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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Don't blink or go away this summer: you'll return to find something new going on here. The mBike bike share system expanded last May into Town and nearby, and is being well used by people pedaling to Metro, campus, or favorite College Park destinations. The Anacostia Watershed Society's stormwater management project at University Park Elementary School has been fully underway all summer. The Council approved the design for a new multi-age playground to be built this fall in the place of the old tennis courts near the 9/11 Memorial. The new sidewalk ramp at 44th Avenue and Van Buren Street is complete, smoothing the way for strollers and wheelchairs on their way to Baltimore Avenue.

At Riverdale Park Station, the Old Line Bank opened in August, joining Whole Foods and Starbucks; the town-

houses are reported to be selling briskly, and much more is coming soon. A blue bear is already in place near the disappearing fountain and additional artworks will be installed in the gateway park south of Van Buren Street. Improved connections to and through the site are coming, too. A sidewalk along the east side of Baltimore Avenue between Riverdale Park Station and Albion Road is in the works. Due to construction, it will be a while before the trolley trail can be opened, but an interim work-around for bicyclists and pedestrians will connect the paved hiker-biker trail in College Park through Riverdale Park Station to the recently paved section of the trail in Riverdale Park. The decking is being placed on the bridge across the CSX railroad tracks and the bridge will be open by late fall as a complete-street crossing with sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Holiday	September 4
Town Council	September 11 & 18
Development Committee	September 20

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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The Hotel at the University of Maryland will open in College Park, bringing several interesting new restaurants. The College Park Academy has moved into its new building on Rivertech Court, in the University of Maryland's Discovery District on the east side of the CSX tracks.

In Riverdale Park, at the Town Center Market, the popular outdoor patio is slated for expansion this fall. In Hyattsville, the Mall at Prince Georges is being remodeled, and several proposals for new housing there are in the works. Not all of these new happenings in our area are ones we welcome or want, though individual preferences may differ, for example the yet-another-7-Eleven nearing completion at Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue across Baltimore Avenue in Riverdale Park.

There is a lot going on near University Park, though that is hardly news. The Baltimore Avenue corridor is the most rapidly growing part of the County and there is hope, again, that the Purple Line will be built. With all that is already happening, however, what more do *we want* in our vicinity? We treasure our green and recreational spaces. I have heard requests for improved schools and more school capacity, more indoor and outdoor social space, a place where we could meet for breakfast, and a cocktail lounge. What more or different? Do we have a positive vision of what would further improve our community?

Poet Carl Sandburg wrote that "Nothing happens but first a dream," so let's take a moment to do that. What do we *want* to happen? Now at summer's end, find a warm spot or beam of sunshine in which to think. Hydrate with a beverage of choice and kick back a little to

dream. Rub the magic lantern, a modern-day genie (disguised as a planner) appears, and you get three wishes to improve our community and enrich our living with-in it. What will *you* wish for? Send an email to me at mayorcaey@upmd.org to let me know.

—Len Carey

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

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 17-O-06

On August 14, 2017, Ordinance 17-O-06 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 13, "Housing", Article 2, "Rental Housing Code", Section 13-217, "Fire safety requirements" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to require that the secondary egress requirements of the Prince George's County Fire Code and the NFPA Life Safety Code be applicable to all rooms used for sleeping in single family residences.

The meeting set for September 11, 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.



**Free Shredding &
Electronics Recycling**

**for University Park Residents
Saturday, October 21, 9 AM-1 PM
UP Elementary School Bus Circle**

Please see the notice at the back of this newsletter for a list of acceptable items.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

The University Park Police Department hopes you had a safe and restful summer. Vacations are a wonderful opportunity to unwind, relax and enjoy family time. As we prepare for school to be back in session, traffic increases in and around our quiet town. With school buses, delivery vehicles, residents back from vacation and the University of Maryland in full session, the traffic can become chaotic. Drive carefully and pay attention when behind the wheel. Arriving safely is more important than arriving on time. Children will be walking to school. Drive slowly. Watch for pedestrians, cyclists, strollers, seniors, children and dog walkers. Everyone in your vehicle should have a seatbelt on. If you're only commuting through, choose a route that avoids the school area in the morning.

Inattentive driving is a significant contributor to vehicular accidents. Distractions such as radios, cell phones and passengers make driving a tremendous challenge. Driving while using a cell phone or texting is dangerous and illegal. Citations will be issued for observed offenses.



