

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

The months since the Governor's declaration of a health emergency have been challenging for the Town. The continued failure of national leadership has raised many concerns regarding the federal government's ability to function and respond to what was being asked of it. As Mayor of a small town, this has been painful to see and has left me concerned about its effects on trust in our municipal government just when it is needed most. The ongoing pandemic emergency has been a stress test of the Town's ability to function and operate as it must. Here at the local level, government has to work or communities like ours don't function well.

Town governance—the work of Mayor and Council—continues to hum along in a virtual way. I work entirely from home, conferring by email and telephone with residents, Councilmembers and staff, and in conference calls with State, County, and municipal leaders. The

Council and committees meet regularly and virtually via Zoom, which also enables the public to participate. The Council since April has received, discussed, revised, and now approved the fiscal year 2021 budget for the Town to meet the Town's foreseeable needs while providing our residents with expected services and without increasing or decreasing Town taxes. To allow the Town election to proceed safely for all without exposing voters and election judges to the coronavirus, the Council approved the vote-by-mail system recommended by Supervisor of Elections Stephanie Herold. The Mayor and Councilmembers elected on May 29 will be virtually and safely sworn in on June 15.

Town operations continue with safety in mind. The Town Hall has been closed to the public, with most Town Clerk operations moved online or via telephone. Town hall staff are largely teleworking, entering Town

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council June 1 & 15

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM and temporarily conducted by conference call or videoconference.

Council agendas are posted at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org). Town Hall is currently closed. Please sign up for alerts & visit [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) for meeting and service information.

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Hall when necessary. Staff work together by telephone, email, and shared file. New Town Administrator David Deutsch has been working remotely as well and runs twice-weekly Zoom meetings with myself and department heads. The Town's police force patrols, engages with residents regarding social distancing practices, delivers food to some of our families in need, enforces traffic laws, and promotes public safety. Police Chief Harvey Baker has supplied officers with personal protective equipment (PPE), and shortened work shifts and adjusted patrol protocols to reduce stresses and help keep everyone safe.

The Town is taking precautions regarding rental license inspection. The approximately 78 rental properties in Town are inspected annually to ensure housing and fire safety codes are met and owners must obtain a Town rental license. To protect staff, tenants and rental property owners, the Town is requesting that owners complete a safety checklist in lieu of onsite inspection by the Code Compliance Officer. Our public works crew is equipped with PPE and continues scheduled waste pickups while tending Town parks, playgrounds, streets and sidewalks.

Beginning in July, the Town's kitchen-waste composting program will expand to accept meat, dairy, fish, eggs and increase participation. See Councilmember David Brosch's article about the program on Page 5. Watch for a tear-out-and-save infographic card with details in the July/August Newsletter.



By mid-June NZI Construction of Beltsville will begin work to repair and replace Town streets and sidewalks. The work will resurface 2.7 miles of Town streets excavated during the WSSC water main replacement project and replace curb, gutter and driveway aprons as needed;

repair approximately 16,000 square feet of sidewalk; install or upgrade 90 ADA-compliant accessibility ramps at 20 intersections and mid-block locations; repair or repave approximately 4,400 linear feet of park paths; and construct more than 2,300 linear feet of new sidewalk and two new raised crosswalks. Work will continue until the onset of cold weather, then resume next Spring until completed in late 2021.

Our progression through these recent months has been difficult and pegged to grim measures of public health in a pandemic. We have done what was necessary for the Town to continue operating through that and to move forward. None of this has been easy. Yet, here we are, emerging into summer and still together as community, though at social distances, and working toward the prospect of a brighter future. —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-05**

On May 18, 2020, Ordinance 20-O-05 was introduced. This ordinance would amend the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Ordinance, Legislative Resolution 19-O-03 to establish a new revenue line item to receive COVID-19 funding from Prince George's County, and a new expenditures line item for authorized COVID-19 expenditures from that funding source. The meeting set for June 1, 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 Emergency Ordinance 20-O-06**

