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MAYOR'S COLUMN

It is now budget season and at the beginning of April I transmitted to the Council my proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 which begins July 1. Our attention will be on the budget through late May, when the Council will decide FY 2021 expenditures and the necessary tax rates.

The proposed budget seeks to meet Town needs for the next year and positions it for the same in the subsequent year. It maintains Town public works and police services at their current level and works toward longer-term goals such as improved walkability, pedestrian safety, environmental sustainability, and equipping and training our officers for 21st century community policing. The 2021 fiscal year budget includes a General Fund of \$5,155,410, with \$3,210,310 in departmental expenditures, plus a separate Capital Projects Fund of \$2,828,606.

The Capital Projects Fund is new and will track the funds needed for major capital investments such as the pending street and infrastructure work and the future costs of a new Town Hall. Previously projects of this sort were in the General Fund Budget. I have proposed that the Town embrace capital budgeting and prepare and adopt comprehensive multi-year capital plans to improve the long-term management of our infrastructure and other capital assets. This initial Capital Projects Fund moves us in that direction.

Nearly 90% of the revenue needed for Town operations comes from real property tax and state income tax. The value of our homes continues to increase. The combined taxable value of real property in Town, the net assessable real property tax base, increased 4.2% from \$419,394,789 to \$436,800,769 for fiscal year 2021. This enables us to present a responsible budget meeting the

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	May 4 & 18
Memorial Day	May 25
Town Election	May 29

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM and temporarily conducted by conference call or videoconference. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org. Town Hall is currently closed. Please sign up for alerts & visit www.upmd.org for meeting and service information.

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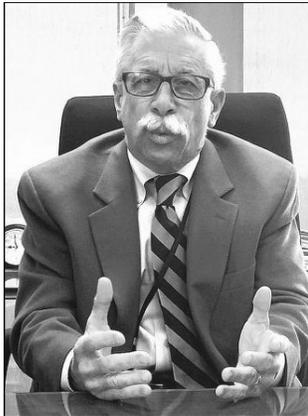
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Town's foreseeable FY 2021 needs while providing our residents with expected services and without increasing or decreasing Town taxes. The proposed tax rate is at the Constant Yield Rate of .5598 per \$100 of assessed value, thus the amount of Town real property tax we individually pay remains unchanged from last year.

The proposed budget is in the Council's hands, which will determine Town actions, the necessary resources and revenue, and Town tax rates for real property and business personal property. Please examine the FY 2021 proposed budget at www.upmd.org and follow the Council discussions. The Town remains in sound fiscal condition with sufficient reserves and our options continue to be available to us. How we choose among them in going forward is entirely in our own hands.

Interim Town Administrator David Deutsch

I am pleased that on April 13 David Deutsch joined the Town Hall staff as our first Town Administrator. Deutsch will work part time, under my direction, on key Town functions: contract and project management, grant administration, Town Council support, and more. Deutsch brings seasoned professional expertise and is already contributing to making



the Town better. Deutsch is a graduate of SUNY Stony Brook and earned a Master's in Public Administration at Syracuse University's Maxwell School. He has 42 years of experience in town administration and retired after 23 years as City Manager in Bowie. Since then Deutsch has served as interim manager for Maryland municipalities, including Westminster, Sykesville, Cheverly, Pocomoke City, and now University Park. Through his affiliation with the Mercer Group executive search firm, he has recruited managers for Bowie, Westminster, Cheverly, Berwyn Heights, Taneytown, Poolesville, and others. Deutsch's appointment is on an interim basis until the position is filled permanently. He is currently working remotely, as are most of us, but will work at Town Hall when the emergency ends.

