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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Winter has waned, and the weather at last has turned glorious for walking. Get out in morning or evening and look around. Neighbors' gardens are in bloom along Forest Hills Drive, 40th Avenue, Van Buren Street, Holly Hill Road, Oakridge and elsewhere. The blossoms of the crocuses and daffodils have nearly disappeared and the tulips are fading, but the azaleas are still in bloom and there's so much more to come. The yellow-crowned night herons are rebuilding their nest at a familiar spot high above Woodberry Street. It's not unusual for University Park to host 5 or more breeding-pairs of the exotic birds, so where else do we see them? Of course, a chain-saw sculpture of the birds graces our Town Park.

See how many of our neighbors are also afoot. Our community has a lot going for it, walking-wise, and many of

us try to make full use of it. The signaled Baltimore Avenue crossing at Van Buren Street offers a safe route to the popular establishments at Riverdale Park Station – how nice that so much is available there within walking distance. A Riverdale Park Station work-around detour connects the hiker biker trolley trail from Greenbelt Road to Hyattsville, and passes through the Riverdale Park farmers' market area by Queensbury Road. On the east side of Baltimore Avenue, between Albion Street and Riverdale Park Station, a newly opened stretch of sidewalk crosses the WMATA property and has improved connectivity between Riverdale Park and College Park. Soon the east-west bridge crossing the railroad tracks will open. Because it was designed as a complete street – accommodating pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists – this opens the east side of the tracks for explor

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Election	May 1
Town Council	May 7 & 21
Tree Committee	May 9

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. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org.

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ing afoot. The boundaries of walkability in our area have been progressively pushed out in the past year, and there is more to come.

At the end of Wells Parkway near the Town's 9/11 Memorial, the Town's newest playground has gradually emerged on the former site of the dilapidated pair of tennis courts which the Town had for all intents abandoned as irreparable. The eventual appearance of a playground there began several years ago when two young mothers separately suggested that the Town update the venerable but aging Tot Lot along Wells Run between 43rd and 44th Avenues. Before long, that idea morphed into a bright new playground for a broader age group, and located on the other side of our small town, where residents had been indicating they would appreciate facilities which were closer to them. We assembled an unofficial advisory group of young parents – Jamie Lettis, Emilie Moghadam Dworkin, Kara Frome, Rebekah Benson-Flannery, Corey Tucker, Keegan Sawyer, Abbie McCoy – with Christy Neff, University Park Elementary School physical education teacher, playground designer Steve Lienesch of Cunningham Recreation, and Town Public Works Director Mickey Beall, and Treasurer Dan Baden.

This group worked together over several months to develop the nature theme and identify desired play elements. With a list of what would be needed and their estimated costs, I worked with Delegate Tawanna Gaines and others in the District 22 delegation to obtain a \$262,000 Community Parks and Playground Grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, sufficient to fund much of the cost of the new playground. The Town Council approved concepts, and then final designs. Town resident Brad Frome, of the County



Executive's office, helped with County permitting. It can take a lot of people to build a playground. Well done! My thanks to all. Still to come are the likely appreciation of many University Park children and families.

After the Town obtained necessary permits, the old tennis court quickly disappeared, first the old net posts and surrounding fence, then the asphalt. A super silt fence was put in place to protect Wells Run and the Anacostia River from any runoff, and the site was prepared for installation. The play equipment was trucked from storage in Jessup for installation. In the weeks since an assortment of chutes and slides, swings, ladders and other climbing apparatus have taken form. There is



a frog, a turtle, and a few toadstools, plus musical instruments – something for nearly every child age 2 through 12. Parents and others can watch and socialize nearby on new tables and benches.

Nearby, local artist Don Becker has been at work with chainsaws and other tools, repurposing what had been a dead tree into chain-saw art pieces: a wood sculpture and separate bench. The playground will be fully handicap-accessible. Soon a new walkway will be poured, a fresh fence installed, soil and sod placed, and the playground will be ready.

Many afternoons the area has been visited by children, often in the company of an adult, parent or grandparent. They walk to the surrounding silt fence, survey the emerging multi-age playground, and declare it "cool." It has taken time and collaboration to bring it about, but this playground will soon be a joyful place.

On Saturday, May 19, at about 10 a.m., our community will cut the ribbon on this bright new playground. Please come, join the celebration and see for yourself.

—Len Carey

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

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

May is graduation time. Whether moving up from elementary school to middle school, middle school to high school, high school to college or college into the work force, each step is a milestone. Parents are proud and graduates are excited. Both parents and children are anxious about what lies ahead.

As parents it is our duty to talk to children (our own and others) about drinking, drugs, self-respect, respecting others and having fun in a responsible and courteous manner. Ask kids to do the right thing when no one is looking. Don't be afraid to say no when it comes to dangerous activities. Children seem to grow up much faster now, with so much exposure to the world through social media and the immediate response of cell phones. The excitement or pain of it all can be overwhelming.

High school graduation is probably the most critical time of all. Proms, graduation parties, senior beach week, final exams, summer jobs, vacations and going to college—it's a whirlwind. These lifetime memories for students are important, but more important is finishing the school year healthy and safe. Turning eighteen means adulthood in some regards, like voting, military service, or if you commit a crime. But not in all regards. It's okay to say no to underage drinking, especially at home, even if you did it when you were young. One little mistake can impact the rest of your life, if you live through it. Please encourage your high school child and new driver to be careful.

Young adults need to respect themselves, respect others and their property. Appreciate the opportunities provided by hard working parents and guardians. It's okay to say no to dangerous activities and remember that no means no. Remember how you drove when you first got your learner's permit and a parent was in the seat beside you. It's okay to keep driving that carefully. Make smart choices that keep you and others safe. It is a huge responsibility. Bad decisions often have bad consequences. Congratulations to all who have graduated and be careful in your future endeavors.

