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MAYOR'S COLUMN

While University Park is becoming a community with many transportation options, automobiles continue to be a favored way of getting around and are very much present. I know a number of residents believe traffic is a problem in-town, that cars are going too fast on this street and not stopping at stop signs at that intersection. That there's cut-through traffic, especially cut-through trucks clogging things up. That the signs at Van Buren Street and Baltimore Avenue are unclear and confusing, and the traffic signal there isn't working properly. That there's too little (or too much) enforcement of traffic rules in the Town. That drivers in town are paying too little attention to their driving and too much attention to their cell phones. That our streets are too narrow for safe navigation, or that their excessive width encourages

speeding. That there aren't sidewalks on my street, so we have to walk in the street.

What is to be done about it?

We have a box full of tools available for managing traffic in the town. These traffic management tools include the simple signage, traffic signals and pavement markings already used throughout the town, as well as speed humps on Pineway, Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets... though there is an array of opinion on how well they work. Queens Chapel Road in town has long been closed to through traffic and there are several one-way streets. There are many other traffic management tools available but not yet in use here, such as traffic circles,

Town Meetings & Special Dates

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| Town Council | January 8 & 22 |
| Holiday | January 15 |
| Traffic Forum | January 22 |

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org.

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flexible closures, roundabouts, semi-diverters, chokers and diagonal diverters. Toward what end will we use them, and how will that be decided? None of this comes easily.



While University Park streets are owned and maintained by the Town, they are nonetheless public streets and open to all whether town residents or not. There are

limits on the Town's ability to restrict use of its streets, so managing traffic across a small community like University Park is much more difficult than doing so on a single block or street. Making traffic decisions is more complicated than where traffic is not wanted and to be discouraged or disallowed, it must include a determination of where that traffic should be redirected. Then there are the times when the busy roads on our town's perimeter ~ Baltimore Avenue, East West Highway, or Adelphi Road ~ back up and spill onto our quiet streets, which seem to offer drivers a best option for reaching their destination. Thus automobiles in droves turn through University Park.

When that happens, the Town has little option but to accommodate and guide drivers. While they are here, we want them to follow our traffic rules, and to depart directly and safely without disturbing residents. We want them to avoid establishing a regular short-cut through University Park's residential streets. We would rather avoid having our streets become frequently used short-cuts by drivers who have no other purpose for being here.

We are left to use the tools available to us to manage traffic, with a caveat that the rules in town apply to residents as well. In making it difficult for others to drive

into and out of our town or to cut-through, we may make it difficult for ourselves. To discourage others from driving through our community, how much pain are we willing to inflict on ourselves? Solutions to traffic issues in University Park begin with all of us. We are left to recognize our transportation needs and options and to manage accordingly. Please come to the January 22 Council Meeting and participate in the Forum on Traffic Issues in University Park.

Whether drivers are from in-town or out-of-town, all should drive gently through and follow our rules while here. In the new year, resolve to stop at stop signs and at the stop-sign bar where there is one. Obey the speed limits and mind the speed humps. On Van Buren Street at Baltimore Avenue, turn only left or right as the sign says. Drive with courtesy. I echo Chief Wynnyk's wishes for a safe and healthy New Year. Wherever you go, whether in-town or not, may you have safe arrivals.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org



January 22 Traffic Forum on University Park Traffic Issues

On Monday evening, January 22, Mayor and Council will hold a forum on traffic issues in University Park. The forum will be held at University Park Elementary School

beginning at 7:30 p.m. as a significant part of the Council meeting scheduled at that time. The forum will include a presentation by Kimley-Horn and Associates of findings and recommendations from traffic impact studies completed this fall. There will be ample time for articulation and discussion of traffic concerns and issues in town, so please plan to attend and participate.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Happy New Year to All. The men and women of the University Park Police Department hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As a new year is upon us we encourage each of you to be safe in your daily routine by using good common sense to provide a secure environment for yourself, your family and our community. Living safely should be a habit and not a chore.

