

UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

It is budget season in University Park. It arrives each year about the same time as our Terps-the University of Maryland Men's and Women's basketball teams-are entering March Madness, trying to reach the Final Four, and as the Nationals and Orioles begin spring training in Florida. At Town Hall, meanwhile, staff department heads are meeting with Treasurer Dan Baden and myself to look for ways to fund what needs to be done in University Park, assembling the budget for the next fiscal year. The Mayor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018 will be in the hands of the Council by April 1, and so too will be many decisions about what the Town will do or not do, the resources and revenue necessary, and resulting Town tax rates for real property and business personal property.

Town government has many moving parts. There are the routine operations-patrol, traffic, crime prevention, crime report, building and dumpster permits, housing code enforcement, Town bus, recycling, compost, trash, yard waste, park maintenance, more-carried out by Town Police, Public Works, and Clerk Departments. There is also a long and ever-changing array of nonroutine projects and initiatives which town government handles. These include bridges to be repaired and replaced, sidewalks to be made safer, a tennis court to be repaired and improved, a new Town website in the works, shared bicycle lanes and bike share stations (funded by a grant) to be installed, mosquito habitat to be eliminated, snow to be cleared, leaves to be vacuumed, a town field to be sodded and seeded, traffic to be studied, stop-sign bars to be painted, trees to be planted and maintained, and al-

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	April 3 & 24, May 1
Green Team	April 13
Development Overview Committee	April 19
Electronics Recycling Event	April 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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ways the prospect of more. There are proposals in the works for street sweeping, more traffic studies, more stop-sign bars, a new multi-age playground (funded by a grant), another bridge replacement, and a partnership to make tennis lessons available to town residents. In addition, the Council-approved strategic plan proposes adding on to the Town Hall and hiring a town manager. All of these current and possible future municipal projects or initiatives are brought together and connected by the budget. The Town's operating budget for that work is approximately \$ 3.5 million.

Of the revenue needed for Town operations, about 83% comes from real property tax and state income tax. Because continuing to operate our municipality is heavily dependent upon taxes paid by individuals and households in University Park, the possible uncertainty and disruption in our regional economy creates a challenging budget environment for the Town. In mid-March, the Maryland Board of Revenue Estimates reduced revenue projections for the state by \$ 35.3 million for fiscal year 2017, and increased projections for fiscal year 2018 by \$2.3 million, citing the civilian hiring freeze as a large influence in the revisions. In late March, the President's budget proposal has called for a sharp increase in military spending and stark cuts across much of the rest of government, and in ways which could leave state and local governments with much higher costs especially in transportation and environmental protections. Of even greater consequence to University Park and other Washington, DC area municipalities could be the efforts to shrink the federal civilian workforce, which could cost the area 15,000 jobs or more in the first year and drain \$2.6 billion annually or more from the regional economy.

While there is some hope or expectation that many of the dire elements in the President's budget proposal won't come to pass, still there is strong concern that the civilian hiring freeze and layoffs could cause incomes to drop 3.5% and home values to fall by 2% in the region. A displacement of this magnitude could have significant effects on the individuals and households in University Park, and therefore on the Town's fiscal picture.

Our town is where the yard waste is picked up, trash collected, where we recycle, and where we have our own kitchen-waste composting program. This is where the Town bus shuttles commuters to and from public transit

morning and evening, and takes our community seniors to vital appointments and grocery shopping. This is where a town police officer is at the school most mornings to help our children arrive safely, and later responds to a breaking and entering or to dispose of a dead animal. Our streets get plowed when it snows, our fall leaves are vacuumed, and more.



Municipal government has to work, and for University Park as in most local governments, it is the budget which accounts for and provides for this work. The budget, therefore, is vital stuff for small towns and cities. The Wall Street Journal reported in March that many small local governments throughout the United States are being pushed to the fiscal brink and, unable to tax their way out of financial crises, are choosing to disband and become unincorporated.

In University Park, however, we are fortunate that the Town has historically been fiscally well-managed and remains in sound fiscal condition, with sufficient reserves and a resilient base to our local economy. Our options continue to be available to us, therefore, and how we choose among them in going forward is entirely in our own hands. That is what budget season means in University Park. While it isn't nearly as exciting or drama-filled as most of us find March Madness to be, what comes out of it probably carries greater import for our lives in this small community.

