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MAYOR'S COLUMN

The Maryland Mayor's Association and Maryland Municipal League's annual essay contest with the "If I were Mayor" theme for 4th graders is underway through March 31 (learn more at mdmunicipal.org). It is a theme I reflect on regularly. What do I do as Mayor of University Park?

There are many ways of structuring municipal government, several of them in use by neighboring cities and towns. In University Park, our municipal government follows a classic strong mayor-council structure, where the Mayor is elected directly by the Town's voters and is responsible for the executive functions, while Council Members are responsible for the legislative functions. However, because University Park does not have a town or city manager like our neighboring municipalities, the Mayor here is also the Town's chief administrator. The general powers and duties for University Park Mayors

are spelled out in Section 401 of the Town Charter that *The Mayor shall see that the ordinances of the Town are faithfully executed and shall be the chief executive officer and the head of the administrative branch of the Town government.* The Mayor presides at Council meetings and participates in discussion, but his or her involvement in the legislative process is to break tie votes and to veto.

The University Park Mayor supervises appointment and dismissal of staff, with Council consent for department heads; execution of all laws and policies; representation of the Town in fiscal, legal, and ceremonial matters; and management of the Town's day-to-day operations. There is much more in the details, but in the University Park structure the Mayor in effect has full management authority, with the council providing important oversight. The Town is fortunately favored with a fine staff, who handle and sweat the details and thus keep the Town on

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	March 6 & 20
Green Team	March 2
Development Overview Committee	March 15

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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track day to day. They are capable, responsive, and accountable and serve you well. I couldn't do my job as Mayor, without them.

My role as Mayor is to bring direction and impetus to staff work and to Council legislation, pulling it all together and moving things forward in an efficient and responsive, even planned manner. There is plenty in that for a University Park Mayor to do. Some of what I do as Mayor is routine. The Mayor prepares the agendas for the twice-monthly Council meetings, so I work with staff to assemble and think through what the Council will consider at its next meeting. The Mayor writes a column and reviews the Newsletter prior to publication 11 times per year. The Mayor supervises the financial administration of the Town, so I examine all bank statements and canceled checks as an additional set of eyes on the Town's fiscal affairs. The Mayor bears ultimate responsibility for the preparation and administration of the budget, so I have been busy with Town Treasurer Dan Baden to build the next fiscal year budget and estimated tax rate proposal which will be presented by April 1 for Council consideration. We will spend much of the next several months in budget deliberations with the Council.

In addition to these routine tasks, Town Hall must deal with whatever comes to our doorstep. There is a random element to what comes to us that way, and someone has to pick it up and respond. If it isn't clearly in the realm of the public works or police departments, it's up to the Mayor to address or delegate the response. Occasionally, it's a long week.

There are meetings, too. I preside at the twice-monthly Council meetings, and attend meetings of many Council committees. These and other meetings take 1-3 evenings in many weeks. I have a recurring weekly coordination meeting with staff, and a weekly meeting with the Town Attorney to review the status of a scrolling array of matters. I meet with individual staff throughout the week to decide matters or help move projects along. There are, as well, a lot of in-town meetings with neighbors. I often meet to share information and collaborate with Mayors and Town or City managers of neighboring municipalities, with University of Maryland administrators, and with County officials, including County Council Member Dannielle Glaros and her staff. I am a member of the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Committee, and meet in Annapolis for one day most weeks while the

legislature is in session. While there, I often meet with our 22nd Legislative District delegation to discuss University Park interests. In recent weeks, I have scheduled meetings to recruit election judges and council candidates, plan bike share expansion, discuss the Town's mosquito program, solve problems with sediments flowing into Wells Run, request proposals for a new Town website, discuss a possible addition to Town Hall, learn about how another municipality successfully transitioned to a town manager structure of governance, and to discuss needed engineering services for building a ramp, replacing a bridge, and repairing a tennis court. Meetings are an effective way to get collective shoulders applied to the wheels of municipal governance and moving the Town forward, so are a vital element in what I do as Mayor.

