

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

It seems we have hardly experienced winter, yet Groundhog Day has passed, and there are signs of spring. The Washington Post's Capital Weather Gang reports that winters like this, with spotty snowfall and lack of extreme cold, may become the norm due to human-induced climate change. As the saying goes, "That's the weather. Everyone talks about it, but no one does anything about it."

It does seem we are fumbling the climate crisis. The federal government which once championed climate science and climate policy has retreated substantially in support for both in the past three years. At State level, a required 2018 plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly half was late and incomplete, and the Maryland Department of the Environment declined to propose implementing legislation requiring a higher statewide greenhouse gas reduction requirement. The General Assembly

has proposed its own legislation, which if enacted will increase the statewide greenhouse gas reduction requirement and commit the State to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. The bills also establish various requirements for plans designed to reduce emissions.

County and municipal governments have become the front lines of climate change and we must cope while maintaining infrastructure, picking up yard waste, trash, compost and recycling, and protecting public safety. In University Park, Councilmember David Brosch and I organized a public *Community Conversation on Climate Change* in June 2019, including a small panel of scientists and local leaders, to discuss how the Town and residents could reduce greenhouse gas emissions and better prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change. The conversation yielded an array of suggestions, many

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	March 2 & 16
Committee Meetings	
Helping Hands	March 3
Trees, Parks & Environment	March 11
Development Overview	March 12

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

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which the Town was already doing. In nearby Takoma Park, the City Council declared a climate-related emergency in March 2019 and called for aggressive action to combat climate change, seeking to build public awareness and mobilize action locally.



In the last century, most of Maryland has warmed 1 to 2 degrees while heavy rainstorms are more frequent, rising sea levels are eroding beaches, submerging lowlands and exacerbating coastal flooding. Annapolis, Cambridge, Havre de Grace and other Maryland cities anticipate changing shorelines and the loss of islands. We are losing ground and more to the changing climate. We can expect our central Maryland climate to become gradually more southern, continuing a 200-year warming trend. Even if greenhouse gas emissions are significantly reduced from today, we can expect our University Park climate to resemble that of northeast Arkansas. If greenhouse gases remain unabated, our climate may more closely resemble central Mississippi, with average winter temperatures about 10 degrees warmer than our area at present.

Among Maryland municipal leaders, meanwhile, there has been a subtle shift in the climate change conversation. We recognize that efforts to slow or prevent climate change are falling short, and are embracing a broader concern for the sustainable health of our communities – and community resilience. The term *community resilience* anticipates and prepares for climate change's adverse situations. This resilient response recognizes the climate has and is changing, and we cannot roll that back. Instead, municipal officials must help their communities adapt and become more resilient by addressing the many fiscal, societal, and structural challenges on the near horizon. A recent study for the City of Annapolis projects a 30-40% increase in infrastructure costs, as well as millions of dollars of financial impact to businesses due to projected sea-level rise.

For University Park, our response is in our own hands, very much up to us. We must work together to determine how our own community will adapt to the changing climate and assert its resilience. Environmentalism and pragmatism are enduring values here and will serve us well, but our challenges will be structural as well as fiscal. We need to plan our approach, conserving our resources and focusing on substantive actions which we can take. Our Town residents have immense talents and capabilities which we can harness to help us move forward, and thus we are well-equipped to address challenges the changing climate presents. We are a resilient community and very able, working together, to do what needs to be done.

–Len Carey

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

### **Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 20-O-02**

On February 3, 2020, Ordinance 20-O-02 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 2 “General Administration”, by enacting §2-114, “Welcoming Town” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to regulate how immigration status information is obtained, used and retained and to make provision for Town benefits and services without regard to immigration status. The meeting set for March 2, 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.

### **Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 20-O-03**

On February 24, 2020, Ordinance 20-O-03 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 16 “Tree Maintenance”, Section 16-104, “Tree Replacement” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to include understory trees, allowing reimbursement of up to \$100.00 toward the purchase price of any tree listed in the official Town understory tree list and planted on private property within the Town, not to exceed a total of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per five years to any individual household or property. The meeting set for March 2, 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.