We continue to deal with the new coronavirus and its effects on our health, community and way of life. This is serious business and I appreciate your careful approach

to it. I see you staying home and wearing a facial covering when you have to go out in public. I see you moving to the side on sidewalks so that others may pass at a safe distance. I see you checking on others, waving across the street, volunteering so others don't go hungry or feel isolated. I see you playing your violin to celebrate a neighbor's anniversary in a neighborly, safe way. We are community, in this together. It seems we have already been a long time at this; yet, we still have a way to go. Even then, it seems we may not be in the clear. That community approach will continue to serve us well. Thank you, neighbor.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 20-O-04

On April 6, 2020, Ordinance 20-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance would levy the real property and personal property tax rate and appropriate and adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2021. The ordinance would levy the real property tax at fifty-five and 98/100 cents (.5598) per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable real property and two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable personal property in the Town, and appropriate the funds for the FY 2021 budget. The meeting set for May 18, 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.

2020 Presidential Primary Election Postponed

Please note that due to COVID-19, the primary election was moved to Tuesday, June 2. The June 2, 2020 Presidential Primary election will not be a typical election in Prince George's County. Voters will receive their official ballot in the mail. Prince Georgians' ballots will be mailed during the first week of May. For more information, voters may contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or visit elections.mypgc.us. Voters may also contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or visit www.elections.state.md.us.

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



FROM THE CHIEF

The cornerstone of most public safety agencies' missions in the United States is to protect and serve. The University Park Police takes this mission very seriously. It is critical to everything we do in protecting University Park residents and keeping the town safe. This past year, we also incorporated a "protect and conserve" approach to protect the environment and conserve resources by eliminating or streamlining processes. We reviewed various aspects of the department processes, equipment and services and have identified ways to improve our systems and structures, which reduces costs and benefits everyone. Moreover, we work even harder to protect the environment and to conserve whenever possible. For example, we successfully completed our annual firearms qualification using environmentally friendly ammunition.



We also developed a vehicle anti-idling policy to lessen our impact on the environment. Within the next 30 days we will roll out the newest addition to our vehicle fleet, a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid SUV. The vehicle will save 1,276 gallons in fuel per year, reducing costs and Co2 emissions. In addition, the new vehicle includes a hybrid powertrain that will keep the various onboard and auxiliary electronic equipment charged without having to leave the vehicle running while at the scene of an incident.

Further cutting costs and conserving energy, the UPPD parking ticket was changed from a 4-section form with envelope to a new and improved form, resulting in significant cost savings compared to the previous year. We have also installed two solar-powered radar display speed signs to assist in slowing traffic on town roads. These signs include programmable messaging, which provides immediate feedback to the approaching driver. Speed radar display signs have been shown to slow drivers' speed an average of 10% below the posted speed limit. Driver speed data is easily accessible and can be compiled into several reports. The new signs are a significant

improvement over the town's older electronic speed signs, which had an annual licensing fee of more than \$1,000. The new signs eliminate this fee and cut administrative costs.

With limited resources and a demand for increased services, we will continue to look for opportunities to save costs without sacrificing police service delivery and quality. Please feel free to join us by making us aware of other ways to "protect and conserve" our environment.

Vandalism During the early morning hours of March 15, 12 vehicles were vandalized in Wards 4 & 5. There are no suspects. The investigation is ongoing.

Helping Hands University Park

Helping Hands University Park (HHUP) plans to occasionally highlight different members and volunteers, showing the breadth and depth of our homegrown organization. Edda Osborne is the first HHUP member we're featuring. Originally from Mexico, Edda has called Maryland home since 1961, living first in Silver Spring, then Takoma Park, settling in University Park in 1975. During her career she held a number of positions; with Mexican Sugar, the InterAmerican Development Bank and then with Suburban Trust Bank. She also worked for the International Cotton Advisory Committee, served as a freelance translator for the United Nations in D.C., and as an administrative assistant with an immigration attorney. She lost her husband, Torrence E., after almost 32 years of marriage on Dec. 12, 1992. She is proud of his years of service as a Captain in the Washington, DC Fire Department. She has three children, Edda (Eddita), Torrence J., and Britta. Britta lives in Severna Park, Eddita in Hagerstown and Torrence J. in Washington State.



