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MAYOR'S COLUMN

There is a lot going on, as it seems there always is. Mayor and Council have spent the past several months in discussions reviewing a great deal of information. Nearly all of that information has been available online. Recently I've heard from residents who felt out of the loop on Town information, plans and Council actions, and I want to share how you can learn more about these things. An informed electorate is vital to University Park's success.

One of the most reliable sources of substantive information, news and events in Town and community is the newsletter you have in front of you. Since the 1980s, it has been published 11 times per year by ordinance, to *provide information to the residents of the Town relating to governmental activities of the Town, to provide official notices*

as required by Charter or Ordinance. The Newsletter is mailed to every address in Town and posted on the Town's website. The recent Municipal & Financial Services Group community survey found the newsletter is the most widely-read and relied-upon source of University Park information: 53% of respondents always read Town notices, 62% always read Town news, 44% always read the highlights of Council meetings. Every edition is loaded with information; take a moment to see what is in this one. On Page 13, don't miss the notice of the public hearing on the construction and improvement of sidewalks, scheduled for the July 15 Council meeting. To know what Mayor and Council have been working on and doing, read through the highlights of the most recent Council meetings.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	July 1, 15, August 12
Town Holiday	July 4
Public Hearing-Sidewalks	July 15
National Night Out	August 6

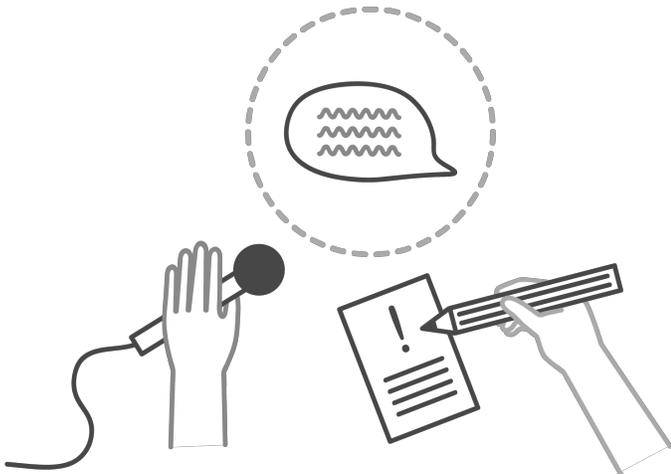
Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org.

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For the very latest information, look to the Town's website at www.upmd.org. The site is packed with features and information, and is searchable via the *Search this Site* box near the top, just enter keywords to search. Under the header, *News & Announcements*, you'll find news flashes ~ brief articles with the latest happenings in Town and nearby. This is where you'll find the online version of the public hearing notice already mentioned, as well as a summary of the approved fiscal year 2020 budget. Sign up to receive texts or emails through the site's *Notify Me* button at the bottom of the first page. That is just the quick tour-explore the site on your own to see the abundance of what else is available. Don't hesitate to reach out to ask questions or share your thoughts or an idea with me or council members.



We're your neighbors, but email is probably the best way to reliably reach us. The Town Directory is on the back cover of each newsletter with email addresses and telephone numbers for Mayor, Town Council, and Town staff. My experience is that all in Town government appreciate hearing from you.

My Mayor's email list is open to any Town resident wishing to join and I use it often to keep residents informed of Council meetings, issues before the Council, nearby events or happenings, and more. If you'd like to be on the list or have a question, write to me at mayorcarey@upmd.org. Several Town Council members also have email lists to keep constituents informed; write them directly to be added. I get a lot of email and do read your email, whether or not you get a response from me. I try to answer or forward your message to Town staff for action or response. This is local government, and we work to be responsive.

Please attend Council or committee meetings when possible, if only to listen. Every Council meeting has a public comment period, usually near the beginning. When the agenda includes an item of intense interest, there is a lot of public comment. Raise your hand to be recognized and share your opinion. On larger or more difficult matters, much of the work is done in Committee before a recommendation is made to the Council. Therefore, it is often worthwhile to pay attention to Committee agendas and attend there. Most committees meet monthly. Council and Committee agendas and minutes are typically viewable at the Town site's Agenda Center.

Local government is a conversation. Pay attention to be informed. Show up. Speak up. Participate. The best outcomes come from working together.

—Len Carey

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

Bike Share Change

The joint bike share system of the Town of University Park, City of College Park, and the University of Maryland – mBike – will end this summer, with its last day of operations on August 31, 2019. The mBike system was operated by Zagster via a three-year contract with the City of College Park and the University of Maryland, which ended in early May. The parties were unable to come to terms on a replacement system through Zagster, and have mutually agreed to part ways.

While three years remain on the 5-year contract between the Town of University Park and Zagster, the parties will mutually release each other allowing bike share in Town to continue to be part of a larger system shared with College Park and the University. The three entities intend to build on the success of mBike by introducing a new shared mobility system that provides pedal bikes, pedal-assist bikes and electric scooters. We hope to make details of this new system public very soon. The mBike program grew steadily over the past three years, with more than 4,000 unique users and 130,000 trips.