## FROM THE CHIEF

The University Park Police Department is pleased to announce that we recently launched a Body-Worn Camera Program for all sworn officers. The goal of the UPPD Body-Worn Camera program is to increase transparency and accountability of officers and to assist in preventing and de-escalating confrontations between officers and civilians. According to *Police: The Law Enforcement Magazine*, body-worn cameras are one of the top 5 emerging technologies police agencies can't do without. The other 4 emerging technologies are drones, case management software, artificial intelligence and virtual reality training. Last fall the University Park Police sought out and completed implicit bias virtual reality training at the University of Maryland. And after conducting considerable research and evaluating different vendors it was determined that the TASER Axon Body 2 Camera would offer the department features that exceeded industry standards while providing ample storage for video footage at an affordable cost. Last fall the Town Council approved the University Park Police General Order 436.0. Body-Worn Camera which governs the use of the camera. After completion of the TASER Axon Body 2 Camera training, all University Park Police Officers were issued a camera and login credentials to access TASER's body-worn camera dashboard. An excerpt of the body-worn camera general order provides guidelines for the use of the body-worn camera by University Park Police Officers:

### University Park Police General Order 436.0. Body Worn Camera (use guidelines excerpted)

#### 1. Mandatory use.

a. With the exception of minor 'occurred earlier' property crimes (theft, vandalism, littering) and house checks, officers are required to record during all calls for service and during all law enforcement-related encounters and activities while on duty unless doing so would be unsafe, impractical, or impossible.

b. Officers shall document in an incident report any reasons for failing to record an activity that is required by department policy to be recorded.

c. Law enforcement activities that must be recorded by BWCs include, but are not limited to:

- Suspicious persons/situations.
- Solicitor calls.
- Traffic or investigative stops.
- Arrests.
- Searches of persons or places.

- Interrogations or interviews with suspicious persons or suspects—even when the interaction is consensual (not involving a 'stop' or detention).
- Encounters with persons with mental illness, mental disorders or in a mental health or emotional crisis.
- Foot pursuits.
- Any encounter with the public that becomes adversarial after the initial contact.
- Open doors or any unusual or suspicious circumstances discovered during house checks.
- Serving as a back-up officer to any of the above.

d. While working approved security related part-time employment and taking police related action in the course of that employment.



#### 2. Use requiring consent.

a. Officers are encouraged to record statements made by crime victims and witnesses; however, officers must obtain the individual's consent prior to recording. The consent should be recorded whenever practical.

b. If the victim or witness does not consent to be video recorded, officers should request permission to audio record the interview and statement.

c. If a victim or witness will not talk unless the recorder is turned off entirely, officers will conduct the interview without recording, and they will document the reasons in the event report.

#### 3. Discretionary use. Officers are *not* required to use the BWC to record:

a. Responses to minor property crimes that occurred earlier (theft, vandalism, littering, etc.); however, they are encouraged to use the BWC (video or still images) to record any evidence on the scene;

b. House checks, unless an officer discovers an open

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- door or other unusual or suspicious circumstance;
- c. When an individual approaches an officer to report a crime or share information;
- d. Informal, non-law enforcement-related interactions with the public.
4. Prohibited use.
- a. BWCs shall be used only in conjunction with official law enforcement duties.
- b. BWCs shall not be used to record in any situation when individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy absent exigent or other circumstances that would justify such recordings. Such situations include, but are not limited to:
- University Park Police Department personnel during routine, non-enforcement activities.
  - Persons while in bathrooms or locker rooms.
  - Strip searches pursuant to agency policy.
  - Conversations with other agency personnel that involve case tactics or strategy.

**Theft** On January 5 a suspect gained access to the Verizon phone number and Bank of America debit card of a resident in the 4400 Blk of Sheridan Street. The suspect then attempted to make several fraudulent transactions of which one \$25.00 transaction was successful. The suspect has been identified and the investigation is still ongoing.

**Stolen Vehicle** Sometime between January 14-20 an unknown suspect stole a vehicle parked in front of a resident in the 6400 Blk of 40th Avenue. According to the resident the vehicle was not left running, nor were the keys left inside of it. On January 23 Prince George's Police Department recovered the stolen vehicle. There are no suspects currently.

Help the University Park Police prevent theft from your vehicle by removing all valuables and locking the doors. Remember: *Keep it safe, keep it with you!*



### WSSC Reminder:

#### Keep the Wipes Out of the Pipes!

Diaper and personal hygiene wipes are not flushable despite the label. Flushing wipes down the toilet can lead to sewage backups in your basement. Wipes also cause overflows from WSSC manholes and damage the environment. Use the trash can for all wipes, dental floss, paper towels, diapers, condoms, feminine hygiene products or swabs.