On May 18, 2020, Ordinance 20-O-06 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 13 "Housing", Article 2, "Rental Housing Code", Section 13-203, "Rental property license and renewals" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to allow a required inspection to be postponed or altered in scope by resolution of the Mayor and Council during a declared emergency. The meeting set for June 1, 2020 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The ordinance is proposed as an emergency ordinance, and will be effective immediately upon adoption. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

## FROM THE CHIEF

### Traffic Calming Initiative



The warmer weather and the desire to get outdoors and exercise is putting more walkers, bicyclists, and runners on University Park roadways. This coupled with speeding drivers and stop sign violators can make for an unsafe experience. The University Park Police is encouraging all vehicle drivers to be on the lookout for pedestrians, slow down and obey the 25-mph posted speed limit and come to a complete stop at *all* stop signs. The University Park Police has started a traffic calming initiative to ensure the roadways in University Park are safe for all. Please join us by doing your part and driving safely.

### Should kids play with toy guns in public?

For many years now toy guns have been a must have item on Christmas and birthday wish lists. In a 2019 study conducted by Reviews.org the Nerf Gun was listed as the most popular toy in the United States. Toy guns are so popular they are often glamorized in video games, movies and in some instance's children cartoons. It seems toy manufacturers are taking it to another level, making toy guns look more real than a toy. This is disheartening when you consider all the gun violence our nation has endured over the past 10 years.

Toy guns in public are a concern for onlookers and public safety agencies. University Park Police urge parents to use extreme caution when purchasing realistic looking toy guns for their children. We also ask that you do not allow your child to play with a toy gun out in public (i.e., parks, public streets). We recommend that toy guns be played with at home under the supervision of an adult. Too often when children play with a toy gun in public the police are called in to handle the matter. The incident could be completely innocent with children having a good time; however, depending on how realistic the toy gun looks, the situation could easily escalate into a serious situation.

According to the Washington Post from 2015 to 2016, police officers shot 86 people when they mistook a toy gun for the real thing. To avoid this confusion some jurisdictions have banned carrying toy guns in public altogether and others have established laws that set restrictions on the appearance and sale of toy guns. Cur-

rently Maryland does not have a law that prohibits owning toy guns. A more practical approach to reducing uncertainty may be to take safety precautions and purchase a brightly color toy with a contrasting color muzzle versus a realistic toy gun that could easily be confused by other residents. The gift of a toy gun is the right of every parent; however, the true value and appropriateness of the gift is its appearance and where the child is permitted to play with it. The University Park Police join their law enforcement partners and safety experts from across the United States imploring parents to use care when purchasing toy guns for children.

*No crimes reported in the month of April 2020.*

### Helping Hands University Park



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we express thanks to our volunteers who continue to call members and to shop and deliver groceries in a contact-free way. Would you like to receive regular check-in calls? Please let us know! A special thank you to Laura Collins and Carson Lee who have been making comfortable and safe masks for our members and volunteers. Do you still need a mask? Call 301-892-6636 to request one. Please check our Facebook (Helping Hands University Park) and web page ([helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org)) to find links to online activities and tours, concerts, etc. Currently, our events are virtual only. We are holding our regular 3rd Wednesday of the month HHUP lunch via Zoom. RSVP to [HHUniversityPark@gmail.com](mailto:HHUniversityPark@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link. On May 17, HHUP and HHUP members Gerry Hendershot and Deborah Rosenfelt hosted a Virtual Poetry Reading.

As we hear of interest in other kinds of Zoom gatherings, HHUP is glad to organize them. Here are some possibilities: Discussion about a TED talk, a virtual cup of tea/coffee or happy hour, gentle yoga with Numi Yoga, virtual shared crafts/art time. Let us know of your interests by emailing or calling us. We are also looking for ways to connect our members without computer technology. If you are reading this column and don't use email or computers, would you like to participate in a walking group? A 6 feet apart gathering on a sunny, warm day? Do you have other ideas? Call us at 301-892-6636. In the meantime, stay safe. Stay isolated. Stay healthy.

