

UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

May is for mosquito program, representing the start of the mosquito season in University Park and, if you see a mosquito, you have license to swat it, no permit needed. Better yet, and for longer-lasting results, participate in the University Park Mosquito Repression Program to *remove* mosquito breeding habitat from your property and *replace* it with an artificial breeding habitat trap. This further mosquito prevention measure can help eliminate the scourge of mosquitos from our community.

For several years, the Town's mosquito program has used yard surveys coupled with education and communications from May through September to remove breeding habitat and reclaim our yards from those bothersome day-flying Asian tiger mosquitos (*Aedes albopictus*) under the Take Back our Yards! brand. The Town's program of

outreach, education and communications worked well with a lot of participation. Last year, a group of town residents operated a separate program, called UP Community Mosquito Control, which sought to determine whether widespread use of Gravid Aedes traps (GAT) could further reduce mosquito populations. The idea is this: Because female mosquitos lured to the GAT traps would be destroyed, along with their eggs, use of the traps could exponentially reduce Asian mosquito populations as the season progressed. Deployment of GAT traps through the community mosquito control program heightened collective awareness of mosquitos and their control, and provided a granularity of mosquito detection which improved our ability to identify mosquito hot spots and target yard surveys. The two programs complemented each other. Resident participation

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	May 1 & 15
Town Election	May 2
Development Overview Committee	May 17
Mosquito Control Meeting	May 18
Town Holiday	May 29

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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increased knowledge about mosquitos, mosquito-borne diseases and ways to reduce mosquitos.

For our new University Park Mosquito Repression Program, we are joining forces and working together on a *remove* and *replace* program to help us decrease the presence of mosquitos in our neighborhood. Here is how you can help with that:

1. Meet the Town's new Mosquito Coordinator, Amy Milne, contact her at mosquito@upmd.org. Amy is a Takoma Park resident, a senior at the University of Maryland majoring in Environmental Science and Technology and Environmental Health, and works with mosquitos as a Student Assistant in the Department of Entomology.
2. Work with Amy to *remove mosquito habitat* from your property, identifying and fixing the sites in your yard where mosquitos multiply.
3. Get Gravid Aedes (GAT) traps—one each for front yard and back yard—to *replace mosquito habitat* with an artificial breeding habitat trap which can further reduce mosquito populations. Through the UP Community Mosquito Control group, there is a volunteer effort in the works which will make 1,000 of the traps available in University Park in exchange for a \$15 donation per trap.
4. Encourage your neighbors to *remove* and *replace* mosquito habitat on their own properties.
5. Become a block captain to extend the effectiveness of the joint mosquito control program. An abundance of block captains is vital to the neighbor-to-neighbor connections that make the control programs work.

Please also let us know how the program is working and suggest how we might improve it for the future. Write to Town Public Works Director Mickey Beall (mbeall@upmd.org) or myself (MayorCarey@upmd.org) to fill us in. You can email the UP Community Mosquito Control group (mosquito.control@gmail.com). None of us like those pesky mosquitos, and they present a pressing public health concern. The best things we do are those that we do together, and that applies doubly to mosquito prevention.

—Len Carey

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

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 17-O-03, FY 2018 Budget Ordinance

On April 3, 2017, Ordinance 17-O-03 was introduced. This ordinance would levy the real and personal property taxes and adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. The meeting set for May 15, 2017 is the first meeting at which the ordinance will be considered for adoption. The ordinance would levy the real property tax at \$.5718 per \$100.00 of assessed value of all taxable real property and \$2.25 per \$100.00 of assessed value of all taxable personal property in the Town, and appropriate the funds for the FY 2018 budget.

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

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 17-O-02, Amendment of 16-O-03 FY 2017 Budget Ordinance

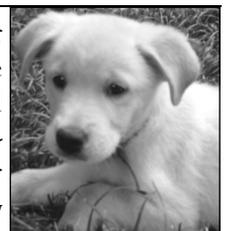
On April 3, 2017, Ordinance 17-O-02 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Legislative Resolution 16-O-03, Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Ordinance, as follows:

1. Establish an expense line item for Cemetery Maintenance.

Transfer \$500 from the (F5) Cemetery Reserves line item to the new Cemetery Maintenance line item to cover the cost of creating a photographic record of the cemetery and its headstones.

The meeting set for May 1, 2017 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

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.



FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Truancy is defined as a violation of compulsory school attendance laws and local and school district policies. Like running away from home, alcohol use and curfew violations, truancy is a status offense—an act that would not be criminal if committed by an adult. The link between truancy and delinquent criminal behavior is real. Communities with high truancy rates have correspondingly high rates of daytime criminal activity, vandalism, juvenile drug and alcohol abuse and violence. Staying in school is crucial to a good education. When students do not attend school, the impact is broad and the community suffers. As warmer weather approaches the peer pressure to skip school increases dramatically. With a high school close to UP, our quiet streets, serene parks and friendly neighbors are an attractive place to visit compared to the classroom. When UPPD officers contact truants, they are returned to the school, which automatically triggers parental involvement, official documentation and action required by school policy.

Playing hooky can seem like fun, but the reality is truancy places a student at risk and has harmful social and financial consequences. Many town residents are home during the day. While doing yard work, walking, biking, etc., if you see students walking around town who should obviously be in school, please call the UPPD and we can get that student back in school, working to become a productive, valuable and contributing member of our society. The alternative is costly.

University Park high school seniors are ending the school year soon and these last few weeks are packed with activities. The excitement can be overwhelming. It is our duty to talk to children, our own and others, about drinking, drugs, driving under the influence, self-respect, respecting others and having fun in a responsible and courteous manner. Ask them to do the right thing when no one is looking. Don't be afraid to tell your children no when it comes to dangerous activities. It's okay to say no to underage drinking, especially at home. One mistake can impact the rest of their life, if they live through it. And for all of us it is so important to drive safely. Worldwide, every 26 seconds a person is killed in a motor vehicle crash and every 4 seconds a person is seriously injured in a motor vehicle crash. Many of these could be avoided by driving cautiously and wearing a seatbelt. These lifetime memories are important, but it is more important to finish the school year healthy and safe.

To the graduates and all young drivers in University Park: make smart choices that keep you and others safe. Bad decisions often have bad consequences. Congratulations to all who have graduated and be careful in your future endeavors.



Breaking & Entering March 15 between 11 AM and noon in the 6400 block of Adelphi Rd. a vigilant neighbor heard glass breaking and after checking their own home observed a broken window at the house next door. The UPPD and PGPD were notified and officers found an open rear door in addition to the broken window. The home was checked for possible suspect/s with negative results. The homeowner responded from work and it was determined that a laptop computer and several items of jewelry were stolen. The neighborhood was canvassed and the home was processed for evidence. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering March 18 between noon and 10:20 PM in the 4300 Block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered a residence through a rear door that may have been unlocked, removed some items from the refrigerator and left them in another room in the home. The residents were not at home. No property was stolen. No suspect/s was located. All locations were processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering March 18 at 3:24 PM in the 6800 Block of Wells Parkway a resident heard glass breakage at the rear of their home and found a rear window broken. The homeowner called 911 and UPPD and PGPD responded to the scene. No suspect/s was located. As officers continued to check the area, the residence next door was checked and it was found to have the rear door glass broken. The residents were not at home. Upon arrival to their home it was determined that suspects/s had entered the home, used the computer, ate some items from the refrigerator and stole the keys to the vehicles parked in front of the residence. No other items were stolen. No suspect/s was located.

Theft from Auto March 21 at 4:50 PM in the 6900 block of Wells Parkway a vehicle owner reported that an unknown suspect had removed the license plate tag from a 2005 Mercedes SUV. No suspect was located.

Mosquito Control Organizing Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 PM

Block captains and mosquito control volunteers, including students looking to earn volunteer credit hours for graduation, are encouraged to attend this meeting where you will learn how to help make this year's mosquito control achieve 80% participation to significantly reduce the population of invasive mosquitos. Church of the Brethren, Baltimore Ave. and Tuckerman Street.

Townwide Meeting:

2017 Mosquito Control (Remove and Replace)

Thursday, May 18, 7:30 PM

All are encouraged to attend this important informational meeting. You will have an opportunity to get the latest mosquito control information from our town's new Mosquito Program Coordinator, Amy Milne. Learn how she works to help residents identify mosquito breeding sites in their yards (yard survey) and about opportunities to volunteer. UP Community Mosquito representatives will be joined by Dr. Dina Fonseca and will be on hand to demonstrate how to setup and deploy the Gravid Aedes Trap. Traps may be available for distribution before and after the meeting (see "How to Get Traps" in this newsletter). Church of the Brethren, Baltimore Ave. and Tuckerman Street.