University Park has over 900 homes, with another 300 in College Heights Estates sharing about 15 miles of roadway condensed into one square mile of land. Between the two communities there are nearly 3,500 residents with an average of 2 vehicles per household. College Heights Estates is included because they are landlocked by University Park and travel the same roadways. UP hosts an elementary school for over four hundred students, many of whom are transported to the school by bus or vehicle. Church services for both churches are held on Saturdays and Sundays and many members come from surrounding communities. This is what makes up our community and why we choose to live here. That said, if each household only had one person leave for work, school, church or shopping and drove a vehicle through town, a safe estimate of the number of cars driving in University Park on a daily basis would be about 1,200. Double that for the drive back into town. There are only 16 access roads in and out of town. Seven of those have time or direction limitations, reducing route options further.



UPPD gets many complaints about stop sign violators, speeders, drivers disregarding do not enter and no left or right turn signs and aggressive driving. Other than on perimeter roadways,

when UPPD officers address these traffic problems the majority of violators are UP residents. How do we as a community make our streets safer? I would suggest for starters that each of us obey stop signs, follow the speed limit, wear seatbelts and not use cell phones while driving. Be a courteous driver to pedestrians, cyclists, other drivers and the community.

Have a safe and healthy New Year and please arrive alive, wherever you are going!

Breaking & Entering On November 15 between 9 and 10 AM in the 3900 block of Beechwood Rd., a suspect/s entered the residence by breaking through a side door and stole a flat screen TV. There was no one at home at the time. The location was checked for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvased for witnesses. Prince George's County Police detectives were notified and conducted the follow up investigation.

Through an ongoing investigation by multiple jurisdictions, the PGPD burglary investigative unit did develop a suspect for multiple breaking & enterings in University Park, Cheverly, Riverdale Park and surrounding jurisdictions. Without an eyewitness or property recovery it is difficult to press criminal charges against an individual for a specific crime. The suspect is incarcerated and as more evidence surfaces from further investigation the person will face additional charges. If you have any questions please contact Chief Wynnyk.

Tree Committee News

The next time you're out walking, let your route include the two blocks of Queen's Chapel Road west of UPES. There you will observe two recent sidewalk improvements made by Public Works. This was part of a larger initiative that included a total of 11 sidewalk segments where buckling or other hazards were addressed. At 6500 and 6411 Queen's Chapel the sidewalk has been reconfigured to accommodate the roots of a sugar maple and UP's largest American elm. You'll note these sections now resemble small arched bridges, rising above the trees' roots. This is an elegant solution that is economically sound, pedestrian safe and tree-healthy.

What are deciduous trees doing at latitude 39N in the month of January? The short answer is not much, as they are in a dormant stage roughly analogous to a mammal in hibernation. However, as trees live simultaneously above and below ground, their roots remain ready to grow throughout the entire year, independent of the rest of the plant above ground. Minimum soil temperatures for root growth range from 32-42°F. Soil that sustains or exceeds this minimum range allows dormant winter roots to become active and grow. Thus, a deciduous tree can get a head start on root growth, allowing the tree to increase its root mass before full onset of the spring growing season. The same capacity allows evergreens to drink from the soil in winter, thus avoiding

desiccated needles. The new sidewalks on Queen's Chapel help enable this readiness by providing another pocket for the elm's and maple's roots to exploit, helping them best optimize the spring leaf out.

There is no Ivy League in January. The Tree Committee will offer its next participatory activity on February 10.

—Chris Aubry on behalf of the Committee on
Trees, Parks and Environment

Helping Hands University Park (HHUP)



Helping Hands University Park is still revving up. Our social program is in full swing but, just as importantly, we will soon be training volunteers and matching them with older UP residents who have signed up to receive services. We welcome volunteers of any age and have opportunities that vary in time commitment from just a couple of hours a month to... however many hours you want. Contact Loretta Vitale Saks at 301-892-6636 or HHUniversitypark@gmail.com.