### Take Back Our Yards

#### UP Community Mosquito Control Program



The new University Park Community Mosquito Control yard sign is here! Contact [upcmosquitoc@gmail.com](mailto:upcmosquitoc@gmail.com) to request a sign and you can be one of the first to put it in your yard. *Fight the Bite Without Pesticides. UP Community Mosquito Control Program.* Check out the newly refurbished Community Mosquito Control 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.

Need to order traps? Go to [us-shop.biogents.com](http://us-shop.biogents.com) to order the BG GAT Double Set, which is what we recommend. We hope you have cleaned up your yards to remove mosquito breeding sites and deployed traps at this point. Have you scheduled a regular trap clean-up day? Sticky cards should be checked every two weeks. If they are no longer sticky or are covered with mosquitos and other bugs, replace with a new one. Replace the water in your traps at least once monthly, or whenever it looks gross. Remember to drop in 3 blades of grass (no dirt) and 1/4 of a fresh mosquito dunk. Include a reminder on your calendar to look at your traps regularly. If you have questions about maintaining your traps, please contact us. The UP CMC committee plans on sending emails every 2-4 weeks as a reminder to help you maintain your traps.

Besides getting rid of mosquitos, there are other benefits to participating in UP's Community Mosquito Control Program:

- Very low cost: Two traps, with accessories and shipping, cost \$81.75. A mosquito service can range in cost from \$70 to \$100 per application.
- We don't use pesticides or other chemicals that kill mosquitos and beneficial insects like bees and some beetles. Even organic essential oils can kill spiders, bees and other insects that rely on water droplets on grass and leaves. Though the EPA says registered compounds are safe and effective when prepared and applied according to their labeled use, the agency's website notes, "No pesticide should be regarded as 100 percent risk-free."

*Troubleshooting Traps: What Could Possibly Go Wrong?*

- Not catching any mosquitos: Try moving the trap to a different place in the yard. Or contact us and we can look at the trap and survey your yard.

- Water is gross (algae, oily sheen, dead slug): Dump it, wipe out the bucket, add fresh water, 3 blades of grass and 1/4 mosquito dunk.
- Trap has a lot of black flies in it: Something is making the water smell like carrion to the flies (possibly too much grass). Dump the water, wipe out the bucket, put in fresh water, fresh grass, and 1/4 mosquito dunk.
- Other questions: Contact the volunteer UP CMC Program Coordinators at [upcmosquitoc@gmail.com](mailto:upcmosquitoc@gmail.com).

### Tree Committee News



The extensive patchwork of urban forests throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed, within which University Park is located, plays a critical role in the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Trees filter pollutants, reduce storm-water runoff and mitigate drainage and flooding issues. Our urban forest supports the biologic and hydrologic integrity of the Anacostia basin. Wells Run is not University Park's stream, as ultimately it empties into the Chesapeake Bay. Trees located on our property are *ours* only in the sense that we are most immediately charged with monitoring and maintaining their wellbeing for the common good of earth and all its life forms. Please safeguard those trees you live amongst; somewhere in the Tidewater an oyster may be grateful for your efforts. If you have a question specific to caring for your trees, please contact the Committee for Trees, Parks and Environment at [TreeComm@UPMD.org](mailto:TreeComm@UPMD.org). We are happy to consult remotely via ZOOM, or onsite, maintaining social distance.

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

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### Town Composting Program Expanding

Meat, dairy, fish and more can now be included in our weekly compost collection program. Previously only fruits and vegetables were being collected on Mondays. Go to the town website ([upmd.org/compost](http://upmd.org/compost)) to see the list of materials that are being collected and composted. The town now takes collected compost to the County's compost process facility near Upper Marlboro, which accepts all food items. That facility also handles yard waste. University Park now picks up both yard waste and compost on the same day, improving the efficiency of our solid waste collection program.



