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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

With the retirement of Michael Wynnyk as Chief of the University Park Police Department and the appointment of Harvey Baker to succeed him as the next Chief, the Town begins a significant transition key to it continuing to progress as a safe, livable and inclusive community.

Professionalism has been a priority for the University Park Police Department. For its first few decades after incorporation, the Town was considered crime-free and didn't have a police department. When crime began to crop up, County police services were supplemented by Town councilmembers who as honorary deputy sheriffs were entrusted to maintain law and order. In the mid-1950s, the Town began to hire special officers to stem Halloween vandalism. Then in 1962-63, after construc-

tion of nearby Northwestern High School brought the only lighted football field in the County, special police officers were hired to deal with multiple issues related to night football games. As additional law enforcement concerns arose, and following further study, the University Park Police Department was established in March 1965. University Park's first Police Chief, Richard Dunham, was trained at the County police academy and authorized to hire an assistant. A third officer was added by 1967, and the Police Department has slowly grown as need increased. Currently, the department has eight sworn officers and an administrative assistant, sufficient to provide full 24-hour police services.

Chief Wynnyk grew up down the road in Mount Rainier as the son of Ukrainian immigrants and graduated from

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council January 7 & 14

Holidays January 1 & 21

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

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Northwestern High School in a cohort that included several current University Park residents. His law enforcement career began with the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, as an officer patrolling parks, trails, and recreation areas astride a horse. Over 26 years he rose through the ranks to Assistant Chief, then became Chief of the University Park Police Department.

In August 2002, Chief Wynnyk came to University Park as our eighth Chief of Police, with a charge from the Town Council to professionalize the police force, increase public awareness of police presence, and implement community policing. A Town-commissioned study by the Police Executive Research Forum had recommended reforms to stabilize the Police Department. Over sixteen years later, Chief Wynnyk is the longest-tenured Chief of Police in Town history, and the University Park Police Department is highly regarded for its community policing.

The community policing formula implemented by Chief Wynnyk emphasizes knowing residents and being familiar to residents, becoming a visible and approachable part of the community, and working across Town government to serve our interests. By intent and by personality, he knows us well. His tenure has been instrumental in helping University Park become a more livable and inclusive community. Chief Wynnyk leaves the Town a better place for his long service here and we wish him the best in a well-earned retirement.

We will introduce Harvey Baker more thoroughly after



*Outgoing and incoming Police Chiefs  
Michael Wynnyk and Harvey Baker*

he assumes his duties as the next Chief of the University Park Police Department in early January. Chief Baker began as an Annapolis patrol officer and has held leadership roles in every functional area of law enforcement and police administration. Baker has served recently as Chief of Police at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. As Deputy Chief of Police for the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, he has led and managed police resources in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. He brings to University Park a strong record in effective, community-centered law enforcement. We look forward to working with Chief Baker.

*— Len Carey*

*Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?*

*Let me know: [mayorcarey@upmd.org](mailto:mayorcarey@upmd.org)*



*Incoming  
and outgoing  
Town Clerks  
Andrea  
Marcavitch  
and Tracey  
Toscano*

### **Notice of Introduction of Emergency Ordinance 19-O-01**

On January 7, 2019, Emergency Ordinance 19-O-01 will be introduced. This ordinance amends the Town of University Park Code to provide for certain standards and regulations relating to the location of small wireless/DAS telecommunications towers, antennas, and other structures within the Town's public rights-of-way or on Town property, consistent with federal and state law, and provide a fee and annual charge.

The meeting set for January 14, 2019 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The emergency ordinance would take effect on the date adopted.

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

## FROM THE CHIEF

*Happy New Year!*

The men and women of the University Park Police Department hope that everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As the new year begins, we encourage each of you to be safe in your daily routine by using common sense to provide a secure environment for yourself, your family and our community. Our messages are simple: *Take Pride in Your Community. If You See Something Say Something.*

**Theft from Storage Shed** Between November 5 2:45 PM and November 6 7:35 AM at the University Park Town Hall in the 6700 block of Baltimore Ave. a suspect/s entered an unlocked shed and stole two weed trimmers, two leaf blowers and other assorted power tools. The location was checked for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvased for witnesses. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** On November 10 at 7:30 AM in the 6500 block of 44th Ave. the resident advised that an unknown subject stole a pair of sunglasses from the fireplace mantle in the home. The victim advised that a moving company had been in the home the day before and the glasses had been missing since that time. Investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** Between November 21 at 10 PM and November 22 1 PM in the 4100 block of Woodberry St. suspect/s broke the driver side window and stole the airbag mechanism from a Honda sedan. The vehicle was checked for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvased for witnesses. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** Between November 21 10 PM and November 22 9 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. suspect/s broke the driver side window and stole the airbag mechanism from a Honda sedan. The vehicle was checked for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvased for witnesses. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Stolen Auto** Between November 22 5:30 PM and November 23 6:15 PM in the 6500 block of Queens Chapel Rd. it was reported that a suspect/s stole a 2017 Ford Mustang, white with a black convertible top, bearing Alabama tag 2AM3430. The vehicle was recovered on November 23 at the J & L towing impound lot after being

towed there for a parking violation in Hyattsville. Case closed.

