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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

Congratulations to Councilmembers Joe Thompson, Brad Hess and Roy Alvarez who were re-elected to represent, respectively, Ward 1, Ward 3 and Ward 7 on the Town Council. I was reelected as mayor, representing all of University Park and look forward to continuing to work with the Councilmembers. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, or a representative from his office, will administer the oath of office to re-elected Mayor and Councilmembers June 20 at 7:30 p.m., at the beginning of the Council meeting. Please come to observe and to welcome the new Council.

As I have written previously, University Park is not the streetcar community envisioned at our beginning; nor are we entirely the automobile suburb we were. Instead we are becoming a more modern suburb leaning toward

other transportation alternatives, on our way to becoming the transit-facing, bikeable and walkable community of our future. Using transit should come easily to University Park residents. Metro runs underneath our town and has stations nearby at Prince George's Plaza and College Park. MARC runs to the east with a nearby stop at Riverdale Park. Add the 16-mile Purple Line light rail system between New Carrollton and Bethesda, which will swerve past town with several nearby stops to the east, west and on campus. As a community which faces and uses public transit, we should be very supportive of properly building and maintaining the infrastructure which it requires. Public transit needs consistent funding if we expect it to continue as a reliable, safe and convenient means of transportation.

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	June 6 & 20
Development Overview Committee	June 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](http://www.upmd.org).

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Our popular Town bus is part of the available transportation alternatives and contributes to our community's lean to transit. The Town bus service began in 2002 to serve senior citizens and others who required transportation assistance to shop for food and reach medical or other vital appointments.



In 2003, the Town began using the bus for a morning and afternoon commuter shuttle to Metro, which has continued to grow in use and popularity. The Town has purchased two buses—one new, the other used—in the past year, to continue the paratransit senior bus service while also reliably operating the commuter shuttle and now is looking for additional ways to optimize Town bus services. Can we modify the commuter shuttle to make it and public transit even more convenient to our residents? When the Purple Line arrives nearby, can we use that opportunity to better connect Town residents to public transit as well as nearby destinations?

With the growth of bicycle commuting and the development of bicycle routes in adjacent communities, Mayor and Council are exploring the University Park possibilities for bicycle infrastructure, route connectivity, policies and programs. The objective is to facilitate safe bicycle connections for residents and through-riders. The Town's new bicycle plan includes routes that match up with marked routes in adjacent College Park, Riverdale



Park and Hyattsville, creating a network of seamless connections to public transit, bike share, libraries, schools and other community destinations.

Coupled with this, the Town is exploring the possible extension of the 14-station mBike bike share program very recently launched in College Park and at the University of Maryland to include University Park. If this effort is successful, it will bring one or more mBike stations to locations in town and add bike share to the convenient transportation alternatives available to us.

We are a community of walkers, for errands, our health or sociability. Look along the streets and sidewalks in town on most mornings, especially on fair-weather Saturdays or Sundays. As time permits, and especially in fair weather, many Town bus riders choose instead to walk to or from Metro. We will continue to work on safety, including stop signs, stop bars and crosswalks where needed. We are also exploring some options with the county and state for making it safer to walk across the busy highways on the perimeter of the town to grocery and other nearby destinations. As homeowners, we should maintain our shrubs and trees to avoid blocking sidewalks and other walkways. What else do you suggest, to improve walkability in our community?

Improving the way we get around in University Park requires a shared longer-term vision about what can be done, along with working together to make it happen. Perhaps we can envision a near future for our community, where we have many options available for getting around, all of them reliable, safe and convenient.

*—Len Carey*

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



**Mosquito Control Program:  
Volunteers Needed  
Monday, June 13, 7-8 PM**

Please join us for a free information and mosquito control training session at University Park Elementary School. For more information, contact [mosquito@upmd.org](mailto:mosquito@upmd.org) or call 301-785-2838.

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

A 1924 advertisement for what was later to become the Town of University Park describes a location where “all the modern conveniences will be enjoyed in the perfect environment of gorgeous woodland, out of the whirl and bustle of Washington and a scant thirty minutes from the city’s center.” The significance of University Park as a historic district is that it is a large and essentially intact example of an early twentieth century automobile suburb and one of the first communities in Prince George’s County designed specifically to accommodate automobiles as indicated by freestanding garages.

