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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Congratulations and welcome to the work of the Town to Joel Biermann, newly elected to the Council on May 29 to represent Ward 1. Congratulations also to Laurie Morrissey and Roland Stephen, who were reelected to represent Wards 3 and 7 respectively. I was reelected as Mayor and look forward to working with the councilmembers. The Council is vital to the Town running well, so I congratulate and thank departing Ward 1 Councilmember David Brosch for his service, hard work and advocacy. He has worked on several big, complex issues, long advocated for environmental programs and has helped move the Town forward.

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Beginning in July, the Town composting program will accept meat, dairy, fish, eggs and more-and expands to

nearly double participation. Please contact the Town to participate. Composting kitchen waste rather than putting it in the trash benefits the environment and saves the Town 60% in tipping fees on every composted pound. This newsletter includes an inserted infographic card with details on acceptable waste, how to join and the impact on our Town and beyond.

A new Town communications initiative allowed Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch and graphic designer/Town resident George Wilkinson to produce the composting infographic. Another infographic on Town permitting is forthcoming. We hope residents find these to be an easy-to-understand resource.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Holiday July 3

Town Council July 6 & 20

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM and temporarily conducted by conference call and 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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Trust between law enforcement agencies and the people they protect and serve is essential in a democracy. It is key to the stability of our communities, the integrity of our criminal justice system, and the safe and effective delivery of policing services.

—The Report of the Task Force on 21st Century Policing

The recent death of George Floyd under the knee of Minneapolis police has become a transformational moment and opportunity to address the terrible legacy and ongoing effects of racial injustice and systemic racism. I share the grief and understand the anger and frustration of those who have taken to the streets in righteous peaceful protest, demanding change. Yet as I watched the shocking video and followed the resulting community and national shock, I thought: Have we ensured that such a murder would not happen in University Park? What more must be done to ensure our police force is professional, effective, and appropriate?

Suddenly we are at a tipping point in our approach to policing and to racial justice ~ a bend in the course of history that much of the nation has been struggling toward since the 1950s. There are hints of long-sought change, the possibility that the country at last is on the march toward a new, more just chapter in its history, and significant work ahead for our community. Please read Chief Baker's statement regarding the George Floyd murder on the Town's website. The Council endorsed a Maryland Municipal League statement on racial injustice and is working on a broader, more inclusive statement of its own, but words alone are not sufficient. This moment becomes a tipping point only if we take concrete action to make it so.

The Town has worked to build the professionalism of its police force and that effort is ongoing. In the past decade, Mayor and Council have reviewed all police policies in the General Orders Manual detailing police orders and procedures ~ nearly every element of policing in University Park. The Manual is available for review at www.upmd.org/generalordersmanual. We have worked to implement the 2015 recommendations of President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Since January 2019 Police Chief Harvey Baker has brought a fresh perspective to the University Park Police Department. He is updating policies, practices, training and equipment, including equipping University Park

police officers with body-worn cameras and non-lethal Tasers. Chief Baker proposes best practice updates to the General Orders Manual to improve transparency and accountability, and to create a new Duty to Intervene Order. Please see Chief Baker's column about these reforms on Page 3.

Policing everywhere is being appropriately scrutinized. That must include a clear-eyed look at policing in University Park, to ensure policies and practices reflect our community values and treat all with respect, empathy, and inclusion. —*Len Carey*

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org



4th of July Townwide Celebration Saturday, July 4, 10 AM

The Town of University Park and College Heights Estates will have a different sort of Fourth of July celebration this year due to current public health constraints. This year we ask everyone in UP and CHE to come out on their front porch at 10 AM to sing or play the National Anthem on your guitar, flute, trumpet, or accordion.