To the parents of UPES students: Arriving early so your child to has time to prepare for the school day is important to make UPES a happy and safe environment. If you can walk your child to school please do so; this reduces the amount of traffic in the neighborhood. Children riding bikes to school should wear helmets. If you are dropping off a student don't park and leave your car unattended in the drop-off lane on Queens Chapel Rd. Parking in the drop-off lane may subject you to a parking ticket. Do not block driveways near the school; you will be ticketed. If you are walking your child into the school

building there is parking available. Please do not enter the school bus circle in front of the school or the faculty parking lot. If you must drive, always wear your seatbelts, stop for stop signs, drive with caution and pay attention to your environment and respect our community. These small efforts help make the UPES campus safe. Together, parents and students can help make the first day of school and the rest of school year go smoothly. Let's keep our community a safer place for everyone.

For our older children, school attendance is the most critical part of the learning process. Playing hooky seems innocent enough, but truancy is indicative of juvenile criminal behavior. When students do not attend school, the impact is broad and the community suffers. Besides losing valuable education time, unsupervised and truant young people contribute to crimes, including auto and home burglaries. If you see students walking around town when they should be in school, please call the UPPD.

Making our community safe is an ongoing process. Watching out for each other is one of the most important contributors to a safe environment throughout town. Let's have a wonderful school year.

Theft On June 3 between 7 and 8 PM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. it was reported that a package delivered by UPS was stolen from the front porch area of the residence. No witness or suspect/s was located.

Breaking & Entering Between July 13 11 PM and July 14 4 PM in the 4000 Block of Beechwood Rd. a resident arrived at the location and found several items had been removed from the home. The homeowner found the rear door ajar and contacted the UPPD. Officers arrived and checked the house for suspect/s. Stolen property included a gold ring and two Dell laptop computers. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses and the crime scene processed for fingerprints. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between July 13 11 PM and July 14 4 PM in the 6500 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2014 Subaru Outback and stole an iPod from the center console area of the vehicle. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

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Helping Hands

University Park (HHUP) News



Helping Hands UP has been extremely busy this summer. We are excited to announce that we have become an official University Park Town Committee. This means we can soon begin training all of you who filled out volunteer forms months ago! This also means we will soon be offering services to our local elders. And this means we will have liability insurance for all our volunteers. Even before becoming an official Town Committee we have been planning activities-please see Town News & Events for our September event.

Tree Committee News

Trees, Parks, and Environment

The first of September serves as a signal for us to begin shifting our plants toward dormancy. No fertilizers should be applied to deciduous trees going forward. We should continue to water, but with not as much frequency. The pruning of larger trees is best deferred until October, when the weather cools a bit.

The Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment is expanding its ivy removal efforts into the private sector, offering homeowners consultations and demonstrations. If you have ivy growing on your property that has climbed into your trees and shrubs, but are not sure if it's serious, or how to best remove it, please contact TPE to schedule a consultation and demonstration of effective control. Please contact us via TreeComm@UPMD.org.

Ivy League

Saturday, September 9, 9-11 AM

After a month's hiatus, the Ivy League returns. Please meet at the footbridge near the 9-11 Memorial. We will be addressing the ivy on the trees encircling the Adelphi Field. 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.

Save the date!

Mark your calendars for TPE's annual tree planting event on Saturday, October 29, 9 AM-12 PM. We'll be planting approximately 20 trees along 40th Ave.

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As usual, holes will be pre-dug by Public Works. Details will be provided in the coming days through the listserv and in the October newsletter.



September's Notable Tree

At the base of Queen's Chapel, on the little rise just before the Henson Memorial Park, you'll encounter this fig tree, the only known fig tree planted on the town right of way in all of University Park. As pictured, the tree stands ten feet tall, a height which it attained entirely this year. Tip your hat and nod your head to this most singular of our "tree-mendous" citizens-quick to grow in your esteem.

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

July 10 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Ariel Trahan from Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) gave a presentation on their stormwater management project being done this summer at the University Park Elementary School. The design of this project will be available on the Town website. The detailed plans are available at Town Hall.

- The goal is to have people swimming and fishing in the Anacostia River by 2025.
- AWS received a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. University Park Element-

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tary and Riverdale Elementary were the two schools chosen in Prince George's County for the storm-water management project.

