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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Since March our Town and community has done what was necessary to stay safe and continue to operate through the pandemic. The Town Hall is closed to the public, most Town staff telework, and the Town Council and committees meet virtually. While police and public works services continue unchanged, playgrounds and tennis courts were closed, and Town bus service suspended.

In the pandemic's first six months we have weathered one of the more difficult periods in our community's memory. In University Park, we follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control, State and County health officials. Because gatherings increase our risk of contracting the coronavirus, many of us have adapted by chatting virtually with friends and family, taking up more solitary

pursuits or remaining within our own bubbles. Many community traditions including the Azalea Classic, town-wide yard sale, Independence Day parade, and the newer Porchfest didn't happen this year. Nearby coffee shops, restaurants, and other public spaces to socialize and mingle have been closed or operations limited. This is a loss of community and our customary friendly patterns. I miss all of that - the ability to gather over mutual interests, maybe a shared meal or bottle of wine - and hear that same regret from many of you. Our community has begun to emerge and reopen. Families are walking and biking around Town most evenings. The tennis courts reopened in May, and Town playgrounds may reopen by mid-September. We hope there will be some recovery of community without a loss of needed caution.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Holiday	September 7
Town Council	September 14 & 28

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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We are not clear of the pandemic and significant challenges remain before we can expect to settle into a new normal. Nationally, the human losses are staggering and continue to rise tragically. Maryland continues to improve; however, Prince George's County is still in Phase 2 of its reopening and has led the State in active COVID-19 cases and test positivity rate. County schools will continue online instruction this fall. Projections include a second wave of coronavirus on top of flu season. Please get your flu shot this fall.

We must be patient, smart, and proceed slowly and carefully to recover some normalcy. Knowledge of COVID-19 is growing, with testing and research on vaccines and effective therapies. At present, the best protection available is the CDC, state and county guidance: Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer when we can't. Maintain a physical distance by keeping six feet or more apart. Wear a facial covering whenever we cannot maintain that distance and as required. Be situationally aware.

Let's treat each other as neighbors, with dignity and respect. In the current pandemic our community has suffered and reeled, and we have a long way still to go. Working or playing together feeds our sense of community and is a way to recover some of what we have lost if we are cautious and appropriate. Let's stay safe and healthy, and work together to do that.

-Len Carey

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

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 20-O-07

On August 17, 2020, Ordinance 20-O-07 was introduced. This ordinance amends the Town of University Park Code to enact §1-109, "Exemption from County legislation" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to clarify those powers that the Town, through its Mayor and Council, retained and exercises in lieu of County legislation, as per §4-111 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The meeting set for September 14, 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-08

On August 17, 2020, Emergency Ordinance 20-O-08 was introduced. This ordinance amends the Town of University Park Code to conform the Town code language with that of amended §21-809, "Citations based on speed monitoring systems", Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; to include mobile in addition to stationary cameras in the Town speed camera system; and to include speed camera zones within ½ mile of an institute of higher education. The meeting set for September 14, 2020 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The emergency ordinance will take effect on the date adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.



Act Now to Vote by Mail

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 7am-8pm
Early Voting begins on Monday, October 26 and ends
on Monday, November 2, 7am-8pm each day

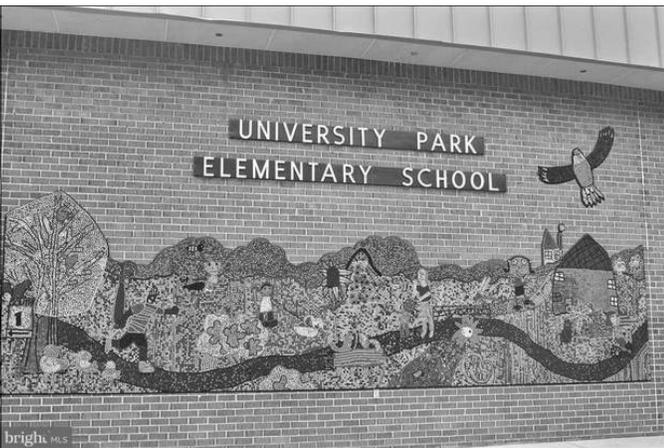
The Prince George's County Board of Elections encourages everyone to vote by mail in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Request a Vote by Mail Application for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1. You can also text "VBM" to 77788 to receive the application on your cell phone.

If you've decided to complete a mail-in ballot for November's national elections but are concerned about the USPS's performance during the 2020 Presidential election, drop off your ballot at the secure drop box located at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park (adjacent to Paint Branch Elementary School). See page 13 for additional details.

