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MAYOR'S COLUMN

In the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services, discussions are underway regarding possible construction of a new Town Hall facility on the current site at 6724 Baltimore Avenue. Our current Town Hall is a former boarding house purchased by the Town in May 1981 for \$ 125,000 with unanimous Council consent. The building was renovated for use as a Town Hall, at estimated cost of \$25-35,000 and, and with modest updating has served the Town for almost 40 years.

However, for the past decade Mayor and Council have considered needed Town Hall improvements. In 2008, the Town commissioned a study by resident Tom Ahmann of Ahmann Architects to document the existing building and propose concepts for a modest expansion, including a potential two-story addition with elevator and stairs. The Town's 2016 and 2019 strategic plans called for Mayor and Council to examine remodeling

the Town Hall to provide dedicated space for community gathering, enhanced inclusiveness including ADA compliance, and more efficient facilities to support Town operations. In 2018, the Town commissioned Town residents Mike and Loreen Arnold of Arnold & Arnold Architects to review these needs and develop recommendations on renovating, expanding or replacing the Town Hall. The resulting report's findings, recommendations, and concept schemes are under discussion by the Committee on Public Facilities and Services, which will recommend a course of action to the full Council. The University Park Town Hall Needs Assessment is available on the Town website at upmd.org for your review.

The Town Hall site is composed of ten residential lots totaling about 1.7 acres fronting on busy Baltimore Avenue while also backing up to Queens Chapel Road. A

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council February 3 & 24

Town Holiday February 17

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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FROM THE MAYOR CONT.

WMATA easement for the Metro tunnels below limits what can be done on some of the lots. There are steep grades to the rear of the property, and a well-developed tree canopy over much of the slope. A “paper alley” at the back of the property leading to Van Buren Street offers possibility of additional access. The building itself is historic and provides 4,535 square feet of space on four floors – basement, 1st and second floors, and an attic – and is well used. The Town also leases a shop area and garage in nearby Bladensburg which supports Town Public Works operations.

There are abundant concerns about the limitations and condition of the current Town Hall. The building does not have an elevator or provide ADA compliant access to all public functions, a significant failing for a municipal public building. This is why Town Council meetings are held in the library space at University Park Elementary School or at alternate accessible locations. The lack of accommodation for persons with disabilities can also serve as a barrier to potential visitors or employees of the Town. Some of the Town Hall's interior spaces do not meet interior space or structural building code requirements for use as offices, work spaces or storage space. The Town Hall basement used for morning and afternoon gatherings by public works staff and providing changing room, lockers, and shower/toilet facilities shared by Police and Public Works employees does not meet International Building Code requirements for habitable space. The structural supports for attic spaces used for storage may not be sufficient to bear the loads involved.

Further, current staff is at maximum capacity in the Town Hall, with several staff sharing desks. Adding a Town Administrator and accommodating other changes will add additional needs. Addressing these limitations, conditions and needs also presents the opportunity to incorporate community uses. For example, Council meeting space might be configured to also accommodate senior luncheons, civic group gatherings, yoga classes, and more.

The University Park Town Hall Needs Assessment Study, Arnold & Arnold's report, suggests several concepts to address these needs, conditions, and opportunities. While the study estimates rough costs of these scenarios as required by the Town, Mayor and Council have made it clear that we don't embrace those estimates, nor anticipate spending that much to remodel,

expand, or replace the Town Hall. It remains to be seen which of these will be addressed, including how and at what cost. From previous experience, none of these programs are taken on without a great deal of deliberation and study by the Mayor and Council as well as resident involvement. I encourage you to stay tuned and involved, therefore – to pay attention, show up, and speak up on these important matters.

–Len Carey

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

Notice of Job Opening Town of University Park Town Administrator (Part time)

The Town of University Park, a municipality with about 2,600 residents, seeks an experienced and progressive local government leader to serve as its part-time Town Administrator. Working under the direction of the Mayor as part of the Town's senior leadership team, the Town Administrator will provide management expertise in support of key functions of the Town government, including strategic plan implementation, staff support to the Town Council, grant proposal development and administration, personnel policies and practices, code enforcement, communications, information technology management, and contract and project management. This is a part-time appointment. The Town Administrator is expected to maintain positive relationships with residents and work with Town stakeholders, other municipalities, and State and County agencies.

The Town Administrator will work an average of 20-24 hours per week with a flexible schedule to include evening meetings. The salary range is \$55,000 to \$60,000 annually. The Town offers a competitive benefit package. A complete job description can be found on the Town's website at upmd.org or requested from the Town Treasurer by email at treasurer@upmd.org.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Town Treasurer Dan Baden by email to treasurer@upmd.org. The Town of University Park is an equal opportunity employer. Applications will be accepted until February 14, 2020. The Position will remain open until filled.