- The project will be completed before the school session begins this September.
- The sledding hill will be preserved.
- AWS will help with watering the plants for the first year and arrangements will be made for maintenance after the first year.
- This project will reduce the flooding in University Park.

Permits

Motion to approve the special permit application establishing operating parameters including extended week-day and weekend hours to enable the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) to complete a stormwater management retrofit on the University Park Elementary School campus. The project will improve water quality and reduce runoff to Well's Run and ultimately the Anacostia River. AWS is working with the school and the PTA, ensuring that new site furnishings (benches, bike racks, trash cans) are installed on site by their contractor. The project will be substantially complete by September 1st, with landscape plantings expected to continue through September. Approved 6 to 0.

Public Hearing-Appeal Rental Housing Code (Per Town Code Section 13-210)

Excerpt from Town Code Article 2 - Rental Housing Code, Section 13-210. Right to appeal. Any person affected by any notice which has been issued in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this article, or of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Town Council or its designated committee.

Appeal Basement Window Egress

Public Hearing

On Appeal of a requirement of Town Code Section 13-217(a) 6 that basement sleeping rooms rented or leased for occupancy have egress windows.

Excerpt from Town Code Article 2 - Rental Housing Code. Section 13-217 Section 13-217. Fire safety requirements.

No person shall rent or lease to another for occupancy any non-owner occupied premises, or any premises which is occupied by the owner and rented to more than one other person, including

any dwelling and rooming units or portions thereof, which does not comply with the following requirements, except as otherwise provided, the owner of the premises shall provide and maintain such fire safety facilities and equipment in compliance with these requirements and the fire prevention Code.

(a). Means of Egress.

6. Every sleeping room located in a basement shall have at least one openable window or exterior door approved for emergency egress or rescue.

Motion to deny the appeal of the Rental House Code in regard to the property at 6903 Adelphi Road in Ward 6. The basement sleeping rooms require egress windows per the fire code. Appeal denied 6 to 0.

Public Comment

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

- As a homeowner, a resident expressed concern regarding the basement 7' ceiling height restriction and asked how the changes to the height definitions came to be.
- A resident asked, in reference to the hiring of a Town Manager, would the current salary of the Mayor be turned over to pay the Town Manager? *This subject will be addressed at the appropriate time.*
- A resident supported the approval of Legislative Resolution 17-O-05. It is unsafe to park on both sides of 43rd Avenue.
- A resident expressed concern about the 7' ceiling restriction in rental basements.
- A resident supported the approval of the motion on the Paris Climate Agreement.
- A resident felt very strongly that the County should require a green roof for the development project at Prince George's Plaza where office space is being converted to residential housing. He feels it could have an impact on stormwater management.

Continuing Business

Motion to adopt Legislative Resolution 17-O-04 amending the University Park Town Code Section 13-204(b) Occupancy Requirements and Section 13-217, Fire Safety Requirements, to require that habitable rooms have a clear ceiling height of not less than 7 feet and to incorporate by reference the Prince George's County Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association

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(NFPA) 101 Life Safety Code. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to adopt Legislative Resolution 17-O-05 as recommended by the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee amending the University Park Town Code Section 9-104(2) Parking to also prohibit parking on the east side of 44th Avenue and 43rd Avenue within 100 feet from East/West Highway. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from within Public Works line items from Salaries to Capital Equipment as additional funds needed to enable the purchase of the 2017 Kubota SSV65HC skid steer, which was included in the approved fiscal 2017 budget. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to declare the 2005 John Deere 5325 tractor (VIN # LV5325R135002), including loader, bush hog and auger attachments, and the Hyster H80C forklift (Serial # C5D18489) as surplus and authorize the Director of Public Works to sell them. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to authorize a five-year contract with Lindsey & Associates, LLC to perform the yearly audit from FY 2017-2021 at a total cost of \$40,638, subject to approval by the Town Attorney. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to declare the Town's continuing support for local climate action toward meeting the Paris Agreement such as are outlined in the Town's Sustainability Plan, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Open Letter to the International Community and Parties to the Paris Agreement on behalf of the Town of University Park. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: As recommended by the Development Overview Committee, to authorize the Mayor to write and send a letter to the M-NCPPC in substantially the form provided, to support Detailed Site Plan 17005, includ—



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.

ing town requests and concerns, for the conversion of the existing office building to residential apartments with structured parking. To authorize the Mayor to present testimony on the Town's behalf at the July 27, 2017 Planning Board hearing. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Council Standing Committee Appointments

Current committee appointments are listed in italics; new members are listed in bold.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Chairs and Members of Standing Committees.