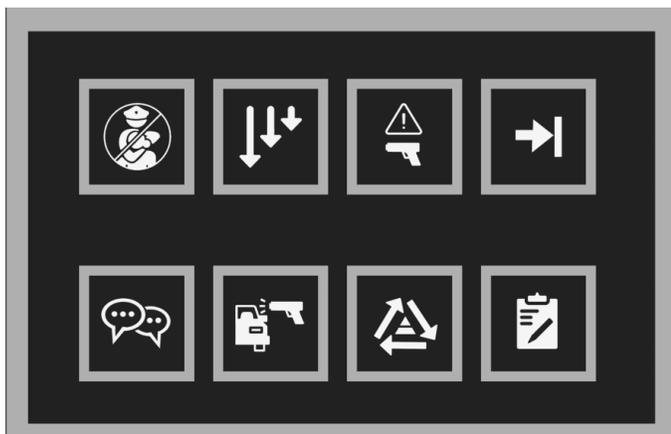
Then please wave to your neighbors, wave your flags and walk, ride, skip or run one step, one block or one mile around town in celebration while socially distancing. Please feel free to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, pets and home in advance and please wear a helmet. Take a photo of your decked out family and home on July 4 and upload it at <https://padlet.com/mpintur/93gumjy276udo9sp> so everyone can see! Let's all come together July 4 and show off what a great small town we have.

FROM THE CHIEF

There is growing demand nationally for police reform and change and the matter is weighing heavily on the collective consciousness of nearly everyone in the United States. Elected officials, protestors and residents alike are all calling for dramatic change in policing to reduce the number of incidents involving the use of deadly force. The University Park Police understands the seriousness of the protests and the demand for change. Currently we are reviewing our general order manual to ensure that our policies are current and consistent with our goal of providing fair, impartial and constitutional policing.

We are pleased to announce that many of our current general orders are consistent with the recommendations of the “8 Can’t Wait” campaign. This police reform campaign is backed by activists, protestors and researchers from across the nation and uses data, community demands and provides policy solutions with the goal of ending police violence. The University Park Police embraces these recommendations.

The goal of the campaign is consistent with the calls for



police reform and is growing in popularity, trending across various social media platforms in response to the ever-increasing nationwide demonstrations and protests. Listed below you will find each “8 Can’t Wait” recommendation with the corresponding reference in the General Orders Manual, which can be found on the Town’s website at upmd.org/Generalordersmanual

1. Ban strongholds and chokeholds—prohibited University Park Police General Order Use of Force 400.0. VIII. 3b.
2. Require de-escalation—University Park Police General Order Use of Force 400.0. IV
3. Require warning before shooting—University Park Police General Order Use of Force 400.0. VI. B
4. Exhaust all other means before shooting, required—University Park Police General Order Use of Force 400.0. VI. B

5. Use of Force—University Park Police General Order Use of Force 400.0
6. Require officers to intervene and stop excessive force—University Park Police General Order Rules of Conduct 300.1. Rule 11. Revision Under review.
7. Ban shooting at moving vehicles. Prohibited, unless the vehicle is being used as a weapon against the officer—University Park Police General Order Use of Force 400. VI. C
8. Require use of force continuum—University Park Police General Order 400.0. V
9. Require comprehensive reporting—University Park Police General Order 400. IX

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 301-277-0050.

Please join the University Park Police in the *Neighborhood Slow Zone* initiative by obeying the 25-mph speed limit, stopping at all stop signs and watching for pedestrians and children at play. Have a safe summer.

Vandalism Between May 26-27 in the 6900 Blk of Forest Hill Drive an individual broke a lamp post. The lamp post was valued at \$350. A suspect has been developed and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft On June 10 an unknown suspect stole 4 rims and tires from a vehicle parked in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. The rims and tires are valued at \$400. There are no suspects currently.

Burglary On June 13 an unknown suspect broke into a residence in the 6500 block of 40th Avenue. The owner did not know what was missing and indicated the house had not been lived in for quite some time. There are no suspects currently.

Vandalism On June 1 an unknown suspect painted on two marked police vehicles parked in the 6700 block of Baltimore Avenue. A neighborhood canvas was conducted with negative results. There are no suspects currently.

Vandalism On May 30 an unknown suspect sprayed black paint on a marked police vehicle parked in the 4300 block of Woodberry St. A neighborhood canvas was conducted with negative results. There are no suspects currently.

Vandalism On May 26 an unknown suspect spray-painted words across the basketball court at University Park Elementary School. Apparently, the suspect was honoring a deceased childhood friend. There are no suspects currently.