**Theft from Auto** Between November 29 6 PM and November 30 7:50 AM in the 6900 block of Pineway, a suspect/s entered an unlocked Range Rover truck and stole a wallet containing assorted credit cards. The vehicle was checked for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvased for witnesses. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

### Town News

#### Need an Extra Trash Cart?

Residents needing an additional trash cart may purchase them directly from a local retailer or through the Town. Additional trash carts must meet required specifications in order to be collected at the curb.

*Required Specifications:*

- Must have wheels.
- Must have a bar compatible with mechanical tipping devices on Town collection vehicles (ANSI Z245.60-2008).
- Must have a lid.
- Must be GREEN in color.



*Reasons for Required Specifications:*

- Facilitate curb set out by residents and collection by staff.
- Prevent vermin from accessing trash cart.
- Allow trash cart to be picked up by mechanical tipper device rather than manually.
- Allow cart to be easily identified as trash.

The Toter brand trash carts shown meet the required specifications, come in several sizes, and are available locally at Home Depot and Lowe's. You may also purchase the same Toter brand trash carts through the Town in two sizes. 64-gallon trash carts are available for \$80 and a 96-gallon trash carts are available for \$100. Payments may be submitted to the Town Clerk beginning Monday, January 7. Carts will be delivered beginning Friday, February 1.

## Helping Hands University Park News



Have you checked our HHUP website lately? At [helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org) you will see upcoming events, fill out a volunteer or member application and stay up-to-date on all HHUP happenings. Who knows what winter will bring. Remember, just like the post office, we deliver help no matter

what the weather!

We held our second Volunteers' Meet & Greet last month at the home of Susana Limon, our most gracious host. Our HHUP Committee was delighted to have this opportunity to spread some holiday cheer and thank our terrific group of volunteers, about half of whom were able to attend.

**Wednesday, January 16, 12 PM** HHUP members are invited to come buy lunch and sit with fellow HHUP members and volunteers. Questions? 301-892-6636 or [HHUniversityPark@gmail.com](mailto:HHUniversityPark@gmail.com)

**Sunday, February 10, 3 PM** *Strata, A Thousand Whirling Dreams* followed by HHUP Reception at The Clarice. *Strata*, an ensemble including violin faculty member James Stern and guest artists Audrey Andrist, piano, and Nathan Williams, clarinet, presents a dazzling recital of music by contemporary American composers. Free concert, followed by HHUP reception. If you would like to join us as either a volunteer or member and are interested in this program, please contact us: [HHUniversityPark@gmail.com](mailto:HHUniversityPark@gmail.com) or call 301-892-6636.

**Wednesday, February 20, 12 PM** HHUP members are invited to come buy lunch and sit with fellow HHUP members and volunteers. Questions? 301-892-6636 or [HHUniversityPark@gmail.com](mailto:HHUniversityPark@gmail.com)

### November 5 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Wells, Stephen. Absent: Caskey.

#### Consent Agenda

***Motion to approve the following consent agenda item.***  
Motion approved 6 to 0.

***To add a 7'x 8' addition for a bathroom located at 4435 Wells Parkway.***

***To add a 19'x 12' attached screen porch located at 4301 Van Buren Street.***

***To replace two front porch pillars located at 7000 Forest Hill Drive.***

#### Permits

***Motion to approve the request for a building permit to enlarge two second floor bedroom windows with egress windows, replace first floor bedroom window with an egress window, and replace five other bedroom windows located at 3902 Beechwood Road.*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

Note: CM Stephen said "that the change that the Mayor refers to has imposed over \$150,000 worth of costs on a relatively small number of rental properties in the Town in the last two years. If that is the price of safety, that's a good thing, but nevertheless in regulatory matters we weigh costs against benefits, typically, and that is something to think about going forward."

#### Presentations

Technical Advisor Mr. Edward Donahue and Project Manager Michael Maker from Municipal and Financial Services Group distributed a copy of a presentation and explained the process of the Operations and Management Study that will be conducted over the next few months.