### Make Sure You're Counted!

#### What is the U.S. Census?

By law, every 10 years the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United



States. Your participation determines representation and how billions in federal funds are distributed. If our community is undercounted, friends and neighbors miss out on an estimated \$18,250 per person over a 10-year period. Statewide, that's a total of \$26.6 billion over a 10-year period. The federal government distributes \$675 billion to states and communities based on census data. The money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other programs.

#### Important Dates

- **March 12-20** Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- **April 1** Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.
- **April** Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers and others who live among large groups of people.
- **May-July** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

#### Facts

- Your response is required by law. If you do not respond, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect your response.
- The 2020 Census is easy. You will answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and everyone who is living with you on April 1, 2020.
- The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home.
- It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census.
- The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, or money or donations.

Visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) for more information.

**Take Back Our Yards**

**UP Community Mosquito Control Program**



Hey, it's only March! Why are we writing about mosquitoes? Unfortunately, with increasing temps, we may need to deal with these pests earlier than we usually do. It's time to find the GAT traps you used last year. Clean them up; you can even put the plastic parts in the dishwasher. Let us

know if you have any questions.

The UP Community Mosquito Control (UP CMC) is beginning to recruit block captains and will touch base with block captains from our 2019 season. We have 92 block captain areas, so please help us out by volunteering as a block captain or join the committee. We can always use more folks with bright ideas. Contact one of us to support the program. And please leave a voice mail if we don't answer. We'll get back to you ASAP. Our program is the first line of defense against the nuisance of biting mosquitos and mosquito-borne diseases that place residents and our pets at risk. Using this non-chemical approach keeps our local environment safe for bees and other pollinators that support the town's new pollinator meadow project just off Adelphi Road.

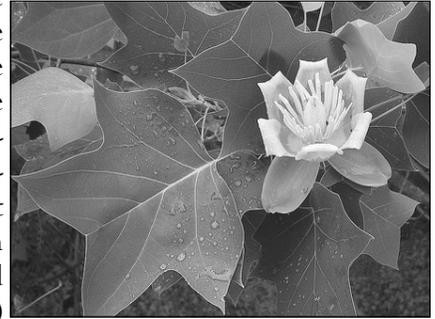
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**Tree Committee News**

**Spring into Action**

The first visits to the yard in spring find us picking up sticks and assessing the trees. Are there any large dead limbs or branches? Is there ivy? These should be dealt with as soon as possible. Except for spring-flowering trees, the best time to prune most is late winter and early spring. Ivy and other vining plants are destructive and a challenge to control, but the gardener has the edge in March before these pesky plants become vigorous. If you'd like to plant some trees, early spring is the second-best time of the year to do so, but remember where the

sun will shine once the other trees have leafed out. There are many reputable nurseries selling native plants in Maryland. See a list at [mdflora.org](http://mdflora.org). Both shade (large) and understory (small)



trees are now included in UP's tree reimbursement program, which will greatly reduce or erase the cost to you. Details are provided at UP's website, [upmd.org](http://upmd.org). The Committee for Trees, Parks and Environment can assist with ivy assessment in your yard; selection and location of a new tree; tree care tips. If you'd like help, contact the committee at [TreeComm@upmd.org](mailto:TreeComm@upmd.org).

**Ivy League, Saturday, March 14, 10 AM-12 PM** Please assemble at Town Hall. We'll be removing ivy from trees visible from Route 1, working south toward Tuckerman. This is moderate exercise, requiring more patience than strength. Please bring a pair of hand pruners, a prying tool (dandelion fork, etc.) and a small saw if available. We are happy to sign service hour certificates.

*-Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Tree Committee, [TreeComm@UPMD.org](mailto:TreeComm@UPMD.org)*

**Helping Hands University Park**



Nearly 80 area residents attended our first Route 1 Villages program, "Making Choices That Are Right for You as You Age." The HHUP website ([helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org)) will post key slides from Susy Elder Murphy's presentation on the resources page. The program was informative, with attendees' questions answered during and after Susy's presentation. There was time for socializing with residents from neighboring Villages (Hyattsville and College Park) as well as towns along the Rte. 1 corridor.

**Upcoming Events**

*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 who practices 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.

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UP Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.  
HHUP Lunch Club, Wednesday, March 18, 12-1:30 PM We plan to eat at The Hall in College Park, located behind The Hotel at the far end of the rear parking lot. Call 301-892-6636 or email HHUniversityPark@gmail.com to sign up and get information about parking.