Do you know that you are never too old for yoga and that it is never too late to start? "Me, do yoga?" Sure! Even if you have health issues, there are ways to modify yoga so that anyone can do it. What's also great about yoga is that you can do it anywhere and you don't need specialized equipment. Yoga can help you improve your balance, build muscle, maintain bone density and increase flexibility. Consider signing up for our Senior Yoga program. The program, which starts in late January, will be held at Numi Yoga in College Park and will be free to HHUP members. Light refreshments are provided after each session. Interested? Call Sabrina at 301-641-0114 for more information or to register.

In addition to the yoga program, here is HHUP's preliminary social calendar for 2018:

- *Private receptions for HHUP members* following the free Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, *Music in Mind* concerts on February 11 and April 15. Roundtrip transportation is available. Watch for registration information.

- *HHUP Lunch Club* The first HHUP lunch will take place on Tuesday, February 15, noon-3 PM at the home of resident Lisa Seiler, who lives on Tuckerman St. To RSVP for lunch, call Loretta at 301-892-6636. Lisa will prepare a home-cooked meal for UP seniors. Space is limited so don't delay!

- *Excursion to the Prince George's County African American Museum* on Rte. 1 in Hyattsville with a private tour and brief lecture following the tour (date to be determined).

- *All About Chocolate* A 2nd Saturday lecture series event co-sponsored with UP resident Dave Brosch. We'll learn about the history of chocolate with our eyes, ears and tongues as a chocolate tasting is part of this fun lecture. Reception following the lecture (early 2018, date TBA).

- *UP Seniors Walking Group* Get out and walk with in town when weather permits or in the Mall at Prince George's in bad weather. Call Loretta at 240-487-9445 for more information.

- *Memory Cafes* In association with the Alzheimer's Association, HHUP is sponsoring Memory Cafes on Tuesday, February 13 and then meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month thru June from 1:30-3 PM at The Word of God Baptist Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park. Memory Cafés are a welcoming place for people with memory problems and other changes in their thinking. It is also intended as a social time for family and friends who are caregivers. The Memory Café provides a stigma-free environment for those with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, mild cognitive impairment or other forms of dementia and their spouses, partners and caregivers. It is a great opportunity for lively discussions, information gathering, refreshments, camaraderie and engaging, creative fun! To register, contact Nancy Quarles at 240-467-3833 or for more details about the Memory Café please contact Ms. Sharon Johnson, Café Facilitator, at 240-271-4255.



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November 20 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Schultz, Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Alvarez. Excused: Wells.

Presentations

Andrew M. Fellows from the University of Maryland gave a presentation on the Campus Community Connection Pilot of the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and the College of Information Studies (formerly the Environmental Finance Center's Sustainability and Resiliency Financing Initiative), which will provide assistance of campus experiential learning programs and other faculty, student and staff efforts to collaborate with our community.

Highlights of his presentation:

- This is the second of a three-year pilot.
- Mr. Fellows distributed a summary of the first-year report.
- The ten projects from University Park that were submitted to Mr. Fellows have been exposed to over two hundred University students during the 2016-2017 academic year. The plan is to have five hundred students and dozens of faculty members be exposed to these projects.
- Mr. Fellows looks forward to the coming year when he will come back to the Council with some recommendations on the Wells Run projects.
- The plan of action is to get College Heights Estates to play a leading role in how to use the trails and to develop a partnership with University Park.
- Thanked University Park for signing the Purple Line Corridor development agreement.
- There is an ongoing group on campus talking about how to make biking safer in the surrounding area and to make sure the M-Bike system has a seamless connection with Capital Bike Share.
- Working on identifying a local compost site.
- Mr. Fellows said that if anyone has any ideas or needs a contact person at the University, he may be able to help.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to dig or trench in the Town right-of-way, to enable replacement of water line located at 4221 Sheridan Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to

replace an existing driveway located at 4204 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request to extend the building permit which was approved by Council on April 24, 2017 for an additional six (6) months to construct a 17'x 24' two-story addition, a 13.3'x 6' and 6'x 6.10' two story additions, a 5'x 17' deck with steps, a 10.5'x 18.25' second story addition, replace existing basement areaway steps, remove existing garage and portion of driveway to meet lot coverage requirements, and extend dumpster permit for an additional six (6) months, located at 4413 Beechwood Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Hearing

An appeal of the requirement of Town Code Section 13-204 (a) that habitable space shall have a clear ceiling height of not less than seven (7) feet for at least one-half (1/2) of the space. Owner requests a variance of four (4) inches, resulting in a basement ceiling with the height of six (6) feet, eight (8) inches.

