

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we do not recommend Halloween trick or treating in University Park this October 31. Orders of the County Executive and the County Health Officer restrict gathering size, require physical distancing between family groups or individuals, and require effective facial covering or masks when those distances cannot be maintained. It is difficult to satisfy those requirements while doing traditional trick or treating, creating an unsafe situation for all. We regret sounding like the Halloween grinch, but suggest you turn off porch and other outside front lights on October 31 to discourage trick-or-treaters from coming to your door. Recently the Centers for Disease Control provided guidance for safely celebrating Fall and Winter holidays with lower- and moderate-risk activities, Halloween included, which we recommend for your consideration.

Town playgrounds reopened on September 4 with necessary rules for their use, recognizing that COVID-19 is highly contagious and risks extend to friends and family as well. All persons on the playground age 5 years or older must wear a facial covering or mask over the mouth and nose. Maintain at least 6' physical distancing between individuals/family groups. Respect capacity limits of no more than 15 persons at the Tot Lot and 35 persons at the Wells Parkway Playground. All users are encouraged to use the hand-sanitizer stations available at both playgrounds, and to wash their hands when they get home.

The rules provide necessary precautions, some already mandated by the State. I urge you to provide strong parental and community support to reinforce these rules

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Holiday	October 12
Town Council	October 5 & 19
Recycling & Shredding Event	October 24

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

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and other good practices and help keep our community safe.



We are pleased to report the sale of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Albion Road property to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is now complete. The 6-acre property on Albion Road in College Park is across Baltimore Avenue from Town Hall and adjacent to Riverdale Park Station and was zoned for single-family residential development. WMATA listed the property as surplus, and a sale to a developer was underway when the City of College Park, Town of University Park, and Town of Riverdale Park urged M-NCPPC to instead acquire it. With timely assistance by County Council Member Dannielle Glaros and state legislators, and quick action by M-NCPPC, the sale has been completed.

The property connects to the trail network and recreational spaces in the Route 1 Corridor. We anticipate conversations with the surrounding communities, University Park included, regarding how the site will be used. On the adjacent Trolley Trail, we have seen chalked signs suggesting there may already be a "magical forest" on the site and a yoga park or pocket park have been suggested. The possibilities for open space or passive recreation with low-impact amenities are interesting. Amid the pandemic, isn't it nice to have this small addition to area outdoor public space and to envision the possibilities?

*—Len Carey*

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

### Curbside Leaf Vacuuming

Leaf vacuuming will begin November 2, 2020 and runs through January 8, 2021. After January 8, bagged (paper bags) leaves will be collected **on Mondays** with yard waste collection.

Public Works crews generally vacuum leaves counter-clockwise through town wards and a tentative November schedule will be posted to the public works calendar in late October. The tentative December schedule will be posted in late November. Please note the schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice.

**Do check the public works calendar** and homepage periodically for leaf collection updates.

**Do not rake or blow leaves** into the street. Leaf piles in the street reduces on-street parking and narrows the roadway creating a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians. They may also cause a flooding hazard and make snow plowing much more difficult in the event of snow.

**Do make sure there are no rocks, sticks, metal, etc.** in your leaf piles.

**Residents and contractors are asked to ensure there are only leaves** in their piles. Other debris damages the collection equipment and slows the collection process.

**Do not expect crews to backtrack** to collect leaves raked to the curb after they have been past your home.



### Attention: Teen Workers

A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year in the Newsletter. University Park teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents (raking, shoveling, car washing, pet care, etc.) should email their name, age, phone number, email address, street name and service(s) offered to [univparknews@gmail.com](mailto:univparknews@gmail.com) before October 6 for publication in the November Newsletter.

## FROM THE CHIEF

October is National Crime Prevention Month. This annual event is observed by government agencies, civic groups and residents alike. It provides an opportunity to make sure we are doing all we can to keep our homes and families safe. Crime Prevention Month is especially important this year since many have been settled in at home and perhaps not thinking about crime prevention during the pandemic. Now that school and businesses have reopened, our trips away from home may increase. It is good practice to become more vigilant and aware of your surroundings to prevent crime.

University Park Police recognizes the importance of National Crime Prevention Month and hopes you will join us by acting on these basic crime prevention tips. Many of these tips are not new but are a good reminder that can make a difference when you take precautions to safeguard yourself, your family and your property.