#### Discussion and questions:

- Will the Group talk with the present Councilmembers separately? *In order to comply with open meeting rules, Councilmembers will meet with at least two at a time.*
- Will there be a way for residents to contact the Group? *Residents should feel free to contact the Group at any time via email or by phone.*
- How many people will you plan to have on the focus groups? *Depending on how many focus groups are wanted, probably not more than about eight people on a particular focus group.*
- Who determines how many topics for focus groups? *It will depend on the questions that are raised from the communi-*

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ty. *These questions will come from surveys as well as questions from the community sent via email to the Group. Information on this will be available on the Town website and the newsletter.*

- How do you rate the different tasks under the “On-Site Investigations”? Do you have a weighting criterion? *It depends on the level of interest.*
- Do you come forward with findings, recommendations or a combination? *Yes, findings, conclusions and recommendations.*
- Does the Group have available studies that have been done with other communities? *These are not on the website, but the studies are available for those who are interested.*
- Is there 2 1/2 months left to complete this study? *The plan is to get a draft report submitted in early January in case there is something significant that can be factored into the next budget.*

Ariel Trahan, a representative from the Anacostia Watershed Society, and Ted Striegel and Lindsay Barranco, representatives from the Honey Bee Lab at the University of Maryland, presented a conceptual design for restoration of the Adelphi Road field to create a meadow. A copy of the proposal was distributed.

CM Schultz explained that the Sustainability Committee, Public Facilities and Services Committee and the Trees, Parks and Environment Committee have been working together on a Park Concept Plan. Through the office of Mr. Andrew Fellows, a low cost meadow plan for the Adelphi Road field was presented to the Town of University Park.

Discussion and questions:

Mayor Carey said that it has been considered for a long time to replace the steps with a ramp on the east side of Wells Run (Ward 2). This would give accessibility to the walkway that leads to the Prince George’s County Library and the Community Center. A suggestion was made to put a path on the west side of Wells Run (Adelphi Field) and that would connect to the trail, to the park and provide access to the walkway. The WSSC construction equipment will soon be removed and an agreement was made that WSSC will restore the Adelphi field with top soil and sod. Mayor Carey said that the Bee Lab has the seed for planting and that this would be

the opportunity to plant a meadow. A proposal for this project will be on the agenda at the November 19 Council meeting.

- What would the cover crop be? *It would most likely be a common rye.*
- How will the plants be maintained over time? *UMD would be involved at first, but the idea is to get the partners involved with volunteers. The plan is to establish some best management practices that can be put into a user-friendly document.*
- This resident is concerned that the meadow plantings will eventually work their way onto the residential lawns. *There should not be any spread.*
- Are there any suggestions for keeping the wind-blown trash out of the meadow? *Mayor Carey said that this is a Town park and there are possibilities to maintain the litter.*
- What is the long-term maintenance cost for the Town? *The meadow will require mowing once every year or two.*
- Will the meadow act as a great food source for the deer? *There are certain flowers in the mix that deer will not eat, so hopefully this will keep most of the deer away.*

### Continued Public Hearing—Appeal of Rental Housing Code Violation Notice (Per Town Code Section 13-210)

Note: A video was presented as evidence, showing the tenant opening and removing the window as an exit in case of a fire.

**Motion: To close the hearing and move to a vote.** Motion approved 6 to 0.

***An appeal of the requirement to comply with Town Code Chapter 13, Article 2 and Section 13-217 Fire Safety Requirements. This section incorporates by reference Chapter 24 of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2015 edition. Owners request a variance to retain the current clear opening of 30 inches x 12 inches to all bedroom windows, which does not comply with secondary egress window area requirements.***

**Motion: To grant the appeal for the period of residence of the present tenants to set aside the violation until that residence is over.** Motion denied 2 to 4 (Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Wells opposed).

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### Public Comment

A resident on Underwood Street asked if there is an open meetings law that requires informing residents of decisions made that have public impact as well as impact on the budget, such as installing sidewalks where there are none? Mayor Carey responded by saying "yes, notice of meetings is required." There was notice given in the published agenda of the Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety and the minutes were published on the Town website. CM Verrill said that there is no proposal or plan for sidewalks at this time. The resident expressed his concern on the amount of money the Town might spend on sidewalks. He asked that future meetings be open forum rather than the recent meeting held on a Saturday morning where the Committee/Councilmembers walked the streets to evaluate the sidewalks. CM Verrill responded by saying, "all meetings are open and the public are always welcome to attend."

### Continuing Business

**Motion: To adopt LR 2018-O-06 to amend the FY 2019 budget to transfer \$35,000 from Undesignated Unreserved to new line item B9, "Tennis Courts," to enable repair of the tennis courts on Queens Chapel Road.** Motion approved 6 to 0.