FROM THE CHIEF

Automated Speed Enforcement

Traffic patterns in and around University Park have seen some dramatic changes since March. When everything closed at the start of the pandemic the roads almost seemed barren and the vehicles you did see were at times exceeding the posted speed limit. Now that businesses and some employers have reopened, vehicle traffic has increased substantially along with vehicle speeds and loud muffler noise. The increased development in the area and sheer volume of traffic on the roadways make traffic safety a serious challenge for pedestrians, motorists and public safety. The University Park Police understands the importance of this public safety and quality of life issue for Town residents and will continue to conduct traffic enforcement details, utilize the radar speed signs and park marked vehicles in a manner that will provide a visible deterrent for speeding vehicles on border roadways. University Park Police will also continue to engage and work with our public safety partners and Maryland State Highway Administration and Prince George's County Department of Public Works Traffic Safety Section to enhance traffic safety on local roadways. Motorists exceeding posted speed limits, running stop signs and rushing through residential streets are challenges that we will continue to work diligently on resolving by using various resources.



One such resource that we hope to use soon is Automated Speed Enforcement. While this is not a new nor unique approach to traffic enforcement, it is almost an essential element to an effective traffic management plan. In fact, automated speed enforcement programs are in place in 143 communities across the United States and locally nearly every municipality in the immediate area has an automated speed enforcement program. In Maryland, automated speed enforcement programs are limited to within a half-mile of a school or in a work

zone. The school zone speed cameras are limited to between 6 AM and 8 PM. Drivers must be going at least 12 miles per hour over the posted speed limit before they are fined. The \$40 citation is sent to the violator's address after it is reviewed by a sworn police officer. According to the Center for Disease Control automated traffic enforcement is a public health intervention. Automated Speed Enforcement can reduce crashes substantially. Based on various collision data sources, the slower a vehicle is driven the greater control the driver has, which reduces the likelihood of a collision.

Police agencies have learned over the years that as hard as we may try, no police agency has enough resources to be everywhere a traffic problem exists. However, automated traffic enforcement, when managed properly and integrated with traditional traffic enforcement initiatives, can be a force multiplier, modifying driver's behavior while also enhancing traffic safety. The automated speed enforcement solution is a safer option for officers and residents alike and allows officers more time to proactively patrol the Town. While it is not a panacea, it is a good use of proven technology to enhance traffic safety. The University Park Police hopes to add this technology to our toolbox as we strive to enhance traffic safety. In the meantime, we ask for your support by buckling up, driving the posted speed limit and stopping at every stop sign.

Traffic Enforcement Report, July 1 to August 10

Total Enforcement Actions: 110

Total stops 38

Total written 72

Breaks down as follows:

Written Warnings 62

State Citations 7

State Equipment Repair Orders 3

Theft On July 15 a resident in the 4300 Block of Sheridan St. left a Diamondback men's 18-speed bike unlocked on the front porch of their house overnight. The next morning the bicycle was missing and someone left another bike in its place. Currently there are no suspects.

Theft On July 22 at 12:00 PM a resident reported someone stole their Maryland vehicle registration plate off their vehicle parked at 6700 block of Adelphi Road. The vehicle was not damaged during the theft. Currently there are no suspects.

Theft On July 31 a resident at 4300 Clagett Road reported someone stole one of two iPhone 11s that were delivered by FedEx on July 29, 2020. The original mail packaging had not been tampered with. Currently there are no suspects.

There has been a rash of theft from vehicles recently in Town. Help the University Park Police prevent these thefts by removing all valuables and locking the doors. Please do not leave your keys inside of your unlocked vehicle. For more tips, read the inserted graphic *8 Ways to Prevent Auto Thefts and Thefts from Auto*. Remember: *Keep it Safe, Keep it with you!*



**UP Community
Mosquito Control Program
Fight the Bite without Pesticides**

There's still time to swat away those pesky mosquitoes and enjoy your yard! Mosquito season generally runs through the end of October. September can be just as bad, if not worse, than August for mosquito bites. If you have mosquito traps and haven't set them up yet, you can still put them out to reduce the mosquitoes in your yard. Are you still using oil in your traps? Did your trap maintenance slide as a result? Consider trying the new sticky card and funnel system to make maintaining your traps a breeze. You can order sticky cards, funnels and any other trap needs, at shop.biogents.com.

Even one ounce of water can breed mosquitoes. Tip or remove water that has collected as soon as possible. If you can't remove the water, put mosquito dunks or sprinkle mosquito bits in it. They kill larvae and do no harm to other species. Corrugated drainpipe is mosquito heaven—they love to breed in the water that collects in all those nooks and crannies. Put an end to their party by screening the pipes. Secure knee high stockings, screen or mesh to the end of the pipes and wrap a plastic bag around the aboveground joints. To increase awareness of this major breeding site, we will provide free screening materials to the first 25 residents that send us an email at upmosquitoc@gmail.com. Learn more about the UP Community Mosquito Control Program, including trap ordering information and how-to guides, at upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. Questions? Send an email to upmosquitoc@gmail.com.