We apologize for any inconvenience during this transition, and have made arrangements with Zagster for refunds to current members. Questions about mBike refunds and existing mBike memberships should be directed to Zagster at support@zagster.com or 202-999-3924.

FROM THE CHIEF

School is out and families are enjoying the nice summer weather and outdoor activities. What is better than a relaxing backyard cookout with family and friends or celebrating a birthday on your deck or in your yard? It is hard to imagine many activities that can top enjoying your home with loved ones. Even though some may add well-intended activities such as music and light dancing to their gatherings, it may cause disturbances to the neighbors.

While no one would argue against a homeowner enjoying their residence, how do we handle these situations with our neighbors when celebrations are too loud or disruptive? Do you knock on the door to ask your neighbor to turn down the music? Do you report the noise to



the University Park Police? Do you write a note and post it on their door or car? Unfortunately, noise complaints are all too often a repeated summer occurrence. It can be a challenging situation and one that warrants the use of sound judgement so

that you don't compromise your own personal safety. Here are some helpful hints to consider when faced with loud noise that is disturbing the peace and quiet in your home and/or neighborhood:

Pick Your Battles Wisely If your neighbor has a party once a year, speak with them before the event about the noise. If you wait until their guests have arrived and the party is in full swing, it might be too late or could cause friction.

Meet Your Neighbor in Person Strike up a conversation while they're doing yard work or getting the mail and share your concerns. The old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" might apply here.

You May Ask Yourself, Am I a Good Neighbor? What defines a good neighbor? Sometimes we're unaware of how our behavior may unintentionally affect our neighbors. When you approach the offending neighbor, the last thing you want is a back and forth situation that could potentially escalate the matter. The ultimate goal is to respect each other's space and live in peace and harmony. Though that's not always possible, you can do your part to prevent hostilities and long-lasting hard feelings.

Don't Demand Absolute Tranquility Sometimes we are noise sensitive. A good approach is to work with your

neighbor to arrive at a compromise you both can live with.

Take a Recording Even after your best attempt at being neighborly, the noise may not get any better and in fact may get worse. You may have no other choice but to call the police for assistance. Before you call the police, use your smartphone to record the noise from inside your house. Then once the police arrive, let the officer listen to the recording.

What to expect when the police arrive:

The police will speak with you (if requested) and then the offending party. The responding officer will request that the music be turned down and explain the possible penalties for violating the Prince George's County Noise Ordinance: a fine up to \$500 for the first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense. If it's a rental property, the property owner may be cited if the tenant has received 3 citations in a 60 day period. The Prince George's County Noise Ordinance is no longer bound by time of day. It can be enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and within 50 feet of the residence on all sides. If the police return a second time for a noise complaint at the same address, they may issue a citation to the offending party.

I hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact University Park Police if you have any questions about how to handle a noise complaint.

Fraud On May 3 a resident in the 6900 block of Pineway received notification from his bank that an unknown suspect used his debit card and PIN in Florida to steal \$406 from his account. There are no suspect(s) at this time.

Theft On May 11 a package was delivered to a residence in the 4100 block of College Heights Drive. The package delivery was confirmed by the U.S. Postal Service. However, it was stolen off of the front porch. There are no suspect(s) at this time.

Fraud On May 15 at 5:49 PM an unknown suspect called the resident in the 4400 block of Underwood St. and explained that their computer was infected with a virus. The caller indicated the computer virus could be removed by paying \$25.00 and sending a copy of a form of personal identification. Initially the resident was going

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to make the payment but cancelled it and notified the bank of the attempted fraudulent transaction. There are no suspect(s) at this time.

Fraud On May 15 a resident in the 4000 block of Underwood Street reported that he received a call requesting payment for computer virus protection. The resident made payment by transferring \$1,100 to a credit card and purchasing \$1,000 gift cards. The suspect then hacked into the resident's PC and gained access to a second credit card and made three fraudulent charges totaling \$1,357.95. There are no suspect(s) at this time.

Take Back Our Yards:

UP Community Mosquito Control Program



What do you know about Asian tiger mosquitoes? They are thought to have been introduced in North America in 1985 in a shipment of tires from Japan to Houston, TX. They were discovered in Baltimore in 1987 at a used tire processing plant and have since thrived in urban and suburban environments of Maryland. Many communities that experienced little annoyance in the past are now infested by the daytime biting Asian tiger mosquito. They do best in shade where water-holding containers are common. To read more go to the MD Department of Agriculture: mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests.

It's important to inspect your yard weekly and after it rains, to remove potential breeding sites by tipping or removing water holding containers such as wading pools and toys, tarps and folds that collect water, and plant pots and saucers. This is your first line of defense. If you set out your traps, be sure to change the water, grass, dunks and sticky cards every 3 weeks or as needed. Traps work best if there are no other sources of standing water in your yard. If you're using canola oil, consider switching to the sticky cards. If you want to upgrade from canola oil to sticky cards, please contact one of the committee members listed below. We still have free sticky cards so can upgrade your traps.