Police, Traffic, and Public Safety

CM Alvarez (Chair), CM Thompson, CM Verrill, CM Schultz, CM Wells

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure

CM Verrill (Chair), CM Hess, CM Thompson, CM Schultz

Public Facilities and Services

CM Thompson (Chair), CM Hess, CM Caskey, CM Wells

Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 307 of the Town Charter, to designate Joseph Thompson as Mayor pro tempore to perform the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence, and to perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Mayor, without further action by Council, during an emergency when the Mayor is absent. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to approve the appointments of Councilmember Martha Wells as Chair and Councilmember Bradlee Hess to continue as Member of the Development Overview Committee. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to approve the appointments of Councilmember Joseph Schultz as Chair and Councilmember Joseph Thompson to continue as Member of the Green Team. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the suspension of the Stream Committee and the Intermunicipal Stream Committee on Wells Run due to their not being currently needed. Motion approved 6 to 0.

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Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

There has been a sewer back up at Town Hall, which resulted from a broken sewer line on the property of the Town. The estimate for repair work is \$9,500.00. According to the data, the mBike is being well used. The city of Hyattsville decided not to participate in the mBike program since they received a better offer from the County.

Council and Committee Reports

CM *Hess* There are still concerns and frustration that the house that burned down along Baltimore Avenue is not covered with a tarp to prevent pest and mosquito breeding. The Town Attorney said that the Town of University Park can require that a tarp be placed over the home.

CM *Thompson* Concerned about the sewer issue at Town Hall and said that the facility needs to be updated sooner than later. Mayor Carey said that there is a discussion about remodeling and possibly an addition to Town Hall.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for August 2 from 7-8:30 PM at Town Hall.

CM *Alvarez* Asked about the process of the Van Buren bridge. Mayor Carey said that a firm is currently doing soil testing, designing the abutments and the project management for the bridge. The bridge is expected to be a prefabricated wooden bridge and it will be moved further down on the other side of Van Buren Street at the intersection of Wells Parkway where it lines up with the sidewalk, so a crosswalk can be placed at that location, improving pedestrian safety.

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. July 17: Zoning Ordinance Hearing. July 27: Meeting on the conversion of an office building at 3700 East West Highway to a residential building.

Trees, Parks and Environment Committee The next meeting is scheduled for July 12.

Closed Session

Motion to adjourn the public meeting and enter Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employ-

ment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or personnel over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals. The Council will not be returning to Open Session. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:37 PM.

July 24 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to construct an 18'x 24' screened structure/awning with roof over existing patio located at 3901 Underwood Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to repair rear porch floor and stoop located at 4107 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to construct a 13'x 15' sunroom and a 15'x 15' deck with steps located at 4307 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: *The contractor agreed to pay the fine due to starting the project prior to obtaining a Town permit.*

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to install a 4' fence located at 6908 40th Avenue. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Block Party/Street Closure at 40th Avenue at the Cul-de-Sac at the End of the Block (Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 3 - 8 p.m.) Ward 2. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Public Comment

- A resident complained about dog excrement being placed in Town trashcans in public areas as well as

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dog excrement that is not being picked up by the owners. This is a health hazard and she would like to see action taken on this matter. She has been harassed by several dog owners and has been attacked by dogs within the past few weeks. This resident would like to have the trashcans removed from the parks.

- A resident expressed her concern about vigilantism on public streets. She explained that when she walks her two large dogs and someone runs up behind her and curses her, this agitates the dogs. Dogs do not react well when someone is running towards them screaming and cursing. The resident wants to be sure the Council is aware of both sides of this concern.