Helping Hands University Park

As this column is written, we are remaining socially isolated, though some businesses are slowly reopening. HHUP volunteers continue to make calls, shop and deliver groceries to some of our members, and assist with minor yard



work and home repairs. We anticipate that over the summer we will announce our resumption of at least limited transportation for our members. For the time being, we anticipate that our monthly HHUP Lunch Club will continue as a Zoom event. Upcoming dates are Wednesdays, July 15 and August 19, at noon. RSVP to HHUniversityPark@gmail.com or 301-892-6636; the Zoom link will be sent to you.

Finally, a note from one of our active HHUP members: I want to thank all the HHUP volunteers and my neighbors for their many kindnesses to me during my recent medical problems. I can't write individual thank you notes because there are too many of you to thank. I am so very grateful. Stay healthy, Marilynne E. Lazdusky

Fight the Bite Without Pesticides UP Community Mosquito Control Program

What do you know about Asian tiger mosquitoes (*Aedes albopictus*)? They are the most common mosquito in University Park. Laboratory studies show they can efficiently carry West Nile virus. They are known to transmit dog heartworm disease and eastern equine encephalitis in the Eastern US. Many communities that experienced little annoyance in the past are now infested by daytime-biting Asian tiger mosquitoes. They do best in shade where water holding containers are common. To read more go to the MD Department of Agriculture website: mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests. It's important to inspect your yard weekly and after it rains to remove potential breeding sites by tipping or removing water-holding containers such as wading pools and toys, tarps and folds that collect water, and plant pots and saucers. This is your first line of defense. If you set out your traps, be sure to change the water, grass, dunks and sticky cards about every 3 weeks, or as needed. Remember, the traps work best if there are no other sources of standing water in your yard. If you're using canola oil, please consider switching to the new sticky card and slotted funnel trap design. We have a limited supply of free slotted funnels and sticky cards so you can upgrade your traps. To upgrade, please contact one of the program coordinators listed below at upcmosquitoc@gmail.com. Act soon before they're gone!



If you haven't set out your traps or haven't purchased traps, it's never too late! For details on how to order, set-up, and

maintain your traps: upmd.org/Mosquito. University Park cannot make great strides in reducing the mosquito population without the support and leadership of our Block Captains. This month we want to thank Sharon Garrison, one of our Block Captains, who keeps her neighbors informed and up to date on mosquito control measures. Block Captains get their neighbors actively involved in removing mosquito breeding sites, deploying traps on their property, and providing important feedback to program coordinators. Don't hesitate to contact one of the coordinators to answer your questions. Send us an email at upcmosquitoc@gmail.com.—UP Community Mosquito Control Program Coordinators: Julie Ainsworth, David Brosch, Lynne Davidson, Virginia Myers, Ed Wells

Tree Committee News

We lost a 30-foot maple this spring. Leaves began emerging, then withered and died. Bernd Heinrich's *The Trees in My Forest* describes the cycles of life and death and the resultant competition for newly available sunlight. Within a month we witnessed limbs and branches of adjacent trees relaxing and extending beyond their previous constraints, leafing out more abundantly than before. Small plants emerged from the wood chips. In the fall we plan to move an oak sapling we've been nurturing for several years into this newly available circle of light.

Ivy League, July 11 & August 14, 9-11 AM Come and help safeguard UP's tree canopy by removing ivy from town trees. Long sleeves and gloves are recommended. Please bring hand clippers and either a dandelion weeder, a large, long bladed screwdriver, or small pry bar. Tree Committee members will provide hatchets and saws. We will maintain social distancing but please bring a face mask also. **July 11** meet at Queen's Chapel Road, SW corner of the soccer field. **August 14** meet at the end of Tennyson Street (northern end of the soccer field.)—Chris Aubry Chair, on behalf of the Tree Committee, TreeComm@UPMD.org

May 18 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 extend sump pump drainage pipe in the backyard and deposit into a drywell at least 25' away from the property line located at 6704 44th Avenue. Town Engineer has reviewed, and application reflects recommendations.

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To construct a 12'x 32' deck with landing and steps located at 4307 Underwood Street.

To construct a 16'x 16' deck located at 4102 Woodberry Street.

Public Comment (Responses from Councilmembers, the Mayor or staff are italicized).

A resident referred to a statement in the Newsletter and asked for an explanation of the new personal property tax and why different language is used in the Ordinance. The personal property tax is not new. It has existed and its wording has been the same for decades, and it comes directly from the State Code. The Town is not allowed to assess a tax unless it is authorized by the State of Maryland.