With eleven miles of interior roadway, bordered by three major commuter routes that provide access to the University of Maryland, Washington and the Capital Beltway, our location is ideal for driving.

Of approximately 920 homes, 820 are situated on interior roads and almost 100 face the perimeter roads. There are 300 additional houses in College Heights Estates whose owners are regular drivers on town roads. UPES employs about 75 people, we have two churches and a number of residents have employees working in or around their homes. School bus traffic in UP averages 30 stops per day. The Postal Service, FedEx and UPS each have four routes in our community. The UPPW and UPPD drive around town daily. Utility services such as Pepco, WSSC, Washington Gas, Verizon and Comcast and emergency services are regulars. Needless to say, our community is an automobile suburb. By my very basic estimate we have over 3,500 vehicular trips per day in UP that need to channel through 17 ways out of town and 14 ways (10 during certain hours) into town.

The most common concerns of town residents are the traffic violations that occur on their street, in front of their home, at the intersection they walk through, etc. A significant number of these traffic violators live in town. How do we address traffic violations? One approach is to cite each violator observed with a moving violation, resulting in a \$90 fine and 1 point on your license. This fine goes directly to the State of Maryland and the driver faces a potential auto insurance increase. With 157 stop signs in town, 11 miles of



roadway and a speed limit of 25 mph throughout, plus three high-traffic perimeter roads, it is a challenge for the PD to apprehend every violator, but we will continue our best efforts at enforcement.

To ban all vehicles in town is unlikely. If you must drive, obey all traffic signs and traffic laws:

- Queens Chapel Road at Route 1 and sections of Underwood Street are “Do Not Enter.” At specified times so are Sheridan, Tuckerman, Wells Parkway and 44th.
- Stop signs mean stop: a complete cessation of movement, not rolling, coasting or hinting at. Just stop!
- 25 miles per hour is the maximum speed (15 mph on Pineway)-not a suggestion-and you can always drive slower.
- Some of our roads are narrow and some seem narrow. Always drive slower on these roads; a child could unexpectedly dart out into the street.
- Seat belt use is mandatory. Buckle up!
- Do not use your cell phone or text while driving. You just left home or are almost there, so it can wait. A recent survey suggests that up to 85% of all accidents can be attributed to inattentive driving, often from cell phone use.
- Pedestrians still have the right of way; give it to them.
- If you are in a real hurry, you are more likely to be involved in an accident from speeding. An accident or red flashing police lights will definitely make you late. Remember it’s always better to be late than not arrive at all.
- Talk to the new drivers (teenagers) in town, set an example while you are teaching them and ask them to drive safely, they will listen.
- Be careful while pulling in and out of your driveway.
- Remind your employees, friends and visitors to obey the town traffic laws and parking restrictions.
- Do not block driveways, or park in a manner that inconveniences everyone but you.
- As a driver, be courteous to your neighbors. Extending that courtesy while driving throughout the town builds a better community. The only thing a community cannot withstand is neglect and driving through University Park in an unsafe manner is neglecting community safety.

The UPPD hopes everyone has a safe and healthy summer. Wear your seat belts. Drive responsibly. Ride a bike

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and wear your helmets. Secure your valuables. Lock your vehicles. And be vigilant in our community.

**Breaking & Entering** On April 1 between 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM in the 4300 Block of Van Buren St. the resident arrived home and discovered damage to the rear basement door. UPPD responded and checked the premises. It was determined that suspect/s broke a rear basement window, entered the home and stole a Panasonic camera. No other items were taken. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses and the crime scene processed for fingerprints. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft from Auto** Between April 19, 11 PM and April 20, 10 AM in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2013 Lexus LS400 and stole a Dell laptop computer from the rear seat. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Recovered Stolen Auto** On April 9 at 6:15 PM the UPPD was notified of an unoccupied vehicle parked in the roadway of Wells Parkway at Adelphi Rd. Investigation revealed that the 2006 Nissan truck had been stolen on April 6 near Fox Street in Hyattsville. A witness advised that a white male adult was observed exiting the vehicle and walked north on Adelphi Rd. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

### Tree Committee News

In the natural world, trees and grass have grown apart from one another for 200 million years. The western world has inverted the paradigm—here we stack our trees on top of our grass. Trees are exponentially more valuable than grass (real estate value, energy savings) and one would be wise to favor their trees. Fertilize your grass less or not at all. The nitrogen you apply to your lawn could be detrimental to your trees, because trees that continue to grow into the summer (when they should be in a defense posture) are more susceptible to drought stress and insect damage. Grass roots release a chemical that suppresses the growth of tree roots. If you wish to foster co-existence, do not fertilize the grass beneath the drip line of your trees.

