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MAYOR'S COLUMN

In mid-September, the Prince George's County Planning Department rolled out the Preliminary Transit District Development Plan for the Prince George's Plaza area, including proposed amendments to the Transit District Overlay Zoning Map. This preliminary plan resulted from many months of public briefings, community forums and charrettes and was the subject of extensive public discussion at the October 5 Town Council meeting. While the Prince George's Plaza and University Town Center areas are close to our community and used by many of us for transit, shopping and more, from a University Park perspective they frequently do not meet our collective expectations. However, those areas are the focus of transit-oriented development and redevelopment as a new "downtown" in the County. The plan provides the opportunity to develop more of the amenities and uses our town desires, as well as avoid some less-desirable uses.

There is much in the plan's generalities for us to like. One of the plan's objectives is creating a *walkable urban destination*; another is to *provide multimodal transportation options*, including maximizing Metro use. The plan envisions a *vibrant new compact, mixed-use Downtown with a variety of housing, retail, and entertainment choices and attractive, safe, pedestrian- and bicyclist-friendly streets and public spaces*. Unfortunately, there are many elements of this Preliminary Plan which are of serious concern in University Park, including several foremost issues.

Stormwater The plan mentions the *need to develop a long-term regional approach to stormwater management in the Transit District*, but makes little provision and includes no strategy for actually developing such an approach or implementing the 9-pond solution proposed by University Park and under study by the County or an equivalent. Our community should insist on robust on-site storm

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	November 2, 16 & 30
Veterans Day Observation	November 11
Holidays	November 11, 26 & 27
Development Overview Committee	November 18

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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water management in all Prince George's Plaza projects upstream from University Park as a necessary cost of building out and redeveloping those areas. Without this, Wells Run could become less a community amenity and more a risk.



Transportation The plan calls for a Transportation Demand Management Plan and District intended to reduce vehicle trips and envisions a multimodal transportation network with non-automotive emphasis. A network of complete streets would make walking, biking and public transit more attractive. Transit options would be expanded, including bus shuttle services. The plan calls for maximizing use of the pedestrian bridge over East West Highway. East West Highway past Prince George's Plaza would be reconfigured as a complete street and a "road diet" would reduce travel lanes and add sidewalks, protected bike lanes and street trees. There is a much-needed Parking Management District. Oddly, there is no mention of the planned Purple Line light rail system—within walking distance to the north and west of the transit district.

Height and Density If the Prince Georges Plaza area is built out according to the plan, University Park residents would have a much different viewshed than at present. The downtown core area in the plan would involve greater densities and taller buildings near University Park than on the other edges of the transit district. While building heights near the Metro Station are limited at present to 16 stories and most buildings are much shorter, the proposed plan would allow 6-8 buildings of up to 32 stories each. Across from University Park, permissible building heights will rise from 1-2 stories along Adelphi Road to 16 to 32 stories in the second block. Further, there is no assurance that the existing 1-2 story buildings along Adelphi Road opposite University Park would remain as a visual step-up to the tall buildings closer to Metro.

School Capacity The plan cites school overcrowding as a major issue for the Transit District and surrounding communities, but makes no proposal or suggestion as to what should be done to address it. Northwestern High School's enrollment was at 110% of capacity in September 2014 and University Park Elementary School enrollment was at 102% of capacity. The plan estimates that

maximum buildout could yield 8,433 additional dwelling units and make that overcrowding worse. The plan makes no proposal or suggestion, though, as to what should be done to address school overcrowding in the long-term.

The Town's letter to the Planning Board, available at upmd.org, provides a broader discussion of the Town's position on these issues. However, the Town's position is likely to evolve and express additional concerns as the Plan and overlay zone map amendments move toward adoption. More information, including a downloadable version of the plan, is available from the County's pgplanning.org/projects website.

The Planning Board will discuss the proposed Plan and Zoning Map amendments in a work session on November 19, prior to adopting them on Thursday, December 3. After this, it will go to the District Council (the County Council sitting as a planning and zoning authority) in January and February 2016. While any of these dates can change, the Town will try to keep you informed so you can participate.