—Len Carey

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

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



FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

The University Park Police receive many complaints regarding individuals running stop signs. There are over 150 stop signs in UP and none of them indicate that coasting or speeding through is acceptable. They all say *stop*. After conducting an unscientific survey over a two-week period, it is apparent that a significant number of the violators are residents of University Park. Police presence seems to encourage stop sign compliance. Obeying laws, setting the proper example and making our community safe starts at home. Most of us obey the law in the presence of a police officer. The true test of character is to do the right thing when no one is looking.



The UPPD is asking you to rid your driveways of untagged, unregistered and inoperative vehicles. They are an eyesore and not permitted by town code. Letters will be sent out and we encourage you to be proactive and find a place to donate your vehicle. The fine for this violation is hefty and often more than the vehicle is worth. A clean town is a safe town.

As a reminder, door-to-door salesman and panhandlers increase in good weather. If they knock on your door, please ask them if they have written permission to solicit before buying or donating to their cause. The UPPD will gladly come out to verify their credentials, so you are encouraged to contact us if you notice them going to homes in UP. Familiarize yourself with your neighbors. Crime prevention is everyone's business.

On Saturday April 8, the Azalea Classic will play host to many runners and walkers in and around town. Preparations are under way for this event as the race impacts most of the town in some way. There will be no parking along Queens Chapel Rd., Clagett-Pineway and sections of Wells Parkway the morning of the event. Hundreds of people walking and running down our roads is a wonderful sight. Many UP walkers and runners are gearing up for the event. Groups of friends can be seen training and

getting in shape. As you go through town alone or in a group, be cognizant of your surroundings. Remember to walk facing traffic and keep in mind that drivers may not see you. Make eye contact, wave and acknowledge each other to ensure your safety. Driving while texting is illegal, walking while texting or running with headphones can be hazardous, the combination of an inattentive driver texting or talking and an inattentive walker or runner spells disaster. Regardless if you are driving, walking, biking or jogging through town focus and enjoy your activity. Take an interest in noticing the unusual, and report suspicious activity to the UPPD immediately.

Theft from Auto Between February 4 at 2 PM and February 5 at 10 AM in the 4400 block of East-West Highway suspect/s broke the lock on the passenger side door of a 2008 GMC van and stole saws, drills, nail guns and other assorted work tools. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On Saturday, February 11 between 11 AM and 5 PM in the 4200 block of College Heights Dr. suspect/s stole a package containing slippers that had been delivered to the residence. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Fraud On Wednesday, February 22 at 7 PM in the 4100 block of Beechwood Rd. a resident received a fraudulent Microsoft computer notification that was a scam which resulted in the loss of \$3,200. The incident was reported to the UPPD.

New Shuttle Bus Status Line

Town shuttle bus riders now have a phone number to call to learn the status of the bus or to leave a voice mail message (complaint or compliment) about the bus. When storms come through our area residents can call 240-297-8287 to learn of the status of the Shuttle Bus. This status is updated when conditions change.



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Tree Committee News

University Park, Where Money Grows on Trees

The urban forest has significant aesthetic value, contributing to collective image and pride, which affects property values and the quality of life of the community. Heating and cooling benefits are not the sole financial considerations when determining the financial value of trees. Real estate metrics have been established, accepted and regularly utilized to demonstrate the financial value of individual and aggregate trees. A well-treed lot will dramatically increase the real estate value of your property.

If you plant a shade tree on your property, your property value will increase. In University Park, the costs of the tree and associated planting costs are subsidized by the town, a significant incentive for homeowners. Please stop by the Committee's table at the Sustainability Fair on Sunday, April 2 to learn more about University Park's Shade Tree Reimbursement Program.

April's Notable Tree

This month's notable tree is *Castanea sativa*, European, or Sweet, Chestnut. The sole European variety is regarded a distant relative of the American variant, the *Castanea dentata*. There is only one known example in University Park, at 4300 Clagett Road. Chestnuts have been propagated for over 4,000 years. Sweet Chestnut was once a central player in the extensive nut breeding initiatives located on federal agricultural stations, largely sponsored by industry. Experimentation began as early as 1890 in Bell, Maryland (now Bowie) and continued until 1960 on the Beltsville station.



Ivy League

Saturday, April 8, 9-11 AM

The location will be announced on the listserv. If you are not a subscriber to the town listserv, please write the

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committee at TreeComm@UPMD.org. Bring a pair of hand pruners and a prying tool, such as a large screwdriver or dandelion weeder. Appropriate for ages 7 and older. —Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Tree Committee.