—UP Community Mosquito Control Program Coordinators:

*Julie Ainsworth, Lynne Davidson,
David Brosch, Virginia Myers, Ed Wells*

Helping Hands University Park

Though we have cancelled all in-person programs and events during the pandemic, HHUP remains active, providing services and limited virtual programming to UP seniors. What kinds of services are we providing? Friendly calls and safe visits, shopping at all the area markets, Home Depot, Target and pharmacies, minor repairs inside and outside, help with computers and obtaining county or state services. Loud and appreciative shout outs to our busiest volunteers, Tom Wachs, Mary Love and Loretta Vitale Saks. Thank you so much for your incredible service to HHUP and to our HHUP seniors. Last month we and Hyattsville Aging in Place co-sponsored a program on COVID-19 featuring Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio, a geriatrician who has practiced in our area for decades. We reached our maximum of 100 registrants and had to add a waitlist. Dr. Trifoglio's talk was recorded and will be added to our HHUP web page at helpinghandsup.org



We are delighted to announce that Peggy Smith has not only joined our board but has also accepted the position of Board Secretary. Many thanks to Bob Saks, dedicated secretary since we began meeting in 2017, and welcome to Peggy. In addition to Peggy and Bob, HHUP board members are Loretta Vitale Saks, Linda Verrill and Leslie Jenkins. While gaining Peggy, we must say goodbye to Leslie, who is moving to PA to be closer to family. She will be sorely missed by all of us—we wish her the very best! Our board meets virtually the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30-7 PM. We'd love to have you join us. Email HHUniversityPark@gmail.com and we'll send you the Zoom link.

We continue to raise funds for our HHUP Temporary Assistance Fund. We are pleased to have already awarded 2 grants to UP seniors. The number and size of grants depend on how much money we raise on an ongoing basis. In addition to providing grants, HHUP will assist such individuals in locating additional resources. Please send your tax-deductible donation, payable to Town of



University Park, designated to HHUP-TAF to HHUP, c/o UP Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, MD 20782.

Thank you!

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HHUP Virtual Lunch Club, Wednesday, September 16, 12-1 PM Join us via Zoom to chat with fellow HHU-Pers over lunch. RSVP by calling 301-892-6636 or emailing HHUniversityPark@gmail.com and you will receive the Zoom link a few days before the lunch date.



Tree Committee News

It's time to select your trees and shrubs for the upcoming planting season, mid-October to late November. Before the leaves fall you can tell whether a shade or understory tree would be the appropriate choice. Those that are tree-wise AND budget-conscious will select a tree from the dozens of options available from UP's Tree Reimbursement program. Information is available online at upmd.org. Socially distanced consultations can be coordinated through TreeComm@UPMD.org.

Ivy League, Saturday, September 12, 9-11 AM The Ivy League removes ivy from the town's trees to safeguard their health. Volunteers can participate for the entire two hours or any portion thereof. Please dress appropriately for protection against the sun and common garden pests. Bring a pair of hand clippers and a prying tool—a dandelion weeder or large screwdriver both work well. We will assemble at the end of Tennyson near the soccer field.

June 15 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 item. Motion approved 7 to 0.

To combine down spouts and sump pump drainage to deposit into a dry well and direct overflow to the front slope located at 4400 Underwood Street. Note: Town Clerk Marcavitch said this has been reviewed by the Town's Engineer and the application reflects recommendations.

Public Comment

- Prince George's County Clerk of the Circuit Court Mahasin El Amin swore in three Councilmembers and the Mayor outside of Town Hall today, Monday, June 15 at 4 PM.
- A Councilmember reported that he is working with residents in local municipalities in organizing a fundraiser to raise money for local restaurants and to help anyone who is in need of food during this pandemic. Additional information on this project will be available in a couple of weeks.
- A resident thanked CM Brosch for his two years of service on the Council.

New Business

Motion: To approve the pandemic hazard pay proposal outlined in the staff report dated June 11, 2020 as amended. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: An amendment to increase the hazard pay to \$4.00 an hour supplement for the seven employees of the Public Works Department of Grade 5 or lower on the pay scale. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: It was agreed that the clerical staff be included, per the memo, even if the County will not reimburse the money to the Town.

Motion: To endorse the June 9, 2020 Statement by MML President Ryan Spiegel regarding racial injustice, and refer to the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee a request to draft recommendations for Council approval of a broader and more inclusive Town of University Park resolution. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor's Report

The Town election was very successful with a very nice swearing-in. Mayor Carey read a letter from Supervisor of Elections Stephanie Herold who recognized Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch for her work on the vote-by-mail election and attributed the success of this year's election to her.

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Council and Committee Reports

CM Roland Stephen, Ward 7 A resident suggested having a virtual Town Hall meeting to give the residents an opportunity to say more than is available through public comment at Council meetings. Mayor Carey said that he has considered different options for residents to have discussions safely during the pandemic. He suggested the soccer field, or the steps of the Word of God Baptist Church.

Development Overview Committee The Committee recently met and topics of discussion were: The Standard Project in College Park; the parking lot near the shopping mall; and housing on Knox Road.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 PM.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met on June 4 and topics of discussion were: status update on the municipal authority legislation; gas-powered leaf blowers; above ground pools and Town Code on fence heights.