This proposed plan and accompanying rezoning for an area directly across Adelphi Road from town has enormous implications for University Park. As University Park was envisioned first as a streetcar community, we understand that transportation, especially transit, will shape our future. We need a plan of our own, at least a positive community vision of our own town and its environs, including a collective view of what it is in our larger community that we value. We should engage with neighboring municipalities to work toward what we want, as there is strength in unity. Finally, it is important to pay attention to what is going on around our own small community, and to show up and speak up about this plan for the future.

Len Carey

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



FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Dusk is when most automobile accidents occur. With the end of daylight savings the visual adjustment to nightfall comes in the late afternoon. Leaves are falling, days are getting cooler, the holidays are approaching and our schedule of activities is increasing. When driving, slow down, stop for stop signs and obey red lights, as well as do not enter, no left turn and no parking signs. Pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles all share responsibility to make our roads and community a safe place to travel. Development in nearby communities, along with road construction, continues to impact the volume of traffic in University Park.



Driving from work to home in UP from almost anywhere in the metropolitan area can be stressful and chaotic. Keeping pace with the commuter rat race almost forces you into a state of heightened anxiety, contributing to erratic driving habits. Make University Park part of your wind down period. Slow your pace, take a deep breath and relax a little before pulling into your driveway. Check out the great neighborhood you live in and be vigilant. Take another deep breath and enjoy the fact that you are home safe. Respect for the community includes how we use its roads.

We prepare for so many things in our lives, but often forget to prepare for emergencies. Today is a good time to do it. Some reminders: Have a three-day supply of food and drinking water on hand for each member of your family. Have a portable radio with extra batteries for important information and a secondary means to power your computer. Restock your first aid supplies, blankets, flashlights and other necessities. Rehearse a family disaster plan, fire drill and designated meeting place. Have your gas/oil furnace checked and serviced. Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Update your emergency phone contacts. Make sure your sump pump is working properly. Pets are family members; provide food, water and shelter for them as well. Keep your car full of gas, and re-check your vehicle emergency kit. These are the basic needs for any type of emergency. Being prepared will ease the stress and anxiety of the situation at hand. It's a good feeling to say *I'm ready*.

Halloween in University Park will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6 to 9 PM. Residents who wish to participate should turn on their porch lights. Youngsters and parents are asked to approach only those homes with porch lights on during that time period. Many parents and children enjoy the safe atmosphere in UP for the tradition of walking through the neighborhood to celebrate Halloween.

Our streets are safe and the community is friendly. As always, please be careful when driving through Town and alert for all the children out after dark. Also, keep an eye out for any mischievous behavior (usually committed by very few unsupervised delinquents) and report such behavior to the UPPD immediately.



No crimes to report for September!



Observing Veterans Day in University Park Wednesday, November 11, 11 AM

Please join our University Park community in observing Veterans Day, to honor those men and women who have lived in University Park and served or are serving in the military. University Park's Veterans Day observance will be held at the Veterans Memorial-adjacent to the intersection of Wells Parkway, Clagett Road and Eversfield Drive.

The occasion presents a perfect opportunity to reflect on the service of veterans to our country and community. Rain or shine, we'll see you there.

TOWN NEWS

Department of Public Works Reminders

Trash/Bulk Trash/Bulk Metal Recycling Collection

Trash, bulk trash and bulk metal recycling is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Trash should be placed in Town provided carts. Please secure lids to prevent littering and attracting wild animals and birds. Residents must bring all trash and recycling to the curb for pick up before 7 AM unless they have already arranged for side or back door service.

Bulk Metal Recycling: A/C units, refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers require a \$20 payment made payable to the Town of University Park. Payment must be received by the Town Clerk before pickup can be scheduled.

Bulk Trash: any trash that is too large to fit in a cart is considered bulk trash. Call Town Hall to schedule a pickup.

Electronics and TVs are not accepted in the trash. Info on how to dispose of electronics is available on our website.

A full list of unacceptable items can be found on our website, www.upmd.org under the public works heading.

