

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

The glorious emergence of spring after a dismal winter brings neighbors out, and May and June are especially packed with things for us to talk about and to do. The yellow-crowned night herons have returned and are rebuilding their nests in the trees above Clagett Road, Woodberry and Van Buren Streets. Where else have you spotted them? Soon, there will be fledglings as well to remark upon. The rabbits are out in backyards throughout the Town. In our front yards the lilacs are blooming and the azalea blossoms are at peak. They are just in time for the May 4 Azalea Classic – a community tradition of family-friendly fun and fitness, and also a PTA fundraiser to support programs at University Park Elementary School. Will we see you there?

The bright new playground at the end of Wells Parkway, opened last May, is being well-used by children of all ages, many with parents or grandparents socializing near-

by. Playgrounds help build community. Along Wells Parkway, the submerged gravel wetland being installed by the Clean Water Partnership is nearly complete—and ahead of schedule—and awaits the planting of more than 800 plants as part of the filtering system.

On the western edge of Town, work to establish a wildflower meadow in the Adelphi field area has slowed due to WSSC's delayed completion of the nearby water-main replacement project, but removal of the soil pile and preparation of the site is underway. When that is done, the University of Maryland's vanEngelsdorp Bee Laboratory will seed the meadow wildflowers supplemented with plantings of little bluestem bunchgrass. The Town has applied for a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant to build an interpretive path past the meadow to accessibly connect Town park paths to the signalized crossing of Adelphi Road at Toledo Drive—and beyond.

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Election	May 7
Town Council	May 6 & 20
Town Holiday	May 27

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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Along Underwood Street and Queens Chapel Road at University Park Elementary School, the Town has marked parking spaces to improve student safety and reduce the chaos of school drop-off and pick-up. The Council-approved plan will be fully implemented beginning in August, establishing a designated kiss-and-wave drop-off zone on Underwood Street. The University Park Police Department will be working with parents and school staff on additional steps, including an informational program to help drivers and students understand and adapt to the new system. Chief Baker has worked with the school to develop a Safe Route to School plan and apply for a state grant to fund it. Toward that, the Town and School on May 8 will observe Bike to School Day. Thanks to David Tully and the neighbors on Underwood Street who developed the proposal, and to Council Member Linda Verrill and the Committee on Police, Traffic, and Public Safety for refining it for Council approval. Police Chief Harvey Baker and Public Works Director Mickey Beall have diligently worked out the details in collaboration with UPES Principal Toi Davis and others.

In less-satisfying news, the two pedestrian bridges spanning Wells Run at Van Buren Street and Beechwood Road continue to await required County permits. Design of the bridges was completed and the Town contracted for their fabrication in 2017. The Town filed for these permits in late December 2017, but despite our efforts to move permitting forward, it has taken overly long. Nonetheless, we are persisting, and continuing to work toward installing both bridges before December 2019. My apologies; it has been a frustrating slog for all of us.

Since November 2018, the Municipal & Financial Services Group has been reviewing Town operations and management, including identifying Town services and responsibilities and evaluating how they have been delivered or complied with. As part of the study, the group has interviewed Town staff and elected officials, surveyed Town residents, and held four focus groups involving Town residents, and current and former mayors and council members. The Group presented and discussed their preliminary findings and recommendations at the March 18 Council meeting and incorporated that input into their final report. The study's final report is now posted on the Town's website for your review. The consultants will present and discuss their findings

and recommendations at the May 6 Council meeting. I encourage you to attend and participate.