Free Ivy Consultation

Ivy clad walls are an enduring symbol of universities. The image is iconic and steeped in romanticism and gentility. But if you truly value your house and your real estate appraisal, you will be far wiser to remove ivy from your house and your trees, in both cases to protect your most important investment. Well-established ivy can displace mortar, infiltrate siding, engulf foliage, and pull down once-healthy trees. The cost of home repairs is an obvious economic loss. Losing a large tree to ivy will significantly reduce the value of your property by untold thousands of dollars.

The Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment (TPE) is expanding its ivy removal efforts into the private sector, offering homeowners consultations and demonstrations. If you have ivy on the trunks of your trees and are not sure how to best remove it, please contact TPE to schedule a consultation and demonstration of effective control. Please contact us via TreeComm@UPMD.org.

May's Notable Tree

This month's notable tree is *Pinus strobus*, eastern white pine. This fine specimen is on the 44th Avenue side of 4400 Tuckerman Street. White pine is very popular in the landscape trade, and deservedly so. The tree is statuesque, graceful and soft on the eyes, an effect produced by the color, length, diameter and distribution of its fine and profoundly prolific needles. The color of new growth-in flush now-is sublime. Thoreau stated, "There is no finer tree."



Eastern white pines can grow more than 200 feet tall (old growth forests); some examples can be found in protected pockets along the Appalachian Mountains. They were extensively over-lumbered in colonial times and throughout the 19th century, due to the versatility of their highly-prized wood.

If you don't know, 4400 Tuckerman happens to be the site of UP's first school, which met in two rooms of the UP Sales Office Building in the late 1920's. For more history on UP, I encourage you to consult the walking tour pamphlet available at Town Hall, or online at cs.umd.edu/hcil/members/cplaisant/walkingtour.

Ivy League

Saturday, May 13, 9-11AM

Please meet at the pocket park on Queen's Chapel, site of the town's Christmas Tree and the Henson Bench. We will be addressing the ivy on the town right of way leading from Sheridan Street to East-West Highway. Please bring a set of garden pruning clippers and a large screwdriver, small pry bar or dandelion weeder. Long sleeve shirts and pants are recommended. Attendance at five sessions will earn volunteers a custom, limited edition, University Park Ivy League bandana. Questions? Comments? TreeComm@UPMD.org.

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 20 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Gekas, Hess (arrived at 8 PM), Verrill, Cron, Alvarez. Excused: Caskey.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace walkway and steps located at 4331 Clagett Road. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 5 to 0.

To endorse the Federal Interagency Annual Spring Walk, Run, Roll on Thursday, May 4 from 12-1 PM and to provide traffic control at the Toledo Road and Adelphi Road intersection. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Public Comment

Note: Responses from Council Members, Town Attorney and the Mayor are italicized.

A resident asked if the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee plans to have a March meeting? It is unlikely that the meeting will be held in March but it is not completely off the table. Arrangements will be made with Chief Wynnyk about scheduling the next meeting.

A resident expressed concern for the tree canopy cover throughout the Town. There seems to be a lot of good looking trees coming down on private properties. Maybe the Town could have an arborist look at the trees on private properties before they are cut down. *Approximately three years ago the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment presented the possibility of having an ordinance that would have an arborist look at the trees on private property and make suggestions but the final decision was on the property owner. The Committee had extremely vigorous objection to that proposal. If anyone feels that this might be a good time to reconsider the ordinance, the Committee may be interested in trying it again.*

A resident who was opposed to the suggested tree ordinance three years ago hopes that the Town will inform residents if a decision is made to reconsider the ordinance.

The General Manager from Junior Tennis Champion

Center is looking for an opportunity to partner with University Park and bring more tennis to the area. They plan to offer a combination of free tennis, tennis festivals and a variety of other ways to engage University Park in what the Junior Tennis Champion Center offers. The Junior Tennis Champion Center is asking for a contribution of \$2,500. *University Park would like to receive a formal request so that the Council can review it. It was also asked that the General Manager give University Park a price on what a new tennis practice wall would cost.*

A reminder that on April 2, 2017 from 9 AM-11 AM there will be a Sustainability Fair to coincide with the Stream Clean-up. This will be an opportunity for Town residents to learn about some activities to help keep the environment of the Town nice.

The traffic light on Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren Street does not appear to be on a sensor. *The State Highway Administration will be contacted to evaluate the timing of that light.*

What is the purpose of the right turn on red sign at Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren Street, especially when there is no traffic coming down Baltimore Avenue? *The Town has specifically asked that there not be a right turn on red at that intersection for two reasons: pedestrian safety and the concern of cut-through traffic.*

Maybe the Town can reevaluate some of the decisions regarding the right turn on red on Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren Street.