Composting Pilot Program and Green Tips

Don't let your food scraps go to the landfill! Participate in the composting pilot program. Contact Mickey Beall if you would like to participate in this program.



Do your own composting. Through composting, you return organic matter to the soil in a usable form. Leaves and grass clippings can be composted.

Mulching lawn mowers can be used to break the leaves into pieces, so they break down and help fertilize the lawn.

Questions?

Call Town Hall at 301- 927-4262 or email Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tree Committee

Ivy League Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 14, 9-11 AM

Start your Thanksgiving celebration early this year with a gesture of gratitude toward University Park. Join other citizen volunteers as we remove ivy from the town's trees along Wells Run. The Ivy League will be working on the trail leading to Adelphi Road along the creek, between 40th and 41st Streets. We'll meet at the terminus of 40th Street. Please meet at 8:55 at the terminus (cul-de-sac) of 40th Street. 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. The work is gentle on the body but is sure to exercise your town spirit. Attendance at five sessions will earn volunteers a custom, limited edition, University Park Ivy League bandana.

-Chris Aubry, on behalf of the committee

August 31 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a 10' x 14' x 10' shed located at 6715 Adelphi Road. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a new 11' x 30' pervious-surface driveway, apron and curb cut located at 4405 Underwood Street. Use of a non-pervious surface for this driveway will require another permit. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a 7' x 7' x 8.5' shed located at 6701 44th Avenue. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to renovate an existing 9' x 20' patio area located at 6914 Pineway. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace 10' x 5' front stoop with steps and walkway located at 6909 Pineway. Motion approved 5 to 0.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda items.

Motion approved 5 to 0.

Block Party/Street Closure 4400 Block of Sheridan Street, Saturday, October 3 from 4-10PM. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Block Party/Street Closure 4300 Block of Woodberry Street between Beechwood and Queens Chapel Road, Saturday, October 3 from 1-6 PM. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Continuing Business

Repealing and Re-Enacting Chapter 12 "Public Ethics" of the Town Code: Legislative Resolution 15-O-11 (Second Reading). The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is September 21, 2015.

Motion: To approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 15-O-11 to repeal and reenact Sections 12-101, 12-102, 12-104, 12-105, 12-106, 12-107, 12-108. and 12-109 of Chapter 12 "Public Ethics," of the Town Ordinances and to add Section 12-110, to clarify the applicability of the Code; delete a publicly traded mutual fund from the definition of interest; clarify the procedures for filing and retention of the required financial and other disclosures by elected Town officials and candidates; clarify the procedures for filing and retention of the required financial and other disclosures by appointed officials and Town employees; delete the requirements for and enforcement of lobbying disclosure; authorize the Town Clerk to receive filings on behalf of the Ethics Commission and Supervisors of Elections; change the complaint procedure when ethics counsel determines that the complaint is time barred under or does not assert facts that if proven true would constitute an ethics violation; and make provision to require filing of conflict of interest statements and correction of inaccurate or incomplete filings.

New Business

Motion to authorize placement of privately owned improvements including landscape cloth, mulch, landscape stone and plants in the right-of-way in front of 6515 40th Avenue, on the condition that the applicants enter into a licensing agreement with the Town approved by the Town Attorney. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford F-750, (VIN Number 3FRXF75416V233390) with a 20 yard Heil PT1000 packer body from the Town of Riverdale Park for \$33,000 delivered cost; good cause having been demonstrated that the Town needs a third packer prior to snow season and the proposed vehicle can be quickly retrofitted with an existing plow assembly owned by the Town for use as an additional plow vehicle, diligence having been shown in finding a vehicle from a neighboring municipality known to us to have a good maintenance history, and it being therefore doubtful that a full-bid process would timely bring a vehicle in better condition at lower price. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion to approve Resolution 15-R-12 in appreciation of Joseph (Joe) Nagro and in recognition of his contributions as a friend to the community of University Park. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- The Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference, which is in Cambridge, MD is scheduled for the end of October. Registrations are due.
- The Planning Board is continuing its discussion on the proposed 7-Eleven on September 10. Town Attorney Ferguson and Council Member Caskey plan to attend this hearing.
- Mayor Carey is soliciting recommendations for the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission will be present at the September 21 Council meeting to go through the proposed changes to the code. Any suggestions should be sent to Mayor Carey.
- Pepco vegetation management in University Park is done except for the replacement of trees.
- The Tree Committee surveyed Wards 1 and 2 and identified 39 sites for trees.
- A desktop exercise on emergency preparedness will take place at the September 21 Council meeting.
- An invitation will be extended to the Mayor and City Manager of College Park to the October 5 Council meeting.
- Grants to civic groups will be discussed in late October.
- Mayor Carey will be out of Town from September 6-15. CM Cron should be contacted in case of an emergency.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- Opinion of the Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board has been received by the Town and copies have been distributed to Council Members. The Council Members agreed that the report of the findings of the complaint should be published on the Town website.
- Mayor Carey requested that his veto message from the August 10 Council meeting be appended to the report of the August 31 meeting.