It is quite impressive to see the growing number of UP residents setting out their food buckets each Monday. A recent report from Public Works Director Mickey Beall shows that the compost collection program has expanded from the 2013 pilot of fifty families to 274 families—about 30% of all town households. Two streets are particularly noteworthy—Tennyson Rd. and Tuckerman St. residents are participating at 54% and 48% respectively.

When food and other carbon materials are landfilled, methane is generated. Methane is a major greenhouse gas, even more detrimental to the climate than CO<sub>2</sub>. If you are not yet doing so, please join other UP residents and begin separating your food waste from the other trash or break the habit of the kitchen sink garbage disposal. Joining the composting program is easy to do, cuts operating costs by reducing the town's trash tipping fees, and benefits the environment. Anyone interested in making our community more sustainable should contact Mickey Beall, who will provide compost buckets and bags. He can be reached at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org) or 301-927-4262.

—Dave Brosch, Councilmember, Ward 1

### April 20 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen.

### Presentation

Prince George's County Animal Control Chief Rodney Taylor explained the role of Animal Control, provided a legal update and explained how his agency works with the Commission for Animal Control.

- The name of the organization recently changed to Prince George's County Animal Services Facility and Adoption Center.
- Just prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, the facility had an 87% live release rate.
- There is a new law on the books called "the potential dangerous dog law." This gives the facility pro-active ways to enforce potentially dangerous dogs.
- Any animal that comes into the facility that is unaltered and not micro-chipped will have to be spayed or neutered and micro-chipped before the animal goes home at the owner's expense.
- Prince George's County will not allow dogs to be chained up in their yards. 60% of the reported cruelty complaints are cases with the dogs chained up in the backyards.
- The facility supports the private groups that do the trap-neuter-return with the cats. The facility will only intervene if there are complaints from residents.
- The pet license tags will now be renewed every three years.
- Flyers are available with all the updates from the Animal Services Facility.

### Consent Agenda

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

*To request a 6-month building permit extension which was approved by Council on August 12, 2019 to install a 4' fence and two gates located at 4320 Underwood Street.*

### Public Comment

A Councilmember welcomed Town Administrator Mr. David Deutsch to his first University Park Council meeting.

### Continuing Business

*Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 20-O-04: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.* The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 18, 2020.

*Note:* The Council reviewed the proposed budget for

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Police, Public Works, Capital Projects, and General Government. It was agreed that a task force will be formed to discuss in detail the transit budget - Town Shuttle Bus services.

### Mayor's Report

- As of Sunday, April 19, University Park's self-response to the Census ran about 80.2%. This was #1 among all towns and cities in the state of Maryland and #27 in the United States.
- In reference to the Coronavirus, as of April 20 there are 3,718 positive cases in Maryland, 128 deaths and 943 hospitalizations in Prince George's County. Residents are encouraged to continue with social distancing, washing hands and wearing masks in public.

### Council and Committee Reports

CM Caskey, Ward 5 Inquired of the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Works if their staffs have the proper protective equipment. They both responded that their staff are doing well and have all the proper safety equipment. Town Clerk Ms. Marcavitch said that Town Hall could use hand sanitizer and Lysol, if anyone has extra that they could spare.

*Development Overview Committee* The Committee is working on recommendations to the Council for approval regarding the Landy Property and the Standard project in College Park.

*Town Administrator David Deutsch* Will soon make arrangements to meet with Councilmembers individually. Currently producing a report to address all of the questions that were raised regarding the installation of the Van Buren bridge.

*Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson* Intends to bring in a Resolution for the next agenda on May 4 to recognize all of the emergency powers that have been authorized by the Governor's Executive Orders so far and going forward.

*Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch*

- The Town election is scheduled for May 29. This will be a vote-by-mail election. The last day for Town residents to register to vote in the Town election is April 29. The last day to turn in candidate petitions and financial disclosure statements is by 5 PM on April 30.
- The Town voter authorization cards and return envelopes have been submitted to the printer.