Being Mayor in University Park is two jobs in one, and even with the capable and effective staff which the Town has, requires more than full time effort. It has been so for more than a decade, the consequence of both Town's assumption of a greater role in what happens in Northern Prince George's County, and the increased complexity of municipal governance.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 17-O-01

On February 13, 2017, Ordinance 17-O-01 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Section 12.1, "Pay Policy During Weekends, Holidays, Closure or Dismissal", Section 13.1, Annual Leave Accrual, and Section 13.1.2, "Annual Leave Accumulation", to allow department heads to permanently elect to receive authorized sick leave as annual leave, allow department heads to permanently elect to convert annual leave in excess of 240 hours to sick leave, and to modify the pay policy for work performed on Sundays and holidays. The meeting set for March 6, 2017 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The ordinance would take effect twenty days after adoption.

For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

The UPPD continues to work with UP Public Works to improve our crime prevention through environmental design approach by improving the appearance of our community and working to make our town a safer and cleaner neighborhood.

A critical concept of crime prevention is that if an area appears to be unclaimed, *someone* will claim it. Often that may be a person that intends to use the area for illicit activities. Vacant homes attract truants and vagrants. Unkempt wooded areas attract illicit activities. The well-traveled, high activity, designated use areas are rarely a meeting ground for criminal activity. An eyewitness is the criminal's worst fear.

A managed growth approach has been implemented throughout the town park areas with specific attention given to the walkways, pathways and sight lines. Careful pruning and tree replacement has been taken into consideration to ensure that the environmental integrity and green beauty of our town is maintained. In consultation with the arborist, discussions with the stream committee, tree committee, community members' assistance and consideration of park use activities, a balance has been drawn to improve many design aspects of Town public areas. "Creating territoriality is communicating to those viewing the property that this place is cared for at all times and by the whole of the community."

Signage is an ongoing project. Improving the visibility of stop signs by replacing, relocating and pruning vegetation, along with continued reminders with enforcement and education serves to make our roads safer. Please help in this effort by stopping for all stop signs, even if no one is looking. The removal of illegal signs (pole posters, various service offers, lost pets, etc.) is a constant effort by both the UPPD and the UPPW. Residents are encouraged to assist in the removal of these signs (as some already do) whenever possible. Please remove your lost pet signs as soon as possible. We have noticed that if we are more persistent in removal than the culprits are in placement, they will eventually give up and the community wins!

Communicating pride in ownership through proper maintenance and use of your own property serves to increase safety, security and helps in the prevention of loss. Outsiders and neighbors should be able to see their neighbors do things like play in the yard, sit on the

porch, mow the lawn, etc. Good maintenance of all areas of the property and all items on the property communicate to potential criminals that the place is carefully watched over and that they are likely to be seen and



caught. A potential criminal will always pick a less risky target. If you've ever sold a home, you probably know that it never looked better than the day you sold it. Or perhaps, when preparing for a party we tidy up inside and out so that it looks perfect for company. Maintenance includes keeping the landscape trimmed, the lighting functional, the home and vehicles clean, the trash picked up and all structures maintained in good repair. The care of your property impacts the entire community. Have a safe and happy Spring!

Robbery On Monday, January 2 at 11:20 PM in the 6400 block of Tennyson Rd. victim was walking home from the Metro station along Tennyson Road when he was approached by 2 suspects on foot. Suspect/s displayed a black semi-automatic handgun and demanded the victim's money and cell phone. The victim was then pushed to the ground. The suspects then fled the scene. UPPD and PGPD responded to the scene and canvassed the area. The victim was not injured. The PGPD Robbery Investigative Unit and Robbery Suppression Team continued the investigation and on 1/3/17 at approximately 4 AM, members of the RID and RST developed investigative leads in the case and were able to apprehend the suspects without incident in New Carrollton. Case closed with arrest.

Breaking and Entering (Shed) Between Wednesday January 18 10 PM and Thursday January 19 6 AM in the 6400 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s cut the padlock off a shed door and entered the shed. It was determined that nothing was stolen. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

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Breaking and Entering (Shed) Between Wednesday January 18 10:30 PM and Thursday January 19 6:30 AM in the 6400 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s cut the padlock off a shed door, entered the shed and stole a reciprocating saw and grass trimmer. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking and Entering (Shed) Between Wednesday January 18 9 PM and Thursday January 19 6:45 AM in the 6400 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s cut the padlock off a shed door, entered the shed and stole a battery charger and a small air compressor. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between Wednesday January 18 7 PM and Thursday January 19 8:45 AM in the 6500 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s broke the driver side window of a 2002 Honda CRV and stole a purse containing various credit cards. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On Saturday January 21 between midnight and 8:30 AM in the 3900 block of Underwood St. suspect/s stole four wheels and tires from a 2016 Honda Accord. The vehicle alarm did not activate. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft Between January 19 8 AM and January 20 9 PM in the 7000 block of Baltimore Ave. suspect/s stole a GT brand bicycle that was chained to the rear deck of the residence. The theft was reported on January 24. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.