FROM THE CHIEF

We are in the middle of winter and only recently had our first significant snow fall. If you have lived in Maryland for any period of time you knew the snow would eventually come. While some love the snowy weather and how it highlights the beauty of nature, others would much rather do without it. Still, most would agree that winter weather driving can be very frightening and dangerous for both experienced and inexperienced drivers. According to research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, winter storms, snowy weather and hazardous road conditions are a factor in nearly half a million crashes and more than 2,000 road fatalities every winter. The University Park Police would like you to review and familiarize yourself with some wintertime driving tips. If you have a new driver in your home, please share this information with them as well. We realize there will be times when you will have to drive in less than favorable weather conditions and we want you to be safe.

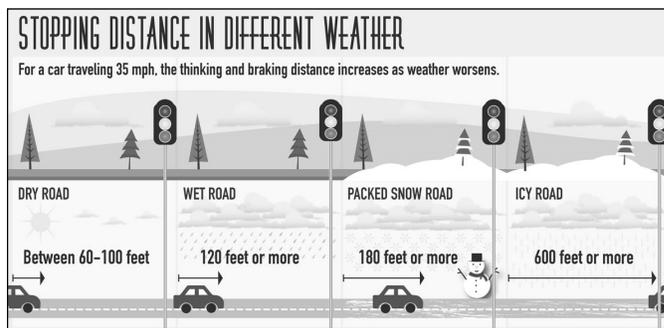
Cold-Weather Driving Tips, Recommended by AAA

- Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your cars, such as extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, a glass scraper, blankets, medications and more.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.
- Keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as ice and snow.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 20-O-01

On January 6, 2020, Ordinance 20-O-01 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 1, "Traffic", Section 9-104, "Parking" and Section 9-106, "Restricted Traffic Flow" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to prohibit parking on the south side of Underwood Street 93 feet from its intersection with Queens Chapel Road, and on the east side of Queens Chapel Road 95 feet north from its intersection with Underwood Street, and to restrict turning onto Underwood Street in an eastbound direction from its intersection with Queens Chapel Road, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on school days. The meeting set for February 3, 2020 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.

- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Clear all the snow and ice off of the windows before driving your vehicle.



▪ Tips for Driving in the Snow

- Stay home. Only go out if necessary. Even if you can drive well in bad weather, it's better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.
- Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Increase your following distance to five or six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on

Notice of Introduction of Charter Resolution 20-CR-01

On January 27, 2020, Charter Resolution 20-CR-01 was introduced. This Resolution would amend Article V, "Registration, Nominations and Elections", Section 503, "Registration" and Section 506, "Candidates for Office" of the Charter of the Town of University Park to clarify that qualified persons register to vote with the Prince George's County Board of Elections, delete the provision for a supplemental voter registration list, include the requirement for candidates to file a financial disclosure form at the same time as the candidate petition, both of which must be filed least 29 days prior to the election, delete outdated references, and make conforming and clerical changes. The meeting to consider this Resolution for adoption is set for February 24, 2020, which is at least 21 days after publication of this notice. For more information or a copy of the proposed Charter Resolution, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

the brake pedal.

- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

Tips for Long-Distance Winter Trips

- Be prepared: Have your vehicle checked by an auto repair facility before hitting the road.
- Check the weather: Check the weather along your route and when possible, delay your trip if bad weather is expected.
- Stay connected: Before hitting the road, notify others and let them know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.

If You Get Stuck in the Snow

- Stay with your vehicle: Your vehicle provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Do not try to walk in a severe storm. It is easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.
- Don't overexert yourself: When digging out your vehicle, listen to your body and stop if you become tired.
- Be visible: Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna of your vehicle or place a cloth at the top of a rolled-up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.
- Clear the exhaust pipe: Make sure the exhaust pipe is not clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust pipe can cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment of the vehicle while the engine is running.
- Stay warm: Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps. Pre-pack blankets and heavy clothing to use in case of an emergency.

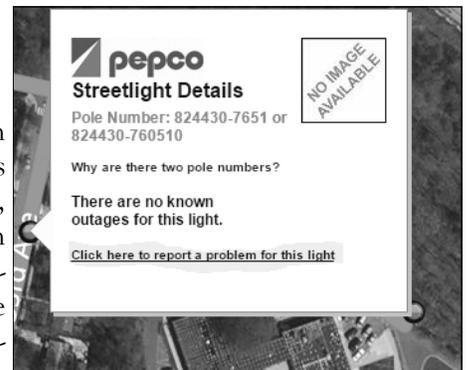
- Conserve fuel: If possible, only run the engine and heater long enough to remove the chill. This will help to conserve fuel.

Motor Vehicle Theft On December 10, a resident in the 4000 block of Beechwood Road heard her two vehicles being driven from her driveway. On December 9 the resident's purse was stolen at a gas station in Hyattsville while she pumped gas. Her purse contained her identification and keys to her cars and residence. The stolen vehicles have a combined value of \$50,000. There are no suspects at this time.