Timothy Powell at The Clarice, Sunday, March 29, 3 PM Saxophonist Timothy Powell presents a classical program featuring guest artist Molly Orlando on piano and School of Music faculty members Robert DiLutis on clarinet and Sarah Frisof on flute. Free concert followed by private reception. RSVPs to HHUP requested.

Thanks go to Sabrina Meyers, who stepped down from our Steering Committee after serving since HHUP's founding in 2017. We are grateful for her service and for her continuing as a volunteer and graphic designer. We are delighted to welcome Leslie Jenkins as our newest Committee member. Leslie and her late husband Steve Derr hosted our 1st Volunteer Get-Together, which was fantastic. *We are looking for others join our Steering Committee.* We meet once a month and divide responsibilities among our group. HHUP provides services to UP's seniors and helps create the wonderful sense of community that makes our town so special. Email Loretta at LorettaHHUP@gmail.com or Linda at Linda\_Verrill@yahoo.com for further information.

### January 6 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen (arrived at 7:31 PM).

#### Consent Agenda

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

*To install an 18'x 19' open deck with stairs at rear of the house located at 6715 44th Avenue.*

#### Permits

*Motion: To consider the request for a building permit to install a sump pump in the garage located at 6914 Oakridge Road.*

Neighbors shared concerns of flooding on their property due to the placement of the sump pump discharge pipe and other water runoff from the Clements property. They shared photos of their yard.

*Motion: To continue the motion for 90 days with the provision that the sump pump remain in place and operating and that within that 90-day period the Town will hire a consulting engineer to give a report on the drainage field of the sump pump. We need to know whether or not the continued maintenance of the waterproofing system is changing the natural flow of water in a manner adversely affecting adjoining properties.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Public Comment

- A University Park resident working for the 2020 Census encouraged Town residents to apply for a position with the 2020 Census in Prince Georges County. The hours are flexible and the pay is \$22.50 per hour. The application can be found online.
- A resident asked for a clear explanation of the proposed parking restrictions for Underwood Street near the school.

#### Continuing Business

*Motion: To approve the job description for Town Administrator as amended, with salary and benefits within the budget line item for fiscal year 2020.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: To authorize the Mayor to recruit a part-time Town Administrator to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

*Note:* In response to questions from the Council, Mayor Carey said that some Councilmembers will sit on the panel for the hiring process of the Town Administrator, and the full Council will do the final set of interviews. The salary range for the position will be available before the job description is advertised.

#### New Business

*Motion: To approve introduction of Legislative Resolution 2020-O-01 to amend Town Code, Chapter 9 to restrict parking on the east (Baltimore Ave.) side of Queens Chapel Road for 95 feet north of Underwood, and on the south (Wells Run) side of Underwood for 93 feet east of Queens Chapel Road, Monday through Friday 7 AM to 9 AM, and also prohibit entry onto Underwood eastbound (towards Baltimore Ave.) from Queens Chapel Road during those same hours as recommended by the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee.* Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest date

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this motion may be considered for passage is February 3, 2020.

**Motion:** *To approve the coordination by the Mayor and town staff with Mr. Dolen, homeowner at 6400 Baltimore Avenue, to remove the visual obstructions at the front of his property in a manner that will make the intersection safer for motorists exiting Sheridan Street onto Baltimore Avenue in a southbound direction.* Motion approved 5 to 2 (Wells, Schultz opposed).

### Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey will be away from January 23-27, returning on January 27 through Chicago. The Mayor Pro Tem, CM Wells, will also be absent. Therefore, in case there is a delay and the Mayor is not able to make the January 27 Council meeting, the Council will need to appoint someone to preside.
- Elected Representative from the School Board Ms. Pamela Boozer-Strother will give a presentation at the January 27 Council meeting. CM Morrissey was asked to lead Council discussion after the presentation. Mayor Carey invited CM Morrissey to join him and Ms. Boozer-Strother for coffee to discuss items of interest that the Town has expressed.

### Council and Committee Reports

*Development Overview Committee* The committee will not meet in January.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:06 PM.

### January 27 Council Meeting Highlights

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

### Presentation

CM Morrissey introduced Prince Georges County Public School Board District 3 representative Ms. Pamela Boozer-Strother. Ms. Boozer-Strother introduced fellow Board Member Mr. Paul Monteiro. Ms. Boozer-Strother said that the Board of Education is asking for everyone to engage in some sort of lobbying effort for full funding of the Kirwan Commission also known as the blueprint of Maryland's future. Updates were given on the following: the shortage of bus drivers and crossing guards; the demand for more school counselors; expansion of the pre-K programs; focusing on building meaningful CT programs and plans for the local feeder schools.