Ivy League

Saturday, March 11, 9-11 AM

We will assemble at Town Hall to remove ivy from town trees. Please bring hand clippers and a prying tool, such as a large screwdriver or dandelion weeder. In addition to helping 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.

Tree Committee News

Calling all Champions

Mr. Michael Ellis is looking for champions here in University Park. Mr. Ellis, on staff with Prince George's County Parks and Recreation, assists in coordinating the county's Champion Tree program. At his presentation at our December meeting, he provided an overview of the Champion Tree program which catalogs the largest known trees of each species on record in the county. The list is continuously updated.

While visiting University Park in the summer of 2016, Mr. Ellis took note of our well-shaded neighborhood and walked the length of every street in town. He believes he has identified at least two county champions in University Park- a Horse Chestnut at Deakins Hall and a Deodar Cedar on Beechwood. Both of these trees were clearly visible from public sidewalks. He believes there may be more champions in back yards across town. The Tree Committee calls upon citizens to report potential champions on their property. Send your messages to TreeComm@UPMD.org, subject "Potential Champion."

Notable Tree

This month's notable tree is the American witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*). This fine specimen is located at 4103 Van Buren Street. American witchhazel presents as a shrub or small tree with arching branches. It is best known for its showy yellow and fragrant flowers, which, in full defiance of winter, emerge in late December and sustain well into February. It is, to my knowledge, the only woody plant native to these parts that flowers in winter. It is pollinated by a moth. Its branches have long been a favorite for divining rods.

-Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Tree Committee.



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January 23 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a 4' wooden fence located at 4320 Clagett Road subject to the adjacent owners joining in the application and their consent via email or letter to the Town. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a 22KW 48"x 25" stand-alone natural gas generator with a 100 AMP ATS located at 7005 Forest Hill Drive. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 7-107 of the Town Code, to authorize a permit extension for a dumpster in the driveway at 6303 Queens Chapel Road, extending the permit for an additional 120 days upon showing of exceptional circumstance. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comment

A resident distributed a flyer with information on a public forum that will be hosted by Prince George's County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros on February 1, 2017 at the Center for Educational Partnership on Sheridan Street in Riverdale. The topic will be on immigration and what services and programs are available.

Continuing Business

Motion to adopt the transfer of \$9,500 within Public Works line items from A1 Salaries to B5 Playing Field Maintenance for repair and maintenance of the Town field. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to write and send a letter to the M-NCPPC Urban Design Section in support of limited minor amendments to Detailed Site Plan 13009-10, for Riverdale Park Station (Cafritz Property) to relocate the play area from the central green to an expanded play area in the northeast corner of the property. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 504(a) of the Charter of the Town of University Park, to set a May 2, 2017 date for general election in the Town, and to approve the poll hours of operation from 8 AM to 8:00 PM. Motion

approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to authorize the Mayor to write and send a letter to the Prince George's County Department of the Environment supporting the goals of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan for Prince George's County, Maryland with the following suggestions:

- *Support for local decentralized food waste composting facilities as outlined on pages 37-38 of the report.*
- *Consider time and cost to develop private and public infrastructure for collection of bottles at retail and public facilities, as would be involved in implementation of a bottle bill.*
- *Development of multi-stream recycling for non-compatible materials will have logistical and fiscal impact on municipalities related to operations and equipment needed to make multiple collections of substantially irregular volumes of recyclable materials from week to week. Consideration should be given to the timing of program rollouts, participation mandates, and disposal facility infrastructure.*
- *Consider a northern county transfer station to accommodate multiple streams of recyclable municipal solid waste, thus reducing economic and environmental impact of increased hauling trips for multiple streams.*
- *Consider allowing municipalities to combine yard waste and other compostable materials collections to minimize the operational and financial impact on municipalities.*
- *Rather than folding plastic bags back into the landfill stream, consider converting waste to energy via incineration as a viable solution.*

Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

A copy of the letter dated January 13, 2017 addressed to the Prince George's County Director of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement Dr. Haitham Hijazi in regards to the clearing of the area behind Northwestern High School was distributed to the Council. Mayor Carey was informed that there was a forest harvest permit to clear the property. The Town will continue to push for protection of the soil in that area to prevent sedimentation to Wells Run.