### New Business

**Motion: To adopt the Proclamation declaring November 2018 as Municipal Government Works Month, which is a prerequisite to be eligible as a Banner City in the Maryland Municipal League.** Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Mayor and Council Reports

#### Mayor's Report

▪The first meeting of the interview committee for replacement of Chief Wynnyk recently took place. Members of the Committee are: Chief of Takoma Park Police Department, Interim Chief of Hyattsville Police Department, Assistant Chief of Prince George's County Police Department, CM Schultz, Town residents Mr. Roy Alvarez and Ms. Lisa Jackson, Town Attorney Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Baden, Chief Wynnyk, and University of Maryland Assistant Professor Rashawn Ray. Twenty-two applications have been received. Interviews are scheduled with eight individuals. The Interview Committee will refer two to four qualified applicants for interview

by the Council sometime between December 3 and December 12. Following the Council interviews, the Mayor will ask Council approval of appointment of a new Chief of Police.

- The Veterans Day Observance will be held on November 11 at 11 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Mayor Carey encouraged everyone to attend.
- Mr. Beall announced that he is planning Chief Wynnyk's retirement party. The event will take place in December and details will be announced at a later time.
- The Town Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on December 1 following the Potluck at the University Park Elementary School.

### Council and Committee Reports

*Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee* Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 15. The Committee walked through Town on Saturday, November 3 evaluating sidewalks.

*Sustainability Committee; Trees, Parks and Environment Committee; Public Facilities and Services Committee* Next joint meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 14.

*Trees, Parks and Environment Committee* On October 27, the Committee planted 28 trees on Sheridan Street.

*Development Overview Committee* Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 8. Discussion will include a small amendment on the Riverdale Park Station project.

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* Due to access issues, the Committee is working on transferring future meetings from Town Hall to the University Park Elementary School. CM Verrill asked Mayor Carey to add "Welcoming City" to the Council agenda for the November 19 meeting.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:45 PM.

### November 19 Council Meeting Highlights

*The Mayor has called a closed session to begin at 7 PM to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or*

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performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals.

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen. Excused: Brosch.

**Motion:** *To close out the Closed Session to enter a Council Regular Session.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen.

### Public Comment

A resident commented on the proposed “Welcoming Town” ordinance. The report submitted by the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee is excellent and he offered two suggestions. 1) add all 20 items that are listed in the charter amendment that was adopted in June of 2018 and 2) provide for exceptions.

On behalf of the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment, this member expressed that the Committee supports the Pollinator Meadow proposal, especially since it involves the Bee Lab at the University of Maryland.

### New Business

**Motion to approve Helping Hands University Park to fundraise and collect money for University Park residents who are in need of services and assistance that they are not able to provide for themselves.**

**Motion:** *To amend the motion by adding the language: “provided that Helping Hands of University Park provide a policy statement on Temporary Assistance Program by December 31, 2018, subject to the approval of Council.”* Motion approved 7 to 0.

**Motion to approve Helping Hands University Park to fundraise and collect money for University Park residents who are in need of services and assistance that they are not able to provide for themselves, provided that Helping Hands of University Park provide a policy statement on Temporary Assistance Program by De-**

**ember 31, 2018, subject to the approval of Council.** Motion approved 7 to 0.

**Motion:** *To approve University of Maryland’s conceptual design proposal for restoration of the Adelphi Road field to create a pollinator meadow and to include an option for an accessible path connecting Adelphi Road to the existing path, and to authorize the Town to create the pollinator meadow in partnership with Anacostia Watershed Society and the University of Maryland’s vanEngelsdorp Bee Lab.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

**Motion:** *To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter of support to the Prince George’s County Planning Board for DSP-13009, Amendment 14, for enclosures for electric vehicle charging stations at Riverdale Park Station.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

#### Mayor’s Report

- The service recognition and retirement reception for Chief Wynnyk will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at the Word of God Baptist Church from 7-9 PM. An RSVP is requested by December 11.
- The Municipal and Financial Services Group has prepared a community survey that is available to all residents. Details about the survey will be published in the December Newsletter. Residents who do not have a computer can request a copy of the survey from Town Hall.
- Interviews for the new Chief for the University Park Police Department are continuing. The Council agreed to meet on the evening of December 13 and if necessary December 14 to interview the final recommended applicants. The Mayor will then ask the Council to approve an appointment on December 17.

#### Council and Committee Reports

##### Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee

- The next meeting is scheduled for December 19.
- There are concerns from residents on Underwood Street (Ward 4) about traffic congestion during school pick-up and drop-off times. The Committee plans to take up this subject over the next few meetings.
- The Committee continues to discuss street paving and sidewalk issues.