If you haven't set out your traps or haven't purchased traps, it's never too late! Here's the UP website for the Mosquito Repression Program: upmd.org/222/Mosquito-Repression-Program which includes a link to

purchase traps and replacement parts. Don't hesitate to call your block captain or one of the committee members to answer your questions.

You can become an active member and this month we want to thank Mary Wagner, one of our block captains, who provided information from the MD Department of Agriculture.

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Tree Committee News

Trees in Summer

Welcome to summer and its increase in daytime temperature highs. Trees slow their growth as the enzymes that drive photosynthesis cease to function during the sustained heat of mid-day. Periods of little or no rain amplify this defensive posture, though by July most trees have set their buds for next year's leaves. If you are going to water your plants, it is important to do so before 10 AM or after 6 PM. During periods of little or no rain, water deeply twice a week rather than a little bit every day. Smaller, less established specimens should be monitored more closely. Soaker hoses or sprinklers provide the most even coverage. Soil moisture can be established with a garden spade; just insert the blade two inches and open the soil to assess.

Ivy League, Saturday, July 13, 9-11 AM We will be working behind the tennis courts across from UPES, in the direction of Rte. 1. Volunteers should bring a pair of basic hand pruners and a prying tool of their choice—dandelion weeder, large sturdy screwdriver or miniature pry bar are all good choices.

Ivy League, Saturday, August 10, 9-11 AM Veterans' Memorial Park, at the corner of Eversfield & Wells Parkway. We will be working along the stream heading from Veteran's Memorial Park toward College Heights Drive. Volunteers will receive credit for two sessions for either of these sessions. Only five sessions are needed to earn a custom made, limited edition Ivy League bandana.

-Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment, TreeComm@UPMD.org

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Helping Hands University Park

HHUP chair Loretta Vitale Saks will be joining representatives from Greenbelt and Hyattsville on a panel discussing their aging-in-place Villages at the Maryland Municipal League's annual conference. MML is the association of Maryland cities and towns. They will address services they offer to the seniors in their municipalities.



University Park has a significantly higher percentage of residents 60+ (24%) than either Greenbelt or Hyattsville (14% for both). If one looks at residents who are 50+, the disparity continues: 36% for UP and 27% for both of the other cities. It is imperative that government at every level address the needs of aging residents who are choosing to remain in their homes. We may be smaller in size and number of households than other area Villages but, as a dedicated group of volunteers supported by our Town, we are able to provide rides, social, cultural and educational programs, computer assistance, help with small home repairs, etc. to our HHUP members.

This month we feature Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland's Aging-In-Place services for income qualified individuals. Services may include the following, based on availability: help with functional limitations, fall prevention and recovery strategies, assistive devices such as raised toilet seats and shower seats, structural adaptations such as grab bars and securing cords and rugs. Services may also include minor home repairs such as fixing holes in floors, tightening handrails on stairways, and improving lighting. To be eligible, one must be at least 65 years old, have resided for at least one year in a home covered by the current homeowners policy, have difficulty performing at least one activity of daily living (dressing, bathing) or difficulty with instrumental activities of daily living (housework, meal preparation), earn no more than \$42,500 per year and be willing and able to participate in meetings with an Occupational Therapist and a Registered Nurse focused on determined goals. For a copy of the very brief application, call HHUP at 301-892-6636 or send an email to: HHUniversityPark@gmail.com

Do you know that HHUP has a Facebook page as well as a website? Check us out at helpinghandsup.org or search for Helping Hands University Park on Facebook.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 20 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

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

Building permit to replace 18'x 12'deck with steps located at 4320 Van Buren Street.

Permits

Motion: To consider the request for a building permit to add a 1-story 20'x 22' addition to the rear of an existing residence and a 16'x 8' deck with landing and steps located at 4402 Holly Hill Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comment

(Note: Responses from Councilmembers, Staff, Town Attorney or the Mayor are italicized.)

- Is the proposed budget on the Town website? Yes.
- There is concern with approving the budget when costs are not available for some projects.
- If a Town Manager is not hired, is it at the discretion of the Mayor and Council to use that money for something else? *If the Town decides not to hire a Town Manager, the money can be put into Reserve or put toward the Bond or whatever. If the Town decides they want a Town Manager, the money will be there and the Town will not have to wait.*
- Shouldn't something as big as a Town Manager be brought to a referendum? *The Council can choose to do an advisory referendum.*
- There is a line item in the budget for a Town Manager, does this mean a Town Manager will be hired? *A budget is a predictive document. It is never in concrete because you do not know a lot of the things going forward.*
- Why such a high salary for a Town Manager? *According to the 2017 International City/County Managers Association, the average starting salary of small-town managers is \$98,000.00.*
- A resident said that he could support the idea of discussing the possibility of a Town Manager if there was something in writing stating that the hiring of a Town Manager is a provisional approach that will be subject to referendum later or whatever the process might be.
- The Town has done very well without a Town Manager,