Continuing Business

Motion: *To adopt Legislative Resolution 20-O-04: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: *With regard to line item G30-Hyattsville Middle School PTA Grant, to allow the appropriation to go forward subject to the condition that the PTA provides the Town with a plan for how the funds will be disbursed and indication that they have sufficient money to complete the project before any funds are given.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Note: Councilmembers agreed to address the Helping Hands Temporary Assistance Funds Donations line item and to bring it back to a meeting at a later date.

Motion: *To increase Police Salaries by \$5,000 for Police Specialty Certification Bonuses.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: *To allocate funding for COVID-19 Revenue and Expenditure account to allow the funds from the Federal Relief through the County to be placed in the proper accounting system and tracked.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: *To transfer \$3,000 from Public Works line item 6410-04, Snow Removal, to Public Works line item 6580-05, Vehicle Maintenance, to cover higher than anticipated costs.* Motion approved 7 to 0. Two readings required for approval. This is the first reading.

Introduction of Legislative Resolution 20-O-05: Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget—Covid-19 Funding (First Reading)

Motion: *To introduce Legislative Resolution 20-O-05*

amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget 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. Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is June 1, 2020.

Motion: *To introduce the emergency Legislative Resolution 20-O-06 to 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.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: *To adopt Resolution 2020-R-03 to submit a plan to Prince George's County to enable receipt of CARES Act COVID-19 funding and authorize Mayor and staff to prepare the plan consistent with guidelines from the County.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor's Report

The Governor has begun to open up the state although Prince George's County will proceed more slowly. At present, it appears most likely that Prince George's County will begin Phase 1 of the opening process on June 1.

Council and Committee Reports

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met via Zoom on May 7. Discussion included Municipal Authority Legislation, incentives to discourage residents from using gas-powered leaf blowers, and a way of keeping track of items that the Council discusses at meetings but are put off for a later time. The Town Clerk will do some research on ways that this can be done.

Sustainability Committee The Committee met on May 6. The minutes are available on the Town website. Discussion included Sustainable Maryland recertification, carbon cured concrete products, park concept plan and Wells Run clean-up.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 via Zoom.

Development Overview Committee The May Committee meeting was cancelled. Topics of discussion for the next Committee meeting are: Detailed Site Plan for the Dewey Project and a minor amendment at Riverdale Park Station.

Town Administrator David Deutsch Plans to participate in the

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Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 20.

Town Clerk Andrea D. Marcavitch

- The Maryland Municipal League Summer Virtual Conference will take place June 29-30. Councilmembers should contact Ms. Marcavitch if interested in participating in the Conference.
- The Town vote-by-mail election is on schedule. Approximately 250 ballots have been received.
- Currently working with a graphic designer on infographic fact sheets for residents on permitting and the compost program.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- No reported crime for April 2020.
- The winners of the kids drawing contest can be found on the Town website.
- Received a grant of hand sanitizer and masks from our body worn camera vendor Axon.
- Participated in the #Giving Tuesday by distributing 1,000 boxes of food.
- The officers delivered donated boxes of food to four families of University Park Elementary School students that had a need.
- Recently received the new 2020 Ford Hybrid SUV.
- The officers will be addressing the aggressive drivers throughout town and along Adelphi Road via active enforcement.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The May 2020 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Will begin on May 19 to discuss designing and engineering of Queens Chapel Road improvements with possible design and engineering contractors.
- The security lighting at Town Hall is complete.
- NZI construction is expected to begin mid-June.
- The Pepco Vegetation Management permit will be on the June 1 agenda. The project will begin as soon as the permit is approved.
- A memo on infrastructure funding and contracting was distributed, which included discussion of funding for Safe Route to School construction grants and the engineering design grant. The goal is to ask the Council to approve awarding a contract as early as July 6.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:23 PM.

June 1 Council Meeting Highlights

A closed session began at 7 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.

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

Consent Agenda

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

To replace 4' fence located at 4302 Tuckerman Street.

To demo garage and add a 19'x 22' two-story addition located at 4433 Wells Parkway.

To replace existing shed with a 12'6"x 10'1" shed located at 4009 College Heights Drive.