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- CM Verrill said that the issue on Underwood Street is a little more than just congestion. Parents are parking their vehicles at the end of driveways, blocking homeowners from getting out. These parents become belligerent when asked not to block the driveways.
- CM Schultz said that some ideas have been proposed about changing parking ordinances or parking restrictions on Underwood Street.

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* The Committee is attempting to schedule every first Thursday for their regular meeting date. Arrangements are being made for these meetings to be held at the school for those who cannot climb stairs.

*Joint Meeting: Sustainability Committee; Public Facilities and Services Committee; Trees, Park and Environment Committee* There was consensus agreement in support of the draft scope of work for a town park concept plan in substantially the form in which the draft was circulated before the meeting. The intent is to use this scoping document to help the town find collaborators among students and faculty at the University of Maryland and begin work on developing a comprehensive concept plan for the park. The next step will be to bring this scoping document to the Mayor and Council for review.

*Town Clerk Tracey Toscano*

- The Civic Association holiday potluck will be on December 1 at the University Park Elementary School from 4 to 6 PM, followed about 6:30 PM by the Town holiday tree lighting.
- Mayor Carey thanked the Town Clerk for making special arrangements in order to have the potluck at the school. He asked that all Councilmembers attend the tree lighting.
- Mayor Carey said that the Town Clerk will be resigning effective December 31, 2018. Ms. Toscano thanked everyone for making her position as Town Clerk a wonderful experience.

*Chief of Police Wynnyk*

- No Crime Report for October.
- Halloween went well with only one egg-tossing incident.

- The unannounced Emergency Drill took place on November 1 and went very well. Chief Wynnyk was satisfied with the outcome. He encouraged Councilmembers to take the training test online since emergencies can happen and have happened in University Park.

*Town Treasurer Dan Baden* October 2018 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

### **Public Comment**

A Town resident expressed his concern about University Park becoming a "Welcoming Town." He is very concerned about the public safety, especially the safety of the police. The recently approved Welcoming Statement (non-discrimination clause) was a good idea because a real situation had to be rectified, but a "Welcoming Town" is hypothetical. If an important situation comes up, it can be addressed at that time. The community, the Council, and the police can come together to resolve the problem. "Concepts on Welcoming Town" should not be included in the By-Laws.

### **Work Session**

*Motion: To close out the Legislative Session to enter a Council Work Session, to discuss the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee's recommendations regarding concepts on Welcoming Town.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

CM Verrill reminded the Council that the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee has been working on welcoming city concepts over the past two years and there has been a lot of discussion with the Committee members and town residents. The Committee voted on a list of ideas for a "Welcoming City" and a copy was distributed to the Council. Discussion followed.

- Would not feel comfortable for police to use someone's immigration status as an interrogation tool or tactic.
- The University Park police have done a good job and they will continue to do a good job.
- If there is a felony involved in University Park the police will hand it over to the County, so why get into these rules.
- The rules are important for those who believe things should not be based on immigration status.
- The requirement for a CDL license (Town bus and

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trash truck drivers) is to prove citizenship.

- Any limitation to gather information to stop criminal activity is a detriment. This could be limiting the ability for the officers to do their job.
- If the Town wants to move forward with this particular policy, it is more of a public statement that other communities need to be more aware.
- Consider ways of assessing biases, surveys, etc. for the police department.
- University Park wants to make a statement, “we don’t engage in anything with regard to immigration” that is something that the Federal Government is responsible for. If the Federal Government comes looking around with regard to that, we will have it codified that “we don’t do that.”
- This policy will make University Park a safer community. It will make many people who already live in the community feel much safer.
- Cities all over the country are being pressured by the Federal Government to provide certain cooperation on immigration matters. University Park should be prepared and have a policy in place.
- Go with the Governor who just got reelected, he does not want the State of Maryland to become a sanctuary State.
- The MS-13 group is growing in the area. These are the people who do not have papers and are wandering the streets.
- Design a policy that does not, in any way, inhibit the police from doing their job.
- Northwestern High School has one of the highest MS-13 numbers enrolled.
- If someone is committing a crime, they should be prosecuted.

Due to the time restriction, the Council agreed that a discussion on “Welcoming Town” will continue in January 2019. The following should be done before the next meeting:

- Revise the proposed concepts of a Welcoming Town Policy based on the discussion.
- The Town Attorney should look at exceptions, especially in terms of employment and requirements for the Town.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:50 PM.