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what is the value of adding an additional burden to the taxpayers at this time. *This has been discussed for some time and a study has been done and one of the recommendations was to hire a manager.*

- Inflation is real and if residents want to keep the same level of services they should expect to pay a little more each year. The future is making the Town walkable and bikeable, so anything that can be done to invest in that type of infrastructure makes a lot of sense. Those residents who don't think a new Town Hall is necessary should go and see the basement workspaces of the Public Works employees, which are an embarrassment. An experienced Town Manager/CEO is needed especially with the functions of the Town getting more complicated and it's not the same Town it was many years ago. This resident asked that the Council stay strong, do the right thing for the current and future residents, and invest in the future.
- A resident said that experts say that a Town Manager does not save any money and does not provide any additional efficiency. The Town Manager is to relieve the Mayor and that can be done without hiring a Town Manager.
- A resident expressed her full support in the tax increase and a Town Manager. She is happy with the incredible services offered and would like the Town to continue investing in the community.
- This resident supports the infrastructure plan. He pointed out that circles do not slow the traffic down. Town hall needs to be upgraded or completely rebuilt. There is no space for a Town Manager in the current town hall. The Town Manager may not be the solution. There needs to be a lot of discussion on this topic.
- A resident said that she recently went over the duties of the Mayor and it is more than one person can do for \$20,000. It would be important to have everyone participate in the decision of hiring a Town Manager.
- A Councilmember clarified that the subject on the Town Manager has not just sprung up. It has been discussed for at least two years now.
- Residents requested a job description or scope of work for the Town Manager position. *There is no job description at this time.*
- A resident would like to find a way to reach out to all of the residents in University Park to inform them of the discussion on hiring a Town Manager. She feels that people are busy and are not reading the website or newsletter and they are not paying attention to what is going on. She suggested a big town meeting or deliver flyers

door to door. *This is something that needs to be addressed when the time comes to discuss a Town Manager.*

- A resident living on Pineway is very concerned about the speed and asks that the Council figure out a way to make Pineway safer for everyone.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 19-O-03: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. This Legislative Resolution will be considered for adoption on May 29, 2019.

Motion: To change the title of line item G1b "Town Manager" to "Administrative Expenses." Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To increase line item G1b to \$75,000 and no money can be expended until authorized by Council. Motion approved 3 to 3 (Brosch, Morrissey, Caskey opposed), Mayor Carey breaks the tie and votes: Yea.

Motion: To reduce line item G36 "Northwestern High School-PTA" under Grants and Donations from \$6,000 to \$0. Moved by: Schulz. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion: To reduce every line item under Grants and Donations (G300) by \$1,000. Motion denied 3 to 3 (Brosch, Morrissey, Caskey opposed), Mayor Carey breaks the tie and votes: Nay.

Motion: To decrease line item G22 "Publications" from \$10,000 to \$5,000. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To reduce line item G26 "Transit" by \$22,125 (25% cut). Moved by: Stephen. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion: To decrease line item W12 "Veteran's Memorial" from \$5,000 to \$0 in hopes residents can raise money by subscription. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To increase line item W14 "Park Bridge Replacement Beechwood Road" to \$100,000 at the request of Mayor Carey. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To reduce line item S2 "Street and Sidewalk Repair" from \$29,500 to \$19,500. Motion approved 6 to 0.

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Motion: To add \$2,500 to line item W11 "Tiger Mosquito Repression Program" for a one-half season summer intern. Motion denied 2 to 4 (Stephen, Wells, Caskey, Schultz opposed).

Motion: To add a \$100 place holder for line item W11 "Tiger Mosquito Repression Program." Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To create line item W22 "New Trash Containers" for \$7,000, at the request of Mayor Carey. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To create line item W12 "Composting" and transfer into it \$4,000 from line item W2 "Landfill," at the request of Mayor Carey. Motion approved 6 to 0.

There was a discussion about the sight line issue at Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue and the Mayor's proposal to add \$6,000 to Code Enforcement Operating Costs for a traffic engineer. The Council agreed to continue this discussion at the May 29 Special Session pending information Ms. Ferguson agreed to provide.

Motion: To increase line item P7 "Body Worn Cameras" from \$6,840 to \$11,000. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To decrease Public Works line items A1 "Salaries" by \$27,000 and line item A2 "Payroll Taxes and Benefits" by \$10,000 at the recommendation of Mr. Beall. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 19-O-04 to amend Town Code, Chapter 9 to restrict parking on the South side of Underwood Street, West from its intersection with Queens Chapel Road for a distance of 470 feet, on school days between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM. The earliest date this Legislative Resolution may be considered for adoption is May 6, 2019.

Motion: To adopt Charter Resolution 19-CR-01 to repeal and re-enact Article IV, "Powers of Mayor and Council", Section 402 "Powers and Duties of Council" to clarify that the Town newsletter is intended to provide information to all residents of the Town and reflecting the Town's "Welcoming Town" concepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting. The earliest date this Charter Resolution may be considered for adoption is July 1, 2019.