In another study, the Town has contracted with Arnold and Arnold Architects – University Park residents Mike and Loreen Arnold – for a needs analysis of Town Hall. The current Town Hall is a renovated house with roughly 5,300 square feet of space, including nearly 2,500 square feet that does not meet the standards for current use, and there is inadequate space for Town operations and public meetings. Much of the Town Hall is not



ADA accessible, so Council meetings are held at University Park Elementary School. Though the school's media center is accessible, the small chairs and sounds from the gym make the space less than ideal. Further, there is no space within the Town where community and civic organizations can regularly meet and hold their functions. We have made use of the two church buildings in Town when possible, but those two church buildings together house 5 church congregations and are already very busy. I believe we need a Town Hall which will be sufficient for the Town's foreseeable operational needs while also providing space where the Council can meet and where our community organizations can gather and hold their activities. The Arnolds have been working diligently on the needs analysis, and will present the results at the June 17 Council meeting. I encourage you to attend and participate.

There is a lot to see and do in University Park. I look forward to seeing you out to enjoy it.

—Len Carey

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

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

## FROM THE CHIEF

Did you know that most burglaries occur during the summer months? According to the U.S. Department of Justice, from 1993 to 2010 burglary rates were the highest during the summer. As many of us engage in spring cleaning, recycling of old items and tidying up around the house, it is also an excellent time to discuss burglary prevention for your home. As you prepare for summer vacation it is very important that you also plan to protect your home while you are away. University Park is an attractive residential community with its tree-lined streets, walkable sidewalks, clean parks and accessible paths. It is a very unique and appealing community to home buyers seeking a great place to live. Unfortunately, these positive attributes make it an appealing target for burglars who seek out neighborhoods where houses may be empty during the day. Last year burglaries were down nationally and burglaries were down specifically in University Park. This is encouraging news, but we must remain vigilant. We can all contribute to maintaining this downward trend by learning more about burglary and how to prevent it. As we increase our visibility and spread community awareness, we are all better equipped to protect our families and our homes.



Here are five basic facts about burglary along with some preventative tips that can assist with protecting your home:

**Burglars tend to avoid homes with security systems and seek out homes without them.**

Consider purchasing a monitored home security system and display the yard sign and window stickers. After you have it installed you may be eligible for a \$100 rebate from the University Park Police Home Security Rebate Program. Several years ago during an interview with

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### Town Announcements A Community Conversation on Climate Change

**Save the Date: Monday, June 10, 7:30-9:30 PM**

Science is demonstrating conclusively that our fossil fuel-driven economies are contributing to climate change to the detriment of all. As a community, we are in search of community-driven actions which can help us reduce these effects and adapt. We invite you to participate in a community conversation on climate change. We will have a small panel of local scientists to help inform the conversation. We hope that you and your neighbors will join us to discuss how collectively and individually we can work to mitigate climate change and move to a more sustainable future. We will be in the basement meeting hall at the Word of God Baptist Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road. Please come and join the conversation.

### Mattresses & Box Spring Pickup

**Effective May 1, 2019 mattresses and box springs must be completely covered with a plastic covering to be collected.** In keeping with the recent policy change made by the Prince George's County Waste Management Division for the health and safety of staff, University Park residents requesting curbside collection of bulk trash items will be required to completely cover mattresses and box springs in a protective plastic covering. Plastic zippered mattress covers are available at many local retail stores for a nominal fee.

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### Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 19-O-03

On April 1, 2019, Ordinance 19-O-03 was introduced. This ordinance would levy the real property and personal property tax rate and appropriate and adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2020. The ordinance would levy the real property tax at fifty-eight and 30/100 cents (.5830) per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable real property and two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable personal property in the Town, and appropriate the funds for the FY 2020 budget.

The meeting set for May 20, 2019 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 19-O-04

On April 1, 2019, Ordinance 19-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 1, "Traffic", Section 2-104, "Parking" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to prohibit parking during school hours on the south side of Underwood Street, west from its intersection with Queens Chapel Road for a distance of 470 feet.

The meeting set for May 6, 2019 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.

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#### *From the Chief Continued...*

convicted burglars, they indicated that they look for houses without security systems and dogs to burglarize.