Permits

Public Hearing, Building Permit Application with Special Exception for a 6' Fence

Section 4-115. Special Exceptions

The Common Council may consider an application for a special exception based upon a particular case or situation and may approve the application provided that there is a showing of hardship, unique topography, unusual circumstances or safety considerations that warrant an exception. Special exceptions shall be granted by the Council only if it finds that such exception:

- (a) will not adversely affect the public health, safety, welfare or interest, nor the reasonable use of adjoining properties;
- (b) will not violate any covenants applicable to the property;
- (c) can be granted without substantial impairment of the purpose and intent of the Town building regulations;
- (d) will not interfere with or obstruct the visibility of motorists or cyclists; and
- (e) will not unduly impede the enforcement of any other applicable law. (Revised effective December 12, 1989, February 28, 1998.)

A request has been made for a building permit to install a 120' section of non-conforming 6' fence on the side and rear property lines located at 4330 Claggett. This requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, Council must make the requisite findings.

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Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to install a 120' section of non-conforming 6' deer fence on the side and rear property lines located at 4330 Clagett Road, requiring a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. Applicant shows that unique topography and safety are at issue. Council approved the request for a building permit, with findings required by Section 4-115 Sub-Sections A-E of the Town Code having been met. Motion approved 5 to 2 (Schultz and Wells opposed).

Public Comment

- A resident said that the Town Code says “exceptional, peculiar, unusual” and everyone agrees that deer are a problem but here is nothing exceptional, peculiar or unusual, this is a common condition. Council has a duty to uphold the laws as given or change them to proper procedures.
- A resident asked if the Council could include “deer fence” as part of the motion to show that it is not just any fence.
- A resident said that with the development of the Cafritz property the environment for many animals has shrunk and that is a fact of life that residents are going to live with going forward. The special exceptions language is vague, and the topic needs to be taken up by the appropriate committee.
- A resident of Clagett Road is also concerned about the deer and the possibility of tick bites. Due to the changing environment there seems to be a health and a security concern that needs to be addressed. This resident would be in favor of some long-term consideration by the Council for this type of topic.

Motion: To approve Special Utility Permit for Pepco SP-2020-01 to remove trees listed in Appendix A from the Town right-of-way as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed, as amended. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

The resident at 4326 Clagett Road requested that the oak tree in front of their home not be removed but pruned if necessary. If the tree must be removed, then she would ask that the Town replace it with another tree that provides the same security and shade as the oak tree. The resident suggested that she plant a tree in her front yard and the Town wait to remove the oak tree until her tree provides her with the proper shade.

Motion: To amend the Special Utility Permit for Pepco SP-2020-01 to allow the tree at 4326 Clagett Road to re

main for this cycle but to be pruned, with an understanding that the tree may need to be removed in some future cycle. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Verrill opposed).

Motion: To approve Special Utility Permits for Pepco SP-2020-02 to prune trees from the Town right-of-way as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

- A Councilmember made a statement on Black Lives Matter. She reminded the Council of the recent Legislation in support of the concept of a Welcoming Town. She said, “Let’s keep working to making University Park a beacon for Justice for All, we know that Black Lives Matter.”
- A Councilmember urged all to remember how fortunate we are and to reflect on how to make the world a better place.
- A resident questioned the language, “when is it acceptable to use lethal force on somebody,” University Park’s policy says, “a police officer can make that determination in the moment.” Maybe this is something that can be explored and looked at to be improved.
- A resident said we are paying for the hateful and divisive rhetoric of our President and that the residents of University Park have a special responsibility to try and act appropriately in the future.
- A Councilmember said that there is a group of people looking at ways to help those in need during the COVID pandemic. He will report back as soon as there are specific details.

Continuing Business

Motion: To transfer \$3,000 from Public Works line item 6410-04, Snow Removal, to Public Works line item 6580-05, Vehicle Maintenance, to cover higher than anticipated costs. Motion approved 7 to 0. Two readings required for approval. This is the second reading.