A resident who often walks throughout Town said it is very dangerous to have right turns on red, especially for elderly residents.

Could pedestrian flashing lights be placed at the end of Tennyson Road and Adelphi Road? *Mayor Carey is talking with the County and the City of Hyattsville about all the crossings along Adelphi Road, including the intersection at Tennyson where there is a crosswalk but no pedestrian protection.*

Continuing Business

Motion to adopt budget adjustments as recommended by the Director of Public Works in the February 28, 2017 memo.

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Account Name	Increase	Decrease
Public Works		
Street Repairs	5,000.00	
Park Upkeep	5,000.00	
Salaries		10,000.00

*Budget transfers require 5 votes.
Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve the amended 2017 University Park Council meeting schedule where the April 17 Council meeting will be moved to April 24. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R-02, recognizing Mr. Thompson for his 41 years of care and maintenance of the Deakins family cemetery. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comments

Care of the Deakins family cemetery had been done by a Boy Scout troop from St. Matthews Episcopal Church. After a few months without any appearance by scouts, Mr. Thompson began taking care of the Deakins family cemetery for the next forty-one years. The 40/41st Street alley group thanked Tiegh for creating a natural habitat that they all benefit from. A request that the Town form a committee of interested people to do the research on this historical cemetery.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros is sponsoring a District 3 Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Forum on March 30, 2017 from 7:30-8:30 PM at the Parks, Recreation and Administration Building in Riverdale. Mayor Carey encouraged Council members to attend this event.
- At the next Council meeting, Mayor Carey will ask the Council to approve concept plans for the multi-age playground. He hopes the playground RFP goes out in early May for bids. When confirmation is received from the Department of Natural Resources, Mayor Carey will present a contract and a final design to the Council for approval. The committee on Public Facilities and Services will be asked to present a final design and make a recommendation to the Council.

- April 3 Council meeting: 1) FY 17 Town budget; 2) presentation by Mark Regulinski, Project Manager for the Riverdale Park Station.
- April 24 Council meeting: 1) budget; 2) Council Work Session on Sustainability Action Plan.
- The Town election will be held on May 2. Four petitions have been submitted one for each of the open Council seats. Financial Disclosure Statements need to be filed with the petition. All sitting Council members along with the Mayor must file their Financial Disclosure Statements by April 30.

Council and Committee Reports

CM Gekas The Hyattsville Branch Public Library is scheduled to close on March 31 for demolition and replacement. The temporary location for library service will open on April 5 and is located at 6502 America Blvd. For more information visit: pgcmls.info/website/branch/location/Hyattsville.

Green Team Meeting scheduled for April 13. The group will discuss the mechanics behind the recertification process with Sustainable Maryland Certified.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano The Town election will be held on May 2, 2017. Polls will be open from 8 AM-8 PM at the Word of God Baptist Church (side door entrance). Council candidate packets are available at Town Hall and on the website. The deadline to file as a candidate is April 3, 2017. Election notices will be published in the Town Newsletter and will include the names of candidates. In addition, election notices will be posted on telephone poles in Town beginning the third week in April. The Azalea Classic registration form and flyer was distributed. The Maryland Municipal League Conference is scheduled for June 25-28 at the convention center in Ocean City, Maryland. Councilmembers interested in attending should contact Tracey Toscano.

Police Chief Wynnyk The February 2017 Crime Report was distributed. The recently hired police officer should be on board in approximately two weeks. Letters for licensing rental properties will go out on April 1 from the Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Wynnyk spoke with Sergeant Johnson, Resource Officer and the Prince George's County school security about truants from Northwestern High School. Events for April 8: The Azalea Classic run and the Health Fair at Word of God Baptist Church.

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Town Treasurer Dan Baden The February 2017 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The process has begun on installing the seven Historic District street signs. This project should be completed by the end of the week.
- Mr. Beall was asked to develop a plan to maintain the cemetery. After reaching out to Congressional Cemetery, Mr. Beall met with a conservation manager and explained the history of the cemetery in University Park. The conservation manager volunteered his time to repair all the headstones.
- Mr. Beall has done some research on the cost of purchasing a tennis practice wall. Rather than purchasing a fiberglass wall, he is considering a solid plastic wall made by Rally Master costing approximately \$4,400 with a 20-year warranty. The plan is to place the practice wall on the tennis court that does not have water issues.
- Mayor Carey reported that a wooden pedestrian bridge is being considered for Van Buren Street.
- There was a discussion of residents helping neighbors to remove snow from their sidewalks.
- Mayor Carey said that satellite dishes in the front yard is a zoning matter and this issue is being worked on with the County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement.