The Mayor recently met with the new Town Manager for

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Riverdale Park John Lestitian to welcome him to his new position and to discuss the importance of cooperation amongst the local communities.

The Town Attorney and Mayor Carey met with Andre Gingles regarding the Dewey parcel. A detailed site plan is expected in June. They are proposing four to seven story housing above a three-story garage. This development will take place on a portion of the surface parking lot located behind the Prince George's County Community Center.

The Mayor will be meeting with the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee to discuss the ability of municipalities to regulate the ability of utilities to dig up or occupy the public right-of-way within the municipality.

Councilmember Alvarez and Mayor Carey are hosting a neighborhood gathering to discuss bikeshare on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 10 AM at the intersection of Van Buren and Wells Parkway. The purpose of this gathering is to have a discussion with the residents of Wards 6 and 7 to talk about the location of the bikeshare station.

Mayor Carey will attend the Maryland Mayor's Association meeting. Arrangements were made to meet with Delegate Tawanna Gaines and Senator Paul Pinsky to discuss bikeshare, working with utilities and the playground.

A memo will soon be distributed to the Council regarding the closing of Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue.

Michael Strickland resigned as the Town bus driver. Andrew Plass who was the back-up bus driver and a public works employee will now be the primary bus driver for the morning route.

Council and Committee Reports

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Green Team Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano A total of 63 riders used the Town bus on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The total number of riders on the Town bus is approximately 15,000 per year. A direct bus telephone line is now available which will inform callers when the bus is operating and when there are any changes to bus service due to inclement weather or holidays. There will also be an opportunity for callers to leave a comment about the bus service. The number is 240-297-8287.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the December 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall reported that currently the public works crew is cleaning up around the Town park. Mr. Beall will meet with the Town's contract engineer on January 25 to discuss the design and timeline of the Van Buren pedestrian bridge. Due to permitting, it appears that the bridge will not be installed before the fall.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting and enter Executive Session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding the ability of the Town to regulate its public right-of-way. The Council will not be returning to open session. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:35 PM.

February 6 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit for an addition of a new 11'x 10' dormer at second floor and new first floor 11'x 5' porch infill to include new bathroom located at 4338 Clagett Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Reminder: Please use University Park as your address on your Maryland tax forms.



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Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing exterior door and window with a French door and sidelight glass panels located at 4319 Clagett Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve WSSC's special utility permit 2017-02 to enter University Park right-of-way for the replacement of water mains and house connections along Adelphi Road from Wells Parkway to Toledo Road including connections to mains on Underwood Street, Beechwood Road and Calverton Drive as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve participation by the Town in responding to the FCC request for comment on streamlining deployment of small cell and distributed antenna systems and the Petition for Declaratory Ruling by Mobilitie, and the payment of up to \$1,000 in legal fees and related costs for this purpose. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to consent to the appointment of Nele Lauwers to the Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: A Councilmember recommended combining the Stream Committee with the Trees, Parks and Environment Committee.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- As recommended by the Town Treasurer Dan Baden, the Town appealed the County tax differential rate to Prince George's County stating that University Park owns the streetlights, has a police force, donates to the volunteer fire department, etc. The County agreed to the appeal. As a result town residents will see a reduction in their County tax. For example, the tax differential savings on a house assessed at \$500,000 would be approximately \$750.
- Mayor attended the Maryland Mayor's Association's winter conference in Annapolis.
- The RFP for website design will be distributed soon. The objective is to get the new website operating by June 2017.
- By the request of University Park, Prince George's County has budgeted for expertise for a Transportation Demand Management District. The North County Transportation Study will look at how transportation

works in the areas that encompasses College Park, Hyattsville, University Park and Riverdale Park. The study will include transit as well as parking.

▪In reference to the private agreement made between University Park and Cafritz, the Town will receive \$100,000 by April 1, 2017, prior to the Whole Foods opening. In the Mayor's letter to Cafritz requesting this payment, it was stated clearly that the Town does not currently anticipate expanding its police force, but will use the funds to provide additional police presence, including overtime, to address traffic and response requirements associated with the Whole Foods and other development at Riverdale Park Station.