Motion: To adopt LR 2019-O-05 to amend Chapter 16, "Tree Maintenance", §16-103 "Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment" to clarify that membership in the committee is open to all residents of the Town and that all residents of the Town are encouraged to adopt installation, removal and maintenance practices that promote and protect healthy trees on private land, reflecting the Town's "Welcoming Town" concepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting. The earliest date this Legislative Resolution may be considered for adoption is June 3, 2019.

New Business

Motion: To declare the 2008 Chevrolet Impala (VIN # 2G1WS57M891133576) as surplus and authorize the Chief of Police to sell the vehicle. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mayor's Report

- The market has changed and Zagster is coming to a close. University Park has two years left on their contract and can expect a reimbursement from Zagster.
- Arnold and Arnold will give their report on Town Hall Needs Analysis at the June 17 Council meeting.

Public Comment

A resident said that in reference to the budget, there has to be a better way to accomplish what was done at this meeting. There needs to be a structured way that improves the odds in achieving the goal.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6. There will be a presentation from Cafritz. Mayor Carey and CM Wells attended the subdivision review meeting regarding proposed development on the Dewey Property, behind the Community Center off Adelphi Road in Hyattsville.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch Ms. Marcavitch congratulated those who were reelected on May 7. The swearing in will take place at the June 17 Council meeting.

Chief of Police Baker No report given because of time constraints.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall No report given because of time constraints.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

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May 29 Council Special Session Highlights

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

Public Comment

- A resident sent the Council a memo with some concerns and recommendations: 1) reduce the overall cost of the infrastructure project; 2) until a decision is made on the role of the town manager and the scope of the town hall expansion, do not fund a town manager; and 3) leave the rate increase intact.
- A Councilmember informed the public that despite what was being discussed on the listserv, no one sitting on the Council wants to waste the Town's money.
- A resident suggested the Town consider a commercial product that is programmed to dial every Town resident and this would be one way of informing residents with important information. This resident asked that CM Brosch continue his explanation of the budget from the last Council meeting.
- Can hiring a Town Manager wait until a serious case has been made and especially not this year when both the State and Federal taxes have gone up. Some streets in Town do need repair, yet there has not been sufficient analysis and prioritization of what needs to be done for the sidewalks. Can the Town compromise on a halfway point and do the necessary items first and prioritize all of the infrastructure and put those off for over the next three years?
- Why would the Town go ahead with a massive infrastructure project without taking environmental concerns into consideration? This resident was pleased with the alternative plan that CM Brosch has proposed, particularly the principles on which the discussion should proceed.
- This resident agrees with CM Brosch's alternate plan. The financial aspect needs to be delayed in order for more residents to get involved.
- The small traffic circles that are being proposed to slow traffic does not work. Consider white lines, more stop signs, etc. This resident supports CM Brosch's proposal. Councilmembers should take a deep breath before spending all this money within one year.
- It would be helpful if the residents could see more information (transparency) with upcoming projects so that everyone can understand what is going on.
- A resident went to the Town website for information on the Veterans Memorial and the information was not

entirely clear, he suggests more detail. It would be helpful for residents to get together and set priorities.

- University Park is a wonderful Town but this resident encouraged taking more time since many people did not get the chance to be informed of the proposed projects. She encouraged Councilmembers not to vote on passing the budget tonight.
- A resident pointed out that the infrastructure project has been researched for over a year and there is no mention of this in the recently distributed leaflet by CM Brosch and this is a disservice to the community. A budget is not the only commitment to do something. Each individual project comes up for further approval more than one time during the course of the year.
- The community does not need any of what is being proposed, and she hopes that this process goes no further.
- A resident from Ward 1 said that some projects can be done now and she encourages that some be done later. She thanked her representative in Ward 1 and the amount of outreach that has been done on this.
- Mayor Carey pointed out that the Councilmembers are in the process of adopting a budget, they are not yet approving a bond. The bond process will follow in July or August and there will be lots of opportunity to decide the detail of what is included in the infrastructure. Mayor Carey will ask the Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety to prioritize their recommendations (3 or 4) and to submit these to the full Council for approval and at that point the Council can determine the amount of the bond and what direction to take.
- A Councilmember reminded the public that the Town is legally obligated to pass a budget by the end of May and if not passed the infrastructure projects will have to wait another year.
- A Councilmember said that a large portion of the bond will be used to repair the streets.
- Mayor Carey said that going to bond requires an Ordinance and he encouraged those who want to become involved to come to Council meetings and to check the website for information.
- Mayor Carey said that the exact amount that will be reimbursed from WSSC for street repair will be available when the project is completed and WSSC is able to measure the disturbance and calculate the final amount. In the meantime, applying the Town Engineer's measurements to the WSSC contract indicates this amount will be more than \$516,000.