Theft On March 17 in the 6900 block of 40th Ave. the resident advised that a 2008 Yamaha dirt bike had been stolen from beside the house. The motorcycle was untagged and unregistered. The UPPD were contacted, no further description of the vehicle was available. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Ordinance Notices

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 18-O-04

On April 9, 2018, Ordinance 18-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 12, "Public Ethics", of the Code of the Town of University Park, Sections 12-102, "Definitions", 12-104, "Conflicts of Interest" and 12-105, "Required disclosures by elected Town officials and candidates to be elected Town officials" to conform to recent changes to the Maryland Public Ethics Law. The meeting set for May 7, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 18-O-03

On April 9, 2018, Ordinance 18-O-03 was introduced. This ordinance would levy the real and personal property taxes and adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. The ordinance would levy the real property tax at fifty-nine cents (\$0.5900) per \$100.00 of assessed value of all taxable real property and two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per \$100.00 of assessed value of all taxable personal property in the Town, and appropriate the funds for the FY 2019 budget. The meeting set for May 21, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Charter Resolution 18-CR-01

On April 9, 2018, Charter Resolution 18-CR-01 was introduced. This Charter Amendment would amend the Charter of the Town of University Park, to add Article I, "General Corporate Powers", Section 102, "Nondiscrimination" to prohibit unlawful discrimination against a person based on age, ancestry, citizenship, color, creed, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, immigration status, marital or family status, nationality, national origin, physical characteristic, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or socio-economic status. The meeting set for June 4, 2018 is the first meeting at which the Charter Resolution could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

Helping Hands University Park



Before presenting you with a cautionary column, we want to let you know about our new HHUP website: helpinghandsup.org. We're also on Facebook-look for us at Helping Hands University Park. And now...

Five Red Flags-Home Improvement Scam

Now that warmer weather is here, you may be thinking of the around-the-house projects that need to get done. A little help certainly wouldn't hurt but be careful whom you hire: Along with the crocuses, spring is also the season when crooked contractors and home improvement scams start popping up everywhere.

What Should Make You Wary

1. "I just did some repairs for your neighbor..." Someone knocks on your door and says they have a great deal because they are working nearby and have leftover material. It's a ruse.
2. "The deal is good today only." A stranger at your door or on the phone says you must act immediately to get the special offer. Don't be muscled into making a decision without doing your homework.
3. "Your safety is at risk." They create a sense of urgency by saying you may be in danger unless you make immediate repairs. Contact authorities if you have concerns.
4. "I need the money up front." They demand you pay a substantial amount before they'll start the work. It's a sign that that you are about to be ripped off.
5. "My truck is around the corner." There's no vehicle- or it's unmarked, no business card, no uniform, no phone number, no web address, no information anywhere. This is a charlatan.

How to Avoid Getting Ripped Off

1. Get recommendations. Avoid contractors that contact you unsolicited. Don't hire a contractor based solely on an ad in a local newspaper. Check with friends, neighbors, relatives and the town listserv.
2. See what others are saying. Check his or her work history with the Maryland Licensing administration and the Better Business Bureau.
3. Check credentials. Verify that that the contractor has a Maryland license or registration.
4. Know your rights. The Maryland Door-to-Door Sales Act gives consumers certain rights. Ask Helping Hands



UP for information.

5. Get everything in writing. Demand a written contract, and get all warranties in writing, too.

Source: Consumer Reports Magazine May 2015 with modifications to fit University Park.

University Park Community Mosquito Control Program



May has arrived and with it more pleasant weather and warmer temperatures, as well as the first mosquitoes. We want to thank everyone who was so dedicated to the UP Mosquito Control Program in 2017, and we're really happy with the initial results of your joint efforts. We are excited to expand the program in 2018 and again need your help to

reduce the mosquito population.

The committee has formulated a plan that we believe will be most effective in our efforts. Please join us in the following:

1. Remove breeding sites around your home, including plastic containers and a variety of other household items that hold rainwater; cover the end of drain pipe extensions with hosiery/netting.
2. Help us by setting out the hundreds of traps (around 900 in total) that you and your neighbors purchased last year and this spring.
3. If you have traps, plan to set them out (generally one in your front yard and one in your backyard) by May 1. It is important that they be set out this early because mosquitoes trapped and killed early in the season won't breed, which keeps our numbers lower later in the summer.
4. If you don't have traps, plan to get some this spring. The program works best if 75% of the people on a block have traps.
5. Join us by becoming a block captain. A successful community program happens when you pitch in and help to sell traps, set traps and keep traps clean. The more of your neighbors who have traps the more successful your block will be at reducing mosquitoes.

Our Rutgers University partners collected and counted

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mosquitoes at a number of locations around town last summer and their data demonstrated that, where there were concentrations of traps, the mosquito population dropped!

We ask for your help and participation. Just contact one of us or attend a meeting.

We will have two block captain organizing meetings, Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, May 12 at 10 AM at the Church of the Brethren. We hope the volunteer captains can make one of these dates. With your help we can make this a nearly mosquito-free summer. Thank you so much.

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Tree Committee News

Notable Trees of University Park

Since 2015, Tree Committee members have been cataloging the town's notable trees. Our efforts are ongoing. Some time back we extended an open invitation to all residents to nominate their favorite trees for inclusion on the list. We'd like to renew the invitation. We ask that all nominated trees are either on, or are visible from, public right of ways. Your nominations will help the Tree Committee develop an interactive online map that will catalog the town's notable trees, providing location, photographs and annotations which will prompt citizens to customize their walks through town to include visits with specific trees.

The Danger of English Ivy, Free Consultation

Did you know that the established trees in your yard represent a measurable percentage of your property's value? English ivy, if left unchecked, can eventually result in death of oaks, holly and many otherwise stalwart trees. Over the course of years, English ivy can eventually result in significant cosmetic damage to your home, and potentially impact the structural components as well. It may look pretty or quaint, but it comes at a steep price. The removal of English ivy from your house and trees pro-

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vides an excellent return on investment. The task requires much more patience than skill. You can opt to undertake it yourself or outsource to an enthusiastic youngster. The Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment is offering homeowners consultations and demonstrations. If you have ivy on the trunks of your trees and are not sure how best to remove it, please contact us to schedule a consultation and

demonstration of effective control. Please contact us via TreeComm@UPMD.org.

Ivy League

Saturday, May 12, 9 AM

Please meet at the Queen's Chapel Little Library, SW corner of the Town Soccer Field. We will be clearing the ivy from tree trunks throughout the park. Please bring a set of garden pruning clippers and a large screwdriver, small pry bar, or dandelion weeder. Long sleeve shirts and pants are recommended. Attendance at five sessions will earn volunteers a custom, limited edition, University Park Ivy League bandana.