New Business

Motion to approve the second one-year extension of the July 2, 2015 contract with the incumbent Newsletter Editors, Todd Stewart and Bridget Warren, through May 31, 2018 on the same terms and conditions. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Code, to adopt a resolution to establish the Helping Hands University Park Committee. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Code, to appoint Loretta Vitale Saks (Chair), Kalinda Gathinji, Ned Goldberg, Bob Saks, Sabrina Meyers, and Linda Verrill (Council Liaison) to the Helping Hands University Park Committee. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- Town Hall has successfully recovered from a sewer backup and expressed his appreciation to the staff for their work in this recovery.
- Mayor attended an Intermunicipal Bike Working Group meeting looking at bike infrastructure, trails and bicycle plans. Representatives from the County and the Public Works and Transportation also attended. The plan is that Capital Bikeshare will come to Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and Riverdale Park Station next spring with 29 bikeshare stations. Mayor Carey asked the Public Facilities and Services Committee to bring the Council a plan on what this means for the mBike partners.
- Mayor recently received the full concept drawing and cost for the multi-aged playground near the old tennis court. This is within the mission of the Public

Facilities and Services Committee, which will present a proposal to the Council at the August 14, 2017 Council meeting.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee The Committee met on July 17 and discussed the application for a Detailed Site Plan at 3700 East West Highway, Zoning Ordinance Rewrite, Regional Stormwater Report, College Park Metro Station apartment complex, property on Belcrest Road and two additions to the property at Prince George's Plaza Mall. Updates on Riverdale Park Station (Cafritz) and redevelopment of the former Plato's location on Baltimore Avenue will be discussed at the next Development Overview Committee meeting on August 16 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2, 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Policy Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 23 7-8:30 PM at Town Hall.

Green Team The Team is revising the application for Sustainable Maryland Certification.

CM Hess In reference to the burned down house on Baltimore Avenue, CM Hess said that after 36 hours of torrential rain, the neighbors are very worried about the house not being covered with a tarp and this is a mosquito concern. He pointed out that he is very disappointed that an opportunity was missed and now there is a lot of water in the house. He pointed out that this is the third time he has complained about this issue.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano The Maryland Municipal League Conference is scheduled for October 11-14, at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, Maryland. Mayor Carey said that University Park is expecting to be recertified in the Sustainable Maryland Certified program during this Conference.

Chief of Police Wynnyk The June 2017 Crime Report was distributed. Code Enforcement Officer is winding down with rental re-inspections. The Police Department Administrative Assistant is resigning. Chief Wynnyk is in the process of looking for someone to fill that position.

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In reference to the complaints about the dog excrement placed in trashcans, it is being considered to move the trashcans to a more logical place.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The Van Buren/44th Avenue pedestrian improvements have been completed.
- To begin the enforcement of the recent Ordinance passed by the Council, the No Parking signs will soon be placed on 43rd and 44th Avenues.
- Engineering on the bridges at Van Buren and Beechwood has begun. The goal is to design the abutments so that they will support the bridges in the worst-case scenario. In order to save money on the cost of construction, Mr. Beall is investigating whether the bridges themselves can be identical.
- The restoration project on the headstones in the cemetery is being scheduled. A photographer from the Smithsonian is planning to come and document the headstones in their current condition. An individual is working on a diagram, scale model of the cemetery, which will identify each unique component to help identify what sections have been repaired.
- The trashcans located at the bridge, Tot Lot and Little Free library will be relocated to a more convenient location.
- The mosquito program is doing well. Ms. Milne has made headway on the outer roads, particularly Adelphi Road.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9 PM.

UPCA News



Welcome back to a new school year and the start of Fall! The UPCA is ramping up with events this month.

We're starting with an Outdoor Movie Night. Due to feedback from our members, we're also bringing back two events: the Fall Yard Sale and the UPCA Wine & Cheese Night.

The UPCA would like to say a huge thank you to Dawn Nichols, who is stepping down this month from the UPCA board as our Recruiting Chair. Dawn was a key person in the rescuing of the UPCA when it was in danger

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of being shut down. When Connie Visnic considered taking the President role, one of the only demands was that Dawn would also agree to handle PR and Membership. Without Dawn, there would be no UPCA today.

Due to Dawn's natural networking and publicity skills and the fact that everyone knew her and she knew everyone, she drove UPCA membership to a level never seen before, allowing us to expand with more exciting events. We've all seen her creative posts on the listserv, attracting new crowds to events and applying just enough persuasion to make sure everyone kept their membership current. But not everyone has been privy to her graciously hosted board meetings at her home and her giant calendar that kept us all on track, or of the many of the behind-the-scenes things she's done for the UPCA.

Dawn, thank you so much for what you've done for this community! I know we'll still hear from you on the listserv, but we will miss all that you do.