Town Administrator David Deutsch A copy of the "Tracker" spreadsheet with pending Council items was distributed to Councilmembers. Any comments or concerns should be reported to Mr. Deutsch or Ms. Marcavitch. The plan is to share this spreadsheet on a monthly basis with Council.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch

- Photos were shared of the swearing-in that took place at Town Hall. The pictures are available on the Town's website under News and Announcements.
- Congratulations to the Councilmembers who were re-elected, the Mayor and the new Ward 1 Councilmember, Joel Biermann. She thanked CM Brosch for his service as Councilmember.
- The election went very well and she thanked Ms. Herold for the very kind letter and that she enjoyed working with her. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a Supervisor of Elections, please contact Ms. Marcavitch or Ms. Herold.
- We are currently reviewing and updating our policy and procedures for water drainage permits.
- There are two infographics coming out soon regarding composting and the building permit process.
- Registration is complete for those who will participate

in the Maryland Municipal League Virtual Summer Conference scheduled for June 29 & 30.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Submitted the Crime Report (March 26 - June 15). Incidents reported were in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- Two surplus bikes were sold for \$250.00 each.
- Mayor Carey and Chief Baker will complete their third "Walking Wednesday". This is a great opportunity to listen to residents and it has been very well received.
- Within the next two weeks, a GPS will be installed in all of the police vehicles.
- In review of the General Orders Manual, Chief Baker submitted a draft for Duty to Intervene and our vision of our rules of conduct.
- The General Orders will need to be updated to cover the language for the GPS.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden Submitted the May 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Thanked Councilmembers for their generosity to Public Works staff with awarding hazard pay.
- Pepco vegetation management is expected to begin at the end of the month.
- The RFP for Queens Chapel Road and the traffic circle design contract was released to six different firms. The intent is to have a recommendation for Council at the first meeting in July.
- The work on Clagett Road was done by mistake by WSSC. An agreement was made with WSSC that they not correct their mistake and pave the road. The Town's contractor will pave the road since specific work needs to be done prior to repaving.
- Construction is scheduled to begin before the end of June. The project will begin around the corner of Wells and Eversfield.
- A Councilmember expressed his concern of the huge amount of trash at a rental property that the Town had to pick up. There is no ordinance that limits the amount of trash to be picked up.
- A Councilmember thanked Mr. Beall and his staff for the beautiful work on the grounds behind the tennis courts on Queens Chapel Road.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9 PM.

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June 27 Special Session Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

- A resident thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for calling this Special Session to take up the very important Resolution on racial justice.
- A resident said she was grateful that this Special Session was taken up so quickly to talk about racial justice and hopes it is passed.
- A resident thanked the Mayor, Councilmembers and the Police Chief for working together on these very important issues. She is looking forward to seeing what is next and would like to know what citizens can do to support these efforts.
- A resident asked the Council to give this Resolution careful consideration and move it forward.
- The Town Clerk read a public comment opposing the Resolution that came in via email. "If Town Officials feel compelled to address national issues, I encourage them to do serious research into the issue before making proclamations about them and not to be seduced by poignant titles organizations adopt and instead look deeper into its agenda and actions."
- A former Councilmember supports the Resolution and is glad it is handled in a timely manner.

New Business

Motion: *To adopt Resolution 2020-R-05 adopting a Statement on Racial Justice, as amended.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Discussion

- The Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee drafted the Racial Justice Statement for Council to review.
- In reference to the draft Resolution on Racial Justice, "Whereas" #1 and #2 were replaced with CM Caskey's edits.
- No change made to "Whereas" #3 and #4.
- Change the word "declare" to "affirm" in "Whereas" #5.
- New paragraph replacing (...and we stand in solidarity... to address this systemic racism and violence) with "Be it further resolved that we stand in solidarity with those expressing their outrage, pain, and grief and who insist

on immediate meaningful reforms nationwide to address this systemic racism and violence."

- Add: and we support those who are doing so; after... government for a redress of grievances,
- Add the word "ongoing" after "dedicate ourselves to the critical."

Public Comment

A resident thanked everyone for the thoughtful discussion and suggested that University Park could look into removing restrictive covenants.

A Councilmember said that the community should write a letter about changing the Maryland song.

A Councilmember suggested having a permanent link on the Town's website with this important statement.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 11:50 AM.

July 6 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

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

To install a 3.5'x 7' shed located at 6912 Baltimore Avenue.

To construct a 20'x 24.5' second story addition located at 4120 Woodberry Street.

To construct 18'x 10' deck; replace an existing basement casement double window for a double hung egress window 51"H x 34 1/2" W; and install a 12'x 12' patio located at 4429 Underwood Street.