### June's Notable Tree

June's notable tree is the Tulip magnolia, (*Magnolia liliiflora*) aka Lily magnolia, Jane magnolia and Woody-

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orchid. The pink blossoms are a chorus of trumpets in April, announcing the arrival of spring in no uncertain terms. Native of SW China, cultivated elsewhere in Asia for centuries, the tree serves as one of the parents of the very popular North American cultivar Saucer magnolia. Visit this notable tree at 4004 College Heights Drive.

*I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues.* Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

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



### Ivy League

Saturday, June 11, 9-11 AM

We will meet at a location to be determined and remove ivy from town trees. Please bring hand clippers and a prying tool—large screwdrivers and dandelion weeders are both good. In addition to helping out your town's trees, volunteers receive one credit toward the five necessary to receive the coveted Ivy League bandana—soon to be a collector's item.

### April 11 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members (CM) Thompson (arrived at 7:32 PM), Gekas, Hess (arrived at 8 PM), Verrill, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez.

### Presentations

**Sustainability and Resiliency Financing Initiative** Andrew M. Fellows from the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center (EFC) gave a presentation on the Center's proposed Sustainability and Resiliency Financing Initiative. The EFC is requesting Town financial support of at least \$5,000 for this initiative. The plan is to work together with local municipalities and the University on reducing costs and addressing issues such as solar, composting/waste management and water resource management. Would like to identify what University Park wants to focus on. By opening up communication with the University of Maryland, there is greater likelihood that the University can potentially weigh in on

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subjects that are important to University Park.

Councilmembers expressed interest in community gardens, bike trails, community solar, stormwater management and transportation management. The Mayor noted that funds for this program are not included in the fiscal year 2017 Budget proposal before the Council, and will need to be found within the budget.

### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace a 4' fence located at 6808 Pineway.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit with special exception for reasons of unusual circumstances and safety considerations, for the installation of a non-conforming 6' fence, located at 6509 Adelphi Road.* Motion approved 7 to 0. Council approved the request for a building permit on the basis that the requirements of Sections 4-115 Special Exceptions had been met and a showing of need for the variance based on safety considerations due to fact that the property was on a major roadway.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace a 4'x 29' sidewalk and reface a 8'x 5' brick stoop, located at 4318 Clagett Road.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

#### Mayor's Report

- Pepco will be returning to survey the remaining three feeder lines in town. As has been done in the past, Council will be asked to approve a permit for the vegetation management. An arborist for University Park will be present throughout this project in order to handle any issues that may arise. The cost of this is included in the fiscal 2017 budget proposal.
- Mayor Carey will attend the Prince George's Plaza TDDP District Council work session on April 12. He expressed that the planning process is not going well particularly since Hyattsville does not seem to share some concerns of University Park. There are density issues, which could potentially mean a 28 story building 500' from Adelphi Road. There seems to be some softening of the language about regional stormwater management and the Transportation Demand Management District.

- CM Thompson and Mayor Carey were at the Safeway grand opening. Mayor Carey will work with the County Department of Public Works and Transportation, the State Highway Administration and Hyattsville to make it pedestrian safe and easy for University Park residents to cross Adelphi Road and East West Highway.
- Whole Foods is expected to open in the Fall but could possibly be as late as next Spring.
- Currently recruiting for the code enforcement position, which will be either a part-time position or a contractor. The Mayor will share with Council the job description or scope of work for this position when available.
- The stream cleanup went very well. Many volunteers participated despite cold weather.
- The Azalea Classic is scheduled for Saturday, April 16. The Word of God Baptist Church is having a Community Health Fair in the afternoon. Mayor Carey encouraged Council members to attend both events.
- The WSSC College Heights Estate project is expected to begin this July, which will require a Town permit. This project will be discussed with the residents.

### Council Reports

**Public Facilities and Services Committee** The Committee recently met and discussed the bicycle connectivity within and outside of Town and also the purchasing and installing of the Historical District signs.