Save the Dates

UP Playgroup Meet & Greet

Sunday, October 1, 10:30 AM (tentative)

Join the group at UPES this day. We'll have light snacks for the kids.

Little Free Library Dedication

Saturday, October 21, 9 AM

The UPCA is sponsoring a third Little Free Library, to be installed at the Tot Lot. Come join us for the dedication, and bring a few books to stock it for any friends passing through.

Chili Cookoff

Saturday, October 21

UP/CHE's favorite competitive cooking contest is back for another year. Prepare your best mild, five-alarm, or vegetarian chilis, join the voting, or just see who comes home with the coveted champion award and bragging rights for the whole year!

UPCA Movie Night

Friday, September 8,

7:30 PM



This year, we'll be showing...*Moana*! Bring your own snacks, drinks and chairs or a blanket, and enjoy an outdoor movie in town. We'll also have a donation box for the DC Diaper Bank, if you'd like to bring any goods to help mothers in need. At the Town Field (new location).

Second Saturday Lecture:

A Talk about American and French Wines

Saturday, September 9, 5 PM

Dick Groppe is a connoisseur of good wine whether it be American or from other wine producing regions of the world. He has operated a wine business and taught classes and workshops about wine. In addition to describing some of his favorites, he will explain how the American wine business has evolved recently. Attendees will be able to taste and sample. Dick and his wife Jacquie are longtime residents of University Park. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.



2017 One Maryland One Book Discussion

Sunday, September 10, 2:30 PM

A group in the University Park area has met each fall and discussed the year's One Maryland One Book. A Maryland Humanities Council program, One Maryland One Book is in its tenth year. Please join us for snacks and a discussion of the book *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Adichie is also known for her 2009 Ted Talk *Danger of a Single Story*. Hosted by Word of God Baptist Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road. We'll meet at the church then walk to the garden next door, weather permitting. Childcare provided on request. Questions: Call Kate Beveridge at 301-277-4485 or email Carolyn Fink at cfink27@aol.com.

Concert & Conversation at The Clarice

Sunday, September 10, 3 PM

Music in Mind: Duo Down the Danube with James Stern, violin and Audrey Andrist, piano. The Stern/Andrist Duo takes a musical



cruise from Vienna to Bratislava to Budapest to Bucharest. Hear music by Schubert, Dohnányi, Bartók and Enescu. Following the concert, we invite University Park

elders, their families and friends along with prospective volunteers to a wine & nibbles reception in the Piano Room, Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library. James Stern will join us for a musical conversation. RSVP by September 3 by emailing us at HHUniversityPark@gmail.com or leave a message at 301-892-6636. Space is limited. Transportation to/from the concert will be provided to University Park elders, their family and friends. The concert is free and open to the general public. Presented by Helping Hands UP in partnership with the University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, September 19, 8-10 PM

September's title is *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell. October's meeting is devoted to your favorite poetry. Please call Marianne Rankin 301-277-6683 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.



UPCA Fall Townwide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 30, 9 AM-2 PM



Join one of the area's largest community yard sales. To register to sell, send Dawn Nichols at dawnandjoe@verizon.net an email with your address and you will be added to the map and marketing. Please make sure your 2017 UPCA dues are paid to get your home on the

map. Pay online at <http://upcivicassociation.com/join.html>

UPCA Wine & Cheese Party

Saturday, September 30, 7-10 PM

It's Back! Enjoy a variety of wines and cheeses along with your neighbors at the Old Parish House in College Park. This event will be for adults only (21+) so line up those babysitters. The last Wine & Cheese Party reached capacity, so this year members who have paid their 2017 dues will have the opportunity to reserve their spot first. If you have not paid your 2017 dues, you can do so by visiting <http://upcivicassociation.com/join.html>. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

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UPWC 2017-18 Kick-Off Monday, October 2, 11:30 AM

What is the UPWC? The University Park Woman's Club is a group of women who come together in friendship to promote community projects, civic betterment, current issues and social welfare. The UPWC is one of 10 clubs in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, all part of the international General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Who are the members? In 1941 the UPWC began with only women from UP. Now many women from nearby communities are also members. We are the doers, the women who volunteer to benefit those around us. Our motto is *the highest of distinctions is service to others*.