Reporting Streetlight Outages

Residents can report streetlights that are out, dim, damaged, etc. in less than a minute using the PEPCO Streetlight Outage

Map. PEPCO will send confirmation and completion emails to the individual who submits them. Residents can also learn if the light has already been reported and when. The web address is pepco.streetlightoutages.com. It can be found on the UPMD.org Public Works page under Quick Links.



Helping Hands University Park



As I write this column, it's over 50 degrees and sunny. It's impossible to predict when and whether we will have significant snow this winter, but if we do, we ask all able UPers to assist your older neighbors and those with disabilities. As always, our teens attending county public schools can receive community service hours for assisting older neighbors with shoveling. We remind our HHUP members to call us at 301-892-6636 or email us at HHUniversityPark@gmail.com to ask for assistance with snow shoveling and other tasks as well; e.g. helping with small household repairs, transportation, visits and calls, and help with computers and electronic devices. In January we trained 3 new volunteers, excited to meet our members! To those seniors in UP who haven't completed a

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membership application, call or email us-membership is free and members can be as involved as they like.

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) suggests ten steps to promote good brain health and healthy aging. HHUP can help our members accomplish some of these, so what follows are the AFA's recommendations and ideas about how HHUP can help:

Eat Well Adopt a low-fat diet high in fruits and veggies, like strawberries, blueberries and broccoli. Limit intake of red meats, fried and processed foods, salt and sugar. In general, foods that are heart healthy are also brain healthy. Make sure to consult with your doctor about what is an appropriate diet based on your medical needs.

Stay Connected Social interaction and maintaining an active social life are very important for brain health, cognitive stimulation and mood. Invite friends and family over for a meal, board games or just to hang out. Engaging in your community and participating in group activities is also beneficial. Join HHUP at our monthly Lunch Club and you'll be able to eat well *and* stay connected! Help decide where we eat the following month. In February, we'll meet on Wednesday the 19th, noon-1:30. Check our website or call for location.

Stay Active Physical activity increases blood flow to the brain and can also help improve mood and overall well-being. Brisk walking benefits brain health, while aerobics can boost your heart rate and weight training builds strength and flexibility. Help us restart our HHUP Walking Club. How about walking inside the Mall at Prince George's a few mornings a week? Interested? Call 301-892-6636.

Learn New Things Challenge your brain by starting a new hobby like playing tennis, learning to speak a foreign language, taking a cooking class, or something you haven't done before. Even something as simple as brushing your teeth with your non-dominant hand stimulates the brain by forcing it to think outside of its normal routine.

The Aging Drama: A Legal and Practical Guide to Reducing the Drama of Aging, Saturday, March 14, 5-6:30 PM: Julie Schejbal, UP resident and attorney whose practice focuses on estate planning and elder law, will speak. Anyone who is nearing or past retirement age or with parents or other relatives nearing or past retirement age will find this talk informative. Cosponsored with the 2nd Saturday Lecture Series. UP Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.

Our Activities Committee meets monthly to plan programs and activities. Sabrina Meyers chairs the committee, which usually meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM. Email Sabrina at sab333rina@yahoo.com if you have ideas or would like to offer a class. Our website has a new look: helpinghandsup.org; you'll find our Member and Volunteer applications as well as a link to our Volunteer Manual. More to come! You can also follow us on Facebook-search for Helping Hands University Park.

Tree Committee News

"Treemendous" University Park

Mid to late March is the best time to plant woody plants in the spring season. You may plant as soon as the ground thaws. During February, you should consider what particular trees and shrubs would be a good fit for your yard. If you'd like assistance with selection, please contact me at TreeComm@UPMD.org. Help bolster the town's tree canopy at potentially no cost to you by using the town's expanded Tree Reimbursement Program, now providing reimbursement for approved understory trees in addition to the existing approved shade trees. Receive \$300 for planting an approved shade tree or \$100 for an approved understory tree. Details are online under Public Works, upmd.org/169/Tree-Reimbursement-Compost-Programs.

Trees in Winter, Sunday February 16, 1-2:30 PM Trees are fascinating year-round and marvelous to consider in winter. Join members of the Tree Committee as we walk the NW corner of town in this educational outing to identify trees without their leaves. Each participant will receive a copy of the *Winter Tree Finder*. Meet at Wells Parkway and Commander Drive.

—Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Tree Committee,
TreeComm@UPMD.org

Changes to

UP Pet Database

Several residents expanded the UP Pet Database to a group called Helping Paws, to better support

issues around lost and found pets, wildlife encounters and pet resources in general. Please find resources at our website: uphelpingpaws.home.blog. To update your pet family info, ask questions, or join our group, email UPHelpingPaws@gmail.com. All are welcome.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 2 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 5 to 0.

To add a 5'x 6' & 9'x 17' (183 square feet) patio to existing patio and replace 12'x 2' walkway from house to driveway located at 4204 Sheridan Street.

Public Comment

(Residents made the following comments. Responses from Councilmembers, the Mayor or staff are italicized.)