### Comments from Councilmembers and Residents

- A Councilmember said that the way the school district takes care of its business is a challenge and much more needs to be done; more charter schools are needed and change is needed in the process of hiring teachers.
- A Councilmember expressed a concern about the already crowded schools in the area and the new housing units being proposed.
- A Councilmember asked what is the procedure for parents who have a concern with a teacher or the principal? Ms. Boozer-Strother said there is a page on the County Public School's website that focuses on how to get a resolution to a problem.
- A resident is concerned with the continuing use of zero grades, the new severe absence policy and the lack of class discussion amongst the students in the classroom.
- A resident who is involved with Northwestern High School would like to see a more realistic assessment of the graduating rate. The school should consider going to a "semester system" rather than a "quarter system", as this allows flexibility to have an opportunity to make corrections and to have a clearer assessment of what was learned. Northwestern needs to have a library with updated computers and technology.
- A resident who does not have any children in the school system said that a generous portion of his taxes goes to fund the school and the graduation rate at Northwestern is a concern and it shouldn't be blamed on funding. The system needs to look for ways to operate more efficiently, possibly by reprioritizing where money is spent. The school system gets a lot of money and it is shameful that Northwestern PTA had to ask for donations to help with upgrading their computers.

### Consent Agenda

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

*To install two 3'x 2' windows, one on each side of the chimney in the living room, located at 6905 Wells Parkway.*

*To replace a 5'x 6' shed located at 4443 Wells Parkway.*

### New Business

**Motion:** *To approve amending the General Order Manual to include General Order 604.0 establishing a Police Benevolent Fund and approving the uses of the Fund.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

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**Motion:** *To approve the introduction of Charter Resolution 20-CR-01 to repeal and re-enact Article V, "Registration, Nominations and Elections", Section 503 "Registration" and Section 506 "Candidates for Office" to clarify that qualified persons register to vote in the Town through 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 statement at the same time as the candidate petition, require that the candidate petition and financial disclosure statement be filed at least 29 days prior to the election, clarify the petition requirements for write-in candidates, delete outdated references, and make conforming and clerical changes.* Motion approved 6 to 0. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is February 24, 2020.

**Motion:** *Per Section 504(a) of the Town Charter, to set a May 5, 2020 date for General Election in the Town of University Park for the Offices of Mayor and Councilmember for Wards 1, 3 and 7 and to approve the poll hours of operation from 8 AM to 8 PM at the Word of God Baptist Church at 6513 Queens Chapel Road in University Park.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey will attend a meeting on Wednesday, January 29 with the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee and a topic of discussion will be what is being done to implement the Kirwan Commission recommendation.
- Mr. Beall said that in reference to replacing the 230 streetlights to LED in Town, University Park is now allowed to participate with Metropolitan Washington Council of Government in cooperative purchasing, negotiations, etc.
- The Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department will give a presentation at the February 3 Council meeting.

### Council and Committee Reports

**Public Facilities and Services Committee** The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, February 20 and March 19. Discussion will include the future of Town Hall. CM Caskey asked for suggestions on how to prioritize the needs for Town Hall.

**Trees, Parks and the Environment Committee** The Committee had a retreat/meeting at Town Hall to discuss what it would take to introduce a tree ordinance in Town.

**Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee** The next meeting scheduled for February 6 will be rescheduled due to lack of a quorum. CM Verrill will contact the Committee with a new meeting date.

**Helping Hands University Park** A program on aging choices was co-sponsored by Helping Hands and other aging groups along Route 1 on Saturday, January 25 at the Hyattsville Municipal Building. The event was successful with approximately 75 participants and a very interesting presentation. Mayor Carey commended Helping Hands for their efforts on behalf of seniors in Town. He said that Helping Hands does a lunch once a month and all are invited and encouraged the Council to participate.

### Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch

- Ms. Marcavitch reminded the Council to mark their calendars for the upcoming Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference scheduled for June 28-July 1. Those interested in attending the Conference should contact Ms. Marcavitch.
- Residents interested in running for election this year, Mayor and Council candidate petitions and financial disclosure statements are due on Monday, April 6.
- Households will begin receiving invitations via mail on how to respond to the 2020 Census March 12-20. Helping Hands have been asked to reach out to seniors who may need help with the Census.