Remember three factors must be present for a crime to occur: desire, ability and opportunity. You can have a significant impact on the last one—opportunity—and reduce crime by following these simple crime prevention tips:

### Personal Safety

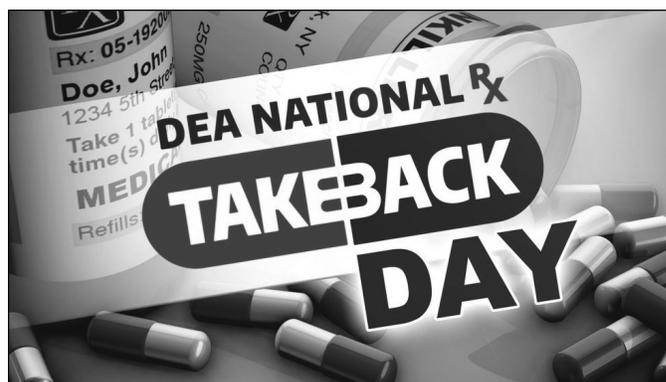
- Plan your route ahead of time. Never walk alone at night; walk with a friend or your dog.
- Carry signaling devices like shriek alarms or a whistle.
- Be alert to your surroundings. Always look inside your vehicle before getting in.
- Turn your vehicle off and lock the doors when getting gas at a service station.
- Do not carry large sums of money or wear valuable jewelry.

### Family

- Have teens put an ICE (In Case of Emergency) number in their smart phone memory. This will assist police in the event of an accident.
- Do not post pictures and messages on social media that inform people of your location and/or that you are away from home.
- Never share your passwords with anyone, except parents and spouses.
- Never meet anyone face-to-face whom you only know online.
- Do not leave small electronics items such as cell phones, iPads and MP3 players unattended or unsecured.

### At Home

- Use a door view or doorbell camera when answering your door. Always demand identification from strangers.
- Always lock your home before leaving and do not hide your house keys outside anywhere. Set your alarm when you are away from home.
- Have keys ready and in your hand for immediate use when you return home.
- Do not give out your personal identification information or credit card information over the phone or text messages unless you initiated the call.
- Safeguard your home while you are away on vacation. Contact the University Park Police to conduct house checks during your absence.



### DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day, *Saturday, October 24 10 AM–2 PM*

University Park Police supports the DEA's safe disposal of drugs and will participate in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at Town Hall. UP residents are encouraged to drop off prescription and over-the-counter drugs during the event. The University Park Police will take the drugs to DEA for proper disposal. Please wear your mask.

If you are unable stop by Town Hall during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, you can find permanent nearby disposal locations at the DEA website: [apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s2](https://apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s2)

**Vandalism** On July 28 at 10:17 PM, a resident in the 6800 Block of Pineway observed an unknown suspect punch and kick her parked vehicle. After damaging the vehicle, the suspect got back into his vehicle and drove away. The resident attempted to record the vandalism but was not able to obtain a clear recording. Currently there are no suspects.

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**Vandalism** On July 28, a resident in the 6800 block of Wells Pkwy observed that someone had pulled down his flagpole and damaged it. Earlier in the day an Amazon driver had complimented the resident on the flag. Currently there are no suspects.

**Theft** On August 10 at 7:10 AM, a resident discovered someone stole her unlocked vehicle from the driveway in the block of 4300 Tuckerman St. The resident left the key inside the vehicle. Currently there are no suspects.

**Theft** On August 10 at 7 AM, a resident in the 4200 block of Woodberry St. discovered someone had entered his unlocked parked vehicle overnight and stolen a gas credit card. The credit card was cancelled. Currently there are no suspects.

**Theft** On August 11 at 8 AM, a resident discovered someone had entered the parked unlocked vehicle overnight and stole two Ray-Ban sunglasses. The vehicle was parked unlocked in the 4000 block of Tennyson Rd. Currently there are no suspects.

**Theft** On August 13 at 12 PM, the resident discovered someone had entered the parked unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a change purse that contained \$2.00 of assorted change. The change purse was recovered and returned to its owner. Currently there are no suspects.

**Theft** On August 15 at 9 AM, a resident in the 4200 block of Van Buren St. discovered someone stole her bike that was left inside of an unlocked parked vehicle. The vehicle was not damaged. Currently there are no suspects.

### Helping Hands University Park



We begin with thank yous this month. Thanks to Mary Love and Helena Benes Kaiser who have been shopping weekly for several members since the beginning of this pandemic as well as delivering meals to homebound members. And a huge thank you to Tom Wachs and Ned Goldberg, HHUP volunteers extraordinaire. When pieces of wet plaster fell from a member's ceiling, Tom was soon on hand to investigate. He climbed into the attic, and cleaned up the wet, messy pieces of plaster. Ned Goldberg soon joined Tom to do the detective work of figuring out where water was mysteriously coming from.

Phone calls were made, plumbers and roofers consulted, and the necessary work is being taken care of. This was clearly well beyond the scope of being an HHUP volunteer! However, it's no surprise that friendships develop between members and volunteers, and that some go well beyond the call of doing our typical small repairs!

Thanks to Gerry Hendershot for sharing Old Age, by Frederick Buechner, an excerpt follows:

"Old age is not, as the saying goes, for sissies. There are some lucky ones who little by little slow down to be sure, but otherwise go on to the end pretty much as usual. For the majority, however, it's like living in a house that's in increasing need of repairs.... The eighty-year-old body can be in precarious shape, yet the spirit within as full of beans as ever. If that leads senior citizens to think of all the things they'd still love to do but can't anymore, it only makes things worse. But it needn't work that way.