March 19 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to repair and replace an existing screen and roof in porch on side of house, keeping an existing slab located at 4326 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

Ms. Nicole Williams, a resident of Greenbelt, Maryland, introduced herself and informed the Council that she will be running for Delegate in District 22. Ms. Williams currently serves on the Democratic Central Committee for District 22. She is involved with the Planning Advisory Board in Greenbelt and also holds the position as President of the Roosevelt Democratic Club. She has been practicing real estate law for the past sixteen years in the state of Maryland.

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New Business

Motion: As recommended by the Development Overview Committee, to authorize the Mayor and the Town Attorney to write and send a letter to the MNCPPC in substantially the form provided, to express the Town's position regarding Preliminary Plan of Subdivision PPS 4-17004 for the Landy Property, located on the south side of Northwestern High School, northwest of the intersection of Toledo Terrace and Belcrest Road, partly within the limits of the City of Hyattsville. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: CM Wells said that if there are any new concerns found in the Staff Report (available on March 23) that would require changing the letter, the issues can be addressed at the Special Session scheduled for March 27. Mayor Carey said that a copy of the draft letter will be emailed to the Councilmembers on March 20.

Council discussion on amending the charter to include the following nondiscrimination statement:

Nondiscrimination Statement: Town officials, employees, or agents, in carrying out their official duties, shall not discriminate based on age, ancestry, citizenship, color, creed, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, immigration status, marital or family status, nationality, national origin, physical characteristic, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

Chair of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee CM Verrill said that the Committee is recommending adding a nondiscrimination statement to University Park's Town Charter. The Committee has worked for the last year in discussing "Welcoming City" concepts and the Committee felt that they should start in the very basic with the most foundational of policy documents, which is the Town Charter.

Discussion

- The Committee examined the main policy documents of the Town: 1) Charter; 2) Town Code; 3) Police General Orders Manual; 4) Employee Handbook. They found that the Police General Orders Manual does have to some extent some statements about ethical treatment; the Employee Handbook only refers to how employees are treated and the other two documents had nothing about nondiscrimination.
- A suggestion was made that the statement should go in Article 1, right after the statement that delineates the

square footage of the Town.

- In favor of using the word "unlawfully discriminated" since this is the typical language.
- A suggestion was made to say "shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person based on age..."
- The Town of College Park has a nondiscrimination statement and it does not use the word "unlawful" although they focused on three areas: employment, housing and public accommodation.
- The Town had digitized the Town Codes, which is searchable, and residents are able to access other Town Codes through the "search" option for a comparison.
- This statement should be announced in the Town Newsletter prior to adopting it.
- After a discussion on whether or not "education" should be included in the Statement, Ms. Ferguson said that she is not aware of any laws that have been adopted that make a distinction based on "education" except for requirements for getting a job.
- A suggestion was made that the Council look at other "nondiscrimination statements" to see if there is something better.
- A concern: "Avoid putting ourselves in a trap where our aspirations have actually changed and create some kind of a difficulty for us or some other Council at some other time because words have multiple meanings."
- The importance of "unlawfully" is when you have a citizenship issue in voting since non-citizens are not allowed to vote in Town.
- The nondiscrimination statement is setting the tone for the Government. It is saying that this body will not take actions that are discriminatory and will not allow anybody under their control to do that. If someone violates the statement, further steps would need to be taken since there are no penalties in the Charter.
- "Unlawfully" should be kept in the statement since it could pose a problem at least with voter registration.

Motion: To ask the Town Attorney to draft a Charter Amendment substantially in this language for consideration at the next appropriate meeting. We also ask the Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure to continue with the next phase in their work as it takes time to do that and to bring back other matters for the Council to consider. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: Mayor Carey urged that the Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure work with the Council

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Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety when working on revising the General Orders of Police Manual.

Motion to approve adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate Friday, April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- The Council will meet in Special Session on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. This is a forum on Town Manager. The Mayors and Town Managers of Berwyn Heights and Riverdale Park will be present to join in with the conversation on how University Park will proceed in proposing a Town Manager. Mayor Carey said that this proposal will be part of the FY 2019 Budget.
- The playground groundbreaking was very successful. The expected ribbon cutting at the completion of the project is May 19.
- The sidewalk on the east side of Baltimore Avenue, across from University Park, is open. A date will be scheduled for the ribbon cutting.
- The temporary work-around for the Hiker/Biker trail is once again open.
- Residents can soon expect to see an increase of truck traffic going through Town due to the playground project.
- One of MML's major legislative priorities has been Highway User Revenues. This will bring University Park up to \$115,000 a year from \$85,000 for restoration.
- With the money received from the Cafritz Project, there is now increased police enforcement for those who illegally cross Baltimore Avenue from Van Buren Street. There have been numerous citations, warnings and one impounded car.

Council and Committee Reports

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee Next meeting is scheduled for April 10. CM Alvarez agreed to set some time aside at a future meeting to explain the possible changes to the General Orders of Police Manual regarding "discrimination." The Committee met on March 13. The minutes will be available soon. The Chair of the Committee has asked Mayor Carey to check with MML about traffic control in other cities.

Development Overview Committee Next meeting is scheduled for March 21 to discuss stormwater issues at the

Landy Property and the structured parking (Building 5) at the Riverdale Park Station project.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met on March 7. The minutes of this meeting have been submitted.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The Committee met on March 15. The minutes of this meeting are not yet available.

CM Caskey received a very well written answer from the Town Attorney on whether or not University Park has the authority under the Maryland Code to prohibit thru-traffic in Town. The letter stated that University Park cannot prohibit traffic through Town. Ms. Ferguson informed the Council that there is the ability to have "No Thru Traffic - Local Traffic Only" but it has to be a limited area and you have to have a good reason. It was agreed that the letter would be made public at the next Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson The Town received a notice stating that the 7-Eleven across from University Park will be filing for an exemption to install a lighted monument sign close to Baltimore Avenue.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano Tracey attended the Clerk's Association Meeting last week. She encouraged the Council to take the Open Meetings Class that is being offered in Hyattsville on April 12 as well as online. After taking this class, she learned that when Council or Committees go into a Closed Session, it is required that at least one member of the group has taken this class. Mayor Carey said that since the rules often change, everyone should take the class.