**Tree Committee** The Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 13.

**Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee** The Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, April 14.

**Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee** The Committee met on Wednesday, March 30.

**Green Team** The Green Team met and worked on the Town Sustainability Plan.

**Development Overview Committee** The Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 20.

### New Business

**Mayor and Staff Presentation of The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget**

*Motion to approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 16-O-03: Fiscal 2017 Budget. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 16, 2016.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Public Comment

A resident submitted questions and comments to

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Council for consideration regarding the FY 2017 Budget and among other issues commented on: increase on Mayor's stipend, decrease in funding of the Mosquito Program, Veteran's Memorial Funding, property tax rates, Cafritz funding of an additional police officer and the branding of the Town.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:50 PM.

### April 18 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council members (CM) Thompson (arrived at 7:31 PM), Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez.

#### Public Comment (*Responses are italicized*)

- Concern about the budget cut for the Mosquito Program. Testing, sampling and trapping should be the key part of the program.
- Budget concerns: Encouraged the Council to be more transparent in what the budget reads. Consider giving payment to Council Members. Stop adding clutter to the Town with signage. Where is the placeholder for the Traffic Study? Discontinue Cafritz security when no longer funded by Cafritz. Funding of Veteran's Memorial. Do not cut funding on the Mosquito Program, if anything, expand the program. Consider a Town Manager. *The Mosquito Program is not being discontinued. The salary portion of this program can be found under the General Salaries line item of Public Works. Yard surveys and trappings will be continued at hot spots that are reported.*
- Would like more information on the calculation of the Solar Array line item. *The \$10,000 under Revenue is from energy credits and Pepco.*
- Why an increase for pest control for the projected 2017 Budget? *This is a "what if?" for gypsy moths.*
- Line item Unreserved/Reserved Service Funds, column A shows a significant percentage change. *This question will be reviewed and forwarded to the resident when available.*
- What information is available on the progress of grant writing from the Town Treasurer?
- Supports the continuation of the sampling of the Mosquito Program. What is the reason for changing the program and moving around with the trapping? *The Town is trying to focus on more than one type of mosquito. The goal is to find the mosquitoes and eliminate them. Trapping in the same location year after year does give some information, but it does not tell us where the mosquitoes are today.*

#### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace a 4' chain link fence located at 6519 40th Avenue.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace a 4' chain link fence located at 6507 43rd Avenue.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a 4' fence located at 4411 Beechwood Road.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Department and Council Reports

##### Mayor's Report

- The firewall and server in Town Hall have been replaced.
- The telephone system in Town Hall will soon be updated.
- Will be discussing the option of migrating Council emails so that it remains on the Town server.
- Prince George's Plaza Transit District Overlay Zone Plan, Draft 2-B of CR-25-2016 was distributed. There will be a public hearing by the District Council on May 31.
- The Green House Gas Emissions Reduction Act was passed by the Senate House of Delegates and signed in to law by Governor Hogan.
- The job description for a Code Compliance Officer was distributed. Mayor Carey asked that he be informed of any concerns or suggestions.
- On May 5, College Park will have the grand opening of their Zagster Bike Sharing Program. There will be a bike sharing station at Guilford Road and Baltimore Avenue.
- May 7, the Rivers to Rockets Bike Rally will be riding through University Park in the morning and the Porch Fest will take place in the afternoon.
- On May 2, Mayor Carey and Mickey Beall will attend a state briefing on the Zika virus in Annapolis.

##### Council Reports

*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee* Topics of discussion at the April 14 committee meeting were: To consider stop bars for the safety of pedestrians in the area of Clagett-Pineway, Clagett Road and Pineway. To survey the Town and prioritize the areas most in need of sidewalks. To request the assistance of Mr. James Cook of TruCount Data to help alleviate traffic problems on

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Van Buren Street between 40th Avenue and Forest Hill Drive. An additional stop sign on College Heights Drive will not be decided until it is determined if that street will become a green street.

**Development Overview Committee** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 PM.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson reported that the Park and Planning Commission and the attorney for 7-Eleven have responded to the brief. Riverdale Park and University Park will have a certain amount of days to respond. A hearing date has not been scheduled.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported she is preparing for the upcoming Town election. Absentee ballots are available. MML reservations for the 2016 convention has been made for Mayor and Council.

