fees apply.

Kitchen Guild Open House, Sunday, March 19, 1 PM Kick off the spring opening of the open-hearth kitchen and try something new! Learn tips and tricks from Kitchen Guild members you can use in your own kitchen while sampling dishes and chatting with members about volunteer opportunities. Register by March 10. Free, ages 14 and up.

Foodways Symposium: Interpreting the Tidewater Dairy, Thursday, April 19, 9:15 AM Both Rosalie Calvert and her son ran commercial dairy enterprises. Join us for a day of speakers from Colonial Williamsburg, Genesee Country Village, and more who address the duties of the dairymaid, period-correct cattle breeds, and the architecture of dairy buildings. Lunch, demonstrations and cheese tasting included. **Advance registration required by March 29.** Fee: \$75.

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.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday at the Community Library Book Festival, Saturday, March 3, 11 AM-2 PM Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with readings and fun activities at the Book Festival, including popsicle stick puppets and face painting. CP Community Center, 5101 Pierce Avenue in Lakeland.

Play Reading: Elizabeth I, Friday, March 9, 7:30 PM A reading of a play about the life of Queen Elizabeth I by scholar Carole Levin. This play examines who Queen Elizabeth I was and what was important to her, as she thinks about her life and reign. Levin has held fellowships at the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Newberry Library in Chicago and was a Fulbright scholar at the University of York.



Arts Drop-In at MilkBoy Art House, Sunday, March 11, 11 AM-1 PM Adults and kids alike are welcome to take part in fun arts projects facilitated by arts specialist 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. March's theme: Watercolor painting. This event is a partnership with The Clarice and MilkBoy ArtHouse, 7416 Baltimore Ave, College Park.

Celtic Fiddle Music, Monday, March 12, 7:30 PM Those who enjoyed Celtic fiddlers Panache Quartet a few years ago won't want to miss the return of Andrea Beaton. On this visit, Andrea will perform with Troy MacGillivray who's been impressing audiences with his fiddle, piano and step dancing skills for many years. Together the two accomplished artists offer a taste of Nova Scotia's best traditional music. Your generous donations will help CPAE support the artists.



RAIN CHECK

REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County is committed to improving the quality of life for its communities by promoting green solutions to stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff occurs when rain (or snowmelt) flows over the land picking up pollutants such as oil, grease, sediment, and nutrients which make their way into local streams and rivers. The **Rain Check Rebate Program** allows property owners to receive rebates for installing **Rain Check** approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives and churches) can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program.

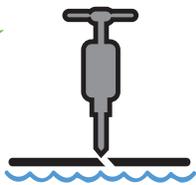
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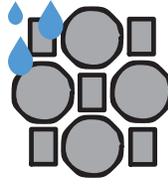
CISTERNS
\$250–\$2,000



GREEN ROOFS
\$2,000–\$20,000



PAVEMENT REMOVAL
\$600–\$5,000



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
\$1,200–\$5,000



RAIN BARRELS
\$50–\$100



RAIN GARDENS
\$1,200–\$2,500

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with Prince George's County on its Rain Check Rebate Program, offering incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce runoff quantity, and improve local streams and rivers.

What This Funds

The Rain Check Rebate Program provides eligible applicants the opportunity to receive a reimbursement for installing approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and nonprofit entities can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program. At this time, Bowie property owners are not eligible to participate in this program.

How Much Can be Awarded

Up to \$4,000 for residential property owners; up to \$20,000 for institutional properties, commercial properties, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit, and not-for-profit organizations, homeowners associations, condominium associations, and civic associations. Projects whose costs exceed the rebate cap must have separate funding to pay for the difference.

Rain Check Rebate Application Process

All Rain Check Rebate applicants must be the property owner and submit an online application. Applications for all projects must be approved by the Trust prior to project installation, with the exception of rain barrel projects. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the Rain Check Coordinator, Hannah Martin, at 410-974-2941 x114 or rebate@cbtrust.org.

<https://cbtrust.org/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/>

Rebate amounts are determined by:

- **Type of practice**
- **Project cost:** The rebate amount cannot exceed the total project cost
- **Applicant type:** Rebate ceilings are set at **\$4,000** for residential practices, and \$20,000 for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

Need Help?

Find out if a community workshop is planned for your area by visiting the calendar of events on the program website.

You can also learn about certified contractors and where to find supplies you'll need to install the practices.



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive



FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, April 28, 9 AM-1 PM

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you won't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale...don't put it in the trash. Recycle it! Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc., in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Please check the Public Works page at upmd.org for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations.

Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.

Acceptable Items

Answering Machines
Ballasts-non PCB
Batteries (see list below)
Cables
Camcorders
CDs/ DVDs
Cell Phones
Circuit Boards
Compact Disc Players
Computer Equipment
Computers
Copiers
Cords
Duplicators
DVD Players
Electric Typewriters
Electronic Games
Fax Machines
Hard Drives
Keyboards / Mice
Household Electronics
Ink / Toner
Lab Equipment
Laptops
Laptop batteries
LCD Monitors
Mainframe Equipment
Media
Metal Scrap
Microwave Ovens
Modems
Monitors
Networking Equipment
Pagers
PDA's
Printers
Printed Circuit Board
Radios
Rechargeable Batteries
Remote Controls
Scanners

Stereo Components
Stereos
Tapes
Tape Players
Telephones
Telecom Equipment
Televisions
Testing Equipment
Toasters
Transparency Makers
Two-Way Radios
UPS - Power Supplies
VCRs
Word Processors
Other Electronics



What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners
Broken CRT monitors
Console Televisions
Dishwashers
Dryers
Light bulbs
Medical Waste
Nuclear Waste
Paint
PCB Ballasts
Radioactive Waste
Refrigerators
Thermostats
Washers

What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries
Lithium Batteries
Magnesium Batteries
Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries
NiCd Wet Cell Batteries
Nickel Iron Batteries
Nickel Zinc Batteries
Silver Oxide Batteries
Zinc Carbon Batteries

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 at 5 p.m.

Town Office
301-927-4262
townhall@upmd.org

Stephanie Herold
Supervisor of Elections
elections@upmd.org

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Website: www.upmd.org, email: townhall@upmd.org

March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Order now: Annual Mulch Sale Saturday, April 7, 8 AM	Register now: 17th Annual Azalea Classic, 8:30 AM	Registration for Porchfest is now open through April 21!		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 Ivy League, 10 AM Second Saturday Lecture, 5 PM with Alice Christman on the Chesapeake Bay
11	12 Yard Waste UPCA Trivia Night at Looney's Pub, 7-9 PM	13 Trash Great Decisions 2018, 7:30 PM	14 Tree Committee	15 Recycling	16 Trash	17
18 Spring Egg Hunt & Games, 12:30-2 PM	19 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	20 Trash Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM 	21 Development Committee	22 Recycling	23 Trash	24
25	26 Yard Waste Town Manager Forum, 7:30 PM	27 Trash Great Decisions 2018, 7:30 PM	28	29 Recycling	30 Trash	31 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM 



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 Police Dept. Cell Phone 240-375-1077
 Chief Michael Wynnyk 301-277-0051

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Ward	Council Member	Phone
1	Joe Thompson	240-770-1358
2	Joe Schultz	301-892-6314
3	Bradlee Hess	202-531-5347
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	David Caskey	301-699-8785
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

NEWSLETTER

The February newsletter deadline is Tuesday, March 6. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com or sent via www.upmd.org > Communications > Contact. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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