### December 3 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells. Excused: Stephen.

#### Presentation

Chief Michael Wynnyk and CERT Team Members Tom Stickles and Ned Goldberg gave a report on the emergency drill response. On November 1, an emergency drill took place at Town Hall. The parameter of the exercise was to determine if governance could be maintained in the Town of University Park from a remote location apart from Town Hall. Mr. Stickles said that the Town did an outstanding job. People understood their roles, executed their assignments and were able to fulfill the obligations of the Town. The following are some issues the Town might want to consider: 1) find ways to communicate if the cell phone towers go down and 2) update the message on the land line immediately for those wanting information. Mayor, Council and staff received a copy of the After Action Report via email.

#### Consent Agenda

*Motion to approve the following consent agenda item.*  
Motion approved 6 to 0.

*To adopt LR 2018-O-06 to amend the FY 2019 budget to transfer \$35,000 from Undesignated Unreserved to new line item B9, “Tennis Courts”, to enable repair of the tennis courts on Queens Chapel Road.*

#### New Business

*Motion to approve the appointment of Andrea Marcavitch to the Town Clerk position beginning January 1, 2019 as referenced in Article VII, Section 701 of the Town Charter.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve Public Works Director’s recommended specifications for trash carts for Town trash service and require that residents desiring additional trash carts purchase carts which meet those specifications or pre-pay the Town to purchase and deliver trash carts meeting those specifications, beginning Monday, January 14 with delivery beginning Friday, February 1.* Motion approved 5 to 1 (Verrill opposed).

*Motion: On recommendation of the Sustainability*

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*Committee; Trees, Parks and Environment Committee; and Public Facilities and Services Committee, to approve the development of a conceptual plan and scope of work for the Park, and to authorize the Mayor and Committees to pursue such a project in cooperation with the University of Maryland.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve a special 2018 holiday compensation in the amount of \$400.00 net of deductions for each current, active employee as of December 1 of that year.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the proposed 2019 University Park Council Meeting Schedule.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Mayor's Report

Two candidates for the Police Chief position will be interviewed by the Council on December 13 at 5 PM at Town Hall. The 2018 Audit Report was distributed. The Auditor will review the report at the December 17 Council meeting.

### Council and Committee Reports

*Development Overview Committee* Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Discussion will include: Landy Property; gas station on Belcrest and East West Highway.

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Committee* CM Verrill wants to ensure that the "welcoming concepts" discussion will be on the Council Agenda in January. The Mayor said it would be on the January 7 or January 14 meeting agenda.

*Sustainability Committee* Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 at 7 PM at Town Hall. Discussion will include: Food composting program.

*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 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:45 PM.

### December 13 Special Session Meeting

The Mayor has called a closed session to begin at 5 PM under §3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals. The Mayor and Council will meet to interview candidates and discuss the appointment of a new Police Chief.

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Wells. Excused: Caskey, Stephen.

*Motion to enter a Closed Session to interview candidates for Police Chief position. The Council will not return to Open Session.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:20 PM.

### Obituary

**Thomas Joseph Brady.** A long time University Park resident, passed away peacefully at home in Annapolis on December 3. Tom and his family were able to visit and enjoy his final month of life with the loving help of the caregivers from Hospice of the Chesapeake. Tom, 91, was a first-generation American of Irish immigrant parents, Philip and Lena Brady, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After high school, he served in World War II in the Philippines (Leyte), earned a bachelor's degree and moved to Maryland to work for the federal government. Tom, Nada, and their seven children lived in University Park where he was a long-time member of the St. Mark's parish. For thirty years, they shared their home with extended family, friends, foster children and foreign exchange students.



## TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

Tom will be remembered by all as a witty, fun-loving family man who enjoyed taking walks, going to the beach, doing crossword puzzles, playing golf, bowling and most of all, traveling near and far. He is survived by his dear wife of 52 years, Nada, their children: Philip (Eileen) Brady of Georgetown, Delaware, Kathie Boyle of Seaford, Delaware, Kirk (Laura) Brady of Bowie, Bonnie (Craig) Lamison of Brunswick, Kelly (Chris) Schwartz of Cheltenham, Erin (David) Luzuriaga of Guayaquil, Ecuador, and Shannon Brady of Boca Raton, Florida; thirteen grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



### Teen Workers List

The following young residents are interested in finding winter jobs around our Town. Please save this list and contact them if you need any of these services.

**Lilayah BenAissa**, 14, Wells Parkway, 202-550-6806, Liliyahb@gmail.com, Experienced babysitter and dog walker.

**Philip and Martin Enzler**, 15 and 13, 603-912-0871, Van Buren Street, p2018student@gmail.com, snow shoveling, car washing, bush trimming, weeding flower beds, mulch spreading, raking and other yard work.

**Rowan Hanby**, 15, 301-767-5446, Sheridan Street, rowan9pitch@gmail.com, mowing and yard work, snow shoveling, moving/carrying, pet care.