Those who want to attend the Maryland Municipal League Conference should contact Tracey. Election Day is scheduled for May 1.

Chief of Police Michael Wynnuk

- February 2018 Crime Report was distributed.
- Captain McCully asked to extend his appreciation to those who attended his retirement party.
- Currently going through the four applicants that have applied for the vacancy.
- Lieutenant Enig was promoted to Captain McCully's position effective March 1.
- Attended a School Safety Forum with Hyattsville Police

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Department at Northwestern High school.

- Attended the Hyattsville Safe Streets Initiative and signed on with Hyattsville as a partner for a grant they received. Some of the overtime funding will come to University Park. After discovering the MS13 logo on the bridge near the 911 Memorial, Chief Wynnyk contacted an expert from Prince George's County; the County has a designated unit that focuses on MS13 gang activity.
- The Code Enforcement Officer has sent out approximately 75 rental license letters.
- The speed signs have been repaired and will be placed where needed.
- Public Works employees have been cleaning along Wells Parkway and complained about the amount of dog waste in that area. A flyer will be distributed with hopes to address this problem.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden February 2018 Treasurer's Report was distributed. Mr. Baden informed the Council that in reference to the correspondence from SunTrust Bank informing University Park that the rate of their Bond may increase due to the tax cut, SunTrust Bank has chosen not to increase the rate.

Motion: To adjourn the public meeting and enter Closed Session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals. The Council will not be returning to Open Session.
Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:12 PM.

March 27 Council Special Session Highlights

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

Forum on Hiring a Town Manager

As part of the Fiscal Year 2019 Town Budget, Mayor and Council is considering the possibility of hiring a full-time Town Manager. Mayor Carey and Treasurer Dan Baden began by discussing the proposal for University Park. A guest panel from neighboring municipalities, Mayor Cheryl Jewitt and Town Manager Jessica Cowles from the Town of Berwyn Heights and Mayor Alan Thomp

son and Town Manager John Lestitian from the Town of Riverdale Park, talked about their experiences with a Town Manager and answered questions.

Mayor Carey said that the proposal is to hire a full-time Town Manager to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town. This is not a change of governance, as Town policies and ordinances would continue to be legislated through Mayor and Council. The plan is to split the current role of the Mayor into two jobs and put the administrative duties into the hands of a professional who would work for the Mayor and Council. A draft sample of the Town Manager job description was distributed.

Questions for Mayor Cheryl Jewitt (Berwyn Heights)

Q. Berwyn Heights has used a Town Manager for many years. How did that affect your willingness to run for Council and to serve as Mayor?

A. In a town with 3,000 residents and a full-time job, knowing that she has someone who is an expert who can handle issues immediately and report the issues back to her, is vital. To not have this extra person is not sustainable for Berwyn Heights.

Q. Does not living in Town affect your ability to perform your position one way or another?

A. She is available 24/7 and has had text conversations with the Councilmembers at all hours during the day and evening. When you work in the town that you live, there is an inability to separate sometimes. Her advice is to focus on fit for a Town Manager and less on geography.

Q. How long has Berwyn Heights had a Town Manager? Is the Manager full-time or part-time?

A. She is not exactly sure how many years, but at least fifteen years for a full-time Manager.

Q. What do you think about a part-time Manager?

A. It would be difficult compressing the workload and work schedule into part-time.

Q. How often is it that the Council finds itself needing to seek a waiver from the normal bid procedures?

A. There are special provisions in the Berwyn Heights Charter to bypass normal contracting and negotiating procedures and for the most part, they have not waived any of those procedures.

Q. How much time and attention do you devote, if any, to doing research for ideas on legislation that is pending before the Council?

A. The local Town Managers get together once a month to kick around ideas. There are other opportunities

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through other professional development and conferences to learn nationally and internationally what the best practices are.

Q. What is the most difficult downside to having a Town Manager?

A. Remembering that the Mayor is not the supervisor, the Town Manager is.

Q. How do Mayors or Town Managers with no professional experience in building design, transportation planning, etc., handle these technical issues in their Town?

A. Hire consultants.

Q. Who is responsible for emergency management?

A. For Berwyn Heights, it is the Town Manager that takes the full lead.

Q. Are the Town Managers typically a contract employee? What is the length of the contract?

A. For Berwyn Heights it is five years, but after three years a joint decision can be made if the Town Manger wants to leave or of the Town wants to let them go.

Q. What is the operating budget for Berwyn Heights?

A. \$3.9 million.

Q. Are your elected officials compensated in some way?

A. \$250.00 stipend every month.

Questions for Town Manager Jessica Cowles (Berwyn Heights)

Q. What kinds of efficiencies and other kinds of things like that, the professionalization of the executive position confers on the Town?

A. When the Mayor and Councilmembers have full-time jobs elsewhere and cannot be immediately available in an emergency situation, having a Town Manager to make a quick decision is very efficient. The Town Manager does not have the authority to make policy on their own. They implement the vision of the Council, which is ultimately implementing the resident's vision for the community.

A. Mayor Jewitt added that without the Town Manager providing the research for the issues that the Council comes up with, they would not be as effective in getting all of the things accomplished in the short two-year period that the Council sits. Mayor Jewitt's job is to be concerned about what the residents want, the Town Manager then does the research to make sure that if a change is going to be implemented, it is the right decision.

Q. Do you reside in the Town? If not, where do you reside?

A. Annapolis.

Q. How much time do you spend on personnel issues; advancement of personnel, performance evaluations or discipline of personnel? Are you perceived as a final level of appeal to a department head?

A. It depends on the week. It is a unique mix of being proactive and reactive.

Q. What difference does it make to your workday whether you have more or less commercial property in your town?

A. The majority of property is zoned residential in Berwyn Heights and there is not a difference in her time whether there is commercial or residential property.

Q. What is your salary?

A. \$105,000.

Questions for Mayor Alan Thompson (Riverdale Park)

Q. Why did the Town of Riverdale Park recently make the transition from a Town Administrator to a Town Manager? What is the difference and is the change useful?