Edda believes socialization is very necessary for people her age and stays busy and active. Having to remain isolated during the current pandemic is difficult. She relies on phone calls, occasional walks and contact via Facebook and social media. Edda especially appreciates calls from HHUP friends, as well as her wonderful neighbors who have created a true sense of community as they look out for one another during this time of stay-at-home requirements. Long before HHUP was established, she was engaged in the Hyattsville Seniors Group and Friends of

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the Mall at Prince George's. She loves going to the movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. She is also active in her Catholic Church's group for widows. Edda has made a lasting friend through the widows' group, and they call each other every day just to check in. HHUP has enhanced Edda's life in a number of ways. She has called for assistance with her computer and help installing a smoke detector and changing light bulbs. Edda has enjoyed attending HHUP lectures and programs, especially outings to The Clarice for Sunday afternoon concerts and private receptions with the artists. When her busy schedule allows, Edda enjoys lunch with the HHUP Lunch Club. She likes talking on the phone, taking walks and doing pretty much anything that keeps her involved with friends and her community.

How nice to highlight one of our members instead of focusing on the current pandemic. Given how rapidly the situation changes from day to day, our hope is that by the time UP residents receive this newsletter, the world will be past the peak of the current crisis and we will slowly resume our wonderful, ordinary lives. In the meantime, our younger volunteers are shopping and running occasional errands for our members. Check our Facebook page (Helping Hands University Park) and website (helpinghandsup.org) for resources to connect with if we're still staying at home, as well as events which will resume when we can once again gather together.

Take Back Our Yards

UP Community Mosquito Control Program



What do mosquitoes carry? Zika, West Nile, dengue fever, chikungunya and heartworm in cats and dogs. May has arrived and with it more pleasant weather and warmer temperatures and more mosquitoes! By now we hope you've removed mosquito habitat from your yard and deployed your traps. Here are a few reminders.

- Dump, drain** If it holds standing water for longer than a few days, flip it over or drain it out.
- Dunk** If you can't dump it or drain it (birdbaths, fishponds, persistent puddles) put mosquito dunks or mosquito bits in the water. They kill the mosquito larva and do no harm to other species.
- Screen** Corrugated drainpipe is mosquito heaven! Screen it. Tie stretchable nylon (pantyhose) around the aboveground joints. Put screen or mesh in or around the ends of the pipes.

•**Deploy** Make sure your traps are clean and set them up in your yard. The traps provide the habitat that attracts the mosquitoes and traps them so they can't escape, eliminating the adult and future generations.

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

Check out the newly refurbished UP CMC link on the Town website for the most up to date information on our program. The link is being updated as this is being written, so stay tuned. You can go to the Biogents US website: us-shop.biogents.com to order the BG GAT Double Set, which is what we recommend. You can also order sticky cards and replacement nets on this site. Please contact the UP CMC by email, upcmosquitoc@gmail.com if you have questions or comments about our program. We'll get back to you ASAP.

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Tree Committee News

Befriending the Park

As we maintain social distancing, we can still engage in befriending the environment and getting close to nature. A neighbor remarked how lucky we are to be able to putter in the garden. As we sequester in place, I feel grateful to be doing so in University Park, an extended one-half mile square garden. May is the apex of promise for all Maryland gardeners. Tend to the trees you planted in April. Assess the impact of last summer's drought with careful examination of your trees and shrubs. Prune if necessary. Have mulch delivered. Plant some herbs, flowers and vegetables-most can still be started from seed. When you've finished in your own garden, take a walk around town. There will be no Ivy League this month, but you can still be of service by picking up trash and pulling weeds as you amble about. Maintain social distance, wear your gloves and don't touch your face until you get home. The earth and your fellows will be grateful.

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March 16 Council Meeting Highlights

In light of the Coronavirus and the closing of public schools, Council will meet at Town Hall. We ask all residents and guests to participate via conference call at (857) 799-9966. Residents will have the opportunity to speak during Public Comment. During that time if you would like to make a comment, please state your name and Mayor Carey will call on you to speak. All public comment will be limited to three minutes.