Council Reports

The Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee will meet in early September to discuss signage.

The Tree Committee is scheduled to meet on September 9 to discuss plantings in Ward 7.

Development Overview Committee: Due to a conflict, the September 9 meeting will be rescheduled.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee: The Committee met on August 27 to discuss functions and features of a modernized Town website. The Committee plans to discuss this topic with the Council soon.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the July 2015 Treasurer's Report.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9 PM.

September 21 Council Meeting Highlights

An Executive Session was called at 7 PM to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice re: 7-Eleven proposed in Riverdale Park.

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

Presentation

Mosquito Pilot Program Coordinator Oswaldo Villena distributed a copy of his Power Point presentation and a 2015 report titled *Take Back Our Yards*. Mr. Villena gave a summary of his findings on mosquitoes in University Park. He said it was very important to educate the residents on mosquitoes.

Continuing Business

Motion to approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 15-O-11 to repeal and reenact Sections 12-101, 12-

102, 12-104, 12-105, 12-106, 12-107, 12-108, and 12-109 of Chapter 12 "Public Ethics," of the Town Ordinances and to add Section 12-110, to clarify the applicability of the Code; delete a publicly traded mutual fund from the definition of interest; clarify the procedures for filing and retention of the required financial and other disclosures by elected Town officials and candidates; clarify the procedures for filing and retention of the required financial and other disclosures by appointed officials and Town employees; delete the requirements for and enforcement of lobbying disclosure; authorize the Town Clerk to receive filings on behalf of the Ethics Commission and Supervisors of Elections; change the complaint procedure when ethics counsel determines that the complaint is time barred under or does not assert facts that if proven true would constitute an ethics violation; and make provision to require filing of conflict of interest statements and correction of inaccurate or incomplete filings. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter reasserting the earlier position taken by the Town re: Kiplinger, Phase II DSP-14010-01 to submit to the Planning Board for the hearing on October 1, 2015. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt the recommendation of the Development Overview Committee that, if the Town of Riverdale Park appeals and/or requests reconsideration of the action taken by the Prince George's County Planning Board to approve a 7-Eleven (SP-150003) on the corner of Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue in Riverdale Park across the street from University Park, to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to make the Town of University Park also a party to that appeal or request. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt the recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee to establish a rebate program for residents who install a home security system that includes motion detectors, alarm systems (commercial or individually installed), outdoor flood-lighting and outdoor security cameras as described in the committee proposal dated September 8, 2015.

Motion to continue this agenda item to a future Council meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to amend the existing Pepco Special Permit (SP-2015-02) to include tree-pruning work in the Town right-of-way between 4219 and 4307 Van Buren Street with the conditions as previously approved. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- Reminder of the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference, October 26-28 in Cambridge, MD.
- Ms. Tracey Toscano, Town Clerk, has taken classes and is now a fellow of the Academy for Local Governance.
- The new Town bus has arrived.
- The October 5 Council meeting will include a presentation by planning staff in regard to the Prince George's Plaza TDDP update.

Council Reports

The Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee is investigating signage for the community and Town Hall.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the August 2015 Treasurer's Report. He reported that the auditors were in last week. A draft report should be available by the middle of next month.