A. With the previous system they found there were muddy lines of authority and who was overseeing who and what decisions were final and which ones were going to possibly be reversed after 5 PM when the Mayor got in. This is why they went to the full Town Manager form of government. After approximately eight months with an Acting Town Manager, they hired John Lestitian. The change has been extraordinarily useful and the Town government is moving much more efficiently.

Q. What are your duties now that you have given up the Executive position?

A. Envisioning the future, looking at the issues that the Town is facing and coming up with ideas for how to rise up to that expectation. The political communication both with the residents of the Town and with the other members of the Council. Representing the Town at various official events.

Q. Do you find that, just having that situation, as heading off things that you could imagine might have been problems?

A. Definitely. Just having someone who can very calmly say, okay, I have seen situations like this before, this is how it was handled, this is an appropriate way to move forward. This is a great thing to have.

Q. What is the most difficult downside to having a Town Manager?

A. The big issue is that separation of knowing that the person the Mayor should talk to about getting anything done is the Town Manager.

Q. Has this worked in terms of the responsiveness of Town government to your residents? Does it make your Town government any less responsive?

A. No, definitely not.

A. Mr. Lestitian added that he thinks it makes it more responsive.

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A. Mayor Jewitt added that at the end of the day, all the comments end up in the Mayor's or Councilmember's ear. It is not the role of the Town Manager to be the punching bag.

Q. Did Riverdale Park get more efficient when they transitioned their form of government?

A. The Town Manager has increased the efficiency of the staff.

Q. Who is responsible for a typical emergency management?

A. Riverdale Park's emergency management is typically handled through the police department. If there is a State of Emergency declared, it is the Mayor.

Q. Are the Town Managers typically a contract employee? What is the length of the contract?

A. Contract. Mayor Thompson could not remember the length of the contract.

Q. What is the operating budget for Riverdale Park?

A. \$6.2 million.

Q. Are your elected officials compensated in some way?

A. He receives \$1,000 per month stipend.

Questions for Town Manager John Lestitian (Riverdale Park)

Q. What kinds of efficiencies and other kinds of things like that, does the professionalization of the executive position confer on the Town?

A. You need full-time leadership when you have full-time professional staff. Allowing the elected to concentrate on elected issues, on constituent issues and not have to worry about the administrative and operational aspects of the Town government. The Manager handles the efficient operation of the vision that the elected set. That allows the elected officials to spend their limited time doing more lobbying for highway user funds, etc.

A. Mayor Thompson responded by saying that when an incoming Mayor has no professional training in public administration or management, hiring someone with that knowledge was immensely good for the next person stepping in as Mayor.

Q. How much time do you spend on personnel issues; advancement of personnel, performance evaluations or discipline of personnel? Are you perceived as a final level of appeal to a department head?

A. It is perceived this way although some tweaks need to be made to the policy. Mr. Lestitian along with the Finance Director work very closely together on HR issues and this responsibility is mixed in with everything he does.

Q. Do you reside in the Town? If not, where do you

reside?

A. Adams Morgan.

Q. Does not living in Town affect your ability to perform your position one way or another?

A. The Mayor and Councilmembers know that he can reach 24/7 by cell phone and is only twenty-eight minutes away. He thinks there is a benefit in small jurisdictions to have a little bit of distance between the professional staff and the residents.

Q. How much time and attention do you devote, if any, to doing research for ideas on legislation that is pending before the Council?

A. It is the job of professional managers of municipalities to research and to know when to keep the pulse on what is going on and if there is a new way of doing something.

Q. What difference does it make to your workday whether you have more or less commercial property in your Town?

A. It does not make any difference whether your property is zoned or used a particular way, property is property. If you have active development going on, that takes additional time.

Q. What do you think about a part-time Manager?

A. Did not know there was such a thing as a part-time Town Manager. An average week is sixty-five hours a week and it is very busy all the time.

Q. How do Mayors or Town Managers with no professional experience in building design, transportation planning, etc., handle these technical issues in their Town?

A. If the Town has taken a position on a development that is the Council's determination, the Town Manager does not take positions on development that is the job of the Mayor and Council to tell the Town Manager what the Town's position is. The Town Manager will then work to influence things so as to carry out the Town's position.

A. Mayor Thompson added that, with the one big project across Baltimore Avenue (Cafritz development), they hired a consultant who advised them very carefully during the whole process.

Q. What is your base salary?

A. \$131,000.

Mayor Carey confirmed with the guests that the Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, Town Clerk, and Treasurer report to the Town Manager. The Town Manager reports to the Council as a whole. The majority of the Council can fire the Town Manager. The Town

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Manager is required to sit in on Council Meetings.

Questions for Mayor Carey (University Park)

Q. What is the operating budget for University Park?

What is the impact of the Town Manager?

A. \$3.34 million.

A. Mr. Baden added that he is projecting for the FY2019, \$125,000 which would include salary and benefits for a full-time manager. Including a 3.1 cent per \$100 tax increase in order to cover that full cost, this comes out to be approximately \$135.00 per house.

Q. What examples of a Town this size without a commercial base are there to say we are ready for a Town Manager or are we supposed to develop a commercial base first and then go to a Town Manager?

A. Mayor Carey responded by saying University Park has two Church buildings, a school and a Town Hall, otherwise entirely residential. What drives this proposal is that the duties of the Mayor have become well more than full-time.

Q. Can University Park sustain the current benefits that the Town offers (sidewalks, town bus service, etc.) with a part-time, retired person willing to take on 60-70 hours a week without hiring a Town Manager?

A. A Councilmember said that he is skeptical that the Town can sustain it without making a change. It is inconceivable that the Town had three good Mayors in a row who just happen to be retired and capable of doing the job.

A. A Councilmember said that with the increased development surrounding University Park and because University Park does not have certain rights under the County government, the political position has to be taken strongly and regularly and that is something that only the Mayor or the elected officials can do.

A. The Development Overview Committee always asks the Mayor to talk with elected and appointed officials in surrounding towns undergoing development, which adds more work to the Mayor's list. It does not appear that this will slow down in the future.

A. Residents would be more likely to get involved in local government if they knew somebody was taking things on. It can take a Committee a long time to come up with solutions to issues, if the Town had a Town Manager who could do research, things could move much faster.

A. A Councilmember said that it is possible to sustain the level of services but not very likely. There is a concern that a change could make things worse.