New Business

Motion: *To award the contract to Soltesz Engineering located in Rockville, Maryland for the amount of \$42,000 to design and engineer Queens Chapel Road, subject to review by the Town Attorney, and to direct the Mayor to sign the contract.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: *Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve a renewal contract with Verra Mobility at 1150 N. Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85201 to renew Red-Light Camera contract and revise the contract to include a*

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handheld speed camera, subject to review by the Town Attorney and reaching agreement within budgetary constraints; good cause having been demonstrated that the Town has worked with Verra Mobility (formerly American Traffic Solutions) for several years and is satisfied with their work and it is unlikely with one red-light camera to get a better bid from elsewhere. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve amendment of the General Order Manual revising section 406.0, Operations of Police Vehicles as amended to prohibit unauthorized passengers in police vehicles, to prohibit employees from purchasing alcoholic beverages in their police vehicle and/or operating police vehicle within 8 hours of consuming an alcoholic beverage and to allow installation of GPS devices in all police vehicles at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve amendment of the General Order Manual revising section 300.1, Rules of Conduct as amended to state the officer has a duty to report to a supervisor the neglect, misconduct, or disobedience of another employee, of which they have knowledge. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve amendment of the General Order Manual by adding new section 300.2, Duty to Intervene to state all Police Officers of University Park Police must intervene and act to prevent or stop any employee or officer from conducting any act that is unethical, or that violates law or policy (e.g., excessive force, theft, fraud, inappropriate language, sexual misconduct, harassment, falsifying documents, inappropriate behavior, etc.). Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: Chief Baker will share a copy of the department's Annual Communication Report to Councilmembers.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Code, to establish the Transit Task Force to assess the current bus operation and make recommendations for the future of transit in University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Council discussion of options for filling the Town Administrator position on a long-term (non-interim) basis.

■ Mr. Deutsch stated his interim part-time Town Administrator position contract ends on December 31, 2020. He asked if there is support/need for a full-time position? He pointed out that a part-time position is difficult to fill and there appears to be enough work for a

full-time position. He suggested it would be beneficial to consider a full-time Town Administrator.

- It took a long time to agree on a part-time Town Administrator position, it does not feel comfortable addressing a full-time position at this time. Councilmember recommended deferring for a couple of months.
- If more time is needed, the contract could be extended with Mr. Deutsch.
- There shouldn't be a lapse between Town Administrators.
- Revenue will be on the minds of the Town residents. Financial data will help in the decision making of a full-time Town Administrator and anything related to expenses.
- This topic will be brought back to the Council with more information in terms of revenues projections. Discussion will continue in September.

Mayor's Report

- Beginning on July 20, Mayor Carey will begin to implement a different order for Council meetings.
- A renewal contract with VEORIDE (Bikeshare) will be presented to the Council for approval at the July 20 Council meeting. The changes for the contract will be to exclude pedal bikes and enable changes in operating hours to make the system more available to Town residents.
- Mayor Carey and Chief Baker have scheduled a virtual Town Forum for Wednesday, July 15 (via Zoom) to discuss Community Policing and Racial Injustice. Details will be available on the Town's website.
- Mayor Carey responded to the question about now that we have a racial justice statement, "how we move forward with actions." He said that there should be a strategic process and the Council should determine what the actions should be. He hopes that the upcoming Town Forum scheduled for July 15 will begin the process and the Council may wish to support future forums leading toward a list of actions which the Town can take. This topic will be added to the next Council meetings agenda scheduled for July 20.
- Mayor Carey informed the Councilmembers that there are groups along the Route 1 corridor that have discussions on a variety of community issues and are open to those interested in getting involved to help make a change.

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Appointments – Standing and Special Committees

(Established by Town Code and appointed by the Council, per Section 2-103)

Current committee appointments are listed in *italics*; new members are listed in **bold**.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Members of Standing and Special Committees.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee

Mr. Schultz (Chair), **Mr. Biermann**, Mr. Stephen, Ms. Verrill, Ms. Wells

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee

Ms. Verrill (Co-chair), Ms. Morrissey (**Co-chair**), **Mr. Biermann**, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Stephen

Public Facilities and Services Committee

Mr. Caskey (Co-chair), Mr. Stephen (**Co-chair**), Ms. Morrissey, Ms. Wells

Development Overview Committee

Ms. Wells (Co-chair), **Mr. Biermann** (Co-chair), Mr. Caskey, **Mr. Deutsch** (staff liaison), Mr. Hess, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Tabori, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Tully

Helping Hands University Park

Ms. Saks (Chair), Mr. Saks, **Ms. Smith**, Ms. Verrill, **Ms. Jenkins**

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Town Administrator's Report

Staff received the retroactive pandemic hazard pay. Mr. Baden will submit for reimbursement from the County on a monthly basis going forward.

Council and Committee Reports

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16. Topics of discussion will include possible renovations on Town Hall.

Sustainability Committee The Committee met on July 1. Discussion included the Recertification of the Sustainable Maryland, and Climate Action Framework. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the Town website.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15.

Development Overview Committee There is currently no meeting scheduled for July.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met on Thursday, July 2. The minutes are not yet available.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:42 PM.

July 20 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Mayor Carey introduced County Councilmember Danielle Glaros to discuss CB-48-2020, County budget and taxation, and other County matters. Highlights of presentation by Councilmember Glaros:

- The best way to follow the County Council with regards to COVID-19 is through the Dashboard on their website.
- The County budget was passed virtually at the end of May.
- The County bill CB-48-2020, Homestead Property Tax, is going to be tabled because there is not enough support to move it forward.
- Prince George's County depends heavily on funding from the State and Federal Government. Visions and initiatives can be jeopardized in the County when funding is cut from these sources.