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

Consent Agenda

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

To remove existing patio and construct a new 20'x 14' patio, located at 6703 Queens Chapel Road.

Permits

Motion: To consider a building permit for a 5'x 16.4' second story addition and a 16.08'x 12.96' deck with steps located at 4305 Sheridan Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

To accept the proposal of the University Park Civic Association and permit the installation of a fourth Little Free Library on public land and:

- *That the Council approve the site requested by the UPCA and recommended by the Director of Public Works at the intersection of Wells Parkway and Chansory Lane, such site to be specifically located by the Town, and;*
- *That the Council request that the University Park Civic Association pay for the creation of such a Little Free Library, and coordinate its stocking with appropriate books and continuing operation, and;*
- *That the Council request that the Town maintain the Little Free Library structure itself where the need for such maintenance is indicated by the University Park Civic Association, and;*
- *That this arrangement may be ended or altered at the convenience of the Town at any time, and;*
- *That the existing agreement between the Town and the University Park Civic Association be amended to include the fourth location appended with signatures.*

Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comment

A resident urged the Town to post information regarding the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the website. They recommended that the Council put together a Community Advisory Board that would include the residents in Town who are experts on viral infections; this would provide the Town with extra expertise if the situation gets much worse.

New Business

Motion: To override Council policy and amend fiscal year 2020 budget to transfer \$4,000 from General Government line item 6103-01, Administrative Expenses to General Government line item 6110-01, Small Equipment for the purchase of 4 new laptops to allow all department heads the capability to work from home in the case of an emergency. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Discussion of continuity of Town operations and governance, including Council meetings, due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

- A copy of the Draft Coronavirus Workplace Action Plan was sent to all Councilmembers.
- Police officers will ask residents to come outside of their homes to report an issue rather than the officer going inside.
- A request for goggles for the police officers has been made.
- University Park will allow 30 days of administrative leave for employees who are diagnosed positive or with members of their household who have been so diagnosed.
- Beginning Monday, March 23, the Town Shuttle Bus services will be temporarily suspended.
- The Town website will list the services that will continue and the ones that will temporarily stop. Information on how to obtain a permit will also be available on the website.
- Volunteers with Helping Hands University Park (HHUP) will not be giving rides to residents, but they are willing to do shopping or run errands for those who cannot leave their homes. This information will be posted on the community listserv.
- Working on video conferencing for future meetings.
- Department heads will be working from home and communicate via computer or cell phone.
- The para-transit service will be monitored prior to discontinuing.

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▪The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6. This meeting will include the presentation of the FY 2021 Budget.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carey asked the Committee Chairs to consider conference calls for Committee meetings until the coronavirus is under control.

Council and Committee Reports

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met, but there is no report at this time.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The March 18 meeting is cancelled.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The Committee meeting is cancelled. CM Caskey encouraged members to spend some time reading both reports.

Development Overview Committee The Committee met last week and they will be requesting Council approval of a letter on the Dewey Property for April 6.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson Ms. Ferguson responded to a question about an update on the NZI contract by saying that it is done other than waiting for what the bid would be for permeable asphalt.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch Ms. Marcavitch encouraged the Council to email her with any questions or concerns at townhall@upmd.org. Those who choose to call should leave a voice message and it will go directly to her email.

- A reminder to return the Financial Disclosure Statements by April 30.
- April 6 is the deadline for candidate petitions. These can be dropped in the mail slot at Town Hall or sent by mail.
- Hotel reservations have been made for the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference.
- Ms. Marcavitch asked the Councilmembers to encourage their constituents to sign up (Notify Me) on the Town website. The website can be the main tool of communication to the residents.

Motion: To adjourn the public meeting and enter Closed Session to consult with Counsel to discuss (I) the appointment, employment, assignment, promo-

tion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (II) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals. The Council will not be returning to Open Session. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:45 PM.

March 25 Council Special Session Highlights

The meeting took place virtually via Zoom. Residents had the opportunity to speak during Public Comment. All public comments were limited to three minutes.

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen (joined at 7:06 PM).