### Chief of Police Baker

- Chief Baker distributed the University Park Police 2019 Annual Report.
- Crime Report January 1-27: two incidents (Wards 1 and 2).
- Training for January included: residential bombing training in New Mexico.
- Lieutenant Enig received a Project Safe Neighborhood award from the US Attorney Robert K. Hur for a traffic stop he made in 2016, which led to solving several other more serious crimes.
- On January 24, all personnel were issued Body-Worn Cameras.

### Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The new trucks have arrived but have not been put to use.
- Leaf season is over and approximately 360 tons were collected.

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- The Compost Program currently has 270 participants.
- There has been an increase in participants for the Tree Reimbursement Program.
- There were two unexpected purchases made for the Public Works Department – a welder and a diagnostic tool.
- A Councilmember said that the Town should consider increasing items for composting such as meat, dairy, cheese and fish. A Councilmember said that this is on the agenda for the next Sustainability Committee meeting scheduled for February 5.

### Close Open Session and Enter Into Closed Session

***Motion: To adjourn the public meeting and enter Closed Session to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice. The Council will not be returning to Open Session.*** Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:30 PM.

### Scholarship Opportunities

Senator Pinsky offers a scholarship for *new and returning college students*. The District 22 application for the *Maryland Senatorial Scholarship Program* is available online at [senatorpinsky.org](http://senatorpinsky.org). The application must be completed and submitted online *no later than April 1, 2020*. The selection of recipients is made on a number of criteria, including academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education.

A scholarship committee made up of citizens across the 22nd District determines the final selection of recipients in the spring.

*The Promise Scholarship* is available for students attending a two-year college. After applying other scholarship funds, the program pays any remaining tuition an eligible student acquires. Eligibility is determined by household income.

Additionally, the *Maryland Teaching Fellows* initiative provides Maryland students interested in the teaching profession who meet the GPA, SAT or ACT requirement tuition, room, board and books. Additional information regarding these and other scholarship opportunities can be found on the Maryland Higher Education Commission website at [mhec.state.md.us](http://mhec.state.md.us) by following the State Scholarships & Grants link under Quick Links.

### 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](mailto:upmdwc@gmail.com). You may download the application from the University Park Town website at [upmd.org/225/Resident-Information](http://upmd.org/225/Resident-Information). *Completed applications are due Monday, April 6, 2020.*

### University Park Woman's Club Meeting

**Monday, March 2, 11:30 AM**

Town resident 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 Lynne Davidson as we begin Women's History Month and honor the achievements of women during this 100th anniversary of the

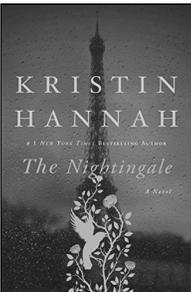


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19th amendment giving women the right to vote. Please RSVP to Pat Myers at patmyers2@verizon.net or call 301-439-6813 by February 25 for the March 2 meeting. Sign-in begins at 11:30 AM at University Christian Church at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads in Hyattsville.

### LUP Soccer Registration

Soccer registration for the spring season closes March 13. Games begin April 4 and end June 6. We're looking forward to a great season! Please consider helping out. For more information and to register visit LUPsports.com.



### After 8 Book Group Tuesday, March 17, 8-10 PM

March's book is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. April's title is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. Please call Kathy Mancusi 301-779-0722 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.



### Mulch Sale

Saturday, March 28, 8 AM-1 PM

University Park Church of the Brethren will be selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch in the parking lot of the University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. The cost is \$3.75 per 2 cu. ft. bag for pick-up in the church lot between the on the sale day. The cost is \$4 per 2 cu. ft. bag for curbside delivery to your home with advance prepaid order (minimum 10 bags and local area only). To order mulch in advance, call 301-864-4328, or email UPCOB2@verizon.net.

### 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.



### 19th Annual Azalea Classic

Saturday, May 2

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



### Free Tax Assistance

Looking for help preparing your income taxes? The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program



provides free tax preparation to those with an annual income of less than \$56,000 at the following locations:

- New Carrollton City Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy., Walk-ins only, Mondays & Thursdays, 6-9 PM.
- Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, 125 Crescent Rd., Appointment necessary, Wednesdays 10 AM to 2 PM, Thursdays 10 AM-2 PM. Please call 301-507-6580 between 10 AM and 12 PM Monday to Friday for an appointment.
- Prince George's Community College, Center for Health Studies, First Floor, 301 Largo Rd., Largo. Tuesdays 6-9 PM, Saturdays 9 AM-4 PM. Visit [pgcc.edu/go/tax/](http://pgcc.edu/go/tax/) for more info.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In, *Sunday, March 1, 1 or 2 PM*** The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to make your own mixed media art postcards. Take inspiration from the thoughtful words of quotable women in celebration of Women's History Month. Both art materials and starter quotes will be provided, but feel free to bring along any words of wisdom that inspire you. This workshop will be led by Racquel Keller, Artist in Residence and painting and drawing instructor at the Greenbelt Community Center. Free, but reservations are recommended; follow the link at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts). All ages welcome. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, 301-397-2208.