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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. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To approve amendment of the General Order Manual revising section 400.1, Firearms to change the patrol rifle authorized for use from one which is personally owned to one which is issued by the University Park Police Department. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment (*Responses from Councilmembers, the Mayor or staff are italicized.*)

A resident asked if the patrol rifles require training that the officers may not have had? *There is a patrol rifle program and the officers go to the range twice a year. The weapons are sighted to each specific officer, so they are not interchangeable. Are the weapons capable of full-automatic function or are they self-loading only? This question was researched, and the answer is they are self-loading only, discharging one round for each trigger-pull.*

Motion: To approve amendment of the General Order Manual by adding new section 604.0, Police Specialty Certification Pay Bonus to establish requirement eligibility for officers to a receive Police Specialty Certification Pay Bonus which enhances the officer’s skill level, job readiness and professional development, and creates value for the University Park Police Department and the Town of University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: On recommendation of the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee to authorize the Director of Public Works to obtain quotes from three or more engineering firms with rideable contracts for design and engineering of Queens Chapel Road and, if desirable, to complete all additional design work required for the later stages of the project. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2020-R-04 to authorize the use of a Rental Inspection Checklist to be completed by the homeowner or property manager in lieu of an on-site inspection by the Code Compliance Officer as amended. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend the motion by including the following: Once the emergency has ended, for all newly issued rental licenses, an in-person inspection is required. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To revise the Town Administrator’s employment

agreement allowing an increase from 20 hours per week to 24 hours per week. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Brosch opposed).

Municipal Authority

Discussion regarding municipal authority legislation.

■CM Verrill said that the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee recommends that the Council direct the Town Attorney to draft Municipal Authority Legislation for Council consideration and adoption.

■The Committee had a discussion on confusion surrounding the County’s short-term rental policy and in trying to find a way to move forward the idea of asserting municipal authority.

■State law allows the Town to exempt itself from County Legislation in some areas (zoning and building codes do not apply).

■The advantage of this provision is that the Town retains control over what is happening and the other government is not allowed to tell the residents in Town what the law is if the Town government has decided that it is going to exercise its jurisdictional authority.

■CM Verrill asked that Mayor Carey send the draft Municipal Authority Legislation to the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee for review.

Mayor’s Report

■There was recently a Town election and the new and re-elected Councilmembers and Mayor will be sworn-in on June 15. The details of this event will be available soon.

■CM Caskey has been asked to temporarily step in as Acting Chair of the Development Overview Committee. CM Wells asked to temporarily step back as Chair of this Committee.

Town Administrator’s Report

■A Council Request Follow-Up Report has been prepared and is currently under review and should be ready for Council next week. This report will help keep track of items discussed and will be updated monthly.

■In reference to the Federal COVID-19 funds through the County, the County Emergency Management Agency indicated that they are able to consider requests for personal protective equipment the Town needs currently and projected through the end of the calendar year. The staff is completing a list that will be submitted to the County.

Council and Committee Reports

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The Committee met on May 20. The minutes are available on the Town

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website. The Committee is discussing the increase of cars speeding through town, speed cameras and revisiting traffic planning. A Councilmember asked if the Committee could revisit the discussion on decreasing the speed limit in Town.

Sustainability Committee The Committee will meet on Saturday, June 6 to clean a section of the stream.

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom.

CM Wells–Ward 6 Congratulations to Mayor Carey, Ms. Morrissey, Mr. Stephen for re-election to the Council and a welcome Mr. Biermann to the Council.

CM Verrill–Ward 4 Thank you to Andrea Marcavitch and Stephanie Herold in doing a great job with putting together a very successful election via mail and Dropbox. The Town may want to consider doing future elections this way.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:52 PM.

Obituary

Longtime UP resident Mrs. Tu Cullipher, formerly of Underwood Street, died May 26 in Saigon, Vietnam. Tu and her husband Cliff lived in University Park for many years and went everywhere together. Cliff was the original owner of his house on Underwood, built in 1948. Tu and Cliff later moved to Hillhaven Senior Living in Adelphi so they could stay together. After Cliff died in 2007, Tu went back to Vietnam and lived with family.