This Year Get a Jump on the Invasive *Aedes* Mosquito

It may not be long before summer weather returns and those pesky day biting invasive *Aedes* mosquitos emerge. The females deposited eggs in larval habitats last fall. Good news: There is a plan to rid our yards of this species based on what scientists have learned about their unique breeding behavior, a mosquito that may be a vector for Zika in the future.

The plan is to eliminate all larval habitats on one's property and provide an alternative larval habitat which is a trap that kills the mosquito and its eggs. The success of the plan is based on 80% participation per ward. A volunteer community mosquito group is coordinating with the Town government mosquito program. Please volunteer to help our town achieve 80% participation by the start of summer. Contact UP Community Mosquito at mosquito.control.up@gmail.com for trap and volunteer information. Contact Town Mosquito Coordinator Amy Milne at Mosquito@upmd.org to volunteer to be a block captain.

February 13 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentations

Mr. David Brosch introduced Mr. Doug Alexander, a resident of Cheverly, MD. Mr. Alexander discussed supporting efforts to expand the compost pilot program on an ongoing basis with a goal of town-wide organic waste pickup. The goal is to reach a zero-waste program. This means a mandatory program where every household is composting, recycling and minimizing landfill. If this goal is adopted, Mr. Alexander is willing to supply at least \$5,000 in matching grant funds to support University Park's effort. For more information on composting visit backyardcomposting.org.

CM Alvarez introduced Chair of the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment Mr. Chris Aubry. Mr. Aubry distributed and explained the Committee's 2016 Annual Report.

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A discussion continued on the possibility of combining the Stream Committee and Green Team with the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment. Mayor Carey said he would like to pursue the offer of satellite imagery from the University of Maryland. This could help with guiding the programs in terms of where and what type of trees to plant. Concerns were expressed on the number of trees that were removed by Pepco on public and private property.

Public Comment

A resident said that sustainability is long term and because the Town will be certified every three years, there is a need for the continuation of the Green Team or some environmental group to work toward the goals of the sustainability plan.

A suggestion was made for the Town to purchase the empty lot on Pineway and possibly use it as a park.

New Business

Motion to approve adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate Friday, April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 17-0-01 to authorize department heads to elect to permanently receive authorized sick leave as annual leave, to authorize department heads to permanently convert annual leave in excess of 240 hours to sick leave, and to revise hourly pay for Sundays and holidays. Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest this may be considered is at the March 6, 2017 Council meeting.

Motion to approve the introduction of the budget adjustments as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the February 9, 2017 memo to the Mayor and Council.

Account Name	Increase	Decrease
General Government		
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	
Office Expense	2,000.00	
Legal		6,000.00
Prior Years Surplus	44,708.00	
Unreserved Fund Balance	44,708.00	
Police		
Medical Exams	800.00	
Police Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00	

Computers	800.00
Small Equipment	2,000.00

Public Works

Bike Grant Revenue	87,500.00	
Bike Roadway Project	87,500.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	15,000.00	
Street Tree Maintenance	10,000.00	
Park Tree Maintenance	5,000.00	
Tools & Supplies	2,000.00	
Work Storage Space	2,000.00	
Uniforms	1,000.00	
Public Works Salaries		15,000.00
Public Works Taxes & Benefits		20,000.00

*Budget transfers require 5 votes.

Motion approved 7 to 0. The earliest this may be considered is at the March 6, 2017 Council meeting.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

At the last meeting, Council approved Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's special utility permit for the Adelphi Road project. University Park was notified that the original project would be extended along Adelphi Road and encompass Wells Parkway and there is a traffic loop in that location. As a result, the original permit was amended with the provision that the traffic loop is replaced in kind.

Treasurer Dan Baden reported that University Park is slated for approval in the Governor's budget proposal from the Department of Natural Resources to receive a Community Parks and Playground Program grant in the amount of \$262,000. This is likely, but will not be official until the state budget is signed by the Governor. University Park will be notified with the decision in July. Mayor Carey asked that the Council select a site for the playground at the March 6 Council meeting. Mayor Carey asked that the Committee on Public Facilities and Services schedule a meeting prior to the Council meeting and that they can expect a recommendation from them in terms of a site. Assuming the grant is awarded, the hope is to put this out to bid by early April and to have the playground project done this year.

Mayor Carey has been doing a round of meetings with county and state officials and with neighboring municipalities about bike share and other issues to move forward and get things done.