Motion to deny the request for a variance and stipulate that the enforcement of the denial not commence until the end of the current lease for the basement tenant no later than July 31, 2018. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: The tenant currently residing in the attic should immediately relocate to the basement since the attic is not a safe living space.

Public Comment

▪ A representative from the University Park group that is working on relief efforts for Puerto Rico citizens updated on their progress. They are getting ready to send three people to Puerto Rico on the first week of December, which includes a solar expert, a water expert and a State Department official. The plan is to help two or three communities on the eastern side of the island. The final step is to put together a project and then the group will start fundraising.

▪ A resident from Bowie, Maryland who was born in Puerto Rico and came to the United States when he was seven years old, recently visited Puerto Rico to help his family and gave a detailed update of the devastation on the island.

▪ A member of the group said that the name that they chose for themselves is "Solar Power for Puerto Rico." Updates and information will be in the newsletter and

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they plan to reach out to residents at Town events to ask for small donations.

- A Councilmember urged residents of University Park to look at the minutes from the recent Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee that have been posted online and encouraged comments.
- A Councilmember suggested posting a reminder in the newsletter of the importance of getting a Town permit prior to work performed on their property.
- Mayor Carey stated the importance of Councilmembers keeping an eye on what is going on throughout the Town and to confirm if permits were issued.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt LR 2017-O-09 to transfer \$25,000 from Unreserved Undesignated to Public Works Line Item W17 Park Playground funds for a site development concept plan, peer review, and Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) waiver fees for the new multi-age playground adjacent to Wells Parkway near the 911 Memorial. The earliest this resolution may be considered is at the December 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Motion: To adopt LR 2017-O-10 to transfer \$10,000 from Unreserved Undesignated to General Government Line Item G12 Engineering to cover the cost of subsurface investigation and geotechnical engineering analysis of the tennis courts near Queens Chapel Road across from University Park Elementary School. The earliest this resolution may be considered is at the December 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Motion: To adopt LR 2017-O-11 to transfer \$12,750 from Unreserved Undesignated Funds to G4 Architecture and Related Services Line Item for costs associated with a feasibility study and needs assessment for the redesign and expansion of the Town Hall. The earliest this resolution may be considered is at the December 4, 2017 Council meeting.



Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Laura Collins. She can be reached at UPPetDatabase@gmail.com or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

New Business

Motion: To rename the “Green Team” to “Sustainability Committee” per request of the Green Team. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To approve the addition of a Council Special Session on Monday, December 11 to discuss the zoning rewrite and approve a position of the Town ahead of a December 15 deadline for comment. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor’s Report

- The North County Transportation Study is underway. Mayor Carey will be paying close attention to the parking issues.
- Mr. Beall had asked Mayor Carey to inform the Council that the skid steer, approved by the Council for purchase, is working very well for leaf transfer.
- The Town tree lighting at Henson Green is scheduled for December 2 at approximately 6 PM and is preceded by the Community Pot Luck, which will be held at University Park Elementary School.
- The University Park Woman’s Club Annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour is scheduled for December 8.

Council and Committee Reports

Public Facilities and Services Committee Next meeting is scheduled for December 5 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall (Agenda is posted on the Town Website). CM Alvarez said that there will be several members from the Tree Committee at this meeting to discuss options for the Adelphi Field.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano Ms. Toscano offered tickets for the PGCMA Legislative Dinner at Martins Crosswinds scheduled for December 7. Tickets for the Woman’s Club Candlelight Holiday House Tour are available at Town Hall. Anacostia Trails Heritage Area will hold their Holiday Party at the Visitor’s Center located in the Pyramid Atlantic building on December 13.