Mayor Carey reported that University Park is proceeding with the bike plan. Signs have been placed in Town indicating where the mBike stations will be installed.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9 PM.

Teen Workers List

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

Andrew DeSantis, 19, 301-787-5557, Van Buren Street, adesantis1@luc.edu, available starting May 15, lawn mowing, weeding, trimming, planting, painting, raking, watering, house sitting, dog walking, moving or lifting heavier objects. References.

Peter DeSantis, 18, 201-458-5237, Van Buren Street,

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peterdesantis8468@gmail.com, lawn mowing, weeding, raking, painting, heavy lifting, odd jobs. References.

Andrew Wagner, 14, 301-875-8359, Underwood Street, drewawagner24@gmail.com, babysitting, lawn service, moving items.

Nora Stewart, 17, 301-209-7341, Van Buren Street, nora.stewart@gmail.com, mother's helper, babysitting, pet sitting and tutoring.

Philip Bourque, 13, 301-785-1019 or 301-785-5424, 40th Ave, philipbourque101@gmail.com, mow lawns, pet sitting, anything else needed.

Beatrice Lippincott, 14, 301-537-9920, 40th Ave, wildstdreamsforever@gmail.com, pet care, babysitting, parents' helper, baking (cakes and cookies).

Molly Moore, 17, 301-928-0868, 44th Ave, mollymarie-moore@gmail.com, tutoring, babysitting, pet sitting, swim lessons at Adelphi, driver's license.

Catherine Troiano, 15, 301-277-6034, 44th Ave, bmorrisphd@verizon.net, babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, plant watering.

UPCA News



Thanks to Michelle Wedge and all the other volunteers for holding the Easter Egg Hunt and Games last month! We hope all our little egg hunters found many fun treats and had a great time joining in the games. That same day, we also had a great turnout for the Stream Cleanup. Many thanks to Scott Bolden, Jodi Cohen and Kate & Bruce Beveridge for organizing this event, and to all the helping hands who walked the banks and waded in the stream to keep our local water looking great. Finally, thanks to Evan and Kelsey Starr for hosting a UPCA social for new folks in the neighborhood. If you have new neighbors, remember to let them know about the listserv and the UPCA.

The weather's great for walking around the neighborhood, so the UPCA is holding two town-wide events this month. Keep an eye out for the town-wide yard sale (now only happening once a year) and 2017 Spring Porchfest. See you around town!

University Park Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, May 1, 11:30 AM

What a delightful program to end the club year! Richard Scerbo, Director of the National Orchestral Institute and Festival, will present the schedule of events and performances coming soon to The Clarice at the U of MD. The Institute is celebrating its 30th year as a destination for the country's most talented young orchestral musicians to come and receive innovative training and mentoring. The UPWC is excited to learn more about this prestigious project to be enjoyed right here in College Park. Registration for the meeting begins at 11:30, with lunch at noon, followed by the program. 6800 Adelphi, University Christian Church. Guests are welcome. RSVP required: Helen.Andreno@longandfoster.com or patmyers2@verizon.net or phone 301-439-6813.

Townwide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 6, 9 AM-2 PM



University Park's yard sale is even bigger this year! We've invited our neighbors across Route One in Calvert Hills to join in the sale, so we'll have more buyers and sellers in the neighborhood. If you've worked up an appetite after some shopping, come down to the UP Elementary circle, where BBQ Bill will be selling food for lunch and Jean Pirovic of the Pirovic Real Estate team will be giving out free ice cream. Check our website (upcivicassociation.com) the night before for a printable map of sellers. To get your house on the map, please contact Dawn Nichols, dawnandjoe@verizon.net.

Great Decisions 2017

Tuesdays, May 9 and 23, 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 pub-



lished by the Foreign Policy Association. Meetings take place in the library of the University Park Church of the Brethren at the corner of Tuckerman and Baltimore Avenue.

May 9: Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan Major internal conflict has plagued Afghanistan for four decades. The U.S., for its part, has conducted military operations in the country nearly continuously since 9/11. The incoming administration has a choice: will it maintain the status quo, completely reverse the Obama administration drawdown or withdraw completely? Does the U.S. face a no-win situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan?