▪There will be two presentations at the next Council meeting. One on the Town's compost efforts and the second will be the annual report from the Trees, Parks and Environment Committee.

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Development Overview Committee The February Committee meeting has been cancelled.

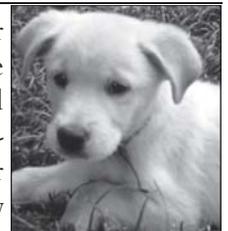
Tree, Parks and Environment Committee The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met on January 25, 2017. The minutes are not yet available. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017 at 7 PM at Town Hall. The Committee plans to host a Sustainability Fair on Sunday, April 2 from 9 AM- 11 AM. This event will join in with University Park Civic Association events such as the stream clean up and Easter egg hunt.

Green Team A sustainability action plan will soon be available for Council comments.

The meeting adjourned by consent 8:20 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.



Helping Hands UP (HHUP)



According to the National Council on Aging, falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for older Americans. Falls threaten seniors' safety and independence and generate enormous economic and personal costs. Preventing falls is our focus this month. About one third of the elder population over the age of 65 falls each year, and the risk of falls increases proportionately with age. At 80 years, over half of seniors fall annually.

While thinking about fall prevention, remember to exercise, eat properly, and talk with your physician about medications with side effects that might make you vulnerable to falling. If your balance isn't as good as it used to be, consider seeing an occupational or physical therapist.

And now, to fall prevention:

- Have handrails installed on both sides of stairs and walkways. If you must carry something while walking up or down stairs, hold the item in one hand and use the handrail with the other. When you're carrying something, be sure you can see where your feet are stepping.
- Adequate lighting is extremely important. Have lights at the top and the bottom of all stairs. Make sure you have enough lighting in each room, at entrances and on outdoor walkways. Place a lamp within easy reach of your bed. Put night lights in the bathroom, hallways, bedroom and kitchen. Keep a flashlight by your bed in case the power is out and you need to get up.
- In the bathroom, install grab bars near the toilet and in the tub or shower. Though tempting, never use a towel rack for balance. Consider installing a removable transfer seat in the bathtub and a fold-down seat in the shower. If you'll be replacing a toilet, choose an elevated toilet.
- Remove anything that could cause you to trip or slip while walking. Tripping on clutter, small furniture, pet bowls, electrical or phone cords, or other things can cause you to fall. Slipping on rugs or slick floors can also cause falls. Be sure that carpets are secured to the floor and stairs. Remove throw rugs, use non-slip rugs, or attach rugs to the floor with double-sided tape.

- Painting walls in contrasting colors can provide visual cues to those with cognitive impairment and assist those with macular degeneration.
- You might find it helpful to rearrange often-used items in your home to make them more accessible. Store food boxes, cans, dishes, clothing and other everyday items within easy reach. This simple change could prevent a fall that might come from standing on a stool to get to an item. *from NIHseniorhealth.gov*

There are companies that specialize in making modifications to homes so seniors and those with disabilities can remain in their homes. Modifications can range from installing grab bars to ramps to stairlifts, to widening hallways, raising counters, etc. Interested in contacting companies for an assessment? Send an email to HHU-niversityPark@gmail.com.



UPCA News

Despite the short month, February still had enough room for several UPCA events. First, thank you to Jennifer Yonkos and family for her poetry-themed social. We all enjoyed the amazing cocktails and, of course, the great company of everyone who attended. We hope everyone had fun at our Skate Date at the Wells Ice Rink. Hopefully, the snacks and party room helped distract you from all who slipped a few times! Lastly, thank you to all who came to Franklin's to support the UPCA during our fundraiser! The UPCA is run entirely by unpaid volunteers, so all money raised goes directly towards the events in the community. We appreciate you taking time during your month to help us out.

UPWC Meeting

Monday, March 6, 11:30 AM

Our very own University Park Woman's Club member Edna "Eddie" Crocker will present the March program STEM: An Approach to the World. Eddie has been leading an extracurricular activity at a middle school to encourage students to develop and enhance their skills in

science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Come hear this experienced educator share her insights into this very current and important topic in our schools. Registration at 11:30, followed by a light lunch and program. Guests welcome. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi, at Belcrest Road. RSVP required by March 4. More info: helen.andreno@longandfoster.com or patmyers2@verizon.net, 301-439-6813.