Second childhood commonly means something to steer clear of, but it can also mean something else. It can mean that if your spirit is still more or less intact, one of the benefits of being an old crock is that you can enjoy again something of what it's like being a young squirt...

Very young children and very old children also seem to be in touch with something that the rest of the pack has lost track of. There is something bright and still about them at their best, like the sun before breakfast. Both the old and the young get scared sometimes about what lies ahead of them, and with good reason, but you can't help feeling that whatever inner goldenness and peace they're in touch with will see them through in the end." (Originally published in *Whistling in the Dark* and later in *Beyond Words*.)

**Sunday, October 4, 4-5:30 PM - UP Poets and HHUP Open Mike program via Zoom**

**Tuesday, October 20, 5:30-7 PM - Monthly HHUP Steering Committee meeting via Zoom**

**Wednesday, October 21, 12-1 PM - HHUP Virtual Lunch via Zoom**

RSVP to 301-892-6636 or HHUniversity-Park@gmail.com.

### Tree Committee News

#### Tree Reimbursement Program—Now's the Time

Cast your vote for Mother Earth this fall. Vote forward by planting a tree. Select your tree from the dozens of options available through UP's Tree Reimbursement program available online at upmd.org. Now's the time to

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purchase and plant. If you can't decide which tree works best for you, schedule a socially distanced consultation through [TreeComm@UPMD.org](mailto:TreeComm@UPMD.org).

**Ivy League, Saturday, October 10, 9-11 AM (or any portion thereof)** The COVID-observant Ivy League removes ivy from the town's trees to safeguard their health. Please dress appropriately for prevailing weather and common garden pests. Though outdoors, bring a face mask for contingencies. Please bring a pair of hand clippers and a prying tool—a dandelion weeder or large screwdriver are both field proven. Assemble at the Little Library, SW corner of the soccer field.



**Annual Community Tree Planting, Saturday, October 17, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM** UP's Annual Community Tree Planting will take place this year in the news between Henson Green (QCR & Sheridan St) and East-West Highway. TPE's intent is to plant 10 trees and 30 native shrubs, and ultimately add some benches. As is the custom, Public Works will pre-dig the holes; we will widen, augment, plant and backfill. We will be physically distancing and require that all participants bring a face mask in case it's needed. Community Service forms will be signed if provided onsite. Assemble at Henson Green, Queen's Chapel Road. Please bring a favorite tree/shrub planting shovel.

### UP Community Mosquito Control Program

#### Fight the Bite without Pesticides



Have you noticed more mosquitoes in your yard this year? The combination of a very mild winter, lots of rain, plus summer heat and humidity created

the perfect recipe for mosquito breeding and activity. With a perfect storm of conditions like these, it is important to be extra diligent about removing standing water from your yard and ensure your traps are properly maintained. Without our participation in the Mosquito Control Program, our mosquito population surely would have been much larger this year. We want to thank all

the Block Captains who volunteered this year to help their neighbors control mosquitoes. Block Captains help educate neighbors about how to remove standing water where mosquitoes breed and how to deploy and maintain traps. Thank you for helping to make our program a success!



Through October, please keep your traps deployed and maintained. In November, clean them out (all plastic parts can be put in the dishwasher) and store them in an enclosed space, away from winter weather. Traps that are exposed to temperatures below freezing for an extended period of time can shatter, making them unusable next year. To learn more about the program, including how to remove mosquito habitat from your yard and maintain traps, at [upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control](http://upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control). Questions or comments? Please send us an email at: [upcmosquitoc@gmail.com](mailto:upcmosquitoc@gmail.com).—UP Community Mosquito Control Program Coordinators: Julie Ainsworth, Lynne Davidson, David Brosch, Virginia Myers, Ed Wells

### Sustainability Committee News

The storms of the past year brought the usual flooded basements in town and overflowing stream. As the climate changes, storms and stormwater runoff will get worse. While federal, state, county and even town governments need to work on big-picture infrastructure measures to handle that, we as homeowners can do a number of things to improve drainage and slow stormwater runoff on our properties and throughout town. Happily, rebates are available from Prince George's County to cover part or all of the costs.

The Rain Check Rebate Program is an environmental initiative by the County Department of the Environment and adminis-



tered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Rebate-qualified improvements include rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, permeable pavement, impermeable pavement removal and green roofs. Depending on the scope, a project can qualify for a rebate up to \$4,000. County rebates for planting trees are not available in University Park because the town has its own program to subsidize planting shade and understory trees. Call Town Hall at 301-927-

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4262 for information. Rain Check Rebate projects must be pre-approved and completed within 12 months (this timeframe is flexible due to COVID-19). Staff can help with the technical aspects and are willing to evaluate your property and explain possible projects by zoom meeting or phone. For more information and to apply online, visit [cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/](http://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/). If you have questions, contact Nguyen Le at the Chesapeake Bay Trust at 410-974-2941 x 110 or email [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org).