May 23: Nuclear Security: The Enduring Challenge of Nuclear Weapons Nuclear nonproliferation was a top priority for the Obama administration. While the Iran Deal was a diplomatic victory toward this end, major threats persist from both state and non-state actors. Countries like North Korea, Russia, India and Pakistan continue to challenge nonproliferation efforts. The possibility that terrorists will carry out an attack using a dirty bomb made from captured nuclear materials looks increasingly real. In a fractious world, the question is: "Which way forward for U.S. nuclear security policy?"



2017 Spring Porchfest

Saturday, May 13, 2-6 PM

What is Porchfest? Porchfest is a family-friendly community music event, appropriate for all ages. The focal points are a variety of musical acts ranging from acoustic to electric, solo to ensemble. All are welcome and invited to participate by either playing music, hosting with your porch or yard, or being a music lover strolling through town to hear different performances. Register to perform by sending an email with your name and a description of your group to Emily and Jason Jackson at UP.Porchfest@gmail.com and we will pair you with a willing porch or yard owner if you need one. Porch and yard owners-we need you to make this a one-of-a-kind music event! Be sure to let us know if you are interested in participating! Please call 301-254-1971 for more information. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/porchfestUP/> Thanks all, and mark your calendars for a wonderful afternoon of community and live music on May 13!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, May 16, 8-10 PM

May's title is *Mistress of Riversdale* by Margaret Callcott. June's book is *The Invention of Fire* by Bruce Holsinger. Please call Kate Beveridge 301-277-4485 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.

4th Annual Mutt Strut

Sunday, June 4, 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 part in the 4th Annual Mutt Strut around town with our lovable, four-legged friends. Refreshments, vendors and door prizes too! Registration is only \$5 and comes with an event t-shirt. To register, please visit the UPCA website at <http://upcivicassociation.com/muttstrut> to download the application form. For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact Linda Verrill at 240-472-1983 or Linda_Verrill@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.



College Park Arts Exchange

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

Seniors Art Show, Friday, May 12, 4-8 PM Seniors 50 and over will display their art in the second annual College Park Seniors Art Show. Reception. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue.

CPAE Book Club, Tuesday, May 16, 7 PM May's book is *Find a Way*, by Diana Nyad. College Park Community Library, Church of the Nazarene, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue.

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.

Riverdale ArtsFest, Saturday, May 6, 11 AM-5 PM The Riverdale Park Arts Council is hosting its 10th Annual ArtsFest. The outdoor event will be held in the parking area beside the Riverdale Park MARC Station, 5008 Queensbury Rd. Rain date same time, Sunday, May 7.

Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In, Sunday, May 7, 1-3 PM Make beautiful paper flowers with Artist in Residence Sherill Gross and contribute to a collaborative hanging garden. A variety of techniques will be introduced, suitable for different age and skill levels. All materials will be provided. Room 113, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt. No reservations needed. Free.

Mother's Day in the Garden, Sunday, May 14, 12:15-3:15 PM Celebrate mom, grandma or another special lady with a free guided tour of the house. End the afternoon with a glass of lemonade and a stroll through the garden. Limited to one free tour per paid admission. All ages welcome. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riversdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.

College Park parkrun, Every Saturday, 9AM Wouldn't it be great to start every weekend with a non-competitive 5k walk or run? And what if it was timed so you could watch your progress over a whole year? We are so pleased to be able to bring this global recreation movement to our community. 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. Bring the barcode with you-you will need it at the finish line. And please spread the word. Everyone welcome.





NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

**Councilmember for
the Second, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Wards**
to be conducted on

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

The polls will be open 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.
at Word of God Baptist Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road
(side door entrance)

The following candidates have qualified to run for the office of:

COUNCILMEMBER WARD 2
Joseph Schultz

COUNCILMEMBER WARD 4
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2017 Asian Tiger Mosquito Control

Neighbors working together to eliminate a nuisance and potential health risk.

*A coordinated effort of the Town of University Park (UP) and
UP Community Mosquito Control (UPCMC)*

Art by Ary Faraji



Asian Tiger (*Aedes albopictus*) Mosquitos

These annoying, day-biting, invasive mosquitos develop exclusively in our yards. How do we control them?

Insecticide applications can be ineffective or unwanted since backyards are difficult to reach and insecticides pose a danger to bees. Most significantly, the mosquitoes are becoming resistant to the insecticides.

The 2017 Control Plan

Achieve a goal of 80% of residents per ward who will:

- Remove larval habitat (breeding sites) of the Asian Tiger mosquito in their yard. A yard survey to identify sites is provided upon request from the UP Mosquito Program Coordinator.
- Replace larval habitat with a Gravid Aedes Trap (GAT) so female mosquitoes will deposit eggs, be trapped, and die (two traps per yard: one in the front the other in the back).