### Anacostia Watershed Society **EARTH DAY CLEANUP**

**Volunteer Registration  
Opens *Monday, March 2***  
The Anacostia Watershed Society's Earth Day Cleanup is AWS's largest annual volunteer event.

On the Saturday following Earth Day nearly 2,000 volunteers come out to 30 different sites around the watershed to pick up trash, serve their communities and enjoy the Anacostia River. The 2020 event will be held on April 25. Mark your calendars for March 2nd when volunteer registration opens and you can find the spot that's right for you to make a big impact on the health of the Anacostia River. Visit [anacostiaws.org](http://anacostiaws.org) for more information and to register.

### **Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Maiden***



***Monday, March 23, 7 PM*** Despite sexism and obstacles from the male-dominated racing world, skipper Tracy Edwards led the first ever all-female crew to prepare for and compete in the 1989-1990 Whitbread Round the World yachting race. Even for viewers who are unfamiliar or uninterested in sailing, *Maiden* is "a documentary with

all the nervous-making energy of a first-rate drama" (*Wall Street Journal*). Join us for our post-screening discussion. Refreshments provided. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd.

### **College Park Arts Exchange**

Your generous donations for free events are always appreciated. Be sure and check our online calendar at [cpae.org](http://cpae.org) for more events, including ongoing classes. All

events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013 for more information.

**Seniors Art Show, *Friday, March 13, 4-8 PM*** Seniors 55+ are invited to display their art. To display your artwork, fill out our application at [cpae.org](http://cpae.org) by March 5. At the Catholic Student Center, 4141 Guilford Drive.

**St. Patrick's Day Concert, *Saturday, March 14, 7 PM*** Featuring young musicians from College Park and hosted by Eric Maring.

**Driskell Center presents Romare Bearden, *Saturday, March 28, 4 PM*** Dorit Yaron, University of Maryland, will lead a guided tour of the Spring 2020 exhibition, Romare Bearden: Artist as Activist & Visionary. You must contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) to reserve your spot (limit 25).



**Eighth Annual College Park Book Festival, *Sunday, March 29, 12-3 PM*** A variety of authors present their books, along with story times and activities for kids at the College Park Airport.

### **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.

**Riversdale Chamber Music Society, *Sunday, March 8, 2:30-3:30 PM*** Enjoy a performance of Brahms' Clarinet Quintet with the US Army Strings and mingle with the musicians at a post-concert reception. Free.

**Kitchen Guild Open House, *Sunday, March 15, 1-3:30 PM*** Kick off the spring cooking season and try something new! Work with Kitchen Guild members, taste samples of dishes and chat with members about volunteer opportunities. Call or email to register by March 12. Free.

**Family Fun Concert: Let's Go the Carnival! *Sunday, March 22, 2-3 PM*** The fun of the big top comes to the museum! Enjoy an instrument show-and-tell, listen to carnival tunes, and chat with the musicians over juice and cookies. Free!



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park  
will hold an election for

The Office of Mayor  
and Offices of  
Councilmember Ward 1  
Councilmember Ward 3  
Councilmember Ward 7

to be conducted on

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020**

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Word of God Baptist Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Road  
Side Door Entrance

### REGISTER TO VOTE:

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

Register to vote online at: [https://elections.maryland.gov/voter\\_registration/application.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html)

### OR

File a voter registration form at the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 1100 Mercantile Lane Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Office: 301-341-7300

### DEADLINE:

The deadline is Monday, April 6, 2020 to file as a candidate or register as a new voter.

### Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

1. A citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of Election Day,
3. A resident of University Park, and
4. Registered to vote at least 30 days prior to Election Day

### CANDIDATES:

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by April 6, 2020 by 5 p.m. Packets are available at Town Hall and on the Town website, [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under Government and Elections. If residents have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch by email or call the Town office.

### DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

Thursday, April 30, 2020 by 5 PM

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# FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING, \$5 PAINT DISPOSAL

for University Park Residents

**Saturday, April 25, 9 AM-1 PM**

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

**New! Bring your cans of old, leftover, wet paint.** Paint will be processed for reuse. Only latex, acrylic, alkyd, water or oil-based paints in original containers. \$5 per quart, gallon or bucket—cash, check, charge accepted.