**University Park Woman's Club
2017 Scholarships**

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

This one-year \$1500 award is available to a graduating high school senior of Northwestern High School with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. This is a financial need based scholarship. Applicants must complete parts A, B, and C of the application and provide the additional information requested.



University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one year \$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 who joined the club prior to June 30, 2015, and children of current members who joined the club on or after July 1, 2015. All applicants must live in Maryland. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. This is a merit-based needs blind scholarship. Applicants must complete parts A and B of the application and provide additional information as requested. Applications and further information can be found at <http://www.upmd.org/?documents>. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Monday, April 3, 2017.

**University Park PTA Silent Auction
Saturday, March 4, 5-8 PM**



The PTA auction raises funds for library books, field trips, art instruction, classroom supplies, physical education equipment and other enrichment opportunities not funded by the county. Please help make the PTA Silent

Auction a success. You can help in two ways:

- 1. Donate an auction item.** Are you an artist, crafts-person, tradesperson or other skilled professional? Consider donating your special talent. All donations are welcome and tax deductible. Please contact us at ptaupessilentauktion@gmail.com or Linda Moghadam, 301-699-3945, if you have an item to donate.
- 2. Attend the University Park Silent Auction.** Hundreds of exciting auction items to bid on: local art, fine dining, theatre tickets, entertainment, weekend getaways, music, wine, cheese, desserts. The event is free; adults only, please. Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3725 Metzert Road, College Park.

**The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series
Saturday, March 11, 5 PM**

Our March presenter is UP resident Ross Salawitch. Ross is a professor at the University of Maryland and a member of the faculties of the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science and the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. He is the lead author of the recently published book, *Paris Climate Agreement: Beacon of Hope*. Ross will describe his research about the impacts humans are having on our climate and what can be done to limit global temperature rise. Come hear how the Paris Climate Agreement as the first global accord lays out a strategy for all participating countries to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases for the near future and creates a pathway to further reductions beyond 2030. Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St, University Park.

Great Decisions 2017

Tuesdays, March 14 and 28, 7:30-9:30 PM

Foreign policy issues, international conflict and trade will continue to present formidable challenges to America, the outcome 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 FPA website:



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fpa.org/great_decisions/. If you want to join us, would like a discounted price on the booklet or have other questions, please contact John Rogard Tabori at McTab@aol.com.

March 14: Conflict in the South China Sea The South China Sea is a locus of competing territorial claims and China its most vocal claimant. Preventing tensions from boiling over is a matter of careful diplomacy.

March 28: Saudi Arabia in Transition As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman attempts to boldly transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, bipartisan criticism of Saudi Arabia is rising in Congress. Both countries need each other, but they are at a crossroads in bilateral relations.

After 8 Book Group Tuesday, March 21, 8-10 PM

March's book is *The All Girls Filling Station's Reunion* by Fannie Flag. April's book is *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Please call Rachel Mayo at 301-864-5351 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

UP Church of the Brethren Mulch Sale Saturdays, March 25 & April 1, 8 AM



Good quality shredded hardwood mulch at \$3.75 per 2 cu. ft. bag will be available in the parking lot of the University Park Church of the Brethren, Baltimore Ave. and Tuckerman Street. To order mulch in advance, call Sue at 301-864-4328

or email upcob2@verizon.net. Advance, prepaid orders of 15 bags or more can be delivered, if within reasonable distance.

UPCA Bingo Night Saturday, March 25, 2-4:30 PM

Bingo is back in University Park! Get ready for some friendly competition amidst card daubing and number spotting. Maybe you'll win something to take home with you? We'll provide the cards, markers, snacks and prizes for the lucky winners! Meet at the UP Elementary School, and bring your favorite lucky charms.



5th Annual UPCA Spring Egg Hunt & Games

Sunday, April 2, 1 PM (Rain date: April 9)

Children birth through grade 6 are invited to participate in the Spring Egg Hunt and Games. The egg hunt begins promptly a 1 PM for the youngest children (0-2 years) followed by older age groups (3-6 years and age 7-grade 6). Other activities include face painting, crafts and games with a chance to win tasty prizes. Be ready to roll an egg and hop like a bunny! Wear warm



clothes and shoes appropriate for walking in the park. Treats provided, but you may wish to bring drinks. UP Town Park Tot Lot (behind the church at 6513 Queens Chapel Road). This free event is brought to you by the University Park Civic Association in partnership with the Prince George's Plaza Community Center/M-NCPPC.