The March 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Police Chief Wynnyk distributed the March 2016 Crime Report was distributed. Attended the Azalea Run and the Community Health Fair. The Home Security Reimbursement Program has had four submissions.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall asked that the Council encourage their constituents to participate in the Shade Tree Reimbursement Program. The Electronics Recycling event will take place on Saturday, April 30. A picture ID will be required for certain items. Street paving on Baltimore Avenue has begun. A group of Town volunteers organized by the Council Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment and Public Works staff planted 10 trees that were donated by the County. Mr. Beall has gone through the first round of reimbursement documentation with FEMA for winter storm Jonas. The approximate reimbursement amount is between \$15,000 to \$18,000.

### New Business

**Motion to approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 16-O-03: Fiscal 2017 Budget. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 2, 2016.** Motion approved 7 to 0.

Council suggestions for the 2017 Budget:

- Solar Array-for clarity, break it down to two components.

- Code Enforcement Officer (G15)—move to the Police Department line item.
- Azalea Classic-separate line item from PTA (PTA, PTA/Azalea Classic)

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

### May 2 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Council members (CM) Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez. Excused: Thompson, Gekas.

### Presentations

**Exploring Aging in Place in University Park: Findings from a Needs and Strengths Assessment** Celine Vos and Erika Larrea from the University of Maryland School of Public Health gave a presentation on the results of their assessment of University Park's needs and strengths regarding aging in place. The presenters were undergraduate students with majors in Behavioral and Community Health. Professor Sharon Desmond was also present. Some suggestions for the older residents were: mobility for the handicapped, accessible resources, social organizations, communication networks, volunteers, a citizen's association, reliable outside assistance and meal planning. Solutions for an aging in place community: compile a comprehensive directory with trusted resources, provide a community space for older adults to socialize, and establish a community group that specializes in helping aging adults.

**A Sustainability Action Plan for University Park** Allison Harwick gave a presentation on a Sustainability Action Plan for the Town, which she has developed with the help of the Green Team and others, as part of a Capstone project for the Harvard University Extension School. The goal of this action plan is to save operation costs for the Town and to lower the environmental footprint. Recommended building a web page dedicated to sustainability efforts and Ms. Harwick offered to help with this process. Encouraged inviting interns from University of Maryland to regularly infuse inspiration into the process on sustainability. Suggested hiring a part time sustainability officer.

**Mosquito Update** Rutgers University professor Ms. Dina M. Fonseca gave a presentation on invasive mosquitoes. For detailed information, please visit <http://>

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asiantigermosquito.rutgers.edu. There is nothing impossible about controlling mosquitoes. It is a question of organization and information. It only takes a few homeowners who aren't complying to infest the entire neighborhood.

### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace a 5'x 6' shed located at 4443 Wells Parkway.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

### New Business

*Motion: As per the recommendations of the Council Committee on Police, Traffic & Public Safety, to request the Mayor to hire Mr. James Cook of TruCount Data to consult with the Town concerning traffic problems on Van Buren Street and to compensate Mr. Cook for his services.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

*Motion: As per the recommendations of the Council Committee on Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, to recommend that the Mayor request the Director of Public Works to paint three stop bars at the stop signs on the corner of Clagett-Pineway and Pineway, and four stop bars at the stop signs on the intersection of Clagett-Pineway and Clagett Road.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

*Mayor's Report* A job description and announcement for the Code Compliance Officer was distributed. A job description for a Marketing Intern was distributed. Two events will take place on May 7: Rivers to Rockets Rally will bicycle through Town in the morning and PorchFest will take place from 2-6 PM.

### Council Reports

*Policy Rules and Municipal Structure* CM Verrill reported on a successful Woodberry Street meeting to discuss recent and future Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission projects and expressed her thanks to Public Works Director Mickey Beall.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:47 PM.



**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.

## TOWN EVENTS

### UPWC News

#### Congratulations 2016 Scholarship Winners

For the past 70 years, the UPWC has provided scholarships to promising local high school seniors. The students' outstanding personal and academic achievements, excellent recommendations by teachers and counselors, and their essays led to their selection. At the June 4 luncheon meeting, the club will be presenting \$1,000 scholarships to each of the three winners:

Ryan Montesi of University Park, who attends St. Anselm's Abbey School and was an early admission to Yale University.