**Most burglaries take place when no one is home between the hours of 6 AM and 6 PM.** If you decide to invest in a monitored home security system ensure that it includes motion detection cameras and/or a doorbell that will send an alert to your cellphone. Once you receive the alert you can evaluate the situation. For example, once you receive your doorbell alert you may be able to speak to the individual through your cellphone. Even when you are away from home create a lived-in look. Put timers on lights in certain front-facing rooms to give the impression that someone is home.

**The majority of break-ins are committed by burglars who live nearby.** Burglars tend to take note of your routine and when you are away. Contact the University Park Police and request a house check while you are away for the weekend or on summer vacation. Let a relative or neighbor know that you will be away from home so they can check on your home and pick up your newspaper and mail. Don't announce on social media or in a public setting that you will be out of town for a while.

**Almost 30% of burglars enter a home through an unlocked door or window.** University Park is a safe town, but it is not a good idea to leave doors and windows unlocked while you are away. Even when you are home, it is very easy to open a window for some fresh air and then run out to take care of an errand and forget to shut and lock it, leaving your house vulnerable. Regardless of the weather or time of year, always remember to shut

and lock all doors and windows (including those inside garages) before leaving your home.

**Most criminals can burglarize a home in less than ten minutes.** Burglars look for easy access. Make it tough for them by strengthening your home. Make sure every external door is metal or solid wood and is secured with a well-installed dead bolt lock. Secure sliding glass doors with a commercial lock or by placing a broomstick or dowel in the inside of the track to jam the door. Double hung windows should be locked using the security mechanism or keyed lock. Install outdoor sensor lights near entrances to light up when someone approaches. Don't hide spare keys around the exterior of your home. Always check and recheck your doors and windows before you leave your home.

Should you have questions or would like to schedule a security survey of your home please email Cpl. Shameka Graddy at [sgraddy@upmd.org](mailto:sgraddy@upmd.org) or Pfc. Gregg Fuoco at [gfuoco@upmd.org](mailto:gfuoco@upmd.org) to schedule an appointment.

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**Unattended death** On March 12 at 1:30 PM a relative found a 55-year-old male dead inside a second level bedroom in a residence in the 6700 block of Baltimore Ave. The decedent had a history of medical issues and there were no signs of foul play or trauma to the body. PGPD Homicide responded as did the ME, who ordered the body transported to Baltimore for an autopsy.

**DUI Arrest** On March 17 at 6:47 AM a vehicle was stopped in the 6500 Block of Baltimore Ave. after traveling 84mph in a 30 mph zone. The operator of the vehicle was administered field sobriety tests and arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and registered a .11 Breathalyzer Alcohol Concentration.



#### **Lost Pet Database**

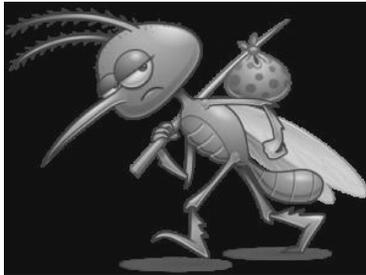
In this busy season, be sure your pet is registered. To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call volunteer coordinator Laura Collins. She can be reached at [UPPetDatabase@gmail.com](mailto:UPPetDatabase@gmail.com) or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times in case they are lost.

## Take Back Our Yards

### UP Mosquito Repression Program

*What do mosquitoes carry? Zika, West Nile, Dengue, Chikungunga, Heartworm in Cats and Dogs.*

May has arrived and with it more pleasant weather and warmer temperatures and...the first mosquitoes! By now we hope you've removed mosquito habitat from your yard and deployed your traps. Here is a list of reminders:



- ✓ Dump, drain. If it holds standing water for longer than a few days, flip it over or drain it out.
- ✓ Dunk. If you can't dump it or drain it (birdbaths, fishponds, persistent puddles) put mosquito dunks or mosquito bits in the water. They kill the mosquito larva and do no harm to other species.
- ✓ Screen. Corrugated drainpipe is mosquito heaven! Screen it. Tie stretchable nylon (panty hose) around the aboveground joints. Put screen or mesh in or around the ends of the pipes.
- ✓ Deploy. Make sure your traps are clean and set them up in your yard. The traps provide the habitat that attracts the mosquitoes and traps them so they can't escape, eliminating the adult and future generations.