- Resident is very relieved that the Town Council is going to defer discussion of the job description. The job description that was distributed is missing the very skills for which Town residents have been told are needed (project management skills, permitting experience, grant writing skills).
- A resident said it seems that the current term limits are somewhat fluid. There should be a rule that there should be two terms for term limits, otherwise one or two people get there and stay forever.
- Resident is disappointed that the Council and Mayor have not heard what has been said at the last few meetings. The job description appears to constitute a Town Manager position with no explicit statement that it is a part-time job. The job title and duties should be Administrative Assistant and not Town Administrator. The job should also be explicitly part-time and specifying hours to be worked. Please reconsider what the Council approved and revise the job description.

New Business

Motion: To approve a special 2019 holiday compensation in the amount of \$400.00 net of deductions for each current, active employee as of December 1 of that year. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2020 University Park Council Meeting Schedule as amended. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey attended a meeting regarding Veotide and reported that the system is going reasonably well. Usage

of the system continues to grow with only two reported accidents with no serious injuries.

- The Holiday Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 PM. The Holiday Potluck begins at 4 PM at the University Park Elementary School.
- Mayor Carey responded to CM Brosch's question about the infrastructure plan by saying that the bond money (\$1.6 million) is available. The Council was informed that Mr. Beall will be at the December 16 Council Meeting and any questions regarding the infrastructure plan can be answered at that time.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee Until further notice, there will be no Committee meeting for the month of December. CM Wells is meeting with Councilmember Ben Simasek, Ward 3 from the city of Hyattsville to discuss the development surrounding the Mall at Prince George's.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at Town Hall.

Sustainability Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4. Program Manager Mike Hunninghake from Sustainable Maryland will be present to discuss a program and recertification process.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee At the last meeting, the Committee discussed traffic management and parking surrounding University Park Elementary School. Methods of a more systematic plan for traffic management in Town and the issue of electronic vehicles on the park path were discussed. Minutes of this meeting were forwarded to the Town Clerk and posted on the Town website.

Trees, Parks and Environment Committee In reference to a question that was asked after the recent Annual Report was given, CM Morrissey said that homeowners are not contacted if the Committee sees an unhealthy tree on private property. The Committee does make a note of it.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:20 PM.

December 16 Council Meeting Highlights

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Permits

Motion: *To approve a building permit to construct a 12.5'x 48.2' shed dormer and a 5.6'x 7' screen porch and rebuild existing bay window roof located at 4211 Sheridan Street.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carey asked for Council approval and for CM Schultz to represent University Park by attending an Eagle Scout Court of Honor event on December 28 where town resident, Jordan Williams, will receive an Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America. His Eagle Scout project was the Wells Run clean-up.

Motion: *To approve proclamation 2019-R-08 to Jordan Williams expressing the Council's congratulations and thanks for his project and best wishes for a bright future.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

- A new draft job description for the part-time Town Administrator reflects Council comments and will be used for discussion during the Work Session. The January 6 Council meeting will be in Legislative Session format, allowing the Council to further discuss the job description and possibly approve it.
- Ms. Pamela Boozer-Strother, an elected member of the Prince George's County Public Schools Board of Education will attend the January 27 Council Meeting to provide the Council with updates.
- Attended Senator Pinsky's Open-House Town Hall Meeting.
- Mayor Carey will invite the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department to the February 3 Council meeting to give a presentation.
- On January 20, the 22nd District Legislative Delegation reception celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday will be held in Annapolis. Councilmembers are invited to attend.
- On January 8 (*Ed. Note: this date was changed to February 12*), there is an Animal Control Commission hearing regarding a vicious dog complaint in Town.
- Mayor Carey responded to a question about the status of the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and Sheridan Street. He said a date for a meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- Mr. Beall responded to a question about the status of the infrastructure project and bond issue. He said that he is waiting for information from the State Highway Administration regarding the Safe Route to School Grant. There are restrictions regarding the grant that

need to be clarified before proceeding. At the request of the Mayor, the Town Attorney is in contact with the State Highway Administration, seeking clarification of the restrictions.

- Mayor Carey said that when the staff proposals for the infrastructure project are developed they will be forwarded to the Council.
- CM Schultz said that he would like for the Council Committee on Police, Traffic, and Public Safety to be engaged at the beginning of the infrastructure project even if it requires special meetings.

Council and Committee Reports

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at 7 PM at Town Hall. The January meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13 at 7 PM at the University Park Elementary School. Those who will not be able to attend the January meeting should inform CM Verrill.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Discussion will include assessment of Town Hall.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18. Discussion will include bike and scooter paths and traffic management in Town.

Sustainability Committee At the last meeting, a presentation was given by Mike Hunninghake of the Sustainable Maryland Group which now puts the Committee in a better position for understanding what needs to be done to apply for recertification.