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- A Councilmember said that Queens Chapel Road will cost approximately 1 million dollars to repair and one reason why it will cost that much is because half of the road repair was deferred seven years ago.
- A Councilmember expressed his concern about why the infrastructure line item is in the budget when the Council has not had a discussion on it. He recommends that stormwater retention be part of the street repair plan.
- There may be a benefit of doing the infrastructure project in phases, doing it all at once may create traffic problems.
- A Councilmember encouraged the residents to review the February report from the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee dated February 2019 to look at the projects that have been eliminated.
- It appears there is a serious communication problem between Councilmember to Councilmember and between Councilmembers and the residents and this resident does not know what the solution is, but this needs to be addressed.
- A Councilmember suggested getting a bid for the infrastructure first and then go out for the bond.
- A Councilmember confirmed with the Town Attorney that if the Town contemplates doing a bond this year, provisions should be made in this budget and details on how the bond will be spent, if at all, can be made at a later time.
- The Treasurer said that the Town Reserves are at 28.5% and at that level he does not recommend expending more of the Reserves than is being proposed in the budget update which is before the Council. The rates and the figures for street/sidewalk repairs that are in the budget are very good estimates and to spend the money to put out the project to bid is putting the cart before the horse.

Continuing Business

Motion: To approve Public Works line item W21 Street and Infrastructure Project FY2020 Budget of \$2,507,106. Motion approved 4 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

Motion: To approve the amount budgeted for FY2020 Revenue line item R25 Street and Infrastructure General Obligation Bond for \$ 1.8 million. Motion approved 4 to 1.

Motion: To reduce line item G26 Bus Transit from \$88,500 to \$78,500. Motion denied 2 to 3 (Brosch, Schultz, Wells opposed).

Public Comment

A volunteer from Helping Hands University Park asked that the Council analyze the decision to pull \$10,000 from the Bus line item and to consider the elderly in Town who depend on this service.

Motion: To increase line item G22 Publications from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Moved by: Brosch. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion: To increase line item G22 Publications from \$5,000 to \$8,000. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 19-O-03: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. Motion approved 4 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:50 PM.

June 3 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda items. Motion approved 6 to 0.

To install 10'x 12' shed and replace back section of existing 40" fence located at 6514 40th Avenue.

To replace 10'x 16' deck with steps and a portion of the walkway located at 6912 Baltimore Avenue.

Public Comment

A resident urged that the Council not act on agenda item 7A General Orders until the next Council meeting. This will allow people to review and give comments. In reviewing General Orders 402.1, this resident urged the Council to compare it to the list of "Welcoming Town" concepts that was referenced in the instructions to the Town Attorney and see what is not covered by the University Park General Orders Manual.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 19-O-04 to amend Town Code, Chapter 9 to restrict parking on the South side of Underwood Street West from its intersection with Queens Chapel Road for a distance of 470 feet, on school days between the hours of 7 AM

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and 3 PM. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To adopt LR 2019-O-05 to amend Chapter 16-103 "Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment" to clarify that membership in the committee is open to all residents of the Town and that all residents of the Town are encouraged to adopt installation, removal and maintenance practices that promote and protect healthy trees on private land, reflecting the Town's "Welcoming Town" concepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Charter Resolution 19-CR-01 to repeal and re-enact Article IV, "Powers of Mayor and Council", Section 402 "Powers and Duties of Council" to clarify that the Town newsletter is intended to provide information to all residents of the Town and reflecting the Town's "Welcoming Town" concepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting. The earliest date this Charter Resolution may be considered for adoption is July 1, 2019.

Motion: To approve the 2019-2021 University Park Strategic Plan and to establish it as a Town document to guide budget and policy proposals.

Motion: To change the second bullet under "Visions and Values" from "fiscal sustainability" to "sound fiscal policy" and change the third bullet from "environmental stewardship" to "environmental sustainability and resiliency." Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To change the tenth bullet under "Visions and Values" to read "and sustainability and resiliency criteria to a decision making process to all Town services budgeting infrastructure and other projects."

Motion: To be continued until the July 1 Council meeting. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Note: Mayor Carey encouraged Councilmembers wanting to make significant changes, additions and subtractions to the Strategic Plan, to submit them in writing.

New Business

Motion: To adopt the amendment of University Park Police Department General Order 402, "Diplomatic Immunity" and the adoption of General Order 402.1, "Foreign Nationals", in substantially the form attached, reflecting the Town's "Welcoming Town" con

cepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting.

Motion: To refer agenda item 7A to the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee for review and recommendation to the Council. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To designate the Development Overview Committee as appointed officials that must comply with §12-106, "Required Disclosure - employees and appointed officials" and file a statement disclosing any gifts on or before April 30 each year, or within 30 days of appointment, as applicable, and disclose employment and interests that raise conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest in connection with a specific proposed action by the official sufficiently in advance of the action to provide adequate disclosure to the public. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mayor's Report

Discussions are continuing with the city of College Park and the University of Maryland regarding what is going to happen with the bike share system. Zagster will disappear in August and will be replaced by another system that consists of pedal bikes, e-bikes (pedal assisted bicycles), and e-scooters. This will cost the Town very little if anything, as it is entirely funded by rider and sponsor revenue. In response to a question from a Councilmember, the Town Attorney clarified that there is no liability to the Town if a rider were to get injured within the Town limits.