Public Comment

A resident asked about the vote-by-mail process and assumed the Town has a way for residents to mail in their vote without having to use their own stamps. It was pointed out that the State of Maryland is also discussing the voting process under these unusual circumstances.

New Business

Motion: To postpone the election from Tuesday, May 5, 2020 to Friday, May 29, 2020 for the General Election in the Town of University Park for the Offices of Mayor and Councilmember for Wards 1, 3 and 7 and to approve a vote-by-mail election where all ballots must be received by 8 PM on Election Day. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Due to the coronavirus emergency, to override Council policy and amend the fiscal year 2020 budget to transfer \$4,500 from General Government line item 6103-01, Administrative Expenses to General Government line item 6050-01, Elections to cover the costs of printing and mailing ballots to all University Park registered voters for a vote-by-mail election due to the coronavirus and the safety of residents and election officials. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: A friendly amendment was made to increase the original transfer amount of \$2,000 to \$4,500.

Closed Session

Motion: To adjourn the public meeting and enter

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Closed Session to consult with Counsel to discuss (I) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (II) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals. The Council will not be returning to Open Session. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 7:39 PM.

April 6 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells and Stephen. The Council meeting was conducted via video and telephone conference.

A closed session was called at 5 PM to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals.

Consent Agenda

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

To replace existing 10'x 32' driveway and 4'x 20' walkway, located at 4431 Underwood Street.

Permits

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit for interior and exterior waterproofing and subfloor pressure relief system including a sump pump in the garage located at 6914 Oakridge Road. Note: This application was continued from the January 6, 2020 Council meeting. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

Public Comment

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

▪A resident said a promise was made several years ago to replace the Van Buren Street bridge and it should be kept. The cost of installation will increase with inflation so the decision of installing the bridge now should be reconsidered.

- A representative from the Hyattsville Middle School asked the Town of University Park to support a grant request that has been made to fund a green learning space at Hyattsville Middle School. This will give the children an opportunity to have an outdoor classroom.
- A resident expressed concern that the Council will vote on an Interim Town Administrator yet the residents have not seen a resume or any identifying data. The resident asked what will be done about sharing this information before a vote is made? *Background information and highlights from Mr. Deutsch's resume were shared regarding the Interim Town Administrator position.*
- A resident asked if the proposed Town Administrator is a local man? *Not anymore, he resides in Ocean Pines, MD. He will work 20 hours a week. When the Council is meeting, he will arrive Monday afternoon and leave at the end of Wednesday.*
- A resident said that he also supports the installation of the Van Buren bridge. He looks forward to future discussion on this topic.

New Business

Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 20-O-04: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 18, 2020. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Stephanie Herold as Supervisor of Elections and appoint Ms. Herold as Chairman, per Section 502 of the Town Charter. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve the appointment of David Deutsch as Interim Town Administrator on a part-time basis for the period of April 13 through December 31, 2020, and to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a contract with Mr. Deutsch in substantially the form as proposed. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

Motion: To put the current negotiations on pause and re-advertise the position for a more local person.

Moved by: CM Brosch. Motion failed due to the lack of a Second.

Motion: To approve the revised contract cost with NZI Construction Corporations for an amount not to exceed \$1,714,814.25 to repair concrete and asphalt infrastructure on streets impacted by the WSSC CHE Water Main Replacement Project, as well as sidewalk

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repairs needed on various streets throughout town. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: *At the recommendation of the Mayor and the Director of Public Works, to proceed with the construction of the Van Buren Street pedestrian bridge and award the contract to the lowest bidder to Franco's Liberty Bridge, Inc., 6426 Aaron Lane, Clinton, MD 20735, for the amount of \$88,556 to build and install the Van Buren Street pedestrian bridge, and to direct the Mayor and Town Attorney to negotiate and sign a contract.*

Motion: *To continue the motion until Council receives a memo from Mayor Carey which states all of the monies laid out and it should be completely transparent as to the timeline, the changes and the costs.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Caskey opposed).