Consent Agenda

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

To repair 29'x 11' driveway and repair adjacent brick walkway located at 3905 Beechwood Road. Note: This building permit application was approved in 2016 but the work was never completed and the permit expired.

To construct a 28'x 18.8' and 4.5'x 9.6' two-story addition and an 18.4'x 12' and 9.6'x7.5' ground level terrace located at 7012 Wells Parkway. Note: Issuance of the Town permit is contingent upon receiving the County permit for the work as proposed.

Public Comment

A resident who experiences flooding at his home asked that the Town not consider any infrastructure along the creek until Nine Pond is complete. He asked if the Town

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could work with Riverdale Park, the County and the State to ensure there is a good flow of stormwater in Wells Run.

Mayor's Report

- The virtual Town Hall Forum on Community Policing was very successful, with excellent participation by Town residents and content from Chief Baker. The discussion was recorded and can be found on the Town website.
- Mayor Carey asked that the Public Comments section be used for residents only. It was agreed that "Council and Committee Reports" agenda item be changed to read "Council and Committee Comments and Reports."

Council and Committee Reports

Trees, Parks and the Environment Committee Chair Chris Aubry gave the Committee's 2019 Annual Report. A copy of the report was distributed to the Councilmembers. Questions/Discussion:

In response to a question on how the Committee communicates with residents, Mr. Aubry listed the following: Tree Education in the Town Newsletter; Tree-mendous on the listserve; tree map on the website; TreeCommentUPMD.org on the website. The Committee offers home/yard visits to assess ivy or assist with tree selection.

- Mayor Carey said that the Town has a new communications initiative and he suggested something could be done to update residents using infographics regarding the tree program.
- A goal for 2020 is to talk about a Tree Ordinance for the Town.
- A Councilmember noted that the picture of the Sourwood tree is not correct in the Tree Manual. She also said that there are many homeowner trees that are unhealthy or have died over the past several years and the Committee may consider giving these homeowners some guidance on replacing these trees.
- A Councilmember asked if there are any plans for the damaged Town holiday tree? Mr. Aubry said there are no plans. CM Morrissey said that in the last budget cycle the Committee attempted to address the Holiday Tree as part of improvements to Henson Green, but it was a casualty of public outcry.
- Mr. Aubry responded to a question by saying that when the Tree Committee plants trees, they carefully consider the placement of a tree.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The Committee re-evaluated the requirements for Town Hall. The notes from the meeting can be found on the website.

Policy Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee discussed allowing six-foot fences. Details on this can be found in the Committee's report on the Town website. This topic will be on the agenda at the August 17 Council meeting.

Continuing Business

Discussion of next steps for Council actions, following the Virtual Town Hall Forum on Community Policing:

- A Councilmember said that he has a lot of confidence in the University Park Police Department, although there is a serious gap of confidence in law enforcement in Prince George's County, the Sheriff's Department and the Park and Planning Police Department. He suggested that the Council be aware of law enforcement issues County wide.
- Mayor Carey said that he hopes to have a social distanced strategic planning retreat in the fall to discuss issues and the topic of racial justice actions will be one of the items.

New Business

Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve a contract with Capitol Flexi-pave of 39024 E. Colonial Hwy. Hamilton, VA 20158 in the amount of \$37,179, to install 425 feet of pervious asphalt path in a designated location across the Adelphi Road field adjacent to the Meadow and connecting between the sidewalk adjacent to Adelphi Road and the park path of University Park, subject to review by the Town Attorney; good cause having been demonstrated that Capitol Flexi-pave is the more experienced of two firms in the area which install pervious asphalt paving, and awarding the contract as recommended will enable the path to be installed much sooner. The Town has worked with Capitol Flexi-pave for several years and is satisfied with their work. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Joe Thompson as Chair and Kelly Hilovsky, Emily Ryan, David Tully, Carol Weese and Emily Alvarez as members of the Transit Task Force, with Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch as staff liaison and Mayor Len Carey as ex officio. Motion approved 6 to 0.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: To amend 2020-R-02 to add language authorizing the Mayor to waive rental license application fees in cases where rent has not been paid and the owner is unable to evict, so long as the owner or manager provides supporting documentation and completes the application and self-inspection process.

Motion: To table the motion in order to get better clarification. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To authorize the extension of the pilot program and the contract for an additional year from August 1 with Veoride for a micro-mobility system including scooters and e-bikes, subject to review by the Town Attorney, and to authorize the Mayor to sign it. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch The July 15 Town Forum can be found on the website under the News and Announcements section and it can also be found on the left-hand column on the Police page. The July/August newsletter included the newest infographic for the Compost Program and the Building Permit infographic is complete and will be available soon on the Town's website.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Distributed the Crime Report from June 15-July 19, 2020 with two incidents (Ward 4 and Ward 6).
- Chief Baker attended a workshop on Police Accountability and Reforms. He is scheduled to attend the following workshops on: Community Center Innovations through Public Safety; Speeding Diverse Approach to Achieving Cultural Change which addresses speed trends based on the pandemic; and the Speed Monitoring Systems Program Administrator course.
- An officer is scheduled to attend MPCTC Basic Instruction Training and two officers are scheduled to attend Implicit Bias Training.
- The Prince George's County Executive is encouraging the community to visit their website and fill out a short survey on a Police Chief search.