Police Chief Wynnyk distributed the August 2015 crime report. He attended a Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting held by Mr. Alvarez; attended the Maryland Chief's Police Association professional development seminar; and hired Administrative Assistant Dunia Morales who came very well experienced from Cottage City, Maryland.

Department of Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that the electronics recycling event, which also includes paper shredding, is scheduled for October 10 at the elementary school. Pepco has two additional pole replacement projects, which does not require tree trimming. Currently in the process of obtaining permits for this project.

Motion to close out the legislative session to enter a Council work session for the purpose of an emergency response table-top exercise. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

October 5 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Project Managers William Washburn and Scott Rowe with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission gave a power point presentation on proposed plan for the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) and Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ). Councilmembers and residents expressed their concerns with the proposed TDDP plan, which included the increase in vehicular traffic, stormwater management issues, tall buildings and the need for more schools. Mr. Rowe pointed out that this is the preliminary plan and encouraged everyone to voice his or her comments and concerns at the next public hearing scheduled for October 22, 2015 in Upper Marlboro.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a 16' x 28' deck with steps located at 4413 Underwood Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Continuing Business

Motion to adopt the recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee to establish a rebate program for residents who install a home security system that includes motion detectors, alarm systems (commercial or individually installed), outdoor flood-lighting and outdoor security cameras as described in the committee proposal dated September 8, 2015.

Motion to continue this item to the October 19 Council meeting. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- The proposed 06 minor revisions to Cafritz DSP (Planning Director review) just came in and have been sent to the Chair of the Development Overview Committee.
- The Purple Line public status briefing is scheduled for October 8 from 6-8 PM at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning office on Kenilworth Avenue.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

- In reference to the 7-Eleven status, Riverdale Park has indicated that they will request reconsideration by the Planning Board. Councilmembers have previously authorized the Mayor and Town Attorney to put the Town in support of action taken by Riverdale Park. The Council will be notified by the Mayor prior to any action. The Council affirmed this authorization.
- Veterans Days will be celebrated on November 11 at 11 AM. Mayor Carey is looking for a volunteer to organize this event.
- Town Hall is participating in the Purple Light Nights, organized by the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department supporting the campaign against domestic violence. Town residents are encouraged to participate. The purple lights are available through the Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:40 PM.

UPCA News

The University Park Civic Association would like to greatly thank Sarah Starrett and Tom Williams for stepping up to organize the ever-popular Chili Cookoff with such yummy results. We would also like to thank Christine Becraft and her family for hosting the spooktacular October social at their house. Lastly, we send a huge shout-out of thanks to Deb Kushner and Liana Wallace, who took on the fun and interactive Halloween Fest this year. Thank you all for attending these events!

Please save the date and celebrate the holiday season with us at the Annual Town Holiday Party and Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5. Please note the new location for the Town Holiday Party will be at the University Park Elementary School. We hope everyone stays on the dry side this November.

The winners of the four categories for the Chili Cook-off are as follows:

5-Alarm, 1st Place Jason & Emily Jackson with Paleo Spicy Bison & Pork Sausage

5-Alarm, 2nd Place Tamara Beauchard with White Chili

Mild, 1st Place Jim Howard with Triple Deck Train Wreck

Mild, 2nd Place Daniel Epstein with Mo-Mo Chili

Vegetarian, 1st Place Kira Moss with Sand Cat



Vegetarian, 2nd Place Brad Baker with Brad's Chili & Beans

Kids (13 years old and under), 1st Place Eva & Emma Schultz with Silly Sisters

Kids (13 years old and under), 2nd Place Abby & Lucy with Saldana Hallelujah

Overall Winner Kira Moss with Sand Cat

Thank you all for attending and for sharing your delicious culinary skills with us!