Mosquito control works only if we work together as a community. Talk to your neighbors about removing standing water, putting their traps out, or getting traps. If you have new neighbors, let them know about our program and how they can participate.

If you haven't ordered your traps yet, you can go to the BioGents website: [shop.biogents.com](http://shop.biogents.com). Be sure to use the University Park discount code to get 30% off: Citizen-ScienceUP2019. Discounted cost for two BG-GAT traps plus sticky cards and shipping: \$53.05.

Mosquito Committee Members:

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## Helping Hands University Park

### Celebrating Older Americans Month

When Older Americans Month was first established by President John F. Kennedy in May 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. That number is now about 49 million and will increase to 78 million by 2035. This year's theme, Connect, Create, Contribute, encourages older adults and their communities to:



- Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health and personal enrichment.
- Contribute time, talent and life experience to benefit others.

Communities that encourage the contributions of older adults are stronger. Look around and see how vital and active our older neighbors are: teaching Pilates, volunteering at Brookside Gardens, the local library and elsewhere, ushering at theaters and sporting events, taking care of grandchildren, engaging in causes like climate change and immigration reform, taking courses and learning new skills, and on and on. Though HHUP tends to emphasize how we can assist our seniors, let us be mindful of all the knowledge, energy and vitality they bring to our community! As we continue to grow, HHUP looks forward to establishing intergenerational programming. Have ideas? Call or email us!

### Upcoming HHUP Programs

**Wednesday, May 1, 10 AM-2 PM** May 1 Law Day - we join Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP) for this annual event. Lawyers will help seniors create Advanced Directives and Health Care Power of Attorney documents at no charge. Registration is required; call 301-887-3101. This event takes place at Hyattsville's Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin St. Transportation available.

**Wednesday, May 8, 2-4 PM** HHUP Craft Gathering. Bring your knitting, embroidery, watercolors, crocheting, etc. and visit with other HHUPers. When you RSVP, we'll tell you who will be hosting us! 301-892-6636.

**Saturday, May 11, 5-6:30 PM** HHUP and 2nd Saturday Lectures present 50+ Fraud and Scam Prevention, presented by Detective David Calloway (Seat Pleasant Police Dept.) and Cpl. Shameka Graddy (UP Police Dept.).

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This program will educate area residents about Identity Theft/Identity Fraud, crimes in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's identification information in a way involving fraud or deception for economic gain. At the end of this session, attendees will have a better understanding of how to protect themselves and prevent Identity Theft/Identity Fraud. Presentation will take place at the University Park Church of the Brethren, with convenient parking across the street on Tuckerman St. Thanks to Chief Harvey Baker for helping us organize this program.

**Wednesday, May 15, 12-1:30 PM** HHUP Lunch Club. HHUP members and volunteers are invited to come buy lunch and socialize with others. Questions? 301-892-6636 or HHUniversityPark@gmail.com Each month the group decides where to meet the following month, so please RSVP to learn where we'll be meeting. In the past we've eaten at Jason's Deli, Burton's Grill, Olive Garden, The Commons, Mulligan's, and Marco & Polo.

Have you checked our HHUP website lately? At [helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org) you can see upcoming events, fill out a volunteer or member application and stay up-to-date on all HHUP happenings.

### Tree Committee News

The 2019 spring planting season has ended for trees and shrubs. The prudent gardener would have ceased planting woody plants in mid-April. You may continue planting of herbaceous annual and perennial plants, but you begin to risk success with the planting of trees and shrubs. Depending on the weather, you might be okay with smaller specimens planted in the shade, but let the planter beware.