Chief of Police Wynnyk The October 2017 Crime Report was distributed. The Chief attended the Inter-municipal bike/pedestrian meeting with Mayor Carey. The Chief attended a safe streets meeting with Hyattsville. The goal is to prevent truancy by keeping students from Northwestern High School in school and out of University Park, Prince George’s Plaza and other communities during school hours.

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Town Treasurer Dan Baden The October 2017 Treasurer's Report was distributed. The Audit was completed in October and the reports were filed with the State by November 1 as required by law. The auditors are expected to attend the December 18 Council meeting with a formal presentation.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:45 PM.

December 4 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Schultz, Hess (arrived at 7:31 p.m.), Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Alvarez.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install 8 solar panels on the roof located at 4101 Tennyson Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing 73"x 60" shed located at 6905 Wells Parkway. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Hearing: Special Exception for a Non-Conforming 6' Fence

A request for a building permit for a non-conforming 6' fence, located at 4320 Underwood Street requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, Council must make the requisite findings:

Section 4-115. *Special Exceptions*

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

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

Motion to approve the request for a building permit for a non-conforming 6' fence, located at 4320 Underwood Street, which requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. The bamboo and the neighbor interaction are unusual circumstances. The six-foot fence will prevent the bamboo from bending onto the property due to snow or ice. Council approved the request for a building permit, with findings required by Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code having been met. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt LR 2017-O-09 to transfer \$25,000 from Unreserved Undesignated to Public Works Line Item W17 Park Playground funds for a site development concept plan, peer review, and Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) waiver fees for the new multi-age playground adjacent to Wells Parkway near the 911 Memorial.

Motion: To table motion 6A. Motion to table approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To reduce the funds budgeted for the playground adjacent to Wells Parkway near the 911 Memorial by \$6,500.00 by downgrading the fencing to 4' black chain link fence.

Motion: (Amendment) To replace with: The items that are listed on the "Funding Options for Additional Playground Expense" list with the exception of the tables, would be subject to an approval by the Council by motion prior to the expenditure being completed and it becoming irrevocable. Motion approved 5 to 2 (Hess and Verrill opposed).

Motion: The items that are listed on the "Funding Options for Additional Playground Expense" list with the exception of the tables, would be subject to an approval by the Council by motion prior to the expenditure being completed and it becoming irrevocable by the Public Works Director. Motion approved 5 to 2 (Hess and Verrill opposed).

Motion: Motion: To lift motion 6A from the table. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt LR 2017-O-09 to transfer \$25,000

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from Unreserved Undesignated to Public Works Line Item W17 Park Playground funds for a site development concept plan, peer review, and Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) waiver fees for the new multi-age playground adjacent to Wells Parkway near the 911 Memorial. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt LR 2017-O-10 to transfer \$10,000 from Unreserved Undesignated to General Government Line Item G12 Engineering to cover the cost of subsurface investigation and geotechnical engineering analysis of the tennis courts near Queens Chapel Road across from University Park Elementary School. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Alvarez opposed).

Motion: To adopt LR 2017-O-11 to transfer \$12,750 from Unreserved Undesignated Funds to G4 Architecture and Related Services Line Item for costs associated with a feasibility study and needs assessment for the redesign and expansion of the Town Hall. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve a special 2017 holiday compensation in the amount of \$400.00 net of deductions for each current, active employee as of December 1 of that year. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the proposed 2018 University Park Council Meeting Schedule. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: Council chose September 24 for a Council meeting since September 10 is the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Motion to approve the addition of an agenda item for Council Special Session on Monday, December 11 to include approving a position on the Quality Inn project by Bozzuto in College Park and authorizing the Mayor and the Chair of the Development Overview Committee to testify accordingly at the December 14 hearing. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

■ Mayor Carey received a plaque from Chesapeake Employers Insurance who handle Workers Compensation. University Park is described as "cream of the crop" because of work place safety.