How to Get Traps

- For a limited time, the traps will be available for distribution at a location in the town.*
- \$15 per trap – limit of 2 per UP address
- To make a donation and place your order at Citizen Action through Science, Rutgers, go to <http://vectorbio.rutgers.edu/CitizenAcTSMD.htm>

The Gravid Aedes Trap (GAT) – Easy to Setup/Maintain

How it works:

1. Water in black bucket attracts female mosquito needing to lay eggs.
2. Mosquito enters black funnel at top.
3. Transparent dome sits above the water. The dome is lined with edible canola oil and has netting across the bottom. The mosquito can't reach the water but is trapped and is killed by the oil.
4. Check regularly (weekly) that the traps have water and are upright. Oil should be reapplied monthly.



**Lethal Ovitrap traps such as the GATs have been shown to control urban mosquitoes but need to be deployed in at least 80% of yards in each community.
*Can we count on you to purchase and deploy two traps in your yard?***

Participate

- To schedule a yard survey or volunteer, email mosquito@upmd.org
- To contact UP Community Mosquito Control, email mosquito.control.up@gmail.com
- For more information go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/mosquitocontrolup/gravid-aedes-trap> and visit "Mosquito Control" at upmd.org

* Through the UPCM and Town collaboration with Dr. Dina Fonseca of Rutgers University, and the interest of the manufacturer (Biogents) in our community-based effort, residents will be able to order the traps for a limited time for a small donation. The traps will be delivered to a location in University Park and will be distributed by UPCM to residents who have donated to "Citizen Action Through Science", Center for Vector Biology at Rutgers. The funding will be used to support scientists that will measure the control efficacy of this two-step plan to control the Asian Tiger mosquito in University Park.

Take Back Our Yards: More About 2017 Asian Tiger Mosquito Control

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As scientific research accrues, knowledge about the behavior of the Asian Tiger mosquito, scientific name *Aedes albopictus*, as well as the tropical yellow fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, inform efforts to control their populations. Researchers have identified the primary types of sites where urban *Aedes* deposit their eggs and the immature develop (larval habitats or breeding sites).

As it turns out some of the most common larval habitats in our town's yards are corrugated extension pipes coming off downspouts, rain-barrels and landscape features such as ponds without fish, containers, bird baths, toys and sports equipment, even small folds on tarps.



Research has shown that once these larval habitats are no longer available, (containers are removed, emptied, or treated with mosquito dunks, corrugated pipe ends are covered with mosquito netting or pantyhose held in place with a rubber band, etc.), using a trap that mimics a good oviposition site (larval habitat) can be part of an effective control approach when used by at least 80% of residents in an area.

Aedes mosquitoes survive the winter (or harsh times, such as a drought) as resistant eggs. In the Northeastern US eggs commonly hatch in early May or a bit earlier depending on spring temperatures. The mosquito populations grow exponentially throughout the season as females hatch, mate, get a blood meal and lay eggs. Killing female mosquitoes as they attempt to lay their eggs significantly reduces mosquito populations over the entire season with the results most obvious in late August when urban *Aedes*' populations reach their peak in our area.



Recent research in Puerto Rico has shown that getting 80% of residents in a neighborhood (ward) to remove larval habitat and instead provide Gravid *Aedes* Traps (GATs, two per yard), will significantly reduce populations of urban *Aedes* and lower the likelihood of transmission of viruses such as dengue and Zika. However, this approach has not been proven for the Asian tiger mosquito and has never been attempted by the residents of a community themselves.

Our town has a unique opportunity this 2017 mosquito season to add to the scientific research/knowledge by participating in a "Citizen Action Through Science" initiative at Rutgers University.

This initiative is spearheaded by the UP Community Mosquito Control, a community volunteer group, and has the support of the Town of University Park mosquito control program including our Mosquito Program Coordinator, Amy Milne. The scientific advisor is Dr. Dina Fonseca, the Director of the Center for Vector Biology, Rutgers University.