University Park Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, November 2, 11:30 AM

Dr. LaVonne Jackson Leslie will speak on the history of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. The NACWC was founded in Washington, DC in July 1896 by the merger of the National Federation of Afro-American Women, the Women's Era Clubs of Boston and the Colored Women's League of Washington, DC. Dr. Leslie, Professor Emeritus of African American Studies at Howard University in Washington, DC, has authored several books and articles, including *Freedom after Slavery: The Black Experience and The Freedmen's Bureau in Reconstruction Texas*. Please RSVP to Club President Jana Over at upwcLead@gmail.com or 301-779-5120. Registration begins at 11:30, followed by a light lunch at noon and the presentation at 12:30 PM. Childcare is free. All are welcome to attend.

Fall UP Stream Clean-UP

Saturday, November 7, 9 AM-Noon

We'll meet on the UP Soccer field near Queens Chapel Road. There will be coffee, juice, doughnuts and trash bags for all. Bring gloves. Student community service hours

earned will be documented. Rain or shine. Residents and friends are invited to join this effort. Clearing the banks of the stream of trash will add to the beauty of the stream for the winter months. Do try to join us. If you have questions, contact Kate Beveridge at (301) 277-4485 or BBeve@Verizon.Net.



After 8 Book Group

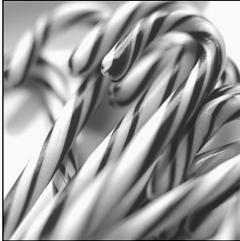
Tuesday, November 17, 8-10 PM

The November book is Stewart O'Nan's *Emily Alone* or *Wish You Were Here*. The book for December is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Please call Leila Steiner at 301-779-7295 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

**Annual UPCA Holiday Party &
Tree Lighting**

Saturday, December 5, 4:30-7 PM

Calling all neighbors for the UPCA Holiday Party! Join us for the Tree Lighting & Potluck Dinner. *Please note the change of address this year: the festivities will now be held at the University Park Elementary School, 4315 Underwood Street.* The Potluck Dinner activities for young and old include arts & crafts activities. The UP Woman's Club Santa's Closet boutique will also be selling holiday house tour tickets. Please consider donating pairs of mittens or a scarf to pin to the UPWC Mitten Tree.



The Potluck Dinner will be from 4:30-7 PM. If attending, please provide a main dish, side dish or dessert, enough to feed 10-12 people. We will provide beverages as well as arts & crafts activities. The UP Women's Club will also be selling holiday house tour tickets during this time. After dinner, we'll walk to the town tree, located at the corner of Queens Chapel and Sheridan, around 7 for the tree lighting. Santa will be making his appearance. Caroling and candy canes for all!

For All Good Causes Holiday Sharing Fair

Saturday, December 5, 9:30 AM-3 PM

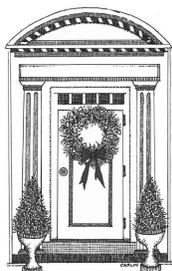


Do some shopping near home and support non-profits and artists working for justice, peace and the good of the earth. Come learn about:

SERRV handicrafts and jewelry, Heifer International, the New Community Project and other participating organizations. Grilled brats, pecans and baked goods will also be available. UP Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For more info visit upcob.org.

**UPWC Holiday
Decorating Contest**
Sunday, December 13

Get your creative, decorating, energizing juices flowing and help make your neighborhood fun to drive around during the holidays. Judging takes place December 13. All UP and College Heights residents eligible.



Categories

Most Unique 1st place winner only

Special House Front 3 winners

Most Attractive Whole House 3 winners

Winning houses will have signs placed in the yard.

Questions? Contact Sallie Holder, 301-864-9264 or slholder410@gmail.com.

Great Decisions 2016

The Foreign Policy Association recently announced topics for the Great Decisions 2016 discussions. If there is enough interest among residents, we would like to reconstitute the Great Decisions Group that once met here in town. We will focus on the Middle East, the Rise of ISIS, the Future of Kurdistan, Migration, the Koreas, the United Nations, Climate Change, and Cuba and the US. The group will meet a total of 9 times on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month between 7:30 and 9:30 PM, starting January 26. Location to be announced, but will be in town. The cost of the discussion materials is about \$22 per person. Town residents and others who might be interested in joining the group should email John Tabori at mctab@aol.com to express their interest and for further information. Detailed information will also be available in the January issue of the Newsletter. Information about the Foreign Policy Association can be found at www.fpa.org.