CM Brosch

- CM Brosch proposed that University Park write a letter of support, when it is introduced, for a Bill on Community Energy Aggregation.
- The science teacher at University Park Elementary School requested volunteers to judge at the January 22 Science Fair. Mayor Carey said he would put this request on his Mayor's email list.
- Senator Paul Pinsky, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs was a primary speaker at the Sustainability Summit held at the University of Maryland this past weekend.

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Chief of Police Baker

- Crime Report: December 1-15; two incidents (stolen vehicle, auto vandalism).
- The following was officer training for the month of December: Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Training; R.A.D. System Training; Background Investigation for Police Training; and ALICE Training. Corporal Shamika Graddy participated in the Shop with a Cop.
- On December 8 the Annual Departmental Award Recognition took place. The following received departmental awards: Commendable Service Award - Corporal Shamika Graddy; Meritorious Service Award - Corporal Greg Fuoco; Chief's Award - Lt. Dan Enig and Sgt. Chad Sunday. Three Certificates of Recognition - Art Garroway, Elizabeth Gilead and Dee Hudlin.
- Chief Baker responded to a question about someone attempting to steal decorations from a front yard. He said that he looked into this and apparently some teen residents from University Park were on a scavenger hunt to take selfies in front of holiday decorations, which was misinterpreted.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Mr. Beall encouraged residents to report broken streetlights directly to Pepco on their online service as well as informing Mr. Beall.
- Leaf season has gone very well with the exception of the recent rain. The last run through Town will take place soon; those residents who miss this last run will need to bag their leaves. Information on leaf pick-up can be found on the Town website under the Public Works page. Exceptions for extending leaf pick up is difficult due to the January 10 deadline with College Park.
- The new trucks that were purchased have taken 26 weeks (12 weeks was promised). They will be shipped and arriving this week.

Public Comment

(Residents made the following comments. Responses from Councilmembers, the Mayor or staff are italicized.)

- A resident asked about detailed information on the Animal Control hearing regarding a vicious dog in Town. *Ed. Note: This hearing will be held on February 12 in Upper Marlboro. Contact information was given to this resident.*
- This resident said that it is clear that everyone understood that the Town Administrator position would be part-time. He asked that the job description list the hours or maximum amount of time per week that the

person can be used. Residents also thought that this position was going to be a person to assist the Mayor. This person should give guidance, not orders. The Mayor should make the final decision.

Work Session

Motion: To close out the Legislative Session and enter a Council Work Session, to discuss the draft Town Administrator job description. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Discussion

Mayor Carey proposed that the Council continue the conversation on Town Administrator Job Description at the January 6 Council meeting, if needed, and take a final vote at that time. Some Councilmembers asked if the continuous discussion and final vote be postponed, if necessary, until the January 27 Council meeting.

- The purpose is to enlist professional expertise, not to just hire another body for Town Hall.
- At a previous meeting, Councilmembers voted to hire a part-time Town Administrator, not a part-time Administrative Assistant.
- Looking for someone who does not have to be told what to do all of the time and who can operate independently at the direction of the Mayor.
- There is no change to the form of government. The Mayor is still the Chief Executive of the Town.
- The part-time salary of this position will remain the same whether the person works 20 hours one week and 40 hours another week.
- CM Brosch expressed a concern that Councilmembers weren't given enough time to review the updated draft job description before discussion at the meeting. He also feels that the community should have an opportunity to review and offer feedback on the draft job description.

It was agreed that the draft Town Administrator Job Description be posted on the Town website to give residents an opportunity to comment.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

Eagle Scout Jordan Williams

Jordan Williams, age 18, of University Park has earned the Boy Scouts of America (now Scouts BSA)'s highest advancement award, the Eagle Scout Award. Williams was recognized in a ceremony on December 28. A member of Scout Troop 214B, Williams is one of only ap-

proximately 6 percent of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle rank, according to Scoutmaster Shawn Scoles. Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, church, or synagogue-related service project to earn his Eagle. For his Eagle Project, Williams chose to organize a stream clean-up of Wells Run. With help from his fellow Scouts and a few neighbors, his team collected 23 bags of trash, weighing around 350 pounds, including several umbrellas, a street sign, a long metal pole and hundreds of plastic bags and bottles. Williams was active on the swim team, crew team and in the Wind Ensemble and pep band at DeMatha Catholic High School, from which he graduated in 2019, and is currently attending St. Mary's College of Maryland. He is the son of Sarah Starrett and Tom Williams.