**Please order your traps now at <http://vectorbio.rutgers.edu/CitizenActSMD.htm>
Remove larval habitats from your yard and replace with a Gravid *Aedes* Trap.**

Questions? Send an email to UP Community Mosquito Control at
mosquito.control.up@gmail.com



Proclamation

Recognizing Tiegħ Thompson for 41 years of service to the Deakins Family Cemetery in University Park

Whereas, Parcel A, Lot 7 of Block 20 is part of a tract of about 224 acres purchased in 1758 by William Deakins, Sr. and willed to his son, Revolutionary War Col. Leonard Deakins; and known variously as "Edmonson's Pasture resurvey of Jackson's necessity" or "Smith's Folley" or "Bloomfield"; and

Whereas, Parcel A of Lot 7 was reserved as a Deakins family burying ground and there are 19 family members buried in the plot, including those who fought in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War; and

Whereas, responsibility for the perpetual maintenance and care of the Deakins family burying ground was vested by the Deakins family with St. Matthews Episcopal Church, in Hyattsville, Maryland; and

Whereas, Tiegħ Thompson began taking care of the Deakins family plot after the purchase of his home, which neighbors the cemetery, in the late spring of 1976; and

Whereas, St. Matthews Episcopal Church transferred responsibility for the perpetual maintenance of Parcel A, the Deakins family cemetery, to the Town of University Park through an agreement dated March 20, 1984; and

Whereas, Mr. Thompson recognizes the importance of the family plot to local history and has taken care of the plot in a manner which enhances its quiet beauty and honors the Deakins family; and

Now, Therefore, The Mayor and Council of University Park, Maryland, does proclaim its appreciation and hearty thanks to Tiegħ Thompson for his 41 years of service to the community, evidenced by the care he has given to the Deakins family cemetery in University Park.

This 20th day of March, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L.C. Carey", is written over a horizontal line.

Lenford C. Carey, Mayor



Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program

Homeowner Tax Credit

Administered by Maryland Historical Trust

Homeowners can earn a state income tax credit for renovating historic homes. The tax credit offers homeowners of single-family, owner-occupied residences up to 20 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs. Tax credits may be used for repairs such as:

- ❖ Roof repair and replacement
- ❖ Chimney repair and lining
- ❖ Window restoration
- ❖ New storm doors/windows
- ❖ Masonry repointing
- ❖ Floor refinishing

Eligibility

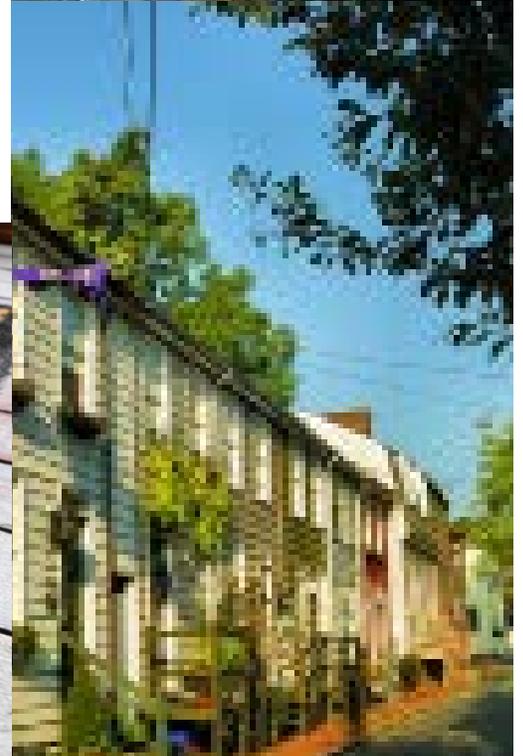
Buildings must be certified as historic, defined as having at least one of the following designations:

- ❖ Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- ❖ A contributing resource within a National Register Historic District
- ❖ A locally designated structure or contributing resource to a local historic district that MHT determines to be eligible for the National Register

The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period and projects must have a minimum of \$5,000 of eligible expenses to qualify. Applications are accepted year round; MHT review runs approximately 30-45 days.

Learn more:

Megan Klem, megan.klem@maryland.gov, 410-514-7688
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May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM	2 Trash Town Election, 8 AM-8 PM Mosquito Control Organizing Meeting, 7:30 PM	3	4 Recycling	5 Trash 	6 UPCA Townwide Yard Sale, 9 AM-2 PM
7	8 Yard Waste	9 Trash Great Decisions 2017, 7:30-9:30 PM	10	11 Recycling	12 Trash 	13 Ivy League, 9-11 AM UPCA Porchfest, 2-6 PM
14	15 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	16 Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM 	17 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM	18 Recycling Townwide Mosquito Meeting, 7:30 PM	19 Trash	20 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM 
21	22 Yard Waste	23 Trash  Great Decisions 2017, 7:30-9:30 PM	24	25 Recycling	26 Trash	27
28	29 Yard Waste Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	30 Trash	31	Hold the Date 4th Annual Mutt Strut Sunday, June 4, 9-10:30 AM		



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