A Councilmember does have some reservations but can see that the Town has been lucky with a retired Mayor

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who can afford to take the job.

Q. If the Town implements a Town Manager, it does not have to go to referendum, it is a decision of the Council, correct?

A. Mayor Carey responded by saying it will be a decision of the Council. The intent is to work within the Charter, to have the Town Manager at first receive authorities delegated by the Mayor. That would allow some transition and give everyone opportunity to work out the kinks before the changes are inscribed into the Charter and Code. "A change in the Charter, a change in the Ordinance would be maybe a year away and when that happens it can be petitioned to referendum, which is a process established in the Charter. The Council cannot just send something to referendum."

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:30 PM.

Obituaries

Marilyn Lundell Majeska

died of natural causes at her home in Pompano Beach, Florida on Tuesday, March 20. She was a longtime resident of University Park. Her warm smile, sweet disposition and kind heart will be missed tremendously. Born in Vasa, Minnesota, on August 15, 1934, Marilyn attended a one-room country school in Vasa. She then attended Red Wing High School and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College. She earned her Master's and Licentiate degrees, then pursued doctoral studies in American Literature at Indiana University. While in Bloomington, Marilyn met and married George Majeska, with whom she celebrated 53 years of marriage. As an English professor, Marilyn helped hundreds of college students and working professionals hone the craft of writing at Bowling Green, Ball State and the University of Maryland in College Park and Munich, Germany. Marilyn also brought her editing skills to the Library of Congress. There she was a well-loved colleague who helped develop National Library for the Blind & Handicapped programs and edited numerous volumes of authoritative Country Studies. Marilyn was an avid reader and gardener who liked to refer to herself as a country girl. She enjoyed attending cultural programs and traveling the world with her husband, as well as spending time



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with her family at their vacation home in Chincoteague. Marilyn was extremely proud of her daughters and four grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, George, and her daughters, Tanya Springer of Pompano Beach and Kristin Majeska of Portland, Maine, by her grandchildren, Alex Millones, Thomas Springer, Nicolas Millones and Amanda Springer and by her son-in-law, Luis Millones. She is predeceased by her brother, Deane Lundell, and son-in-law, John Springer.

James Robert "Bob" Anderson died on March 25 after a brief hospitalization. He was 85 and a longtime University Park resident. Professor Anderson received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He held an NSF postdoctoral fellowship at the Mond Laboratory of Cambridge University before joining UMD in 1964 as an assistant professor. During his long career, his research spanned several topics in experimental condensed matter physics. He made highly-cited contributions to superconducting quantum computing since the late 1990s, and to diluted magnetic semiconductors from 1984 until the current decade. He enjoyed visiting appointments at the Institute for Materials Research, Sendai, Japan; Kuwait University; the Institute of Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Institute of High Pressure Physics in Moscow, among others. He was a member of the Center for Nanophysics and Advanced Materials and a fellow of the Joint Quantum Institute, and maintained research connections with the Laboratory for Physical Sciences. He retired from the University in 2014, but still spent much of his time in the Physics Department and was a faithful attendee of its colloquia and seminars. He was an avid bicyclist, a devoted UMD sports enthusiast and a true fan of gentle jokes and puns.

 **UPCA** *University Park Civic Association* **UPCA News**
April was another busy month for the UPCA! Thank you to the Mayor, council members and all

the citizens who came out for the Civic Social. It was a great opportunity to talk in person about issues in our town. Many thanks to Scott Bolden, Jodi Cohen and Kate & Bruce Beveridge for organizing this spring's Stream Clean Up event. Many helping hands make light work! By walking the banks and wading in the stream to pick up trash, we can keep our local water looking great. Finally, thanks to Jill & David Fosse for hosting the New Neighbor Social. We enjoyed meeting the new folks in town and connecting people in the neighborhood. If you have new neighbors, remember to let them know about

the UPCA. Thanks again to everyone who has joined the UPCA for 2018! New members are joining every month. If you have not joined for 2018 you can still do so at upcivicassociation.com. The UPCA is run solely by volunteers, so 100% of your dues goes to our community events.



UPCA Townwide Yard Sale Saturday, May 5, 8 AM-1 PM

It's time to come out for one of UP's favorite events! With many requests for an earlier start time, this year's sale will be sure to please the early bird shoppers. If you've worked up an appetite after some shopping, come down to the UP Elementary circle, where BBQ Bill will be selling food for lunch. There is still time to submit your house for the map as we will be sending out a live link to the map for our shoppers. Check Facebook or subscribe to the UPCA google group for the link to the map by visiting upcivicassociation.com.



UPCA Spring Porchfest Saturday, May 5, 2-6 PM

What is Porchfest? Porchfest is a family-friendly community music event, appropriate for all ages. The focal points are a variety of musical acts ranging from acoustic to electric, solo to ensemble. Stroll the streets of UP and enjoy live music with your neighbors! The schedule of performances will be announced on Facebook and via the UPCA google group (just visit upcivicassociation.com and follow the links). Mark your calendars for a wonderful afternoon of community and live music!



UP Playgroup Meet and Greet
Sunday, May 6, 10:30 AM-12 PM

Parents of infants, preschoolers and expecting parents come out to meet each other. Exchange information if you want to form playgroups. Playgroups are great for socialization for parents/caregivers and children! We'll meet at the University Park Tot Lot (the playground behind Word of God Baptist Church on Queens Chapel Road). Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the UPCA. Please come out to meet other families.

University Park Woman's Club Meeting
Monday, May 7, 11:30 AM

Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk and Delegate Tawanna Gaines will be guests of the UPWC at the May meeting. Each woman has served our county and their districts for several years in the Maryland General Assembly. Delegate Gaines of District 22 and Delegate Pena-Melnyk of District 21 will give a brief overview of what was accomplished in the recently concluded session, especially on issues which affect women. There also will be time for questions. The UPWC meets at the University Christian Church on Adelphi and Belcrest Rds. Registration is at 11:30, a light lunch at noon, followed by a brief meeting and program. Guests are welcome. RSVP is required; Pat Myers, patmyers2@verizon.net or 301-439-6813.