**If you won't sell it or donate it, don't put it in the trash. Recycle it!** Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc., in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Please check the Public Works page at [upmd.org](http://upmd.org) for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations.

**Acceptable items will not be collected as trash. Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to Town scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.**

## Acceptable Items

Answering Machines  
Ballasts-non PCB  
Batteries (see list below)  
Cables  
Camcorders  
CDs/ DVDs  
Cell Phones  
Circuit Boards  
Compact Disc Players  
Computer Equipment  
Computers  
Copiers  
Cords  
Duplicators  
DVD Players  
Electric Typewriters  
Electronic Games  
Fax Machines  
Hard Drives  
Keyboards / Mice  
Household Electronics  
Ink / Toner  
Lab Equipment  
Laptops  
Laptop batteries  
LCD Monitors  
Mainframe Equipment  
Media  
Metal Scrap  
Microwave Ovens  
Modems  
Monitors  
Networking Equipment  
Pagers  
PDA's  
Printers  
Printed Circuit Board  
Radios  
Rechargeable Batteries  
Remote Controls

Scanners  
Stereo Components  
Stereos  
Tapes  
Tape Players  
Telephones  
Telecom Equipment  
Televisions  
Testing Equipment  
Toasters  
Transparency Makers  
Two-Way Radios  
UPS - Power Supplies  
VCRs  
Word Processors  
Other Electronics



## What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners  
Broken CRT monitors  
Console Televisions  
Dishwashers  
Dryers  
Light bulbs  
Medical Waste  
Nuclear Waste  
Paint  
PCB Ballasts  
Radioactive Waste  
Refrigerators  
Thermostats  
Washers

## What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries  
Lithium Batteries  
Magnesium Batteries  
Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries  
NiCd Wet Cell Batteries  
Nickel Iron Batteries  
Nickel Zinc Batteries

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS? (COVID-19)

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

## CAN PEOPLE IN THE U.S. GET COVID-19?

Yes. There are confirmed cases in the U.S. COVID-19 can spread from person-to-person although it's not clear how easily this happens. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in Wuhan or people who have traveled to Wuhan and less so, other parts of China. The CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

## ARE THERE ANY CONFIRMED CASES IN MARYLAND?

The Maryland Department of Health is keeping a current list of confirmed cases in the state at this webpage: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx> The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is keeping track of national cases at: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html)

## HOW DOES COVID-19 SPREAD?

The exact way the virus is spread is not fully known. With similar coronaviruses (MERS and SARS), person-to-person spread is thought to have happened mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other viruses that cause respiratory illness spread. There also may be some spread when a person touches a surface or object that has virus on it and then touches his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Spread of SARS and MERS between people has generally occurred between close contacts.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:



FEVER



SHORTNESS OF BREATH



COUGH

## WHAT ARE SEVERE COMPLICATIONS FROM THIS VIRUS?

Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

## HOW CAN I HELP PROTECT MYSELF?

There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

## IF YOU ARE SICK, TO KEEP FROM SPREADING RESPIRATORY ILLNESS TO OTHERS, YOU SHOULD:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I RECENTLY TRAVELED TO CHINA AND GOT SICK?

If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should get medical care. Call your health care provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness.

## IS THERE A VACCINE?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

## IS THERE A TREATMENT?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

# March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Yard Waste, UP Woman's Club Meeting, Town Council, 7:30 PM	3 Trash, Bulk Trash	4	5	6 Recycling	7
8	9 Yard Waste	10 Trash, Bulk Trash	11	12	13 Recycling	14 The Aging Drama: A Legal & Practical Guide to Reducing the Drama of Aging, 5- 6:30 PM
15	16 Town Council, 7:30 PM	17 Trash, Bulk Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	18	19	20 Recycling	21 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8- 9:30 AM 
22	23 Yard Waste	24 Trash, Bulk Trash	25	26	27 Recycling 	28 Mulch Sale Saturday, March 28, 8 AM-1 PM
29	30 Yard Waste	31 Trash, Bulk Trash		<b>Hold the Date!</b> Children's Clothing Co-op Sale, April 4, 9 AM-Noon	<b>Hold the Date!</b> Free Electronics Recycling, \$5 Paint Disposal Saturday, April 25, 9 AM-1 PM	



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**NEWSLETTER**

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