- The drop box has been ordered and will be delivered to Town Hall this week.
- The goal is to get the election ballots in the mail by May 11.
- University Park's Election Plan will be shared with other municipalities as many are working on vote-by-mail elections.

*Chief of Police Harvey Baker*

- Has been participating in weekly conference calls regarding the Coronavirus with Chiefs locally and throughout the state. He has been able to maintain a supply of PPE items for town employees.
- The officers assisted with the laptop distribution at University Park Elementary School.
- The officers assisted with planning and staffing a social distancing funeral at Word of God Baptist Church.

*Town Treasurer Dan Baden*

- Presented the March 2020 Treasurer's Report.
- All of the required information has been submitted for the State Retirement Audit.
- The budget hearing is scheduled for the next Council meeting on Monday, May 4.

*Director of Public Works Michael Beall*

- At the Mayor's direction, the tennis courts are closed and the nets have been removed. Mayor Carey said that other municipalities and the County closed their tennis courts as well.
- The smell complaint at the 6600 block of Queens Chapel Road is being handled by the Chief of Police and the Code Compliance Officer.
- All collection services (bulk trash, yard waste, etc.) in Town will continue as usual.
- The infrastructure contract is ready to go to the contractor for signature. It appears that the infrastructure project will begin mid-May.
- An informal agreement was made with the City of College Park to allow their engineer to give some advice on the infrastructure project and to be available if there is something that comes up that requires an engineer's opinion. Mr. Beall will ask the inspection engineering firm to assist in putting together a Scope of Work for an engineering design for Queens Chapel Road.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:13 PM.

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### May 4 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen.

#### Consent Agenda

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

*To replace 4' fence located at 6604 44th Avenue.*

*To replace sections of 4' fence located at 6704 Wells Parkway.*

*To install a 14'x 25' patio located at 6906 40th Avenue.*

*To construct a 12'x 16' deck with landing and steps located at 4315 Van Buren Street.*

*To construct a new 2'8"W x 6'L x 11'H addition and a 14'W x 22'L x 12'H second story addition located at 4309 Woodberry Street.*

#### Public Comment

Resident stated many thanks to the Interim Town Administrator, David Deutsch, for his concise report on the background on the Van Buren Street bridge project and for his recommendation to have the bridge installed.

#### Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Tax Rates (\$ 0.5598 Real Property, \$ 2.25 Personal Property)

It was reported that with the budget as proposed there is no Town tax increase or decrease for fiscal year 2021.

#### Continuing Business

*Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 20-O-04: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.* The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 18, 2020.

*Motion: To reduce line item B8 - Park Usage Concept Plan from \$25,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021 to \$100.00.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: To reduce line item G25 - Transit to \$75,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: To reduce line item G7 - Council Retreat/Orientation from \$8,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021 to*

*\$1,000.00.* Motion failed 3 to 4 (Morrissey, Verrill, Wells, Stephen opposed).

*Note: Line item G30, Hyattsville Middle School PTA - the Town Clerk was asked to contact Hyattsville Middle School PTA for further clarification of what the \$6,000.00 donation will be used for.*

*Motion: At the recommendation of the Interim Town Administrator, to proceed with the construction of the Van Buren Street pedestrian bridge and award the contract to the lowest bidder, 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 to sign the contract, subject to review by the Town Attorney.* Motion failed 3 to 4 (Brosch, Schultz, Wells, Stephen opposed).

#### New Business

*Motion: To amend fiscal year 2020 budget to transfer \$1,100 from General Government line item 6103-01, Administrative Expenses, to General Government line item 6137-01, Town Hall Security/Lighting, for the installation of lighting and cameras and for an additional security alarm keypad located at the basement entrance for Public Works employees.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: To amend fiscal year 2020 budget to transfer \$950 from General Government line item 6103-01, Administrative Expenses, to General Government line item 6110-10, Small Equipment to obtain a laptop computer for the Administrative Assistant in the Town Clerk's Office. The acquisition will improve the efficiency of the Town Clerk's Office during COVID-19.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to award a contract not to exceed \$25,000 to Specialized Engineering at 7504 Connelly Drive, Hanover, Maryland for inspection and testing services for Phase 1 of the Town's infrastructure project, and to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney on the behalf of the Town to negotiate and sign a contract with Specialized Engineering. The Town will "ride" an existing Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) On-Call Engineering Materials Testing*

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*Services Contract #390204-000 executed on November 15, 2018.* Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: Mayor Carey said that, when known, a timeline for the infrastructure project will be made available on the website.