University Park Woman's Club 2020 Scholarships
Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

This one-time financial need-based award of \$1,500 is available to a graduating senior of Northwestern High School. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one-time merit-based need-blind \$1,500 award is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park. Applications will also be accepted from children and grandchildren of current UP Woman's Club members. All student applicants must live in Maryland. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

For questions about the scholarships, email upmdwc@gmail.com. You may download the application from the University Park Town website at upmd.org/225/Resident-Information. *Completed applications are due Monday, April 6, 2020.*

University Park Woman's Club Meeting
Monday, February 3, 11:30 AM

Please join us to hear award-winning author Ann McCallum Staats share the stories of 14 incredible female US Army heroes. Though early laws prohibited



women from becoming soldiers, many women still found ways to serve, even disguising themselves as men to participate in active battle. *Women Heroes of the US Army* chronicles the critical role women have played in strengthening the US Army from the birth of the nation to today. These smart, brave, and determined women led the way for future generations to enter, grow and prosper in the forces defending the United States. Through the profiles highlighting the achievements of these trailblazers throughout history, young women today can envision an equitable future. February is our sharing month and we ask those attending to bring one sandwich (PB&J, cheese, tuna, etc.) cut into fourths and one piece of cut-up fruit. The sandwiches will be shared and the fruit mixed into a huge fruit salad for all.



On Monday, March 2, UPWC will feature town resident, Mrs. Lynne Davidson, President of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter L, Maryland. P.E.O. has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, this nonprofit organization has helped more than 109,000 women pursue educational goals by providing nearly \$348 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans and the stewardship of Cottey College. What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 6,000 chapters. Join us to learn about this philanthropic organization focused on helping women succeed.

We are happy to welcome Ann McCullum Staats in February and Lynne Davidson in March as we honor the achievements of women during this 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment and Women's Right to Vote. Please RSVP to Pat Myers at patmyers2@verizon.net or call 301-439-6813 by January 28 for the February 3 meeting and by February 25 for the March 2 meeting. Sign-ins begin at 11:30 AM at University Christian Church at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads in Hyattsville.

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



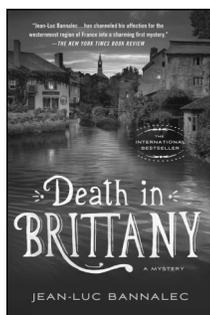
TOWN NEWS & EVENTS



Valentine Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, February 8, 5-8 PM

Come out for live music and a candlelight supper with neighbors and friends! University Park Church of the Brethren (4413 Tuckerman Street) transforms its fellowship hall into a bistro-style restaurant and donations for the meal go to local needs. A signature spaghetti sauce (meat and veggie options), bread and salad bar will be served, along with some tasty dessert treats. Gluten-free pasta is available on request. Tables for one up to ten are available, but no reservations are taken, so depending on what you're looking for, you may need to wait a little. Dine close to home and help support local services to those in need! Recipients of proceeds in the past have included Help-by-Phone, Community Crisis Services and the Prince George's Plaza Day Center, among others. All are welcome!



After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, February 18, 8-10 PM

February's title is *Death in Brittany* by Jean-Luc Bannalec. March's book is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Please call Marianne Rankin 301-277-6683 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.

Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons

Saturdays, 8-9:30 AM

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



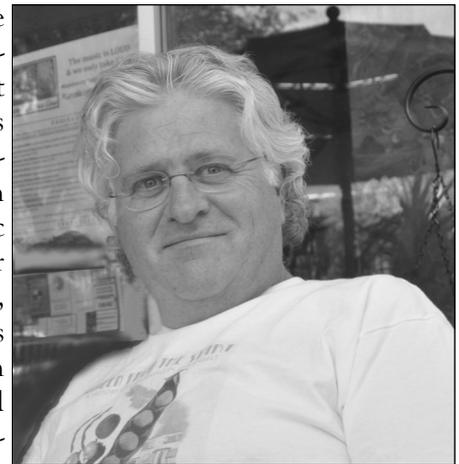
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Roadside Last Gasp: Paintings by Joel Floyd

Reception: Sunday, February 9, 2-4 PM

Exhibit: February 9-April 30

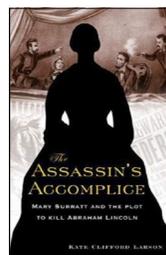
University Park resident Joel Floyd is a free-lance scientific illustrator with an interest in natural history and roadside architecture. He is retired from the US Department of Agriculture where he worked on invasive plant pest issues. Joel has had many illustrations published in books, scientific journals and for museum exhibits, but also explores artistic expression in watercolor, oil painting and mosaics.



Artist Statement I began photographing dilapidated historic buildings along the Route 1 corridor in College Park and beyond shortly after moving here from Arizona 18 years ago. Many locations remained in their abandoned state for a long time, but within the past decade began to go through a cycle of deterioration, demolition and development. Using these photo references, I try to capture in paint the essence of their previous state of decay and succumbing to nature before obliteration or transformation into something else. Some of these buildings' past glories may show through in their last gasps. Maryland Milestones Heritage Center, 4318 Galatin Street, Hyattsville.

College Park Arts Exchange

Your generous donations for free events are always appreciated. Be sure and check our online calendar at cpae.org for more events, including ongoing classes. All events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.



CPAE Book Club (Non-Fiction by Women), *February 18, 7-8:30 PM* This month we discuss *The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln*, by Kate Clifford. March's book will be *A Woman of No Importance*, by Sonia

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Purnell. College Park Community Library, 9704 Rhode Island Ave, College Park.