What do we do? We meet the first Monday of the month from October to June to enjoy learning and networking opportunities and have fun at the same time. We begin with lunch, a brief business meeting and the program speaker. The UPWC sponsors fundraising projects to benefit scholarships, donations to schools and many other charities. The Holiday House Tour is the club's longstanding favorite event and our largest fundraiser.

How do you become a member? Come visit a first Monday meeting at the University Christian Church on Adelphi Rd. from 11:30-1:30. The year's opening meeting is October 2. Annual dues are \$35. For more information, contact Mary Dancy, our membership chairperson at mdancy63@gmail.com.

October 2 Program Betty Scott, the much beloved, retired music teacher from UPES, will share news about her latest career at the Strathmore Music Center. Ms. Scott is the coordinator of the Artist in Residence program, which encourages cross-genre opportunities, professional seminars and mentoring of young local musicians. Guests are welcome. RSVP is required at patmyers2@verizon.net or helen.andreno@longandfoster.com.

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.



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College Park Arts Exchange

Your generous donations for free events are always appreciated. Be sure and check our online calendar at cpae.org for more events, including ongoing classes. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

The Old Parish House, second oldest building in College Park, is 200 years old in 2017! Come celebrate with a variety of great events, sponsored by the City of College Park, College Park Arts Exchange, Riversdale House Museum, and Maryland Milestones/ATHA.



Contra Dance with Transatlantic Crossing, Friday, September 15, 7:30-9:30 PM Join folk group Transatlantic Crossing and an experienced contra dance caller in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Old Parish House. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 4512 College Ave, College Park.

Old Parish House Celebration Family Fun Day, Saturday, September 16, 12-4 and 7:30-9:30 PM An afternoon of great experiences for the whole family, including vintage games, craft activities, wagon rides, food plus storyteller Debra Mims at 12:15 and Magician Mr. Charley at 3 PM. From 7:30-9:30 PM, join us for folk singing and ice cream social. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road.

Old Parish House History Day, Sunday, September 17, 1-4 PM For a complete program, see OPHat200.com.

Arts Drop In, Sunday, September 10, 11 AM-1 PM The exciting new collaboration between College Park

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Arts Exchange, MilkBoy ArtHouse, and the Clarice. Adults and kids alike are welcome to take part in these fun arts projects facilitated by arts specialist Aaron Springer. MilkBoy ArtHouse, 7416 Baltimore Ave, College Park.



UnChoir at MilkBoy ArtHouse, Tuesdays, September 19 and October 17, 7-9:30 PM A new kind of choral experience: learn your part and sing a song in harmony, all in one fun evening! Show up, have fun and learn something new! MilkBoy ArtHouse, 7416 Baltimore Ave, College Park.

Peter Witte, Introductory Writing, Wednesdays, September 6 through October 11, 7:30 PM including creative nonfiction and fiction, personal essays, memoir and short stories. Make new friends and learn a new art skill as you participate in these hands-on arts workshops at the Old Parish House. RSVP is required. Fee.

College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM For ages 5 and up. Old Parish House, starting Sept. 5. Fee.



Riversdale

Grandparents' Day, Sunday, September 10, 12:15 PM
Treat your grandparents to a free tour on their special day. Note: Limited to one free tour per paid admission.

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Live, Saturday, September 23, 11 AM-1 PM Riversdale is joining museums across the country to open its doors for free during this annual event. Find out more and print the required ticket here: <http://smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>.

UMD School of Music 2017 Summer Patio Concert Series, Wednesdays from 7-8 PM at the Riverdale Town Center Market on the Patio. 9/6, Carol-Anne Bosco Band. 9/13, Marcellino Jazz Trio. 9/20, DiLutis Quartet 7 PM & Michael Sevener 8:15 PM. 4705 Queensbury Road, Riverdale. For more information please contact Rdilutis@umd.edu.

The Listening Room Concert Series: Gregory Cornell, Monday, September 15, 8 PM. Gregory Cornell, a singer-songwriter hailing from Brooklyn, NYC, is an ambitious roots musician that has crafted vivid music that is reflective of his knowledge. Through his life lessons and experiences, he has created a contemporary sound that is fueled by his passion for Americana music. Tickets online or at the door, \$15. Brentwood Arts Exchange, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD 20722. Contact 301-277-2863 or pgp-brentwood-arts@pgparks.com for more information.