### August 17 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 construct a 24'x 24' detached garage (max 15' height) with 8'x 24' lean-to, 1,100 square foot driveway extension and to remove shed at 4205 Tuckerman Street.*

*To install a 9'x 18' patio at 4408 Beechwood Road.*

*To install a 18.9'x 9' patio at 4410 Beechwood Road.*

*To replace a 4' fence at 4403 Van Buren Street.*

*To remove existing shed and replace with a 8'x 10' shed on concrete pad at 4208 Sheridan Street.*

*A dumpster permit has been issued for 30 days and extended by the Mayor for an additional 60 days, and will expire on August 30. Due to exceptional circumstance of COVID-19 precautions, the demolition of the construction project is being done in phases. Construction completion date is projected for early November. Per Town Code Section 7-107, Ms. Cone is asking Council to extend the dumpster permit for an additional 60 days, until October 30, 2020.*

*To authorize amendment to Exhibit A, Terms of Service, to the VeoRide Agreement, to allow VeoRide until November 20, 2020, to develop a digital or other solution to provide two-tier hours of operation, so that micro-mobility vehicle services can available 24 hours per day/7 days per week in the Town.*

*To authorize the Mayor to receive grant funds awarded from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to be applied toward signage, a water fountain and improvements to Town park paths as budgeted.*

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Carey was appointed to the Legislative Committee of the Maryland Municipal League. This will be his 5th year on the Committee.

Received many emails from residents about the pro-nouncement regarding the playgrounds.

#### Committee Reports and Council Comments

CM Wells, Ward 6 Residents of several local municipalities are organizing an event that will tie in with the Unity March at the Lincoln Memorial scheduled for August 28. The plan is to march along the Route 1 corridor to the African American Museum in North Brentwood. This is also an opportunity for Voting Registrars to register voters.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee No August meeting.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee No August meeting.

Public Facilities and Services Committee No August meeting.

#### Continuing Business

*Motion: To amend 2020-R-02 to add language authorizing the Mayor to defer 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 approved 7 to 0.

#### New Business

Introduction of Legislative Resolution 20-O-07: Exemption From County Legislation (First Reading)

*Motion: To introduce Legislative Resolution 20-O-07 to amend Chapter 1 "General Provisions", by enacting §1-109, "Exemption from County legislation" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to exempt the Town of University Park, a municipal corporation, from all legislation heretofore or hereafter enacted by Prince George's County, Maryland, relating to any subject upon which the Mayor and Common*

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*Council of the Town have heretofore been or are hereafter granted legislative authority either by public general law or by the Town Charter.* Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is September 14, 2020.

**Motion:** *To introduce emergency Legislative Resolution 20-O-08 to amend Chapter 1 “General Provisions”, by enacting §9-109, “Speed monitoring system” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to conform the Town code language with that of amended §21-809 of the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to include mobile in addition to stationary cameras, and to include zones within ½ mile of an institute of higher education.* Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is September 14, 2020. If adopted, the resolution will take effect immediately.

The Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee recently met and after some discussion a majority of the Committee decided to recommend allowance for backyard fence heights up to 6 feet. CM Verrill asked the Town Attorney to develop legislation that would allow the Council to vote to allow 6 foot fences.

### *Discussion*

- Need to be more specific about side yards.
- The set-back on corner lots is a Town requirement, not the County.
- There may be a desire on the part of the Town to continue to review the permits and not defer totally to the County.
- Need to stop having ordinances on the books that aren't enforced.
- A resident has the right to feel secure at their home so they should be allowed to have a 6 foot fence.
- Six foot fences should not be allowed in the front yard.
- It was recommended that the Council allow some time before making a final decision on allowing 6 foot fences since there are residents who have strong feelings about the fence heights.

**Motion:** *Council directs the Town Attorney to draft amendments to the current Town Code to allow backyard fences to be 6 feet in height.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### **Administrator and Department Reports**

*Town Administrator David Deutsch* In reference to the COVID-19 pandemic, University Park will soon receive

federal money through the County. Mayor Carey said that Mr. Deutsch came aboard four months ago and has been instrumental in many things such as safely opening the playground. The ability to professionalize the operation is an outstanding reason for having a Town Administrator.

*Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch* The fall Maryland Municipal League Conference (virtual) is scheduled for October 8-9. Those who would like to attend should inform Ms. Marcavitch.