On the Agenda for the June 17 Council Meeting: 1) Results of the Needs Analysis of Town Hall by Arnold and Arnold Architects and 2) swearing in of reelected Councilmembers.

Mayor Carey said that there are significant discussions ahead on two items that will require a great deal of time deciding the details. 1) Councilmember Wells will take the lead on addressing the "Administrative Expenses" budget line item and Mayor Carey asks that the Council make a decision by the end of September. Facilitator Chris Becker may be asked to join in on some of the upcoming discussions. 2) Councilmember Schultz as Chair of the Committee on Police, Traffic, and Public Safety will take the lead on addressing "Infrastructure" plans, and Mayor Carey asked that the Council make a decision by the end of July. This process will require scheduling several special sessions of the Council, and

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

Mayor Carey said that there will be lots of notices informing those residents who would like to attend.

- A “Community Conversation on Climate Change” is scheduled for Monday, June 10 at The Word of God Church Meeting Hall at 7:30 PM. Mr. Andy Fellows, former Mayor of College Park will moderate the panel of speakers. Everyone is invited.
- The inaugural Trolley Trail Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 8. Information on this event can be found in the June Newsletter as well as online.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Discussion will include amendments to the Riverdale Park Station project, Dewey Property and two new local developments. CM Wells and Mayor Carey attended the subdivision review Committee meeting on the Dewey Property. The Planning Board meeting is scheduled for June 27.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:20 PM.

UPCA 4th of July Parade and Picnic Thursday, July 4, 10 AM

The University Park Civic Association hosts a parade and potluck for the Fourth of July each year. All are welcome. Children, babies, pets and whomever else is feeling festive can go to our table set up by Town Hall and decorate themselves and their stuff for the occasion. But what if I don't have a kid or pet? Am I welcome? Of course. Please



cheer from the sidewalk as the crew parades several blocks down Queens Chapel to the Town Field. When the brief but exciting parade is over it is picnic and games time! The UPCA supplies the main course, plates, utensils and Italian ice. You bring a side dish or dessert and your own drinks. Please help us make this event great by volunteering! Sign up at signup.com/go/jQSHmTL Thank you to all our members who paid dues so far for 2019. These events are possible because of you & our fantastic volunteers! Join today for just \$25 at www.upcamd.com.



**Mayor Carey and Chief Baker
present**

National Night Out 2019

Join them at

The Town Field

6520 Queens Chapel Road

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

From 6 to 9 PM

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YOUR NEIGHBORS

AND THE UNIVERSITY PARK
POLICE!

Free Food, Safety Tips and Fun

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while creating a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together to work collaboratively on community wellbeing and crime prevention.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Community Art Drop-In, Sunday, July 7, 1 and 2 PM The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to make your own kite. All materials will be provided for this workshop led by instructor Aaron Springer. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended; follow the link at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts to sign up for a 1 or 2 PM start time. A limited number of seats will also be available on a walk-up basis for both seatings. More info: 301-397-2208.

Goddard Rocket

Launches, First Sunday of each month, 1 PM

Like to build model rockets, but don't have a launch pad? Now you do! Anyone can bring a model to fly at the Goddard Visitor Center rocket launches; there are no costs or fees to participate. Rockets, motors and supplies are available for purchase at the nearby Goddard Gift Shop (and many hobby shops or toy stores) and you can even get rocket construction and launch tips from our onsite experts on launch day! Don't want to launch your own rocket? That's fine, too—come out to watch and cheer on our rocketeers! Weather decisions are made the day of the launch. To check status of a launch, contact the Visitor Center front desk, 301-286-8981.



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.

Our performance groups will start up again in September! Look for more information at www.cpae.org, about College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti, Youth Orchestra and Youth Band, College Park Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Women's Choir, and College Park Youth Music Traditions ~ as well as our great performances series, arts drop in events, workshops and more!

Arts Drop-In at MilkBoy ArtHouse, Sundays, 11 AM-1PM A collaboration between College Park Arts Exchange, MilkBoy ArtHouse, and the Clarice. Adults and kids alike are welcome to take part in these fun arts projects facilitated by arts specialist Aaron Springer. **July 14 Create a Creature:** Use multimedia material assemblage to build your own critter!

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.

Jazz on the Lawn: Brûlée, Wednesday, July 10, 7-8 PM Pack a food basket and bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the delightful sounds of Brûlée! Free. All ages.

Seasonal Selections: Caroline's Birthday Celebration, Sunday, July 14, 12:15-3:15 PM Grab some 19th-century inspiration and a new recipe or two as you pop into the open-hearth kitchen to watch the Riversdale Kitchen Guild demonstrate 19th-century foodways and recipes. This week, ice cream and cake recipes celebrate the birthday of the eldest Calvert daughter, Caroline Maria. Free. All ages.

Jazz on the Lawn: Sol Horizonte, Wednesday, August 7, 7-8 PM Pack a food basket, and bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the Latin sounds of Sol Horizonte. Concerts move inside in the event of rain. Free. All ages.