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Mayor Carey has been communicating with the County regarding the clearing on Belcrest Road. He's organizing a field meeting with state and county officials as well as local citizens and the County Councilmember.

Council and Committee Reports

Public Facilities and Services Committee Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7 PM at Town Hall to address the site for the playground as requested by the Mayor in his report.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The Committee met on February 1, 2017. The minutes of the meeting were distributed. Topics discussed:

- At the next Council meeting, a motion will be presented to address the safety concerns at the intersection of Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue.
- The Committee plans to have a site meeting with the homeowners on Clagett-Pineway to discuss the placing of a sidewalk.
- Parking restrictions on 44th and 43rd and East West Highway.
- A motion will be presented requesting a letter be written to the Principal of Northwestern High School requesting more focus on lowering their truancy rate.
- A motion will be presented requesting stop bars be placed at the stop signs near the intersection of Wells Parkway and Van Buren Street.

CM Thompson stated Mayor Carey is requesting a traffic study for Ward 1 due to the likely increased traffic from the Whole Foods area and 7-Eleven. CM Thompson said that the Council can expect a copy of the sustainable action plan this month and asked that Council review the document, and forward any comments to him.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano The request for proposals (RFP) for the Town website has been sent out. Mayor Carey hopes to have a new website by June 2017. The Town Election is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2017 from 8 AM to 8 PM at the Word of God Baptist Church. The deadline to file as a candidate is 5 PM on Monday, April 3. The annual Maryland Municipal

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League convention is scheduled for June 25-28, 2017.

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

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Athletic turf and seed will be placed on the soccer field by the end of the week.
- A pine tree uprooted on College Heights Drive due to the high winds.
- Victor Umanzor is the new supervisor for the Public Works Department.
- Mr. Beall plans to install a new practice wall on the Queens Chapel tennis court. He would like to consult with the American Tennis Courts to discuss placement of the wall to minimize noise.
- In reference to the water issue under the tennis court, no drain of any sort was found. The County has an interest in doing a stormwater Best Management Practice adjacent to the Queens Chapel tennis court, this project may help with some of the water issues at the tennis court.

Police Department Chief Wynnyk The January 2017 Crime Report was distributed. The department is working with the Code Enforcement Officer in getting yards cleaned up. Chief is still recruiting a police officer for the department.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:20 PM.

March 6 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentations

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Executive Director Aaron Marcavitch gave an annual update on activities:

- The organization is growing boundary wise. Bowie, Cheverly and Glenn Dale have just been approved by the County and waiting approval from the State.
- The office is now located at the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, which is next to the Hyattsville City Hall. A heritage center will be located at this location as well and the plan is to launch monthly bike rides and lectures.
- They are working on making sure there is a diverse

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stream of funding, not just government grants and municipal support, but funding from local citizens and corporations.

- They will continue working with bike infrastructure, bike and trails and looking at the issues along Route 1 from the perspective of tourism and economics.
- The annual Bike Rally, including a scavenger hunt this year, is scheduled for May 6.
- The annual dues notice has gone out to every municipality. The dues for each town is based on the 2010 Census population and will be recalculated in 2020.

Public Comment

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

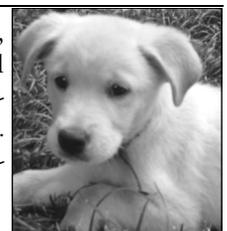
- A resident said that her house along with two other houses will be dramatically affected by the proposed playground site and expressed her disappointment that the project is a done deal. She witnesses unauthorized traffic, kids smoking dope and more and her first concern is for the children. What is wrong with more green space? She would like to see a study that proves demand for another playground. The resident asked the following questions:
 - What is the square footage of the tennis courts? *The proposed playground would fit within the existing square footage of the tennis court.*
 - Is 12,000 square feet, as the document names, is that larger than what the existing footprint is? *Mayor Carey will get this information for her.*
 - Is it the Council's intention to spend over and above the grant money? *The project can be downsized so that the Town will not be spending any additional money at all.*
 - The document mentioned that there will be a sign or true surveillance, is that a done deal? *The final design will probably have a camera and will definitely have increased police presence. The Committee on Public Facilities and Services believes that the increased use of the playground might actually make it a bit safer because there would be people there.*
 - Is the intention that our current police force will be monitoring the cameras? *Yes.*
 - How much would it cost to remove the concrete? *Approximately \$10,000 or more. The County may help fund this because of stormwater management. Mayor Carey said there is an influx of young families in town and an indication that there is a demand for the playground. At the very least the Tot Lot should be upgraded.*