Great Decisions 2018:
A Foreign Policy Discussion Group
Tuesday, May 8 and 22, 7:30 PM

Join the University Park Great Decisions group for lively discussions about U.S. foreign policy. 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. May's topics are South Africa's Fragile Democracy and Global Health: Progress and Challenges. If you are interested in joining us, please contact John Rogard Tabori at McTab@aol.com.

Chocolate: Second Saturday Lecture
Saturday, May 12, 5 PM

We all like chocolate but most of us probably don't know much about everybody's favorite food. Come listen to award-winning author of 26 cookbooks, Sheilah Kaufman. Sheilah never met a chocolate she didn't like and she's certainly not alone. She will speak on her favorite subject, chocolate, by combining her sharp wit with her

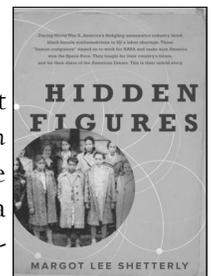


endless knowledge of food history into an engaging and tasty event. Chocolate is the most craved food in the United States! Ms. Kaufman, culinary lecturer and food editor, will tell the Story of the

History of Chocolate. Learn valuable information about using and cooking with chocolate and its medicinal values. Finally, enjoy a chocolate tasting. As usual this lecture will take place at the Church of the Brethren. For more information or if you would like to be a future speaker or know of someone with an interesting topic contact Dave Brosch at 301-779-3168 or davidbrosch@comcast.net.

After 8 Book Group
Tuesday, May 15, 8-10 PM

May's title is *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. June's book is *A Man Called Ove* by Frederik Backman. Please call Carol Hurtt 301-927-2772 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.



New Members Welcome



The After 8 Book Group is looking for new members. We meet 10 times a year, September thru June on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at members' homes in UP. Books are chosen

from recent fiction and nonfiction, biographies, history and sometimes even a classic or two. Drop-ins are always welcome and you don't have to join to participate. We list the book schedule in the Town Newsletter and if you've read the book, please feel free to join us. For more information, contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



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.

UPCA Mutt Strut

Sunday, June 3, 9-11 AM



The Mutt Strut is a fun gathering for our precious dogs and their faithful human friends (adults and children) to enjoy each other's company, have coffee and donuts, visit exhibitors, win prizes...and walk together through beautiful University Park. Meet up at UP

Town Soccer Field. Participation is \$5 per person with discounts for large families. Humans get our beautiful event t-shirt, doggies get a matching event bandana and this year, their very own refreshment table! *Watch for the registration announcement in mid-May.* For more information about the UPCA Mutt Strut, to exhibit or to volunteer, contact Linda Verrill, linda_verrill@yahoo.com, 301-927-6743 or Carollynn Hammersmith, carollynn@hammersmith.ws, 410-507-7208.

Attention: Teen Workers



A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year in the Newsletter. Teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents (raking, shoveling, car washing, baby sitting, pet care, etc.) should email their

name, age, phone number, street name, email address and type of service(s) to univparknews@gmail.com before May 6 for publication in the June Newsletter.

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.



Riverdale ArtsFest2018, Saturday, May 5, 11 AM-5 PM

The Riverdale Park Arts Council presents local artists, artisans, authors, poets and various crafts vendors selling original art works and crafts. Held at the Riverdale Park train station parking lot located, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park. Rain date, Sunday May 6.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, Local Filmmaker's Showcase, Monday, May 7, 7 PM Passion Films about Art by Emmy and Cine Award winning editor and producer John Spillane. *Parallel Journeys* follows three Washington artists to Calcutta, India. *Memories in Stone: Hungarian Sculpture Park* portrays banished Marxist icons near Budapest. *Work in Progress* documents the life and work of Washington painter Donald Davidson. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville.

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.

The Outdoor Performance Series

a collaboration between the College Park City-University Partnership, the University Office of Community Engagement, College Park Arts Exchange, the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, the University of Maryland's School of Music and the City of College Park.



- **Monday, April 23, 5:30 PM**, Erin Johnson at Northgate Park, 8120 Baltimore Avenue
 - **Monday, May 21, 5:30 PM**, College Park Youth Orchestra at Little Tavern Park, 7413 Baltimore Avenue
 - **Friday, May 25, 6 PM**, Paint Branch Creek at Little Tavern Park
 - **Friday, June 1, 6 PM**, Transatlantic Crossing at Little Tavern Park
- See the complete line up at collegeparkpartnership.org.

Yoga with CPAE, Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 PM Come and explore yoga with parayoga certified teacher, Geneva Moss. Thursday night yoga will have a focus on poses and movement to help relieve stress and tensions from the week, rejuvenate the mind, body and energy and restoratives to nourish a good night's sleep. Bring your own mat and any props you like to use. Ages 16 and over, mixed ability levels, with a primary focus on restorative poses. \$12 drop-in, \$60 for six weeks. Go to www.cpae.org for upcoming dates. Takes place at College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Un)Choir at MilkBoy ArtHouse, Tuesday, May 8, 7 PM A new kind of choral experience: learn your part and sing a song in harmony, all in one fun evening. No auditions, no rehearsals, no long-term commitment-just show up and sing a song you love. You will get a lyric sheet, then Allison Hughes, music director for College Park Chorale, will teach you 2 or 3-part harmony to a well-known song. A partnership with The Clarice and MilkBoy ArtHouse, College Park.



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.



Mother's Day in the Garden, Sunday, May 13, 12:15-3:15 PM Celebrate mom, grandma or another special lady with a free guided tour of the house. End the afternoon with a glass of lemonade and a stroll through the garden. Limited to one free tour with each paid admission. All ages welcome.

A Bath Afternoon, Saturday, May 19, 1 PM The spa city of Bath was a center of fashion in Regency England. View an Austen film set in the city, create your own fashion album to take home, and enjoy treats worthy of Mulland's. Advance payment required by May 11. Resident/\$19; Non-Resident/\$25.

Shopping Locally for Fresh Food: 2018 Farmers Markets

You can eat locally-grown produce year round by shopping at these markets within a 5-mile radius.