News from Northwestern High School

Northwestern High School's principal, E. Carlene Murray, wants to welcome the community to stop by and say hello. She just started her second year at Northwestern and has ambitious plans. A few notes from Mrs. Murray:

- She welcomes feedback, good and bad, about the school. She is very data-driven and knows the school's strengths and challenges.
 - Northwestern is forming a flea market committee to discuss the future of the flea market that had been held on school grounds.
 - The school building is open to the community for reunions and other events. Contact the school office.
 - Northwestern's website is in need of a major upgrade. Could you help advise/improve the site? Lunchtime tutors in math and algebra are needed.
- Contact Elaine.murray@pgcps.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Romantic Music for an Autumn Night, Saturday, November 14, 5-6 PM Yee-Ning Soong and Brad Tatum of Opus 40 Ensemble will be playing a half-program of sweet, romantic pieces for the natural horn. Lauren Latessa, Peabody Conservatory cellist and musician-in-residence for the Ring House of Rockville, will join Yee-Ning for the second half-program of romantic pieces for the cello. Parking passes are available. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.



St. Martin's Day Lantern Festival, Sunday, November 15, 3:30-5:30 PM This annual festival is led at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 Princeton Avenue, by volunteer Birgit Meade. In this traditional German festival, people carry paper lanterns lit up with candles in a parade outside at dusk, while singing traditional lantern songs. Suitable for ages 4 and up, and fun for adults as well as children.

Hyattsville Library Film Series, Monday, November 16, 7 PM *Even the Rain (También la Lluvia)* is a Spanish language film with subtitles. Inspired by the real-life Water Wars in Bolivia, *Even the Rain* explores the lasting effects of Spanish imperialism on indigenous people. Filmmaker, educator and sound artist Chris Lynn will facilitate the post screening discussion. Refreshments provided.

Tartuffe by Molière, November 6-14 First performed in 1669, *Tartuffe* is one of the most famous theatrical comedies. The School of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies explores how Molière's brilliant portrait of corruption mirrors contemporary themes in religion, politics, duplicity and extremism, as relevant in the 17th century as today. Tickets: 301-405-2787; Info: 301-405-7794, contact.theclarice@umd.edu



Music in Mind: Céilidh, November 8, 3 PM You're invited to a céilidh—a social gathering with Gaelic folk music and dancing. Featuring faculty artists and School of Music alumni, this concert gives a contemporary take on traditional Irish song and dance, with an occasional tango or rag in the mix. Tickets: 301-405-2787; Info: 301-405-7794, contact.theclarice@umd.edu

Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Nov. 2-Jan. 15



Leaf vacuuming will occur November 2, 2015-January 15, 2016.

- Crews will work counterclockwise through Town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 & Ward 6.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- No rocks, sticks or metal in your leaf piles.
- Crews will not back track to collect leaves once they have been past your home.
- Check the Town website under the public works heading for updates and changes. You will also find a ward map at www.upmd.org.

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, November 25 Recycling
Friday, November 27 Trash collection cancelled

Leaf Collection

All bagged leaves must be placed in paper bags. The county no longer accepts leaves in plastic bags. Leaves will be picked up on Mondays with yard waste. If you miss curbside leaf vacuuming, leaves will need to be collected into paper bags or a durable container and put at the curb.

November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Begins Nov. 2 	2 Yard Waste UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM	3 Trash	4	5 Recycling	6 Trash	7 Fall UP Stream Clean-UP, 9 AM-Noon 
8	9 Yard Waste	10 Trash	11 Veterans Day: Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up Observation, 11 AM	12 Recycling	13 Trash	14 Ivy League Thanksgiving, 9-11 AM
15	16 Yard Waste UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM	17 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	18 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM	19 Recycling	20 Trash	21 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 
22	23 Yard Waste	24 Trash	25 Recycling	26 Thanksgiving: Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	27 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	28
29	30 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	December 1	2	3	4 	5 Holiday Sharing Fair, 9:30 AM-3 PM Annual UPCA Holiday Party & Tree Lighting, 4:30-7 PM



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