**Ivy League, May 11, 9-11 AM** The Ivy League will remove ivy from town trees on the upper reaches of Wells Parkway on the north side of town. Volunteers should meet at the Veterans Memorial Park, corner of Wells Parkway and Eversfield. Volunteers will derive satisfaction from helping nurture UP's splendid urban canopy and two hours of camaraderie and light exercise. Please bring a pair of garden clippers, a small prying tool or large screwdriver and your inestimable pluck.

### Announcing: Interactive Notable Tree Map

The Committee's interactive map of notable trees went live in late March. Twenty-one notable trees that have

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appeared in the newsletter over the years are marked by location and annotated with a description, photograph and quotation. The map strives to augment the wanderings of curious amblers of University Park's avenues, roads and streets. We encourage you to nominate your selections for Notable Tree. The map is linked off the Tree Committee's page at [upmd.org](http://upmd.org).

-Chris Aubry, on behalf of  
the Committee for Trees, Parks and Environment,  
[TreeComm@UPMD.org](mailto:TreeComm@UPMD.org)

### March 18 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Presentations

Azalea Classic Race Director Abby McDermott gave an update on the Azalea Classic and thanked the Town of University Park for their very generous contribution that is given every year. The Azalea Classic is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Approximately \$11,000 has been raised from sponsors thus far. Ms. McDermott is contacting local businesses to promote sponsorship for this event.

Michael Maker from Municipal & Financial Services Group gave a presentation on the preliminary findings from the operations and management study. The presentation can be found on the Town's website. The draft report will be complete in a few weeks. The Town Council will review the draft report and it was requested that the Town Attorney also review the report to be sure that everything is consistent with the law. A request was made that the draft report include an analysis of the current functions and the work that is being done in each department, including the Mayor.

#### Consent Agenda

**Motion: To approve the following consent agenda item.** Motion approved 7 to 0.

**To replace existing driveway strips, front walkway and steps, and to add a 20'x 4' paver walkway on side of house located at 4209 Tuckerman Street.**

#### Permits

**Motion: To amend a building permit for a 5' fence approved by Council on July 23, 2018 and to permit a 4' fence located at 4301 Tuckerman Street.** Motion approved 7 to 0.

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### Licenses

*Consider a request by property owners Kirk and Randi Walters at 4301 Tuckerman Street to maintain a 4' fence at its current location encroaching 7' into the Town-Right-of-Way for an area of 7'x 80' with a total of 560 square feet, subject to entering into a licensing agreement approved by the Town Attorney and Mayor.*

*Motion: To deny the request by property owners Kirk and Randi Walters at 4301 Tuckerman Street to maintain a 4' fence at its current location encroaching 7' into the Town-Right-of-Way for an area of 7'x 80' with a total of 560 square feet, subject to entering into a licensing agreement approved by the Town Attorney and Mayor and require removal from the Town right-of-way within six weeks.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Morrisey opposed). Note: The homeowner requested communication of the decision in writing.

*Consider a request by property owners David and Emelia Furlong at 6900 Wells Parkway to maintain a 4' fence at its current location encroaching 9'8" into the Town-Right-of-Way for an area of 34'x 9'8" with a total of 328 (+/-) square feet, subject to entering into licensing agreement approved by the Town Attorney and Mayor.*

*Motion: To deny the request by property owners David and Emelia Furlong at 6900 Wells Parkway to maintain a 4' fence at its current location encroaching 9'8" into the Town-Right-of-Way for an area of 34'x 9'8" with a total of 328 (+/-) square feet, subject to entering into licensing agreement approved by the Town Attorney and Mayor and require removal from the Town right-of-way within 90 days.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### New Business

*Motion: To approve adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate Friday, April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in University Park.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Mayor's Report

- The Planning Board approved the monument sign at the 7-Eleven in Riverdale Park.
- University Park applied for a \$200,000 State Bond for Town Hall design and construction. Mayor Carey went to Annapolis to testify on behalf of University Park and a response to this request should be known soon.