Azalea Classic

Saturday, April 8, 8 AM

Join your neighbors and friends for a morning of family friendly fun and fitness. The Azalea Classic has a race for everyone! Choose from our USATF certified 5K, our 1 Mile Challenge or our 1K Family Fun Run. All races take place on quiet, azalea-lined streets in University Park. This popular event is for all ages. Organized by University Park Elementary School PTA, all proceeds benefit programs at the school. Please visit <http://www.azaleaclassic.com/> to register.



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 301-466-589.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

College Park Arts Exchange

Your generous donations for free events are always appreciated. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration, Saturday, March 4, 10 AM Celebrate the amazing stories of Dr. Seuss with books read aloud, puppets, art projects, and treats! College Park Community Library.

Fifth Annual College Park Book Festival, Saturday, March 25, 2-4 PM Sponsored by the College Park Community Library, College Park Community Center.

Opus 40 Ensemble, Saturday, March 25, 7:30 PM Featuring Brad Tatum on natural horn and Yee-Ning Soong on piano. College Park United Methodist Church, Sanctuary, 9601 Rhode Island Ave.

Yoga with CPAE, Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 PM Come and explore yoga with ParaYoga certified teacher Geneva Moss! We focus on poses and movement to help relieve stress and tensions from the week, rejuvenate the mind, body and energy and restoratives to nourish a good night's sleep. Bring your own mat and any props you like to use. The class is intended for ages 16 and over, mixed ability levels, with a primary focus on restorative poses. \$12 drop-in, \$60 for six weeks. Go to www.cpae.org for upcoming dates. College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road.

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 for more information.



The Riversdale Chamber Music Society, Sunday, March 6, 2:30-3:30 PM Join us as the U.S. Army String Quartet interprets the theme "Styles"! Be sure to stay and enjoy a reception with the musicians after the performance. Free. All ages welcome.

Tasting the Past: Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth, Saturday, March 11, 1:30 PM Join our foodways historian for a look at the history of sugar and dessert, including a tasting of a variety of sweet treats. Resident/\$12; Non-Resident/\$16; Ages 12 & up.

Kitchen Guild Open House, Sunday, March 19, 1 PM Kick off the spring opening of the open-hearth kitchen and try something new! Learn tips and tricks from Kitchen Guild members you can use in your own kitchen while sampling dishes and chatting with members about volunteer opportunities. Registration required by March 10. Free. Ages 14 & up.

Grief Counseling Sessions, Tuesday, March 7, 7 PM Wallace Presbyterian Church, College Park, is beginning a 13-week grief support group. GriefShare is a network of 12,000 churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from grief. The program includes a video seminar, group discussion and a personal workbook. There is a \$15 fee for the workbook. To learn more about GriefShare, visit www.griefshare.org. Open to all, 3725 Metzert Rd., College Park.

Dordt College Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band, Thursday, March 9, 7:30 PM The Dordt College Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band from Sioux Center, Iowa, will perform at Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park.



The ensembles will perform a wide variety of instrumental selections, ranging from orchestral works by Boccherini, Holst, Järnefelt, Quantz, and William Grant Still to contemporary wind band pieces by Arnold, Grainger, Hearshen, Markowski, and Peter Graham. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

Independent Film Series, A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story, Monday, March 27, 7 PM After Lizzie Velasquez endured cyber-bullying as a teenager she launched an anti-bullying campaign. She became famous for her TED Talk called "How Do YOU Define Yourself," and continues to use her experience and voice to speak out against haters.

College Park parkrun, Every Saturday, 9AM Join us any Saturday of the year at 9 AM at 4289 Metzert Road on the beautiful Paint Branch Trail. Get yourself a free runner barcode by registering here: www.parkrun.us/collegepark.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, April 29, 9 AM-1 PM
UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you won't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale...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. Please check the Public Works page at upmd.org for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations.

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
Paint
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



NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for the

Offices of
Councilmember Ward 2
Councilmember Ward 4
Councilmember Ward 5
Councilmember Ward 6

to be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

The Polls will be open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
at Word of God Baptist Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road (Side Door Entrance)

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

Register to vote online at: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration>

OR

File a voter registration form at the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 1100 Mercantile Lane Suite 115A,
Largo, MD 20774, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Office: 301-341-7300

OR

File a voter registration form at Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782.