### *Chief of Police Harvey Baker*

- Distributed the Crime Report, July 20 - August 17 in Wards 1, 2, 4, and 6.
- September 2—Annual Patrol Rifle Qualification Training.
- September 8—Annual Firearms Qualification Training.
- September 14-16—Annual In-Service Training.
- Traffic enforcement update: 110 enforcement actions were taken from July 4—August 10.
- Corporal Morris completed the MPTC Instructor school for the Taser 7. He is looking to become a taser instructor. In September, a taser instructor from the Maryland National Capital Park Police will train all of the University Park officers.
- A Councilmember would like to see the officers have assigned beats within Wards. This will give residents an opportunity to know the police officers.
- A Councilmember thanked the Chief for the recently installed LED flashing stop signs.

*Town Treasurer Dan Baden* Distributed the July 2020 Treasurer's Report. The reimbursement for the COVID expense is going to be approximately \$63,000.00.

### *Director of Public Works Michael Beall*

- The Beechwood Road bridge assessment site work has been completed and now waiting for the report from the engineer.
  - An engineer has been hired to review land records and easements for the several stormwater management systems within the Town which have not yet been accepted by the County. This topic will come back to the Council for discussion when the report is complete.
  - The Queens Chapel Road design is underway and completion is expected in October.
  - Road construction is taking place throughout the Town.
- WSSC road work is taking place on Van Buren Street,

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completing repairs due since 2015.

- WSSC has approved a reimbursement amount of \$582,000 for Town road work. Washington Gas will reimburse University Park \$5,895 for locations where they had done road work. A report will be available in September with more information on this topic.
- The contract for the path adjacent to the Adelphi Meadow is out for signature. The goal is to have the path completed by mid-September.
- A member of the Sustainability Committee said that he will work on getting volunteers to help maintain the Adelphi Meadow. Mr. Beall confirmed that the Town will mow the meadow every March.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:14 PM.

### Obituary

**Longtime UP resident Robert Slack of Forest Hill Drive** passed away on August 27, 2020 at Capital Caring Hospice in Lanham due to complications from a stroke and emphysema. He was born in Uniontown, PA on July 24, 1934. Bob lived in PA, MD, NY and Ohio before moving with his family to University Park in 1950. He was in the first graduating class at Northwestern High School in 1952. Bob attended the University of Maryland and the College of William and Mary before serving in the US Army for two years at Ft. Eustis, VA. Bob was a 36-year employee of United Airlines until retiring in 1989. He then worked for Galileo World Travel until 1996. Later he worked at the Hyattsville Memorial Library from 2003-2017. Bob was a member of University United Methodist Church in College Park and Chair of the Board of Trustees. Bob is survived by his devoted wife of almost 60 years, June, his beloved sons, Andrew (Jennifer) of Charlottesville, VA and Kevin (Virginia) of Ellicott City, his cherished grandsons, James, Leland and Jack and cherished granddaughter, Banner. He is also survived by siblings, John Slack and Jane Fox. A memorial service will be held after the pandemic ends.

### Poetry Reading

**Sunday, October 4, 4-5:30 PM (via Zoom)**

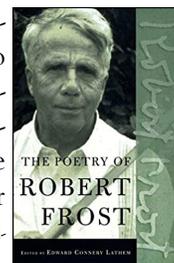
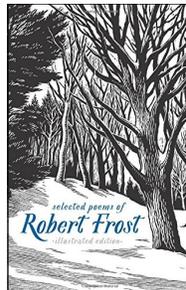
Open microphone reading. Bring a poem, your own or another, to read aloud and discuss, or come to listen and share. Any topic is fine, including Halloween. Please email [lorettahup@gmail.com](mailto:lorettahup@gmail.com) for a Zoom invitation, Questions, please email [ghendershot@earthlink.net](mailto:ghendershot@earthlink.net). Sponsored by Helping Hands of University Park and University Park Poets.

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### After Eight Book Group

**Tuesday, October 20, 8-10 PM**

The After Eight Book Group is now meeting virtually. For October, we're going to discuss the poems of Robert Frost. Pick your favorite to read and tell the group why. The book for November is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Those interested in joining should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



### University Park Woman's Club News

**Monday, November 2, 12 PM (via Zoom)**

The University Park Woman's Club will host a Zoom meeting to hear a presentation by Hiwot Haileselassie. Hiwot (Hy-ot) is an architect; born, raised and educated in Ethiopia. She currently works as a Project Manager on multiple projects for Prince George's County Public Schools. She will discuss the new Renaissance Dam on the Nile River, how the new Ethiopian Prime Minister, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, is advocating for it and the United States' role in the matter. This discussion will show the significance of water use rights for the Nile River. The water right was decided by a 1929 Colonial treaty signed by England and its Nile downstream colonies at the time, Egypt and the Sudan. This treaty completely left out Ethiopia even though Ethiopia is the source of 85% of the water for the Nile. Hiwot will discuss who built the dam and the impact it will have in lifting the standard of living for millions of Ethiopians and other East Africans. UPWC members will receive the link to tune in to this interesting and timely presentation. Non-members can view the presentation on the UPWC website ([www.womensclubUp.com](http://www.womensclubUp.com)) after November 7.

*Please Note:* The UPWC will not be selling White House ornaments this holiday season.