- A resident expressed her concern about flooding in that area. *Flooding is one of the reasons why a decision was made not to upgrade the tennis court. A Councilmember made an effort about one year ago to figure out how this area can be improved.*
- Will there be changes made to the parking lot? People who use the tennis court do not park in the parking lot but rather park in front of the houses. There is a concern about emergency services getting in and out of that area. *This is something that could be taken into consideration when the design is made.*
- Was a study done about how much the current Tot Lot is being used or is this based on anecdotal evidence? *Probably anecdotal evidence. It appears that the Tot Lot is well used.*
- A resident who lives behind the Tot Lot said that it doesn't appear to be well used at all.
- When is the next Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee meeting? *Depending on Chief Wynnnyk's availability, the plan is to schedule the next meeting within two weeks.*
- With the closing of Sheridan Street, there is concern about what is going to happen with the traffic on the other streets. Has anyone done a study on how to alleviate that because we are taking about a third of the traffic that goes on Route 1 and distributing it to two streets? *Mayor Carey came up with a solution to this issue by combining a traffic study for all of Ward 1 along with options to address the safety issues along Baltimore Avenue.*
- Is this study going to be done by an independent group or will it be done by some of the Councilmembers? *A traffic engineering company by the name of Kimley Horn will do the study.*

Continuing Business

Motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 17-O-01 to authorize department heads to elect to permanently receive authorized sick leave as annual leave, to authorize department heads to permanently convert annual leave in excess of 240 hours to sick leave, and to revise hourly pay for Sundays and holidays. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Laura Collins. She can be reached at UP-PetDatabase@gmail.com or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.



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Motion: To approve the adoption of the budget adjustments as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the February 9, 2017 memo to the Mayor and Council.

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Uniforms	1,000.00	
Public Works Salaries		15,000.00
Public Works Taxes & Benefits		20,000.00

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Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

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

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

* Budget transfers require 5 votes.

The earliest this may be considered is at the March 20, 2017 Council meeting.

Motion: Per recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, to approve the Mayor's plan for resolving safety concerns at Baltimore Avenue and Sheridan Street as stated in his memo to the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee dated February 1, 2017, and request that he proceed to implement the plan. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, to authorize the Mayor, with assistance from Chief Michael Wynnyk and Ward 6 Councilmember Michael Cron, to write and send a letter to the Principal of Northwestern High School outlining the problems truancy has created in the Town, plus the consequences to the truants and requesting that the school focus on reducing the truancy rate. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, to request the Mayor authorize the Director of Public Works place stop bars at the stop signs near the corner of Wells Parkway and Van Buren Street to increase the awareness of drivers and improve the safety of individuals using the bridge. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: Per recommendation of the Public Facilities and Services Committee, to confirm the location of a new multi-age playground, which is to be built on the site of the old tennis court at Wells Parkway near the 9/11 Memorial, upon award of a Community Park and Playground Program grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The playground and adjacent area will be designed to address concerns about crime and parking. The final design and construction of the playground are to come back to Council for approval prior to awarding of a contract. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comment

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■A resident in Ward 2 is in support of a playground and said that they have used the Tot Lot extensively over the years. As for the truancy issue, she was aware of a truancy problem with Northwestern, but not that it had an impact with University Park. The impact is some students were hanging out in an unoccupied home in University Park and they also pass through University Park on their way to

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College Park. To man the cameras at the playground all the time will be very expensive. Usually there is a recorder so that they are helpful after the fact. The cameras also have a deterrence effect.

■ Regarding the park and the truancy issue, is there a link between the two tasks? The cameras could be helpful to record the truants who may be in the park rather than at school. The park runs through the Town of University Park and it is a place that truants can go and the discussion of cameras is a totally separate issue.