- A note from County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros was forwarded to the Council regarding the WMATA property in College Park between Albion Road and Riverdale Park Station being removed from the competitive process to direct negotiation between WMATA and M-NCPPC.
- The Strategic Planning Retreat scheduled for March 23 is a Council meeting and an agenda will be posted. This will be an open meeting and the public is welcome to attend and observe.

### Council and Committee Reports

*Trees, Parks and Environment Committee* A memo regarding annexing part of 42nd Avenue has been submitted to the Council.

*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee* The next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 7:30 PM.

*Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson* Ms. Ferguson reported on her review of the Town Charter and Code and Personnel Manual in regards to the Welcoming Town concepts. She pointed out where the concerns are and agreed to email this information to the Councilmembers. Mayor Carey plans to have this item on the agenda at the April 1 Council meeting.

*Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch*

- A reminder that the Financial Disclosure Statements are due by April 30.
- The Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at 8:30 AM-4 PM at the Friends Community School in College Park. Ms. Christine Becker will be the facilitator for the retreat.
- Elections will be held on May 7 for Wards 2, 4, 5 and 6. To file as a candidate and have your name appear on the ballot, the deadline is Monday, April 8. To file as a write-in candidate, the deadline is Thursday, May 2. Candidate packets are available on the Town website or at Town Hall.

*Chief of Police Baker*

- The March 1-18, 2019 Crime Report was distributed.
- Chief Baker and Lieutenant Enig will attend a New Chief and New Assistant Chief training for three days in Ocean City, Maryland.
- On March 28, the University Park Police Officers will

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attend training on Mental Health/First Aid for Public Safety.

- Sergeant Stennett and Lieutenant Enig attended Supervisor Leadership training through Prince George's County Police Department.
- CM Stephen, Ward 7 told Chief Baker that the residents on the 4000 block of Van Buren are pleased with the additional enforcement going on there.

*Town Treasurer Dan Baden* The February 2019 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

*Director of Public Works Michael Beall*

- The change in composting pick-up with yard waste appears to be working well.
- The Submerged Gravel Wetland project near the Wells Run playground is ahead of schedule.
- The contractor for WSSC plans to be in Town in April and May to work on Van Buren Street.
- Mr. Beall will work on the potential conflicts between installation of planned traffic improvements at University Park Elementary School and the WSSC project during spring break.
- There will be a paint recycling event on April 27 along with electronics recycling. It will cost residents \$5 per paint can. Details will be posted in the April Town newsletter.
- Prince George's County recently implemented a policy that all mattresses and box springs must be bagged. Mr. Beall suggested that the Town implement a similar policy.
- Mr. Beall was asked why hazardous waste is not included with the recycling event. He stated that he has found it difficult to find a company willing to hold an event on hazardous waste.
- Mr. Beall was asked about expanding the current Town's kitchen waste composting program and he responded that it would be possible now that compost and yard waste collection are being combined.
- The Adelphi field meadow project has been delayed due to the rain.
- The Town bridges project is in the hands of the Prince George's Soil Conservation District and this could take three to four weeks.
- The tennis courts project will take place as soon as possible and the plan is to have it completed by June.

*Mosquito Repression Program*

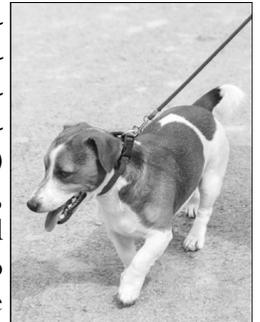
- Approximately 40 block captains have agreed to participate in the program this summer.
- The program was granted \$5,000 from Biogents and this will help fund the intern for the Mosquito Program.
- The Church of the Brethren will be used as the office for the intern.
- Dr. Dina Fonseca and a professor at the University of Maryland are working on getting an intern for University Park and to come up with a plan to do some research.
- The Mosquito Program could use the Town's support to maintain the webpage.
- Council should consider putting a place holder on the Mosquito Program line item in the budget for an intern for next summer.

*Climate Change* CM Brosch asked for a public town forum to discuss climate change and what residents in University Park can do.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:08 PM.