**Anna Harvey**, 17, Queens Chapel Road, 301-442-8460, anna.artgalup@gmail.com, dog/cat sitting and walking.

**Margaret Motsuk**, 16, 41st Avenue, margaret.motsuk@gmail.com, pet care; cats and small animals (no dogs).

**Lucas Traver**, 15, Beechwood Road, 202-815-8217, lucastraver@gmail.com, babysitting, raking, shoveling, pet care, and house sitting.

### UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, January 7, 11:30 AM

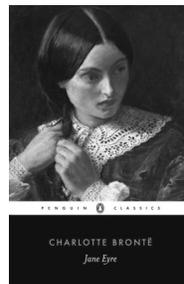
Medical marijuana: what is it, how is it used, is it available in Maryland, is it still federally illegal? Join the UPWC to learn more about marijuana and how this previously banned substance, now legal in 29 states, can be effective in treating migraines, seizure disorders, side effects of chemotherapy, persistent pain and other illnesses. Maryland legislators legalized medical marijuana in 2012. Learn where it's available and what procedures are necessary for getting it. Dawn-Marie Steenstra from Mission Dispensaries will be our guest speaker. We hope you can join us for a light lunch followed by this informative presentation. We meet at University Christian Church at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads at 11:30 AM. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP by January 2 to Pat Myers at patmyers2@verizon.net or at 301-439-6813.



### After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, January 15, 8-10 PM

January's book is *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. February's title is *The Honeymoon* by Dinitia Smith. Please call Kathy Mancusi 301-779-0722 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.

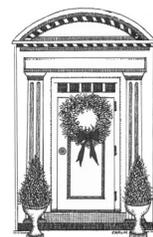


### Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons

Saturdays, 8-9:30 AM

Come join us to learn the ancient Chinese martial art often referred to as "meditation in motion" and leave feeling relaxed and energized. Free. Hosted by University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For more information, call 301-466-5894.

### UPWC News



UPWC extends sincere thanks to those generous residents who kindly opened their homes for the Holiday House Tour on December 8. More than \$2,500 was raised to help fund college scholarships and other projects in the community. Special thanks to Anna-Mae Kobbe who worked diligently to organize, recruit, and ensure that UP's 25th Annual Holiday House Tour would be such a success.

**2018 Winners of House Decorating Contest**

**Most Attractive Whole House**

1. Gentile and Burrill, 4202 Clagett Rd.
2. Parish and Roerig, 6902 Wells Parkway
3. Jackson, 4412 Van Buren

**Special House Front Decorating**

1. Olson, 6930 Pineway
2. Becraft, 7016 Partridge
3. Edsell, 6902 Oakridge

**Most Unique/Most Unusual**

1. Spears household, 6707 Wells Parkway
2. Bonacorda household, 7003 Chansory Lane, honored under this category for unique contribution to continual community spirit and beautification.



**University Park Woman's Club Scholarships 2019**

**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

www.upwomansclub.org. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Monday, April 1, 2019.

**Chromebook Campaign at UPES**

The University Park Elementary School PTA is raising money to purchase new Chromebooks for our students and every little donation helps. Technical knowledge is increasingly an essential key to success at school and work, yet not all UPES students have the same technology advantages at home. Our goal is to reduce digital inequality by bringing more Chromebook computers into the classrooms, where they will serve as an important teaching tool. The PTA aims to provide a 1:1 ratio of Chromebooks to students in grades 3 to 6. But first, we need to raise \$10,000. Here's where you come in! You can give to this cause in any of the following ways:



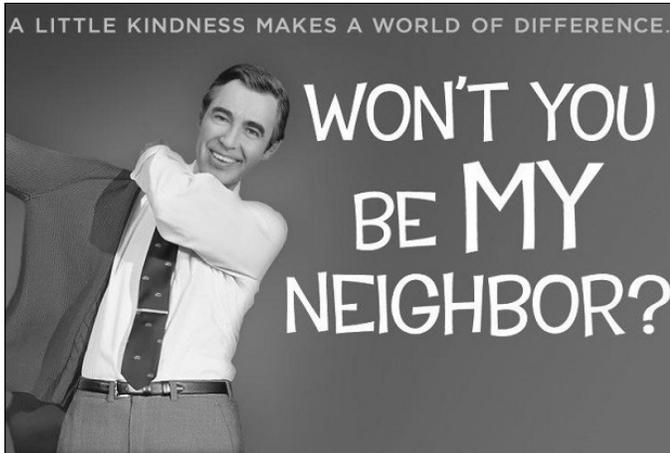
- Write a check to UPES PTA. Mail in to UPES PTA, c/o University Park Elementary School, 4315 Underwood Street, Hyattsville, MD 20782, or use PayPal: PayPal.Me/upesptadonation.
  - Ask your friends and family to join the effort!
  - Tell us if you know of any grant opportunities that we can pursue. Email Nitish upesptaveep@gmail.com.
- The UPES PTA is a nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible. And remember, some employers will match employee donations, so check to see if yours will!

**Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In Painting Party, Sunday, January 6, 1-3 PM**

University Park resident Kathy Karlson, an Artist in Residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, will lead a painting party. Paint clouds, trees, waves and other forms according to your own inspiration using drawing and color wash techniques. All materials will be provided. Free. All ages welcome. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt. More info: 301-397-2208.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, Monday, January 28, 7 PM** *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* An intimate look at Fred Rogers, a creative genius who inspired generations of children with compassion and imagination in his television program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Discussion following film screening facilitated by local filmmaker and editor John Spillane. Refreshments provided. 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](http://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](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013 for more information.

**The CPAE Cultural Connections Series** offers free lectures and performances focused on cultural exploration, music, art, literature and history. Donations are greatly appreciated for these high-quality events.

**Saturday, January 5, 1-2:30 PM** Mindful Music with Jael Patterson. Use music to set affirmations and hopes for the new year. With vocals, body percussion and mindfulness principles, no musicianship required, only an open mind.

**Monday, January 7, 7 PM** Tuning Meditation led by Allison Hughes. Singers create a moving and delightful music improvisation, inspired by the work of *avant garde* composer Pauline Oliveros.

**Sunday, January 27, 3 PM** Brass Trio, Featuring Doug Wilson, trumpet; Brad Tatum, horn; and James Martin, trombone.

**January 31, February 1 and 2, 7 PM** Dark Side of the Moon Tribute Concert, featuring young musicians from College Park's Calvert Hills neighborhood hosted by Eric Maring.

**Page to Performance Workshop: Monologues & Dialogues, Saturday, January 26, 12 PM** Day-long exploration, led by Mary Amato and John Feffer, of character and voice: write and revise monologues and dialogues on a chosen theme. Explore what works to make characters alive, believable, specific, funny and riveting as well as how to use monologues/dialogues to tell a story. RSVP is required. Workshop Fee: \$45.

**The new year is a great time to join CPAE performance groups!**

**College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti** For ages 5 and up, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM.

**College Park Youth Orchestra** Rehearsing twice a month, with three public concerts a year, [www.cpyo.net](http://www.cpyo.net)

**College Park Chorale** Rehearsing Sunday nights at St. Andrew's, 7-8:30 PM, [collegeparkchorale.org](http://collegeparkchorale.org)

**College Park Youth Music Traditions** Alternate Mondays, 6:15-7:45 PM.

### Shopping Locally for Fresh Food

Yes, you can still eat locally-grown produce from these year round market.

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

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





## University Park Town Council 2019 Adopted Meeting Schedule

*All meetings are open to the public.*

January 7 January 14	July 1 July 15
February 4 February 25	August 12
March 4 March 18	September 9 September 23
April 1 April 29	October 7 October 21
May 6 May 20	November 4 November 18
June 3 June 17	December 2 December 16

**Note: For your information, the following dates have either an official holiday that falls on the first or third Monday or a scheduled school closing.** Town Hall is closed and the Town Shuttle Bus will not operate on the following dates.

Tuesday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 18	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 2	Labor Day
Monday, October 14	Columbus Day
Monday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29	Employee Appreciation Day
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day

# January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Continues Through January 11		1 <b>Please note: January 1 is a Town Holiday:</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up.	2	3	4 <b>Recycling</b>	5
6	7 <b>UP Woman's Club Meeting, Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	8 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost</b>	9	10	11 <b>Recycling</b>	12
13	14 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	15 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost, Book Group, 8-10 PM</b>	16 	17	18 <b>Recycling</b>	19 <b>Qigong &amp; Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM</b> 
20	21 <b>Please note: January 21 is a Town Holiday: Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up.</b>	22 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost</b>	23	24	25 <b>Recycling</b>	26
27	28 <b>Yard Waste</b>	29 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost</b>	30	31	February 1 <b>Recycling</b>	2



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 Non-Emergency 301-352-1200  
 Police Dept. Direct 301-277-0050  
 Police Dept. Cell Phone 240-375-1077  
 Chief Harvey Baker 301-277-0051

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2	Joe Schultz	301-892-6314
3	Laurie Morrissey	301-906-0276
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	David Caskey	301-699-8785
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	Roland Stephen	919-522-5589

**NEWSLETTER**

The February newsletter deadline is Sunday, January 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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