■ Mayor Carey has resigned from the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) Legislative Committee due to frustration with the president dictating what the legislative priorities would be. Mayor Carey encouraged Councilmembers to find time to attend a PGCMA meeting and then have a discussion on University Park's role with the PGCMA.

■ CM Alvarez asked about the College Heights WSSC project. Mayor Carey said that they are about to award a vendor and hope to start in December. He had reminded WSSC that a permit from University Park will be required.

■ CM Thompson asked about the traffic studies. Mayor Carey reported that the post-Riverdale Park Station study is complete and it shows that there is some heavier traffic on Friday afternoon but lighter traffic on Saturday, otherwise they are not showing much difference. The Sheridan Street, Ward 1 study is close to completion. Video was taken at Van Buren Street and Baltimore Avenue showing several cars per day going around the median. The Council agreed that a forum be held at the January 22 Council meeting to receive the Traffic Studies and discuss traffic issues in and adjacent to the Town.

■ Mayor Carey had asked for an expenditure for overtime on more active enforcement for both stop signs and the signal at Van Buren Street. He had also asked the Town of Riverdale Park to share some of that enforcement. University Park is also actively enforcing trucks in Town.

■ The Town tree lighting event at Henson Green was marvelous, and he thanked the UPCA.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. The Committee will discuss the Bozzuto Project and Zoning Rewrite.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. The Committee will discuss the Adelphi Field and other topics.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 at 7 PM at Town Hall. The Committee will discuss the Welcoming City and fence heights.

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Tree Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:33 PM.

December 11 Special Session Council Meeting Highlights

Present: were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Schultz, Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Alvarez.

Motion: To discuss and approve a Town position on the zoning rewrite for the December 15 County deadline for comment in substantially the form provided including articulation of concerns expressed previously in the Town's letters regarding Zoning Modules 1, 2 and 3 and remaining unresolved. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve a position on the Quality Inn project by Bozzuto in College Park and authorize the Mayor and the Chair of the Development Overview Committee to testify accordingly at the December 14 hearing. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: Ms. Gerron Levi, candidate for County Council At Large attended this Special Session and said that it was good to hear some of the various views expressed about the Zoning Rewrite. Mayor Carey invited Ms. Levi to come a future Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:30 PM.

UPCA News

Thank you to everyone who came out to share a dish and join in the University Park tree lighting. We had a wonderful time catching up with neighbors while sharing in a potluck. The children made great crafts, took some fun photos at our selfie wall and had a terrific time playing dreidel. Santa even made an appearance on the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Truck at the town tree. We are very thankful for all our members and we wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Save the date for Game Day at The Board & Brew in College Park on Sunday, January 14!



THE BOARD AND BREW
A BOARD GAME CAFE

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Teen Workers List

The following young residents are interested in finding jobs around our Town. Please save this list and contact them if you need any of these services.

Sophie Ellison, 13, 240-988-8644, Sheridan St., sophie.ellison2004@gmail.com, babysitting.

Beatrix Lippincott, 15, 301-366-2026, 40th Avenue, wildestdreamsforever@gmail.com, babysitting (completed Red Cross training for Adult, Child and Baby First Aid/CPR/AED), pet care, baking (cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, tarts).

Keaton Lovely, 13, 703-401-8906, Queens Chapel Road, yard work, raking leaves, shoveling snow, pet sitting, dog walking.

Charlie Dawson, 17, 301-864-3310, Clagett Road, charlie@charlesddawson.com, Tech services of all types, computer repair, computer/printer/TV set-ups. Highly knowledgeable and experienced with both PC and Mac.

James Dawson, 15, 301-864-3310, Clagett Road, Thebigbeefchief@icloud.com, Babysitting and pet sitting, snow shoveling. Completed Red Cross babysitting class. Years of experience. Mature, responsible and lots of fun for kids.

Caitlyn Weeks, 16, Van Buren Street, cweeks19@stjohnschs.org, babysitting.