### Attention: Teen Workers

A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year in the Newsletter. University Park teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents (raking, shoveling, car washing, babysitting, pet care, etc.) should email their name, age, phone number, street name, email address and type of service(s) to [univparknews@gmail.com](mailto:univparknews@gmail.com) before May 6 for publication in the June Newsletter.



**Please note:  
This issue does  
not include a calendar  
page. It  
will return next  
month.**

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Classic**  
**Saturday, May 4, 8:30 AM**

Join the University Park community for a morning of family-friendly fun and fitness. Choose from our USATF certified 5K, our 1 Mile Challenge, or our 1K Family Fun Run. Participants will enjoy our post-race party featuring local favorites like District Taco, Vigilante Coffee, CAVA, and DJ Lee! All races take place on the quiet, azalea-lined streets in University Park. This popular event brings together people from across the region and all ages. The event is organized by the University Park Elementary School PTA and all proceeds benefit programs at the school. Registration is open now at [azaleaclassic.com](http://azaleaclassic.com).



began. It is estimated that about 10,000 Italian Jews were deported to concentration and death camps, of whom 7,700 died. However, throughout Italy, people were providing hiding places and shelter for their Jewish neighbors. Loretta's mother was one of those who was able to hide from the Nazis. Please join us at University Christian Church at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads in Hyattsville. Sign-in begins at 11:30 with a light lunch at noon. There will be a brief business meeting followed by the presentation by Loretta. RSVP to Pat Myers at 301-439-6813 or [patmyers2@verizon.net](mailto:patmyers2@verizon.net)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual UPCA Mutt Strut**  
**Sunday, May 5, 9-11 AM**

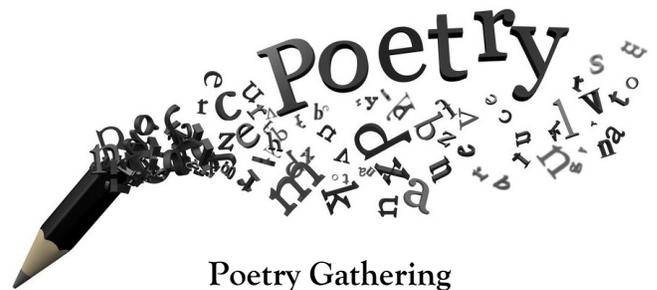


Meet your two and four-legged neighbors and enjoy beautiful UP during this 1.5-mile stroll. University Park Civic Association membership is not required—you don't even need a dog! For just \$6 a person, humans get the Mutt Strut t-shirt,

dogs get a bandana, and everyone enjoys the sponsor booths and refreshments. Not registered yet? Go to [upca-mutt-strut.ticketleap.com](http://upca-mutt-strut.ticketleap.com), or come to the registration area at the field the morning of the walk. *New this year:* We'll be collecting dog food donations for BREW Beagle rescue. UP Town Soccer Field, rain or shine.

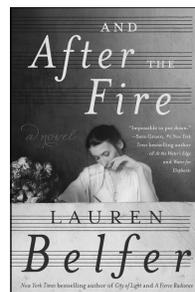
**UP Woman's Club Meeting**  
**Monday, May 6, 11:30 AM**

At sundown on May 1 until sundown on May 2, *Yom HaShoah* or Holocaust Memorial Day will be observed throughout the world to honor the victims, survivors and rescuers of the Holocaust. On May 6, University Park resident and chair of Helping Hands UP, Loretta Vitale Saks, will be the guest speaker of UPWC. Loretta will present a brief history of the Jews of Italy and share the compelling story of her parent's experiences as Italian Jews during the Holocaust. After Italy entered the war in 1940, Jewish refugees living in Italy were interned in concentration camps such as the Campagna camp. When German troops invaded Italy from the North in 1943, deportations of Italian Jews to Nazi death camps



**Poetry Gathering**  
**Sunday, May 19, 4 PM**

Interested in poetry? Two UP residents who love to read and (sometimes) write poetry invite you to join us for an exploratory meeting about occasional poetry gatherings. Bring a favorite poem (perhaps one of yours) to share. Organized and moderated by Deborah Rosenfelt, Professor Emerita, University of Maryland, and Gerry Hender-shot, a retired health statistician turned poet. This exploratory meeting at 4315 Sheridan St. For more information, email [dsr@umd.edu](mailto:dsr@umd.edu) or [ghender-shot@earthlink.net](mailto:ghender-shot@earthlink.net).