**Motion:** *To adopt Resolution 2020-R-02 to declare a state of emergency, authorize the Mayor to take certain actions and ratify prior actions.* Motion approved 6 to 1 (Verrill opposed).

**Motion:** *Per Section 2-110 of the Town Ordinances, to declare four (4) bicycles – two Trek (manual bicycle) and two Giant Alight (manual bicycle) – as surplus and authorize the Chief of Police to sell the bicycles.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

**Motion:** *To authorize the Mayor to write and send a letter to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in substantially the form provided in support of Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-19047 for The Standard in College Park.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Mayor's Report

The Maryland Municipal League summer conference will be virtual this year. Details will be available soon.

### Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Deutsch continues to work on a number of issues and is making progress.

### Council and Committee Reports

**Sustainability Committee** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6. Mayor Carey responded to CM Schultz by saying that the Town has an account with Zoom and will use it to facilitate for Committee Chairs who host a virtual meeting.

**Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 at 7 PM. A Zoom invitation will be emailed to Committee members.

**Helping Hands Committee** Helping Hands Committee is hard at work during this time. Rides are not available at this time although volunteers are shopping and running errands for residents.

**Development Overview Committee** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:31 PM.

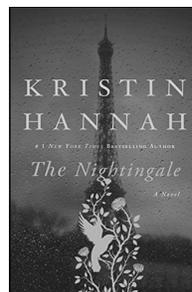
## TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

### UP Woman's Club News

Due to delays caused by COVID-19, the University Park Woman's Club Scholarship Committee will not announce scholarship winners until July. Winners will be notified as soon as decisions are made. Thanks to those students who applied.



Also, University Park Woman's Club is seeking donations to buy food for community members in need who go to the Prince George's Day Center for a meal. The Day Center serves food every Tuesday and Thursday at University Christian Church from 2 until 4 PM. Our members serve on the second Tuesday of each month. Usually, UPWC members heat and serve food donated by the University of Maryland. Since the University has been closed, this food source is gone. UPWC is seeking donations (\$5, \$10, \$15) to help fund this Second Tuesday project until the University reopens. Donations can be made payable to UPWC and mailed to: PO Box 222, Riverdale, Maryland 20738 with Second Tuesday noted on the check. Many thanks to those who are able to donate. UPWC is a 501(c) nonprofit organization.



### After Eight Book Group Tuesday, June 16, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group will meet virtually on June 16. June's selection is Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*. Those interested in joining should contact Gunita Greenwood at 202-320-6070 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.

### 2020 Centenarian Recognition

M-NCPPC, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, would like to celebrate County residents who are ages 100 and older. If you know someone who resides in Prince George's County, is 100 years or older (born no later than 1920) and would like special recognition, please contact the

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Centenarian Coordinator at [centenarian@pgparks.com](mailto:centenarian@pgparks.com) to register. All registrants will be contacted to plan an individualized social distancing recognition visit. For more information, call 301-446-3403. Deadline to register is June 5.



### 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](http://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](mailto:info@cpae.org). Remember to incorporate the arts into your daily life as much as possible, especially in these difficult times.

### Please Remove These Invasive Species

*Garlic Mustard, Alliaria petiolata*

Garlic mustard has a two-year life cycle, and one plant can produce more than 7,000 seeds before dying. The plants smother spring wildflowers and produce toxins to prevent the growth of native plants. The leaves and habit of 1st and 2nd year plants are different, but the scalloped-edge leaves, white four-petaled flowers in the 2nd year, and bent white taproot are easy to identify. To remove, pull gently to dislodge the root, preferably when the soil is moist. Discard flowering and seeding plants with your garbage.