UPWC Scholarship Winners

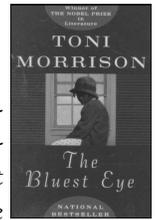
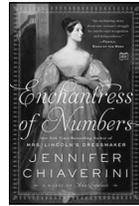
The University Park Woman's Club is pleased to announce that the club has awarded five scholarships this year. The number of awards this year is unprecedented but because of the excellence of the applicants as demonstrated by their academic achievements, their leadership and their character. Each student will receive a reward of \$1,500. For the **UP Woman's Club Scholarship**, awards will go to Nicholas Daniel (St. Anselm Abbey), Ryan Trebel (DeMatha), and Chloe Widman (Eleanor Roosevelt). For the **Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship**, awards will go to Tiffany Alvarenga-Sorto (Northwestern) and Diamond Johnson (Northwestern). The students will be honored at our Annual Award Luncheon in August.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

After Eight Book Group

Tuesdays, July 21 & August 18, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group will meet virtually in July and August. July's selection is Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*. The book for August is *The Enchantress of Numbers* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Those interested in joining should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



Summer Patio Concert Series

Wednesdays, July and August, 7 PM

Come and enjoy the music on the Town Center Market patio in Riverdale, co-sponsored by UMD School of Music & the Riverdale Park Arts Council. For more info please visit umdmusicgo.com. 4705 Queensbury Rd, Riverdale. The tentative schedule of performers is:

- July 15 Polka Terps
- July 22 Max Gergit's Jazz Duo
- July 29 Hart GP Jazz Duo
- August 5 Clarinete Mucho
- August 12 Marcellino Jazz
- August 19 Maryland Clarinet Quartet



College Park Arts Exchange



For arts activities with College Park Arts Exchange this summer, 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.

College Park Meals on Wheels

Volunteers Needed Meals on Wheels is compiling a list of drivers to sub for those who are out, last minute changes, and new routes in the area. Email Lynn Topp at lynnt4009@gmail.com for an application.



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High School

Isabella Baker Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science & Technology Program, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Seal of Biliteracy, University of Maryland, Honors College

Michael P. Baugher Northwestern High School, University of Maryland Presidential Scholarship, University of Maryland, Japanese

Caitlin Cullinane Academy of the Holy Cross, St. Bonaventure University, Biology/Forensics

James Robert Dawson Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science & Technology Program, University of Maryland, Business

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Leslie Holt Elizabeth Seton High School, National Honor Society, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Business Analytics, Information Management

Jonah Hurtt Northwestern High School, Towson University

Nya Morgan Maret School, with Honors, Spelman College, International Studies

Zoe Phillips Sandy Spring Friends School, University of Maryland, English, Japanese

Lucas Pierce Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science & Technology Program, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

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Alessio Zaun-Palmisano Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science & Technology Program, Seal of Biliteracy, Towson University, Sociology/Criminology/Journalism

College and Graduate School

Nadia BenAissa B.A., University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies

Nathan J. Dangle B.A., University of Pennsylvania, Biochemistry (Honors) and Biophysics

Calee Hayes B.S., University of Maryland, Elementary Education, *magna cum laude*

Joseph Leonardi B.A., Communications, University of Maryland, Dean's List

Drew Anthony Limon B.A., University of Maryland, Government & Politics

Arlyn Reese Madsen III B.S., Clarkson University, Mathematics Major, Business Minor, With Distinction, Pursuing PhD in Mathematics, Florida State University

D. Mitchell Moore B.S., Texas A&M, Biomedical Engineering, *magna cum laude*

C.J. Peterson M.B.A., Champlain College, Information Security Concentration, *summa cum laude*, Graduate Commencement Speaker

Rose Pierce B.S., University of Chicago, Computer Science

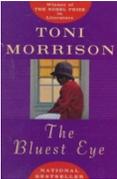
Elizabeth Rose Troiano B.S., Ohio State University, Psychology, Linguistics, Italian Minor, *summa cum laude*, Graduation with Honors Distinction, Deans List

Henry Tuit-Farquhar B.S., University of Maryland, Aerospace Engineering, Working for General Motors

Shawn Turonis B.S., Salisbury University, Business

Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted from the list.

July 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|--|--|----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | 1 Recycling | 2 | 3  Town Holiday: Town Hall closed. | 4 July 4th Celebration, 10 AM |
| 5 | 6 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM | 7 Trash, Bulk Trash | 8 | 9 | 10 Recycling | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Yard Waste | 14 Trash, Bulk Trash | 15 | 16 | 17 Recycling | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM | 21 Trash, Bulk Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM | 22  | 23 | 24 Recycling | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Yard Waste | 28 Trash, Bulk Trash | 29 | 30 | 31 Recycling | |



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