(un)choir with Allison Hughes, *Friday, February 21, 7-9 PM* (un) choir turns the tables on traditional choir. No auditions, no rehearsals, no long-term commitment, all ages welcome-just show up and sing a song you love! You will get a lyric sheet and we teach you 2 or 3

-part harmony to a well-known song and then we sing our hearts out!

Leap Day Disco! *Saturday, February 29, 3-4:30 PM*
Kids and parents, party down at our own neighborhood disco!



Riversdale

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.

Unwrapping Chocolate's Secrets, *Saturday, February 1, 1-3 PM* Just in time for Valentine's Day, become a connoisseur of chocolate! Join foodways historian Joyce White for a decadent guided tasting. Then learn how to spice your own chocolate. \$15 per person; space is limited; registration required by January 25.



Happy Birthday, Rosalie! *Sunday, February 16, 12-3 PM* In honor of Rosalie Stier Calvert's 242nd birthday, we are opening the house for free during this family-friendly event. Say hello to Mrs. Calvert as she greets visitors and enjoy cupcakes and hot chocolate while supplies last. Get cozy by the open hearth for a celebratory baking demo. Free.



The Plummers' Kitchen, *Sunday, February 23, 12-3 PM* Nellie Arnold Plummer served as a schoolteacher and church elder during the 1920s. Take a peek in the open-hearth kitchen and discover more about this remarkable woman while learning about recipes popular during Nellie's time. Free; regular fee for house tours.

Hazardous Waste

Safely Dispose of Environmental Dangers

Do you have a box of Household Hazardous Waste? When you need to discard any of the items listed below, or other harmful items, stop by the County's site at Household Hazardous Waste Acceptance Site, Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill, 11611 White House Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. The site is open and free of charge to County citizens from Thursday through Saturday from 8 AM - 3:30 PM (except for holidays). Improper disposal of these materials is harmful to the environment.

- Acid Car Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Oil-Based Paints
- Automotive Fluids and Fuels
- Gas Grill
- Propane Tanks
- Photographic Chemicals
- Cleaning Agents
- Helium Balloon Tanks
- Poisons
- Cooking Oil
- Household Batteries
- Smoke Detectors
- Driveway Sealers
- Insecticides, Herbicides, and Fertilizers
- Solvents, Varnishes, and Stains
- Fire Extinguishers
- Mercury and Other Hazardous Materials
- Swimming Pool Chemicals

Town of University Park

SNOW AND WINTER OPERATIONS



SNOW PLAN



❄️ When there is a chance of snow, please use driveways or garages to park your vehicles. With fewer vehicles parked on Town streets, our public works crew is able to clear them of ice and snow more effectively.

❄️ For safety reasons, please limit activity in the streets when public works crews are plowing.

❄️ Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. Please clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Check the Town's website for snow emergency declarations and details. www.upmd.org



SNOW EVENT PARKING



If you are unable to utilize off-street parking, please follow the recommended guidelines below:

Both Sides No Parking:

The Mews
Queens Chapel Rd—6400-6700 blocks

Creekside No Parking:

Wells Pkwy

Odd # Side No Parking:

40th Ave
41st Ave
Beechwood Rd--3900 thru 4300 blocks
Calverton Dr
Oakridge Rd
Pineway
Queens Chapel Rd—6300 block
Sheridan St
Tuckerman St
Tennyson Rd
Underwood St--3900 thru 4300 blocks

Even # Side No Parking

42nd Ave
43rd Ave
44th Ave
Beechwood Rd--4400 block
Chansory Ln
Clagett Rd
Clagett-Pineway
College Heights Dr
Forest Hill Dr
Holly Hill Rd
Underwood St--4400 block
Van Buren St
Woodberry St



UP SHUTTLE BUS WINTER CONDITIONS POLICY

Town Shuttle Bus operations to and from Metro during winter conditions will seek to parallel the operating status of federal government offices in the area. Therefore, follow news media reports regarding the operating status of federal government offices within the Washington Beltway as the best indicator of whether the Town Shuttle Bus is operating.

- Bus status recording will be updated as needed due to changing conditions.
- If federal government offices are closed due to winter conditions, the Town Shuttle Bus will not operate.
- If federal government offices are open, even if on delayed arrival, the Town Shuttle Bus will operate on its established route and schedule so long as we deem the conditions safe for it to do so.
- If federal government offices are open and announce early dismissal, the Town Shuttle Bus will operate on its established route and schedule so long as the conditions are deemed safe by the Town.

Shuttle Bus Route and Schedule:

<https://www.upmd.org/241/Town-Bus-Transportation-Services>

**Bus Status Recorded Line:
240-297-8287**

Questions?