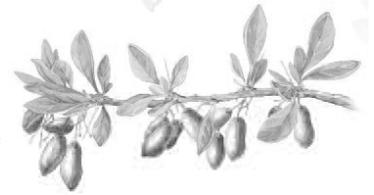
*Japanese Stiltgrass, Microstegium vimineum*

This annual grass shows up in the summer and rapidly forms a dense monoculture along roads, woods and streams, choking out groundcovers and tree seedlings. Each plant can form 1,000 seeds. Stiltgrass leaves are divided into unequal halves by a silvery line. The plant gets its name by the above-ground roots that hold it up, like stilts on a boardwalk. Its shallow roots make stiltgrass easy to pull up. Remove several times each summer to encourage new seeds to grow and thus exhaust the seed supply.



*Japanese Barberry, Berberis thunbergii*

This plant can form dense thickets and alters the pH, nitrogen and biological activity levels in the soil, preventing native forest species from growing. The Japanese barberry's spoonshaped leaves have smooth edges, distinctive solitary spines by the buds and red berries that may persist through the winter. In natural areas, cut the plants close to the ground. In garden settings, pull or dig up plants, removing all root fragments to prevent regrowth.



*Japanese Honeysuckle, Lonicera japonica*

This twining vine can strangle and overwhelm small trees, carpet forest floors and alter the structure of a forest. The evergreen leaves of Japanese honeysuckle grow opposite one another, and the bark shreds off in long brown and tan strips. Fragrant flowers emerge in the spring, and black berries may persist through the winter. In natural areas, cut the vines at the ground and again at eye level. Untwine the cutaway section, and leave the remainder above to dry out and die.



*Bush Honeysuckle, Lonicera maackii, L. morrowii, L. tartarica*

This bush forms dense thickets, competes with native species for soil nutrients and casts dense shade from early spring to late fall, preventing the growth of species beneath. The bush honeysuckle's leaves grow opposite one another, and the bark looks like it has been scratched by a cat. Fragrant flowers emerge in the spring, and the multi-branched shrubs can reach 20 feet in height. Red berries persist through the fall into early winter. In natural areas, cut the plants close to the ground. In gardens, pull or dig up plants, removing all root fragments.



  
**UP Helping Paws**

### Pet Database!

Visit [uphelpingpaws.home.blog](http://uphelpingpaws.home.blog). To update your pet family info, ask questions or join our group, email [UPHelpingPaws@gmail.com](mailto:UPHelpingPaws@gmail.com).



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECYCLE RIGHT



## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



ALUMINUM • ALUMINUM FOIL  
BIMETAL • STEEL FOOD & BEVERAGE  
CONTAINERS



GABLE TOP BEVERAGE CONTAINERS



FLATTENED CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES • FROZEN  
FOOD PACKAGING • PAPER BOARD CONTAINERS



EMPTY AEROSOL CANS



TELEPHONE BOOKS • CATALOGS • BOOKS •  
NEWSPAPER • MAGAZINES



PLASTIC FLOWER POTS •  
EMPTY PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES



PLASTIC NARROW NECKED CONTAINERS CODED 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7 •  
PLASTIC WIDE MOUTH CONTAINERS • PLASTIC CUPS



ALL PAPER • BROWN KRAFT PAPER •  
WRAPPING PAPER



GLASS FOOD AND  
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS



All containers  
must be clean  
and empty

# June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	2 Trash Drop off or mail Presidential Primary Ballots	3 	4	5 Recycling	6
7	8 Yard Waste	9 Trash	10	11	12 Recycling	13
14	15 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	16 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	17	18	19 Recycling	20
21	22 Yard Waste	23 Trash	24	25	26 Recycling	27
28	29 Yard Waste	30 Trash	July 1	July 2	July 3 Recycling	



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