### Help Fight Food Insecurity Near Home

#### St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry has been operating since 1991. Food is provided at no cost and without any obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens and children in need. Before the COVID-19 pandemic the pantry was serving about 80 families per week. They are now serving over 400 families per week and

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demand continues to grow. If you need help, the St. Mark's Food Pantry located at 7501 Adelphi Road is open every Tuesday at 10 AM until the food runs out. If you would like to help the pantry continue its fight against hunger in our community, please donate to [www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry](http://www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry).

### 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 at [feedrouteone.org](http://feedrouteone.org).

—The members of Route One Communities Care

**Greenbelt Virtual Open Studio Tour, Sunday, October 4, 1-3:30 PM.** Join Greenbelt-affiliated artists online for a visit to their creative workspaces. Enjoy beautiful artwork, friendly faces, and thoughtful insights. Many participating artists also accept commissions and have artwork available for purchase. A series of studio visits will take place live on Instagram. Several artists also offer

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

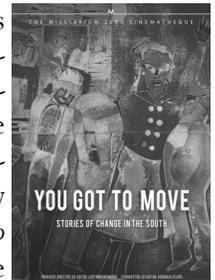
online shopping opportunities. See the full event schedule posted on the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center to learn how to participate.

**Hyattsville  
Zombie Run,  
October 17–  
31** Registration is now open for the 2020 Zombie Run, hosted



by the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA! Due to COVID-19 and to encourage distancing, the event will be held over a two-week period, with runners completing the race on their own time. The pluses—no street closures and costumes are still encouraged! To register, please visit [runsignup.com/hvlzombierun](http://runsignup.com/hvlzombierun).

**Hyattsville Library Virtual Film Discussion with Lucy Massie Phenix, Monday, October 26, 7 PM** What is truth? How can you tell that somebody is telling the truth? Join your neighbors for the October Hyattsville branch virtual film program highlighting extraordinary stories of systemic change made by ordinary people. This month we welcome documentary filmmaker Lucy Massie Phenix, to discuss her *You Got to Move* short films. To register for the discussion, contact Susan Misleh at [susan.misleh@pgcmls.info](mailto: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. Learn more about CPAE fall programs by visiting [cpae.org](http://cpae.org), subscribe to our e-newsletter, like College Park Arts Exchange on Facebook, or email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org).



# Register to **VOTE!** TODAY!

The deadline to register to vote in the 2020 General Election is **October 13, 2020**. Don't wait to register and make your voice heard!

## Registering to vote is easy:



**GO ONLINE**  
to  
[elections.maryland.gov](https://elections.maryland.gov)



**TEXT VOTE**  
to 77788



**CALL**  
(301) 341-7300  
to have a form  
mailed to you



**FILL OUT**  
an application  
in person at the  
County Board of  
Elections

**County Board of Elections**  
1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A  
Largo, MD 20774  
Monday-Friday | 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
[elections.mypgc.us](https://elections.mypgc.us)



This year's General Election will be definitely different. Between the pandemic and challenges to our election process and Postal Services, it is critical that each of us does three things over the next few weeks.

**1. BE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE** You must register by October 13, 2020 to be eligible to vote. If you are not registered, you can register now at [elections.maryland.gov](https://elections.maryland.gov) where you can also verify your registration information. You can contact Martha Wells ([mwells@upmd.org](mailto:mwells@upmd.org)) or Linda Verrill ([lverrill@upmd.org](mailto:lverrill@upmd.org)) who are county-authorized Voter Registrars.

**2. OBTAIN YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT** You must request a mail-in ballot. The Board of Elections mailed request forms to all registered voters in late August or you can apply for it online at [elections.maryland.gov](https://elections.maryland.gov) no later than October 20. PLEASE be sure to request that your ballot be mailed to you. Note: if you print an emailed ballot, it CANNOT be scanned, and an election worker must transfer your votes to a machine-readable ballot. There may not be done correctly, and there is no accuracy review of transcription of your voting information. ASK for a mailed ballot and avoid this. Do this as soon as possible!

**3. VOTE: COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT AND RETURN IT** Voting by mail or dropping it off at a secure Board of Elections drop-off box will be the easiest and physically safest way to vote. Once you receive the ballot, make sure to read the instructions carefully and follow all the directions. Your signature will be needed, but you will *not* sign the ballot itself.

**You can mail your ballot with a first-class stamp or take it to one of the secure drop boxes.** The closest boxes to University Park are:

- The Pavilion at University of Maryland Xfinity Center, 8500 Paint Branch Drive, College Park
- Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville

You can also take it directly to the Board of Elections offices, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo MD 20774, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you mail the ballot allow plenty of time for it to arrive and be counted. Additional drop boxes in our area can be found at [elections.maryland.gov](https://elections.maryland.gov) and you may find one more convenient.