Motion: *To authorize the Mayor to write and send a letter to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) in substantially the form provided in support of the Detailed Site Plan for the Dewey Property.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor's Report

■ The number of reported cases of coronavirus in Maryland is 4,045 and 91 deaths. The approach that is being taken at Town Hall is to keep everyone healthy and working. The department heads are teleworking and communicating daily on video conference calls. Chief Baker has obtained masks and goggles for all the employees. The police officers are enforcing social distancing.

■ The infrastructure project to repair and repave Town streets and sidewalks will begin approximately May 1.

Council and Committee Reports

CM Verrill, Ward 4 CM Verrill thanked Mayor Carey and his staff for their leadership and the level of communication at Town Hall. A constituent of hers who is opposed to the temporary closing of the tennis courts has asked for an update. The University Park police have been advised to talk to the residents and remind them of the Governor's declaration on social distancing on activities outside their home.

Sustainability Committee The Committee recently received the draft report from University of Maryland graduate student Christoph Beaumier on developing a conceptual

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plan for the Town park. A copy of this report will soon be circulated to the Council.

Development Overview Committee The Landy Property has filed for its Detailed Site Plan and plan to go to the Planning Board on April 30.

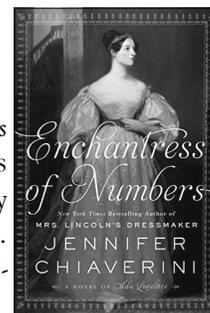
Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- A Little Free Library has been installed at the intersection of Chansory and Wells. A Councilmember asked to recognize Sarah Elder, Ward 7 who was the guiding force behind the library.
- Engineered wood fiber (mulch) was placed in the Tot Lot and the playground on Wells Parkway.
- Signs will be placed throughout the park encouraging social distancing.
- Street sweeping recently took place and there will be another sweep before the end of the fiscal year.
- The PEPCO Vegetation Management Plan has begun.
- WSSC contractors have completed all of the concrete work with the exception of an area along Queens Chapel Road near the school. The soil and seed restoration will soon take place in various locations but primarily on Van Buren and Woodberry.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:02 PM.

After 8 Book Group Tuesday, May 19, 8-10 PM

May's title is *The Enchantress of Numbers* by Jennifer Chiaverini. June's book is *Educated* by Tara Westover. The May meeting will take place via Zoom. Please call Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.



Azalea Classic Postponed

At this time, the 19th Annual Azalea Classic is delayed and no longer scheduled for Saturday May 2. We will message any registered participants about this delay, and to announce a new date, TBD. Please note, we cannot issue refunds for sponsorships or race registration fees, so our registration site is temporarily disabled. However, if the event is canceled, we will do our best to get any current registrants a custom race t-shirt, and please know that all proceeds

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from this event directly benefit the students of UPES, who greatly appreciate your support in this difficult time. Please check back on azaleaclassic.com for updates on the race and our rescheduled date!



University Park Woman's Club

Due to continued concern regarding transmission of the coronavirus, the University Park Woman's Club meeting scheduled for May 4 is cancelled. The scholarship applications continue to be

processed and awardees will be announced in June. UPWC wishes everyone a safe and healthy stay-at-home passage through this pandemic and we look forward to serving the community and being together again when our social distancing ends.

Changes to 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: <https://uphelpingpaws.home.blog>. To update your pet family info, ask questions or join our group, email UPHelpingPaws@gmail.com. All are welcome. Since more neighbors and children are walking their dogs, this is a friendly reminder to pick up pet waste and dispose of it in your trash can or a municipal trash can. Per Prince George's County law, picking up pet waste is important to keep our water supply clean.