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

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Pepco is currently working in Town along with the construction crew for the infrastructure project. Pepco has removed all of the public trees that were on the list to

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be removed. The next phase for the infrastructure project is paving of the streets and that should begin in early September.

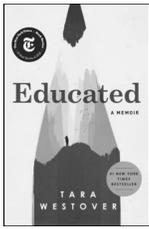
- A water fountain has been installed at the playground on Wells Parkway. Mr. Beall will investigate whether the water should be turned off during the COVID pandemic.
- In reference to composting, there have been approximately 50 new requests since July and 65 since the beginning of the year. This brings the total to approximately 320 residents involved in composting.
- In reference to the memo on the paving contract, Mr. Beall said that the benches and signage will not be installed until the path is in place.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:44 PM.

Obituary

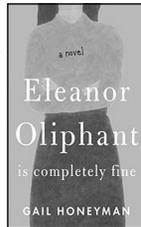
Longtime University Park resident Ernest Kraft, 92, passed away peacefully at his son and daughters-in-law's home on August 5, due to complications from Alzheimer's disease and a stroke. Ernest was born and raised in Trenton, NJ, graduated from Hamilton High School and spent a year at Trenton State College before serving in the US Army during the Korean War. In 1960 Ernest moved his family to University Park, working the majority of his career for Owings Corning Fiberglass as a mid-Atlantic sales manager. He loved spending his summers at Sherwood Forest on the Severn River. He enjoyed exercising, running, playing tennis, softball, played organized soccer all the way into his 70s and was famously known for doing backflips into the pool at Sherwood Forest into his 80s. Ernest was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be missed by many. He was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie Kraft; son, Kenneth Kraft; brothers, George Kraft and Donald H. Kraft; and niece, Marjorie Mead. He is survived by his son, Donald J. Kraft and wife Linda; grandsons, Sean and Jason Kraft; sister-in law, Anne Kraft; and many nieces and nephews.





After Eight Book Group
Tuesday, September 15, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group is now meeting virtually. September's selection is *Educated* by Tara Westover. The book for October is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Those interested in joining should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



P.O. Box 222, Riverdale, MD 20738-0222 We welcome everyone to join in the club's motto of "living the volunteer spirit."



University Park Woman's Club News

In the July-August newsletter, the names of the five scholars who were awarded UPWC scholarships this year were listed. There were a number of applications this year and the quality of the applications was exceptional. Usually, two scholarships are awarded- the Doris McPhee Scholarship for students enrolled at Northwestern H.S. and another for those living in University Park or related to a member of the club. This year, there were two Doris McPhee Scholarship winners and three University Park Scholarship winners. Because of the pandemic, the Annual June Scholarship Luncheon was cancelled and instead a video was made featuring the five scholars. This video is available through a link at www.womensclubUP.com

October Speaker

Because the risk from Covid-19 continues, the University Park Woman's Club is cancelling its traditional first meeting in October. Our guest speaker is Delegate Anne Healey speaking on the importance of voting and the significance of this November's election as the 100th anniversary of women voting nationally. Though we won't meet in person, we'll feature Delegate Healey's presentation through the UPWC website as listed above.



Membership

As we end the 79th year of UPWC in University Park and look forward to the 80th birthday of the club in February 2021, we invite all women to join. The cost is only \$35 a year. To join, please include the information below and mail with a check or join online with PayPal. Required membership information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Email. Mail a check of \$35 to UPWC,

Route One Communities Care Fundraiser

Covid-19 is having devastating effects on our Prince George's County communities and it's becoming apparent that it will have long-term implications. Our locally owned restaurants along the Route One corridor and community members who have become unemployed or are struggling to make ends meet need us. As members of a coalition of concerned Prince George's County citizens, Greater Riverdale Cares & Route One Communities Care ask you to help. Your donations will pay for the preparation and distribution of nutritious meals for our neighbors facing food insecurity.

Restaurants in Riverdale, Hyattsville and College Park are currently participating or will join soon. Please consider making a donation (any amount will help) by going to: <https://gf.me/u/x4bmfa>. Under "Donation Details", select "Route One Communities Care" as the referrer. (Tipping GoFundMe is optional.) As the pandemic is likely to continue to affect our community well into the future, we hope you might make a regular monthly contribution. We have formed a partnership with Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation, which will act as our fiscal agent, having served low income individuals and small businesses in the region for many years. To learn more, please visit our website: feedrouteone.org.