**Early Voting and Election Day voting** will be available at a limited number of County voting centers. Early Voting is Monday, October 26, through Monday, November 2, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Early Voting is available nearby at The Pavilion at the University of Maryland Xfinity Center, 8500 Paint Branch Drive, College Park. Election Day voting is available at Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road. You may vote at any voting center for Early Voting or Election Day voting. The complete list of these locations in Prince George's County is available on the County Board of Elections or [elections.maryland.gov](https://elections.maryland.gov)

**Elections are the bedrock of our democracy and every vote counts. Voting is our ONLY opportunity to choose those who will represent us for the next two to four years, and it is critical that we all participate in our elections for the health and strength of our nation.**

# 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



# Town of University Park, Maryland

## 2020 Information Sheet

301-927-4262 | 6724 Baltimore Avenue | [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org)



### Town Hall Hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

During the COVID-19 emergency, Town Hall is closed to the public. Please contact staff at the emails and numbers below. For more information on the Town's Coronavirus response, visit [www.upmd.org/Coronavirus](http://www.upmd.org/Coronavirus).

Town Hall	301-927-4262
Fax	301-277-4548
TDD	800-735-2258
Website	<a href="http://www.upmd.org">www.upmd.org</a>
Town Field Status	240-297-8277
Town Bus Status	240-297-8287

### Mayor and Department Heads

Mayor Lenford C. Carey mayorcaey@upmd.org	240-338-2826
Town Administrator David Deutsch ddeutsch@upmd.org	301-343-6033
Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch amarcavitch@upmd.org	Ext. 101
Public Works Director Mickey Beall mbeall@upmd.org	Ext. 200
Police Chief Harvey Baker hbaker@upmd.org	Ext. 300
Town Treasurer Daniel Baden dbaden@upmd.org	Ext 103

### Police Department

Office	301-277-0050
Chief Harvey Baker	301-277-0051
	301-789-8475
Emergency	911
County Police Non-Emergency	301-352-1200

### Town Council

A ward map is available at [www.upmd.org/wardmap](http://www.upmd.org/wardmap).

Ward	Councilmember	
1	Joel Biermann jbiermann@upmd.org	202-431-2689
2	Joe Schultz jschultz@upmd.org	301-892-6314
3	Laurie Morrissey lmorrissey@upmd.org	301-906-0276
4	Linda Verrill lverrill@upmd.org	301-927-6743
5	David Caskey dcaskey@upmd.org	301-699-8785
6	Martha Wells mwells@upmd.org	301-864-1735
7	Roland Stephen rstephen@upmd.org	919-522-5589

### Town Police Department

The Police Department is located at Town Hall (6724 Baltimore Avenue). Residents are reminded to call 911 for emergencies or to report suspicious activity and a UP Officer will be dispatched. Residents should report non-emergency request for police service to Prince George's County Police Dispatch non-emergency to request a UP Officer. If a resident has a question for the University Park Police, please call the office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Reporting Traffic Issues

Report traffic issues online. Visit [www.upmd.org/Traffic](http://www.upmd.org/Traffic).

### The UP Sticker Suspended for COVID-19 Emergency

One blue and white UP sticker per licensed car is available free at Town Hall for all UP homeowners. Display the sticker on the driver's side of your car's rear bumper or low on the rear window. Please bring proof of residency.

### Website Notifications and Alerts

Get connected and be informed! The website is filled with the latest news and announcements, the Chief's Blog, calendar information, Council and Committee agendas and minutes and more. Sign up online to receive notifications and alerts via email or text by visiting [www.upmd.org/notifyme](http://www.upmd.org/notifyme).

### Trash & Bulk Trash Collection

Trash is collected from the green cart on Tuesdays. Place the cart outside by 7 a.m. To arrange for a Tuesday bulk trash pick-up, visit [www.upmd.org/Bulktrash](http://www.upmd.org/Bulktrash). Mattresses and box springs must be completely covered with plastic for curbside collection. The Town requires a \$20 payment (cash or check only) for each item containing refrigerants or other gases, including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers and refrigerators. Checks should be made out to the Town of University Park and submitted to the Town Clerk prior to scheduling the pick-up. Visit [www.upmd.org/trash](http://www.upmd.org/trash) for a detailed list of unacceptable items that will not be collected. Items such as TVs and electronics will not be collected. Recycle these items at the semi-annual electronics recycling events or the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro.

### Trash & Recycling Carts

Do not put trash and recycling carts out earlier than the night before your scheduled pick-up days. It is the resident's responsibility to return the cart from the curb on the same day after pick-up. Carts stored outside must be

out of view from the street. If the most convenient place to locate your carts is a visible one, consider installing wooden surrounds, barrier walls or lattice and plants.