**Call Town Hall at 301-927-4262
Email Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch
at amarcavitch@upmd.org**

RECYCLE empty, clean & dry plastic bags & wraps at store drop-offs

NOT in Curbside Recycling



Produce Bags



Plastic Shipping Envelopes



Bread Bags



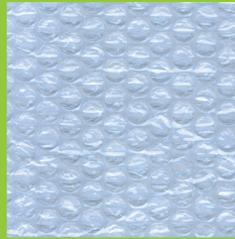
Dry Cleaning Bags



Case Wrap



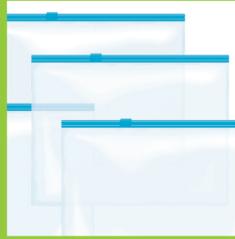
Air Pillows



Bubble Wrap



Newspaper Bags



Food Storage Bags



Product Overwrap

Also look for any packaging with this How2Recycle label



how2recycle.info

NO candy bar wrappers • chip bags • six-pack rings • degradable bags • prewashed salad bags



Carryout bags too!

Find drop-off locations at PlasticFilmRecycling.org/drop-off



Recycle empty, clean & dry plastic film, bags & wraps at participating drop-offs.

Did you know?

You can recycle plastic film packaging items like air pillows, product overwraps, bubble wrap, and dry cleaning bags along with your plastic carryout bags at participating drop-off locations.

How to Recycle

Find your local drop-off location at PlasticFilmRecycling.org/drop-off. Put all your clean and dry plastic bags and film packaging in a single bag and return to a local store drop-off.

Remember to:

- make sure bags are clean and dry
- remove any labels and tape

What to Recycle

If it's stretchy it can be recycled.
If it's crinkly or tears like paper it cannot be recycled.

Or look for the
How2Recycle label



DO NOT INCLUDE:

These are made of different plastics that cannot be recycled with the bags and film.

- degradable bags
- frozen food bags
- chip bags
- salad bag mix bags
- candy wrappers
- six-pack rings

For more information on film recycling, the 5 Habits to Handle Film Responsibly, and more, visit: PlasticFilmRecycling.org

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HABITS
TO HANDLE FILM
RESPONSIBLY

Want to do more?

The Wrap Recycling Action Program (WRAP) is working with communities, consumers and other organizations to support the 5 Habits to Handle Film Responsibly:

- 1 REDUCE WASTE
- 2 REUSE FILM
- 3 RECYCLE RIGHT
- 4 PREVENT LITTER
- 5 BUY RECYCLED



 **PlasticFilm**
Recycling

Please complete and return to:
Prince George's County Board of Elections
 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
 Largo, MD 20774

If you haven't already registered to vote,
 Monday, April 6 is the
 last day to register to vote in
 the Town's next election on Tuesday, May 5.

Question? Contact 301-341-7300.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK – DETACH FORM AND FOLD WHERE INDICATED TO MAIL

Maryland State Board of Elections SBE 03-202-1 Rev 08/19 VRA

1	Are you at least 16 years old? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answer NO to either question, do not complete this form.						
2	Check boxes that apply and complete Items 3–12. <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Party Affiliation Change <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change						
3	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Suffix			
4	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified or Other	5	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year	
6a	MARYLAND Driver's License or MVA ID Number MANDATORY (if you have neither see instructions)						
6b	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	6c	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do not have either a current, valid Maryland driver's license / MVA ID card or a Social Security Number				
7	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip Code County	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you reside in Baltimore City.							
8	Mailing Address (if different from Item 7)						
9	You must register with a political party if you want to take part in the political party's primary election, caucus, or convention. Check one box only.						
Party (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Bread and Roses Party <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated (independent of any party) <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Specify _____							
10	CONTACT INFORMATION Daytime Phone: _____ Email (optional): _____						
11	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you need help voting. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you would like to be an election judge.						
12	Under penalty of perjury, I hereby swear or affirm: I am a U.S. citizen. ■ I am a Maryland resident. ■ I am at least 16 years old. ■ I have not been convicted of buying or selling votes. ■ I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have, I have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment. The information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.						
			Signature (required)	Date			
X							

LAST VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION (if applicable)

A	Name on Last Registration:	Last Name	Title (Jr., Sr., etc.)	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth
B	Address on Last Registration:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip Code State

February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Yard Waste, UP Woman's Club Meeting, Town Council, 7:30 PM	4 Trash, Bulk Trash	5	6	7 Recycling	8 Valentine Spaghetti Supper, 5-8 PM 
9	10 Yard Waste	11 Trash, Bulk Trash	12	13	14 Recycling	15
16 Trees in Winter, 1-2:30 PM	17 Town Holiday: Town Hall closed, no shuttle service.	18 Trash, Bulk Trash, After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	19 Yard Waste, Compost	20	21 Recycling	22 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8- 9:30 AM 
23	24 Yard Waste, Town Council, 7:30 PM	25 Trash, Bulk Trash	26	27	28 Recycling	29



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 Non-Emergency 301-352-1200
 Police Dept. Direct 301-277-0050
 Chief Harvey Baker 301-277-0051

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Ward	Council Member	Phone
1	David Brosch	301-779-3168
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

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