Reese Madsen, 19, 301-892-0053, Sheridan Street, madsenar@clarkson.edu, math tutoring middle school and high school up to multivariable calculus.

University Park Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, January 8, 11:30 AM

The PG Plaza Day Center will be this month's featured program. Marsha Mityga, a member of the committee from the University Christian Church, will share information about this community outreach and its service to the needy. Registration is at 11:30, light lunch at noon, followed by brief meeting and the program. Guests are welcome. RSVP is required: Pat Myers at patmyers2@verizon.net or phone 301-439-6813. The meeting is at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd., across from NW High School.

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The UPWC is very grateful to all who attended the Holiday House Tour and Boutique. The heartiest of thanks go to the homeowners who opened their homes: Roberts, Brockmans, Heitkempers, Pirovics and Matthews. Chairwomen Sallie Holder and Anna-Mae Kobbe once again put together a wonderful event. Thank you, University Park neighbors and friends.

2018 University Park Woman's Club Scholarships

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship This one time financial need-based award of \$1500 is available to a graduating senior of Northwestern High School. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship This one time merit-based need-blind \$1500 award is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park. Applications will also be accepted from children and grandchildren of current UP Woman's Club members. All student applicants must live in Maryland. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

Applications and further information can be found at <http://www.upmd.org/?documents>. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Tuesday, April 3, 2018.



**2017 UPWC Winners of
House Decorating Contest**
Most Unique
Parish-Roerig Residence, 6902 Wells
Parkway

Best House Front

1. Carlo and Ellen M. Tornatore, 4315 Clagett Rd.
2. Mary Jo Banning, 6904 Forest Hill
3. Melvin Elam, 6912 40th Ave.

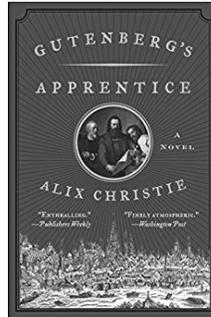
Best Whole House

1. Thomas Becraft, 7016 Partridge Place
2. Camilla Jackson, 4412 Van Buren St.
3. Fernando Rivera, 4106 Clagett Rd.

Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons Saturdays, 8-9:30 AM

Come join us to learn the ancient Chinese martial art often referred to as "meditation in motion" and leave

feeling relaxed and energized. Free. Hosted by University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman



After 8 Book Group Tuesday, January 16, 8-10 PM

January's book is *Gutenberg's Apprentice* by Alix Christie. February's title is *Charlotte Bronte: A Fiery Heart* by Claire Harman. Please call Marianne Rankin 301-277-6683 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.

Great Decisions 2018: A Foreign Policy Discussion Group Second Tuesdays,

February, March, April and May 2018, 7:30-9:30 PM
Foreign policy issues, international conflict and trade will continue to present formidable challenges to America, the outcomes of which will shape the future of the Trump administration and the well-being of the country. Join the University Park Great Decisions group for lively discussions about U.S. foreign policy on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in February through May. The



group will work its way through the annual Great Decisions booklet published by the Foreign Policy Association. Meetings will take place in the library of the University Park Church of the Brethren at the corner of Tuckerman and Baltimore Avenue. The booklet and additional supporting materials may be found at the FPA website: www.fpa.org. If you are interested in joining us, would like a discounted price on the discussion booklet, have other questions, or would like to suggest other meeting days and/or times, please contact John Rogard Tabori at McTab@aol.com. The topics this year are:

- The waning of Pax Americana?
- Russia's foreign policy
- China and America: the new geopolitical equation
- Media and foreign policy
- Turkey: a partner in crisis
- U.S. global engagement and the military
- South Africa's fragile democracy
- Global health: progress and challenges

A full description of each topic can be found at fpa.org. Street. For more information, call 301-466-589.

January 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>Curbside Leaf Vacuuming concludes January 5</p>  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | <p>8</p> <p>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Trash</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Recycling</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Trash</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM</p>  |
| 14 | <p>15</p> <p>Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM</p>  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | <p>29</p> <p>Yard Waste</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Trash</p> | 31 | | | |



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