### **Recycling**

Recycling is collected from the blue single-stream recycling cart on Thursdays. Place the cart outside by 7 a.m. Plastic bags and plastic film are prohibited from recycling. Items for collection:

- many plastics including food containers numbered 1-7, cups and tableware, flower pots and Rx containers
- clothes hangers
- all glass except mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass and windowpanes
- mixed paper including telephone books, magazines, boxes, rinsed milk & juice aseptic cartons, envelopes and newspapers, etc.
- some metal including aerosol cans, aluminum foil, aluminum and metal food & beverage containers

Please rinse all containers so they are free of food and grease. Labels, tabs and lids are allowed. Dry cell batteries weighing less than two pounds may be recycled at the Town Hall. Please pad the positive end of each battery with a strip of tape.

### **Yard Waste and Compost**

Yard waste and compost are collected on Mondays. Yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, so it is important to keep it free of trash, rocks and other debris. Bamboo is considered trash. Please put yard waste out only on the evening before collection in a bin or brown paper bag. *Plastic bags are prohibited.* If you are interested in participating in the Compost Program, visit [www.upmd.org/Compost](http://www.upmd.org/Compost) and email Public Works Director Mickey Beall at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org).

### **Leaf Collection**

The Town leaf vacuum is in use from November through early January. Residents should rake their leaves up to the curb line. *Do not rake leaves into the gutters or street. Please keep leaf piles free of sticks, stones and other debris.*

### **Snow Removal**

All residents (including renters) are required to remove snow from their private and public front sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.

### **Electronics and Paint Recycling, Paper Shredding**

The Town holds electronic recycling events each spring and fall at the University Park Elementary School. Residents may bring household electronics for recycling at no cost. Hard drive destruction is available for a nominal fee. Additionally, free paper shredding is available at the fall event and paint recycling (\$5/can) is available at the spring event, however it will be available at the fall event this year. Visit [www.upmd.org/Recycling-List](http://www.upmd.org/Recycling-List) for a detailed list of acceptable/unacceptable items.

### **Leash Law**

All dogs and cats must be on a leash when away from their owner's property. All dog walkers must bag their pet's waste and dispose of the bags in a trash receptacle.

### **UP Bus Commuter Suspended for COVID-19 Emergency**

The Town Bus runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from designated stops in Town to and from the Prince George's Plaza Metro station. There are seven morning runs from 6-9 a.m. and eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 p.m. To view the bus schedule and stops, visit [www.upmd.org/Bus-Schedule](http://www.upmd.org/Bus-Schedule).

### **Grocery Shopping Bus Trips Suspended for COVID-19**

Each Tuesday at 10 a.m. the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway. Seniors and/or handicapped residents interested in this free door-to-door service must notify the Town Clerk's office by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

### **UP Bus Senior Paratransit Suspended for COVID-19**

Free door-to-door wheelchair accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctor's appointments, shopping, community center visits, club meetings or visits to a neighbor across town. The bus is available Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Destinations must be within five (5) miles of Town. Call Town Hall for more information.

### **Building Permit Procedures**

All residents planning construction projects on their property must contact the Town Clerk to determine whether a Town permit is required. A infographic to assist residents in determining when a permit is needed at [www.upmd.org/Permit-Info](http://www.upmd.org/Permit-Info). Permit applications must be received by the Town Clerk's office no later than five (5) days before a Council meeting. Residents who apply should plan to attend the Council meeting. The Town Building Permit Application is at [www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp](http://www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp).

### **UP Landlords**

University Park owners intending to rent or lease property must obtain a rental license. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$400 per year and provide a yearly inspection program for all licensed rental properties. The Rental Property License Application is at [www.upmd.org/Licenses](http://www.upmd.org/Licenses).

### **Tax Address**

Be sure to use University Park (not Hyattsville) as your address on your Maryland income tax forms. Designating University Park as your residence address helps ensure that the Town receives its appropriate share of state taxes for Town services.

# October 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Return mail-in ballots to local ballot drop boxes or by first-class mail. <i>Sign it first!</i>		1	2 Recycling	3
4 Poetry Reading, 4-5:30 PM (via Zoom)	5 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	6 Trash, Bulk Trash	7	8	9 Recycling	10 Ivy League, Saturday, 9-11 AM
11	12	13 Trash, Bulk Trash  <b>Deadline</b> to register to vote or to update your registration	14 Yard Waste 	15	16 Recycling	17 Tree Planting, Saturday, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
18	19 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	20 Trash, Bulk Trash <b>Deadline</b> for Board of Elections to receive your mail-in ballot request After Eight Book Group Tuesday, 8-10 PM	21 	22	23 Recycling	24 Prescription Drug Take Back, 10 AM-2 PM Electronics & Paint Recycling & Shredding Event, 9 AM-1 PM
25	26  Yard Waste Early Voting begins, 7 am to 8 pm through November 2	27 Trash, Bulk Trash Early Voting begins, 7 am to 8	28	29	30	31



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**University Park MD 20782**

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**NEWSLETTER**

The November newsletter deadline is Tuesday, October 6. 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](http://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](http://www.upmd.org) > Documents.

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