John Mullan of College Heights Estates, who attends DeMatha High School and is the son of Denise Eggers, a UPWC member.

Emmalene Trebel who attends Elizabeth Seton High School and is the granddaughter of Pat Myers, a UPWC member. She will be attending Montgomery Community College studying civil engineering.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraisers, to the UPWC clubwomen and friends who made significant donations. Your purchases and donations helped the club raise sufficient funds for three full scholarships. Because no applications were received this year from NWHS or for the nontraditional scholarship, three UP scholarships were granted. For further information about the UP Woman's Club please visit our new website (with thanks to Michelle Wedge's creativity!) [www.upwomansclub.org](http://www.upwomansclub.org).



### UPWC Garden Tour

Saturday, June 25, 3-6 PM

Welcome summer with The University Park Woman's Club! We are interested in adding a few more gardens to this year's tour. If interested, please email [upmdwc@gmail.com](mailto:upmdwc@gmail.com).

### UPCA News

The University Park Civic Association kicks off the summer with a handful of events this month! Dog lovers in UP, your furry pals' favorite town event is coming up. Be sure to sign up for the 3rd Annual 2016 Mutt

Strut and meet your canine neighbors around town in a fun parade. Then, those with infants and preschoolers, meet up at the tot lot for an extra event with the UP Playgroup. Thanks to all who participated in our two



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large townwide events last month! The UP PorchFest was a huge success, with folks able to wander from venue to venue to hear a wide variety of music from residents and friends. Much appreciation to Jason and Emily Jackson, who coordinated the entire event and to musicians and porch volunteers for providing music and hospitality to all our neighbors.

The UPCA spring yard sale continued to bring large crowds from other towns and even other counties, looking to find treasures throughout town. Thanks to Dawn Nichols for holding the unenviable job of coordinating all of the families who were selling, as well as rounding up some food trucks. Thanks also to Jean Pirovic of Long and Foster Real Estate for providing free ice cream.

### 3rd Annual Mutt Strut Sunday, June 5, 9-10:30 AM

Woof! Woof! What did you say? Dogs walking in a parade? Please join us at the UP soccer field and take a walk around town with our lovable, four-legged friends. Refreshments, vendors and door prizes too! To register, please visit the UPCA website at <http://upcivicassociation.com/muttstrut> to download the application form. For more information and/or to help volunteer, please contact Linda Verrill at 240-472-1983 or [Linda\\_Verrill@yahoo.com](mailto:Linda_Verrill@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you there!



### UP Playgroup Meet and Greet Sunday, June 5, 10:45 AM-12:30 PM

Calling all families/caregivers of infants and preschoolers! Head over to the tot lot after the Mutt Strut. The meet and greet is a fun and free opportunity to meet

other neighborhood families with young children. Come out to play and link up with other families to establish playgroups. Playgroups are a wonderful way to develop and practice social skills. The tot lot is behind the church at 6513 Queens Chapel Road. UP playgroup coordinators: Christine Becraft, Kara Frome and Elizabeth Seeger. Contact Kara if any questions, [karasell14@gmail.com](mailto:karasell14@gmail.com).

### The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series Battling Mosquitoes & Mosquito-borne Diseases Saturday, June 11, 5 PM

Beginning June 11 and on the 2nd Saturday of each month following, a free lecture will be given, open to all in the Washington community. A diverse range of topic areas will be covered including science, technology, the economy, health, education, history, literature, the arts, the environment, politics and more.

The first lecture features Dr. Dina Fonseca, Rutgers entomologist and mosquito researcher. Dr. Fonseca will talk about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, ways of reducing their numbers and trapping techniques. Please invite your neighbors and friends. Future lectures include:



- July 9 Kitty Donnelly  
I Touched the Declaration of Independence
- August 13 David Harrington  
The Battle of the Little Big Horn
- September 10 Michael Cotter  
Puppeteering
- October 8 Jim Beane  
Writing Short Stories in This Day and Age
- November 12 Beth Baker  
Creating Community as We Grow Older
- December 10 Larry Prikockis & Verna Gehring  
Bees and Pollinators

This community lecture series is sponsored by the University Park Church of the Brethren, the University Park Community Solar LLC, the University Park Woman's Club and the University Park Civic Association. All lectures at Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman, University Park. For more information, call 301-779-3168.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### After 8 Book Group Tuesday, June 28, 8-10 PM



June's title is *Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain. Please call Catherine Turner at 301-864-7743 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information. There are no meetings in July or August. Check out the July/August Town Newsletter for the upcoming season's book selections.