DEADLINE:

To file as a candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

1. A citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of the Election,
3. A resident of University Park and
4. Registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the Election

CANDIDATES:

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by April 3, 2017 at 5 p.m. Packets are available at Town Hall and on the Town website, www.upmd.org under Documents/Elections. If residents have questions, please contact the Town Clerk via phone 301-927-4262 or email townhall@upmd.org

FILING DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

5 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017

6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, Maryland 20782
Office: 301-927-4262, Fax: 301-277-4548, TDD: 1-800-735-2258
Website: www.upmd.org, email: townhall@upmd.org



RAIN CHECK

REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County is committed to improving the quality of life for its communities by promoting green solutions to stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff occurs when rain (or snowmelt) flows over the land picking up pollutants such as oil, grease, sediment, and nutrients which make their way into local streams and rivers. The Rain Check Rebate Program allows property owners to receive rebates for installing Rain Check approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives and churches) can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program.

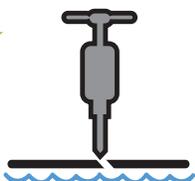
Rebate-Eligible Practices



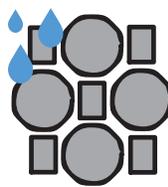
CISTERNS
\$250–\$2,000



GREEN ROOFS
\$2,000–\$20,000



PAVEMENT REMOVAL
\$600–\$5,000



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
\$1,200–\$5,000



RAIN BARRELS
\$50–\$100



RAIN GARDENS
\$1,200–\$2,500

If your property is located within a Homeowners Association (HOA), you must submit documentation of approval by the HOA with application.

Every practice must meet criteria established by the Department of the Environment (DoE). All practices except rain barrels require pre-approval to qualify for the rebate. Rain barrel rebate applications do not require pre-installation inspections.

A successful rebate applicant will use the website to follow these steps:

1. Assess their property and select the appropriate practice from the list of eligible practices.
2. Review the County's practice guidelines.
3. Submit a project application to DoE. Upon approval the County will send an agreement form and assign a County project coordinator.
4. If applicable, work with a project coordinator to schedule a pre-installation site visit.
5. Complete the project according to DoE standards within 12 months.
6. If applicable, schedule a post-installation site visit.
7. Submit receipts and rebate request to DoE.
8. Receive rebate check.

More information about the Rain Check Rebate Program including detailed information on rebate amounts can be found on the program website.

Rebate amounts are determined by:

- **Type of practice**
- **Project cost:** The rebate amount cannot exceed the total project cost
- **Applicant type:** Rebate ceilings are set at \$2,000 for residential practices, and \$20,000 for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

Need Help?

Find out if a community workshop is planned for your area by visiting the calendar of events on the program website.

You can also learn about certified contractors and where to find supplies you'll need to install the practices.



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive



March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Coming Up: 5th Annual UPCA Spring Egg Hunt & Games Sunday, April 2, 1 PM (Rain date: April 9)</p>		<p>Coming Up: Azalea Classic Saturday, April 8, 8 AM</p>		<p>2 Recycling</p>	<p>3 Trash</p>	<p>4 UPES PTA Silent Auction, 5-8 PM </p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7 Trash</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Recycling</p>	<p>10 Trash</p>	<p>11 The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series by Ross Salawitch, 5 PM</p>
<p>12 Daylight Savings Timing Begins</p>	<p>13 Yard Waste</p>	<p>14 Trash Great Decisions 2017, 7:30-9:30 PM</p>	<p>15 Development Overview Committee</p>	<p>16 Recycling</p>	<p>17 Trash</p>	<p>18 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM </p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Recycling</p>	<p>24 Trash </p>	<p>25 UP Church of the Brethren Mulch Sale, 8 AM Bingo Night, 2-4:30 PM</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Yard Waste</p>	<p>28 Trash  Great Decisions 2017, 7:30- 9:30 PM</p>	<p>30 Recycling</p>	<p>31 Trash</p>	<p>April 1 UP Church of the Brethren Mulch Sale, 8 AM</p>	



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 Chief Michael Wynnyk 301-277-0051

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5	David Caskey	301-699-8785	dcaskey@upmd.org
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718	mcron@upmd.org
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The April newsletter deadline is Monday, March 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 > Communications > Contact. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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