Jazz on the Lawn: Cheek to Cheek, Wednesday, August 21, 7-8 PM Pack a picnic and bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the delightful sounds of Cheek to Cheek. Concerts move inside in the event of rain. Free. All ages.



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 or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times in case they are lost.

Per Section 803 of the Charter, Town of University Park

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS

At a regular meeting of the Council scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2019, Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing at the University Park Elementary School (4315 Underwood Street) regarding a proposal to construct and improve sidewalks in University Park at the following locations with the specifications listed:

Underwood St (4200 block) Estimated Cost \$33,500

A new 5' wide sidewalk is proposed for the northeast (even numbered) side of the street.

- Handicapped (H/C) ramps with detectable warning surfaces (DWS) would be installed at 4216 Underwood St. and 4106 Beechwood Rd. to cross Underwood St.
- Another new H/C ramp with DWS would be installed at 4106 Beechwood Rd. to connect to the existing sidewalk at 4301 Underwood St.
- The H/C ramp at 4301 Underwood St. would be removed and upgraded to include a detectable warning surface.
- All driveway aprons on the even numbered side of the street would be replaced to ensure the slope does not adversely affect driveway access.
- All trees within the right of way on the even numbered side of the street will have to be removed. Planting of new trees would be proposed for the fall after the project is completed.

Wells Pkwy (6800 block) Estimated Cost \$2,500

A new 5' wide mulch path is proposed on the creek side of Wells Pkwy. approximately 160' from 6810 Wells Pkwy. to the location of the new pedestrian bridge.

- A new H/C ramp with DWS would be installed on each side of the street adjacent to the existing fire hydrant in front of 6810 Wells Pkwy.

Clagett-Pineway Estimated Cost \$45,000

A new 5' wide sidewalk is proposed on the north side (even numbered) of the street from Pineway to Woodberry St.

- Three trees within the right of way would have to be removed (two at 4318 and one at 4300 Clagett-Pineway).
- New H/C ramps with DWS would be installed at 4318 Clagett-Pineway and between 6809 and 6901 Pineway to provide access across Pineway.
- The H/C ramps providing access across Clagett-Pineway will be upgraded to include DWS.

College Heights Dr.**Estimated Cost \$124,000**

A new 5' wide sidewalk is proposed on the southeast side of the street between Woodberry St. and Wells Pkwy.

- The sidewalk is proposed to reduce the width of the road by 5'.
- All existing H/C ramps will be removed and relocated to align with the new sidewalk. The new H/C ramps will include DWS.
- At Woodberry St., the sidewalk is proposed to wrap around the SW corner and connect to the existing sidewalk on Woodberry St.
- At Underwood St. and Wells Pkwy. adjustments will be made to the curb line to accommodate the existing storm inlets.
- At Wells Pkwy, new H/C ramps with DWS will be installed on the bridge and the existing H/C ramps will be removed and relocated to align with the new sidewalk.
- A bump out of the curb line is proposed in front of 4203 College Hgts. Dr. to protect the new sidewalk on the bridge. A new H/C ramp with DWS would be installed at the corner to connect with the sidewalk on the bridge and the sidewalk will curve back to meet the existing sidewalk in front of 4203 College Heights Dr.

43rd Ave**Estimated Cost \$2,500**

An extension of the existing sidewalk which ends at the Word of God Baptist Church is proposed.

- The proposed sidewalk extension is estimated to be 125' long and will connect to the existing driveway apron at the church.

42ND Ave deconstruction**Estimated Cost \$43,500**

Remove the roadway and restore to grass between Sheridan St and Queens Chapel Rd.

- Mill asphalt and excavate road base
- Install topsoil and seed to level.
- Extend the sidewalk and curb across each end of the current street
- Adjust curb line radius at Sheridan/Queens Chapel intersection to allow buses and emergency vehicles to make right turns onto Queens Chapel Rd. from Sheridan.

Additional Related Costs

Tree Removals	Estimated Cost \$15,000
Surveys	Estimated Cost \$17,500

At this same time, Mayor and Council will also accept public comment regarding a proposal to repair and maintain existing sidewalks, streets, curbs and gutters.

Residents and property owners in Town are invited to attend and express their views.

July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Save the Date! National Night Out August 6</p>	<p>1 Yard Waste, Compost Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 </p>	<p>4 UPCA July Parade & Picnic, 10 AM Town Holiday: Town Hall closed, no shuttle service.</p>	<p>5 Recycling</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 </p>	<p>8 Yard Waste, Compost</p>	<p>9 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Recycling</p>	<p>13 Ivy League, also on August 20, 9-11 AM</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 Yard Waste, Compost Town Council & Public Hearing—Construction of Sidewalks, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>16 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Recycling</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Yard Waste, Compost</p>	<p>23 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Recycling</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Yard Waste, Compost</p>	<p>30 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>August 1</p>	<p>2 Recycling</p>	<p>3 </p>



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