**After 8 Book Group**  
**Tuesday, May 21, 8-10 PM**

The May book is *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer. June's title is *The Little French Bistro* by Nina George. Please call Marianne Rankin at 301-277-6683 or Laura Donnelly at 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.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Green Housekeeping Workshop, Saturday, May 11, 10 AM-Noon** Learn how to keep your household clean, green and healthy! Join us for a workshop highlighting best practices for greening your cleaning routine. Participants will learn easy and affordable ways to maintain healthy households. Make and take your own green cleaner, win door prizes, and enjoy light refreshments! Sponsored by the Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the City of College Park. City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park. For more info or to RSVP, contact Todd at [toddlarsen\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:toddlarsen_99@yahoo.com).

**The Heidi Chronicles, Performances May 4-11** Award-winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein's *The Heidi Chronicles* is a witty, amusing and heartfelt coming-of-age story. In the play, Heidi Holland strives to build a fulfilling life and is forced to confront, through her work, friendship and relationships, the true cost of "having it all." This play is newly resonant for a generation experiencing feminism through the lens of #MeToo and #TimesUp. The Clarice, University of Maryland. For more information, times and tickets, visit [go.umd.edu/HeidiChronicles](http://go.umd.edu/HeidiChronicles)

### 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.

**Melodies Passageres, Sunday, May 5, 3 PM** Fleeting songs of remembrance, celebration and hope featuring Nancy Almquist, soprano. Suggested donation \$20. 20% of concert proceeds will benefit the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

**College Park Chorale Spring Concert, Sunday, May 19, 3 PM** Join us for this free concert celebrating the arrival of Spring. At the University of Maryland Chapel.



### Riversdale

A National Historic Landmark, Riversdale is a restored, five-part, stucco-covered brick plantation home built

between 1801 and 1807. 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park, 301-864-0420.

**Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 12:15-3:15 PM** Bring your mother, grandmother, or other special lady for a free tour. One free tour with each paid admission. Then treat your mother to a free concert, or just come for the music. *Note:* You must begin your tour by 1:15 to attend the concert.



**Cycling Through History: The Calverts and the Anacostia River, Sunday, May 25, 11 AM** This casual guided bike tour begins with a quick look at the mansion then stops at significant historic markers and Anacostia river vistas. Advance payment required by May 21. Fee \$6.

### Reminder: Overnight Utility Work

The State Highway Administration announced utility crews will be working along Baltimore Avenue in College Park between



University Boulevard and College Avenue between 7 PM and 6 AM. Northbound and southbound traffic lanes will be closed intermittently and there may be temporary sidewalk closures. Please allow additional time and use alternate routes. SHA anticipates work will be complete by late fall 2020.



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park will hold an election for

**Office of Councilmember for Wards 2, 4, 5, and 6**

to be conducted on

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

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 qualified to run for the office of:**

**COUNCILMEMBER - WARD 2**

**Joseph M. Schultz**

**COUNCILMEMBER - WARD 4**

**Linda A. Verrill**

**COUNCILMEMBER - WARD 5**

**David L. Caskey**

**COUNCILMEMBER - WARD 6**

**Martha M. Wells**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES** must file a Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement form with the Town Clerk no later than 5 PM on Thursday, May 2 to qualify for the Town election. All forms are available on the Town website at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org).

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office no later than May 2, 2019.

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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 June newsletter deadline is Monday, 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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