### 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 Street. For more information, call 301-466-5894.



**MD Land Rec Database Orientation, June 1, 7 PM** Rachel Frazier from the Maryland State Archives gives an orientation session on the MD Land Rec database. MD Land Rec is the online platform providing free access to Maryland Land Records. See <https://mdlandrec.net/main/> for details and to register. Feel free to bring your own laptop as only a few laptops can be provided. For more details see <http://www.pgcmls.info>. Hyattsville Library.

### Independent Film Series, *Girl Rising*, Monday, June 13, 7 PM

*Girl Rising* is a documentary film that tells the stories of nine girls from nine developing countries, where each faces challenges that require perseverance and commitment to pursue their dreams. Ultimately it is a story of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. Filmmaker-in-Residence, Talaya Grimes, will facilitate the post-screening discussion. Hyattsville Library.



**Vacation Bible School, June 20-24, 5:30-8 PM** The theme of this year's VBS is Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love. You can read more about the program on the VBS web page. If you have questions about the program, call the church office at 301-422-

1430 or e-mail [universitybaptistchurchcp@gmail.com](mailto:universitybaptistchurchcp@gmail.com). This is a wonderful program for children ages 5-12. University Baptist Church, 3515 Campus Drive, College Park.

### Riversdale

Events take place at Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riversdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, MD. Call 301-864-0420 or email [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com) for more information

### Father's Day Tours, Sunday, June 19, 12-3:30 PM

Bring your father, grandfather or other special gentleman for a free guided tour during open hours. Limited to one free tour per paid admission. \$5 adult; \$4 senior; \$2 student; Free children 4 & under. All ages welcome.

### Jazz on the Lawn: Lord Baltimore Country Club, Wednesday, June 22, 6 PM

Kick off our Jazz on the Lawn series with a tribute to the Lord Baltimore Country Club, housed at Riversdale in 1914. Dress in your best bib and tucker and bring out the seersucker! Spread out an elegant picnic and enjoy lawn games before the concert. Prizes will be awarded! Free. All ages welcome.

### Shopping Locally for Fresh Food

You can eat locally-grown produce year round by shopping at these nearby markets.

Downtown College Park Farmers Market  
4500 Knox Road  
College Park, Maryland 20740  
Sunday 10 AM- 2 PM

Riverdale Park Farmers Market  
4650 Queensbury Road  
Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737  
Thursday 3-7 PM

College Park Farmers Market  
5211 Paint Branch Pkwy  
College Park, Maryland 20740  
Saturday 7 AM-Noon

Hollywood Farmers Market  
9801 Rhode Island Ave.  
College Park, Maryland 20740  
Saturday 8 AM-Noon

Greenbelt Farmers Market  
25 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <b>Recycling</b>	3 <b>Trash</b>	4 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM 
5 Mutt Strut, 9-11 AM UP Playgroup Meet & Greet, 10:45 AM-12:30 PM	6 <b>Yard Waste</b> Town Council, 7:30 PM	7 <b>Trash</b>	8	9 <b>Recycling</b>	10 <b>Trash</b> 	11 AM Ivy League, 9-11 AM 2nd Saturday Lecture: Battling Mosquitoes & Mosquito-borne Diseases, 5 PM
12	13 <b>Yard Waste</b> Mosquito Control Program, 7-8 PM	14 <b>Trash</b>	15	16 <b>Recycling</b>	17 <b>Trash</b>	18 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM
19	20 <b>Yard Waste</b> Town Council, 7:30 PM	21 <b>Trash</b>	22 <b>Development</b> Overview Committee, 7:30 PM	23 <b>Recycling</b>	24 <b>Trash</b>	25 UPWC Garden Tour, 3-6 PM 
26	27 <b>Yard Waste</b>	28 <b>Trash</b> After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	29	30 <b>Recycling</b>		<b>Save the Date!</b> July 9 2nd Saturday Lecture: Kitty Donnelly on I Touched the Declaration of Independence



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