College Park Arts Exchange



For arts activities with College Park Arts Exchange this spring, please follow us on Facebook or subscribe to our newsletter by signing up at www.cpae.org. CPAE will host arts activities through remote access when possible. All face-to-face activities are canceled for the foreseeable future. If you have ideas or proposals for online arts activities, please contact us at info@cpae.org. Remember to incorporate the arts into your daily life as much as possible, especially in these difficult times.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Taking on Maryland's Invasive Species

What is an invasive plant? Invasive plants are usually nonnative species that have been introduced intentionally or by accident and spread from human settings into natural areas with negative effects to our economy, environment or health. Free from the plant-eaters and parasites that keep them in check in their native ranges, they reproduce rapidly and spread aggressively, taking over natural areas and altering biological communities. Invasive plants have been referred to as a form of biological pollution.

Why should you be concerned? Invasive species are one of the top threats to our natural heritage, along with habitat loss and degradation. Invasive plants can displace native species, eliminate food and habitat for wildlife, alter natural fire regimes and nutrient cycling in soils, and inhibit native plant regeneration. In the U.S. alone, invasive species cost over \$120 billion annually in damage and control. With threats to biodiversity as habitat destruction and climate change, we can each make a difference by preventing and controlling the spread of invasive species.

Learn how to identify invasive plants. For a start, learn how to identify 10 of the most prevalent and problematic invasive plants in our region and how to control them. You can also participate in plant walks, weed control workdays, and invasive species trainings offered by local groups.

Spread the word, not the weed. Seeds of invasive plants are well adapted to spreading and easily "hitchhike" to new environments. Weed seeds can be carried in soil trapped in shoe or tire treads, in the soil of transplanted plants, in hay or straw used to stop erosion or feed animals, or even on your pant legs.

Become an educated consumer. Don't purchase or transplant invasive plants. Ask plant sellers before you buy, to be sure the plant you want is not invasive and ask for alternatives if it is. Request alternatives to invasive plants.

What you can do at home and in your parks. Learn about the plants on your property. Do you have invasive plants? Do they overwhelm the native plants? Consider removing invasive plants from your yard and garden and replace them with native plants. Don't feel like you have to do it all at once; remove and replace invasive plants as your time and budget allow. —Nature Conservancy

NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION



The Town of University Park
will hold an election for
Office of Mayor
&
Office of Councilmember for
Wards 1, 3 and 7
on
FRIDAY, MAY 29

Due to the Coronavirus and out of safety concerns for our residents and election officials, a vote-by-mail election, also known as absentee voting, will be conducted this year. A ballot will be mailed to every registered voter in University Park with instructions. Ballots can be returned via pre-paid first-class mail or drop box. An exterior, locked drop box will be located at Town Hall by the front door. **All ballots must be received by 8 PM on Election Day to be counted.**

CANDIDATES

To learn who is running for election this year, visit the Town's website at upmd.org/2020TownElection. Candidate names will be posted on May 1.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Deadline: May 24 by 5 PM

To become a qualified write-in candidate, complete a candidate packet (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) and return to the Town Clerk. Packets are available on the Town website at upmd.org/2020TownElection. Completed packets can be dropped off at Town Hall through the mail slot or emailed. For questions or information, contact the Town Clerk.

TIMELINE:

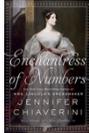
April 29	<i>Last day to register to vote in Town Election</i>
April 30 by 5 PM	<i>Last day to file as a candidate - name will appear on the ballot</i>
May 11-May 13	<i>Town ballots to be mailed to all registered voters</i>
May 21	<i>No ballot? Contact the Town Clerk if you haven't received a ballot in the mail</i>
May 24 by 5 PM	<i>Last day to register as a qualified write-in candidate - name will not appear on the ballot</i>
May 29	<i>Election Day - ballots must be received by 8 PM to be counted</i>

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May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Recycling	2
3	4 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	5 Trash	6	7	8 Recycling	9
10	11 Yard Waste	12 Trash	13	14	15 Recycling	16
17	18 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	19 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	20	21	22 Recycling	23
24	25 Town Holiday: Town Hall closed, no shuttle service.	26 Trash	27 Yard Waste	28 	29 Recycling Town Election Ballots must be returned by 8 PM.	30
31	June 1 	June 2 Presidential Primary Ballots must be returned by mail.				



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

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