-The members of Route One Communities Care



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hyattsville Library Virtual Film Discussion with Catherine Murphy, director of *Maestra*, Monday, September 21, 7 PM

Please join us in celebrating Literacy and Hispanic Heritage months with a virtual film discussion with documentary filmmaker Catherine Murphy. *Maestra* highlights the stories of nine women, including testimonies of Afro-Cuban/Afro-Latina women as they look back at their experiences as teachers in the Cuban Literacy Campaign in 1961. With 1 million other volunteers they spent a year educating children and adults in rural villages around the country. View the film in advance on PGCMLS Online Resource Kanopy at Kanopy.com. To register for the discussion, contact Susan Misleh at susan.misleh@pgcmls.info.

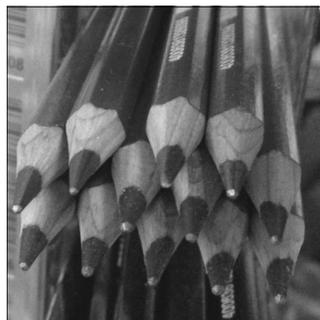


College Park Arts Exchange



College Park Arts Exchange is planning a limited fall season. Online activities that are appropriate for adults and older kids will include Zoom instruction in Line Dancing with Karen Stewart (Fridays 10 AM), Introduction to Tap with Elizabeth Gardner (Saturdays 11:30 AM), Explore Creative Writing with Melissa Sites (select Saturdays 10 AM) and Draw Like an Artist with Racquel Keller (select Saturdays 10 AM). Distanced Art Projects for kids are also under development. CPAE is also planning Labor Day Porch Play, a distanced Live Music event across Labor Day Weekend. Learn more about CPAE fall programs by visiting cpae.org, subscribe to our e-newsletter, like College Park Arts Exchange on Facebook, or email info@cpae.org.

Mary Amato and John Feffer will offer **Virtual Day-Long Novel-Writing Retreats** through CPAE: Sunday, August 30, Mechanics & Process; Saturday, Sept. 26, Tense & Time; Sunday, November 1, Voice & POV; Saturday, November 21, Recurring Symbolism & Surprising Metaphors. Go to cpae.org and click on August 30 for more information and to register.



2020 Presidential General Election & Early Voting Information

1. What is the safest way to vote? To reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19, we encourage voters to vote by mail. An application will automatically be mailed to your home during the week of August 24, 2020. But there are 3 ways you can request a mail-in ballot NOW:

- Online if you have a Maryland's driver's license or MVA-issued ID card at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>

- Complete and return a Mail-in Ballot Application. Download, read the instructions, enter the required information, print the form, sign it, and return it to your local board of elections. You can return it by mail, fax, or email (scanned as an attachment).

- Get one from the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD, 20774 complete, and turn in the form.

2. Will I be mailed an actual ballot like in the 2020 Primary Election? No. You will not automatically be mailed a ballot. You will only receive a ballot if you request one (see above).

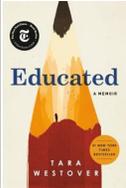
3. When will I receive my ballot once my application is processed? Ballots will be mailed in mid-September. They are NOT available now.

4. What is the deadline to submit the application to receive a mail-in ballot? All ballot applications must be returned to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office no later than Monday, October 20, 2020. The application must be physically in the office by 4:30 pm on that date. To ensure that you receive a ballot in a timely manner, it is *highly recommended* that you submit your ballot application much earlier than the deadline.

5. What kind of ID is required to cast a ballot by mail? If you are a registered voter and voted before, no ID is required to receive or submit a ballot by mail. A very small number of newly registered voters may need to provide ID with their voted ballots. If you have to provide ID, there will be instructions with your ballot.

6. Can I drop my ballot in a Board of Elections Drop Box? Yes. The Prince George's County Board of Elections will have drop boxes in various locations throughout the County. Any ballots dropped in those boxes will be picked up by Board of Elections' staff and delivered directly to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office. The locations and dates that the drop boxes will be installed will be posted at the end of August 2020.

September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Trash	2	3	4 Recycling	5
6	7 Town Holiday	8 Trash	9 Yard Waste	10	11 Recycling	12
13	14 Yard Waste, Town Council, 7:30 PM	15 Trash, After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM	16 	17	18 Recycling	19
20	21 Yard Waste	22 Trash	23	24	25 Recycling	26
27	28 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	29 Trash	30	<i>Save the Date!</i> October 24 Shredding, Electronics & Paint Recycling Event		

FREE SHREDDING & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Paint Recycling for \$5 per can for University Park Residents

Saturday, October 24, 9 AM-1 PM

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

Wait, don't put it in the trash. Recycle it! Bring your driver's license for proof of residency. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc., in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Bring paint in original cans for paint recycling, \$5 per can. Cash, check, or charge accepted.

Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.

Acceptable Items

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

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



What items are not acceptable?

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

What types of batteries are not acceptable?

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



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4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	David Caskey	301-699-8785
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	Roland Stephen	919-522-5589

NEWSLETTER

The October newsletter deadline is Saturday, September 5. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com or sent via www.upmd.org > Communications > Contact. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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