Downtown College Park Farmers Market
4500 Knox Road
College Park, Maryland 20740
Sunday 10 AM- 2 PM

Riverdale Park Farmers Market
4650 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737
Thursday 3-7 PM

College Park Farmers Market
5211 Paint Branch Pkwy
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 7 AM-Noon

The Farmers Market at Maryland
1115 Eppley Recreation Center
College Park, Maryland 20742
Wednesday 11 AM-3PM

Hyattsville Farmers Market
City Municipal Building
4310 Gallatin Street
Hyattsville, MD 20781
Every Third Friday, 3-7 PM
5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21

Crossroads Farmers Market
Anne Street at University Blvd. East
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912
Wednesday 11 AM-3 PM

Hollywood Farmers Market
9801 Rhode Island Ave.
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 9 AM-1 PM

USDA Beltsville Farmers Market
5601 Sunnyside Ave., Parking Lot B
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
Thursday 10 AM-2 PM

Cheverly Community Market
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly, Maryland 20785
Every other Saturday beginning June 2, 8 AM-Noon

Greenbelt Farmers Market
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM

Takoma Park Farmers Market
Laurel Ave. between Carroll Ave. & Eastern Ave.
Takoma Park, Maryland 20913
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM



NOTICE OF ELECTION



The Town of University Park

will hold an election for

**Office of Mayor and
Offices of Councilmember for
the First, Third & Seventh Wards**

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

The following candidates have filed for the office of:

MAYOR

Joel Biermann

Lenford C. Carey

COUNCILPERSON- WARD 1

Joseph D. Thompson

COUNCILPERSON- WARD 3

Laurie K. Morrissey

COUNCILPERSON- WARD 7

Roland Stephen

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Ed Lee & Stephanie Herold
Supervisor of Elections
elections@upmd.org



HELPING HANDS UP MEMBER APPLICATION

University Park Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Ave., University Park, MD 20782

HHUniversityPark@gmail.com * * * HHUP phone #: 301-892-6636

1. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

2. How you prefer to be addressed: _____ Date of birth: _____

3. Preferred phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

4. Street address: _____, University Park, MD 20782

5. Email address (if you routinely use): _____

6. Status: Single Married Partnered Widowed Divorced

7. Living Arrangement: With spouse/partner/family/friend Alone Non-family caregiver::

8. Do you have physical limitations or mobility problems? Yes No

If yes, please provide information: _____

9. Are you in need of services now? Yes No

Comments: _____

10. Please tell us something about yourself. Occupation? Volunteer work? Hobbies? Skills? Interests? Anything else you think we should know about you?

11. Would you be available for light volunteer tasks, e.g. making phone calls, stuffing envelopes? Yes No

12. Indicate any allergies we should know about, e.g. highly allergic to cats or dogs: _____

13. If you have pet(s) please tell us about them: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Membership accepted by: _____ HHUP title: _____ Date: _____



HHUP MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Helping Hands University Park (HHUP): HHUP helps neighbors remain in their homes as they age (“age in place”). We do this through volunteer activities, educational and social programs, and through partnerships with other individuals and organizations that complement our volunteer activities. By engaging all residents in these activities, UP enhances the quality of life of the entire community.

SERVICES: HHUP will provide services to its members through volunteers. All HHUP volunteers who are sent to members’ homes have been vetted. The most common direct-to-members services that HHUP volunteers provide are transportation, light handyman work, help with electronic devices, friendly phone calls and visits, and convenience services such as running errands, preparing occasional meals and other routine activities. HHUP will not provide medical or home health services or major home repairs and inspections.

FEES: As a Town Committee, we do not require membership fees. However, as a non-profit organization, we welcome members’ charitable donations, payable to: The Town of University Park, indicating HHUP as the beneficiary.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT: Membership may be terminated in two ways: (1) By the member: Members may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to HHUP; or (2) by HHUP: HHUP reserves the right to terminate this Agreement with a member whenever the HHUP Committee determines that it is in the best interest of HHUP.

PRIVACY: HHUP will take all reasonable steps to protect the personal information of its members. However, where concerns regarding a member’s health or safety arise, HHUP reserves the right to contact those listed below under member’s emergency contact information or any others HHUP deems appropriate. In addition, only at the request of a member, HHUP may disclose contact information to connect a member with a third-party vendor.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: HHUP Members agree to indemnify HHUP and its staff and volunteers and agree to hold it and them harmless for any loss, damage, expense, or liability of any kind arising out of the acts or omissions of its staff or volunteers, including but not limited to any action or claim a member or a member’s heirs, assigns, or insurance company might bring for negligence, personal injury or invasion of privacy. Members further understand that HHUP is not affiliated with or otherwise responsible for the acts or omissions of any third party vendors. Members shall release and hold HHUP and its staff and volunteers harmless from any and all responsibility or liability arising from the acts or omissions of its staff or volunteers.

HEALTH CARE: HHUP does not provide emergency or other health care services, is not a health care administrator, and does not employ licensed health professionals or social workers. Each of the undersigned applicants for HHUP membership states that he/she has read and understands the above terms of membership and agrees that he/she and their respective heirs, successors, agents, and legal representatives will be bound by those terms. When a membership is renewed, it will remain subject to this agreement.

Each of the undersigned applicants for HHUP membership states that he/she has read and understands the above terms of membership and agrees that he/she and their respective heirs, successors, agents, and legal representatives will be bound by those terms.

Name _____ Name (if household of 2 or more) _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature (if household of 2 or more) _____ Date _____

I agree to have my name/contact info listed in an HHUP Member Directory, to be shared with other HHUP Members only.

May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Trash Town Election, 8 AM-8 PM	2	3 Recycling	4 Trash	5 UPCA Townwide Yard Sale, 8 AM-1 PM  UPCA Spring Porchfest, 2-6 PM
6 UP Playgroup Meet and Greet, 10:30 AM-12 PM	7 Yard Waste UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM	8 Trash Great Decisions 2018, 7:30 PM	9	10 Recycling	11 Trash 	12 Ivy League, 10 AM Chocolate: Second Saturday Lecture, 5 PM
13	14 Yard Waste	15 Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM 	16	17 Recycling	18 Trash	19 New Playground Ribbon-Cutting, 10 AM
20	21 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	22 Trash  Great Decisions 2018, 7:30-9:30 PM	23	24 Recycling	25 Trash	26
27	28 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	29 Trash	30 Yard Waste	31 Recycling		Save the Date! UPCA Mutt Strut Sunday, June 3, 9:00 AM



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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 June newsletter deadline is Sunday, May 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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