Hyattsville Arts & Ales Festival, September 23, 12-6 PM Now in its tenth year, incorporating 3 city blocks of downtown Hyattsville, Arts & Ales is a juried festival featuring over 100 exhibiting artists and artisans, Maryland craft breweries, food vendors, as well as music and dance on two stages. Free and family-friendly. Beer tasting passes will be available in advance online, and to purchase at the gate (ages 21+). See <http://hyattsvilleartsfestival.com/> for more information.



Artists' Studio Space Available at Greenbelt Community Center The Greenbelt Recreation Department invites local artists, artisans and designers to apply now for studio space at the historic Greenbelt Community Center. One studio will be available starting in August through the Department's Artist in Residence Program, providing 24-hour access in an atmosphere of mutual support and inspiration. Fees include a security deposit and monthly payment of \$182.00. Open to persons ages 18 and up, including both residents and nonresidents of Greenbelt. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the space is filled. Apply online at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts after receiving a studio tour. To schedule or for additional assistance, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltnmd.gov or call 240-542-2057.

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Harvest Time at Farmers Markets

You can eat locally grown produce year round by shopping at these markets within a 5-mile radius.

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

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

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

Hyattsville Farmers Market
3799 East-West Hwy
Hyattsville, MD 20782
Tuesday 3-7 PM

Mount Rainier Farmers Market
One Municipal Place
Mt. Rainier, Maryland 20712
Saturday 10 AM-2 PM

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

Cheverly Community Market
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly, Maryland 20785
Saturday 8 AM-Noon

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

Takoma Park Farmers Market
Laurel Ave. between Carroll Ave. & Eastern Ave.
Takoma Park, Maryland 20913
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM

Taking on Maryland's Invasive Species

As space permits, we will highlight invasive species found in our area. Information and illustrations courtesy of the Nature Conservancy.

What is an invasive plant? Invasive plants are usually nonnative species that have been introduced intentionally or by accident and spread from human settings into natural areas with negative effects to our economy, environment or health. Free from the plant-eaters and parasites that keep them in check in their native ranges, they reproduce rapidly and spread aggressively, taking over natural areas and altering biological communities. Invasive plants have been referred to as a form of biological pollution.

Why should you be concerned? Whether you are acting as a steward for your own property, a local park, or a faraway natural area, invasive plants are likely to be a problem. In the face of such global threats to biodiversity as habitat destruction and climate change, we can each make a difference by preventing and controlling the spread of invasive species.



Garlic Mustard, *Alliaria petiolata*

Garlic mustard has a two-year life cycle, and one plant can produce more than 7,000 seeds before dying. The plants smother spring wildflowers and produce toxins to prevent the growth of native plants. The leaves and habit of 1st and 2nd year plants are different, but the scalloped-edge leaves, white four-petaled flowers in the 2nd year, and bent white taproot are easy to identify. To remove, pull gently to dislodge the root, preferably when the soil is moist. Discard flowering and seeding plants with your garbage.



English Ivy, *Hedera helix*

This evergreen vine can kill large trees, or weigh them down to the point of collapse. On the ground, it can rapidly smother native vegetation, even the toughest weeds. English ivy leaves stay dark green year round, but as the ivy climbs trees, its leaves change shape and vines grow hairy. The vines produce blue-black berries in the fall. On trees, cut a section of vine near the base and pry from the tree to leave a gap. In gardens, pull or dig up all root fragments of groundcover.

FREE SHREDDING & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, October 21, 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

September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>Save the Date! Little Free Library Dedication Saturday, October 21, 9 AM</p>		<p>Save the Date! Chili Cookoff Saturday, October 21</p>		<p>Trash</p>	<p>2</p>
3	<p>4 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>5 Trash</p>	<p>6 Yard Waste</p>	<p>7 Recycling</p>	<p>8 Trash UPCA Movie Night, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>9 Ivy League, 9-11 AM 2nd Saturday: A Talk about American & French Wines, 5 PM</p>
10	<p>11 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Trash</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Recycling</p>	<p>15 Trash</p>	<p>16 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM </p>
17	<p>18 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM </p>	<p>20 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 Recycling</p>	<p>22 Trash</p>	<p>23</p>
24	<p>25 Yard Waste</p>	<p>26 Trash</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Recycling</p>	<p>29 Trash</p>	<p>30 UPCA Fall Townwide Yard Sale, 9 AM-2 PM UPCA Wine & Cheese Party, 7-10 PM</p>



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