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Mayor's Report

- The Mayor, Town Attorney, the County and others recently met by the large clear cut on Belcrest Road. The objective was to determine the source of sediments that are seen in Wells Run. The clear cut does not appear to be the source of the sediments.
- Mayor Carey is on the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee and it has given him the opportunity to try to address some of the Town's concerns in terms of regulating the entry of utilities into the right-of-way.
- Mayor Carey and the Town Attorney went to the Town of Kensington, Maryland to meet with their Town Manager and Mayor. The meeting was to discuss how the Town transitioned to include a Town Manager to their administration. Mayor Carey plans to present a budget proposal to hire a part-time Town Manager.
- Mayor Carey is having discussions with Riverdale Park about the Army Reserve Center located on Route 1. The facility has a five-bay garage and abundant office space, and may be available in two years since the Army Reserve Center is moving to a different location. University Park is discussing with Riverdale Park the possibility of obtaining and sharing the facility. The Mayor plans to bring forward a budget proposal for a Town Hall addition.
- Mayor Carey is having discussions with County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros about how to make the crossings of Adelphi Road, East West Highway and Baltimore Avenue safer for pedestrians.
- Mr. Oswaldo Villena will not be able to continue with the Mosquito Program for University Park. The Town has hired an undergraduate student teaching assistant, Ms. Amy Milne as the new mosquito program coordinator.

Council and Committee Reports

CM Gekas reports that Pepco is providing 1,150 free

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trees to its residential customers through the Energy-Saving Trees program. For more information call 1-855-670-2772 or visit www.arboday.org/pepco.

Green Team A copy of the Sustainability Action Plan was emailed to the Council. Comments need to be sent to Mr. Thompson by March 10, 2017. Mayor Carey suggested discussing the Sustainability Action Plan with the Green Team in a Council Work Session.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The February meeting that was scheduled to discuss Sanctuary City issues was cancelled due to the absence of Chief Wynnyk. The meeting will be rescheduled in a couple of weeks. The Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee is co-sponsoring with the Civic Association a Sustainability Fair on April 2, 2017 from 9 AM- 11 AM. There will be tables there for education and outreach to town residents on how to make lawn maintenance type choices that are neighbor and eco-friendly.

Motion: To approve the co-sponsorship of the Sustainability Fair by the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee with the University Park Civic Association scheduled for April 2, 2017 from 9AM-11 AM. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:15 PM.

Helping Hands UP



We have been busy this past month. We were notified of an elderly neighbor in need of assistance. Though we have not yet trained our volunteers and do not have necessary liability insurance, we enlisted his neighbors to help and spoke with a family member to provide support. A member of our board helped a neighbor from before he needed hospice care through his death.

We have identified three town residents who are interested in working with our board on developing our volunteer training, essential before all of those who filled out applications to be volunteers can actually get to work! Several on our board have begun meeting with those residents who completed applications for services. How enjoyable it is to meet with some of our engaged and active elders, who may need a hand now and then.

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We will co-sponsor a lecture on Elder Abuse with College Park Explorations on Aging. The lecture will take place on Saturday, June 3, 9 AM-noon. Speakers include UP resident Elaine Kennell, JD, and College Park resident Helen Barnes, RN. Location to be announced. We signed our first high school volunteer's community service form. An enterprising young man shoveled an elderly resident's walk during our March snowstorm.

We need your help. We hope not to require elderly residents to pay membership fees to HHUP. To offset costs for liability insurance, background checks, website, meeting space and so on, we will look to UP and CHE residents to support our efforts. We are on our way to becoming a 501(c)3 organization, opening a bank account, and preparing to train our large group of prospective volunteers. We can only do this with your support. Mail your checks, payable to: HHUP, to 4307 Clagett Rd., University Park, MD 20782. Questions? Email HHU-universityPark@gmail.com. Thanks in advance.



UPCA News

Part of what makes a great neighborhood is the willingness of people to help each other. The University Park Civic Association relies entirely on these great neighbors to freely donate their time in making University Park such a great place to live. Nigel Ogilvie, UP resident since 2000 and UPCA Treasurer since 2010, is passing the Treasurer duties to Virginia Myers and Stacy Siegel, who graciously stepped forward when we asked for new board members to fill this office. Nigel was key in rescuing the UPCA and stabilizing its finances, allowing us not only to continue to exist, but to increase the number of events we hold each year. Nigel will continue to support the UPCA with other volunteer activities and an annual UPCA Social on his back porch, but he leaves his Treasurer role with a small note: "Thank you for renewing your household's annual membership to UPCA!" Thank you, Nigel, for all your hard work for this neighborhood!

Virginia will handle our bank account, expense reimbursements to event managers and annual accounting to the Town as part of the Town's grant to UPCA. Stacy will work with Dawn Nichols on membership outreach and follow-up, related to our need for membership revenue to keep UPCA funded and able to support the large number of events we sponsor.

Stacy and her family moved to the neighborhood about 2 years ago. They quickly realized what a great sense of community University Park has and thought it would be a great place to raise their family. Prior to chasing around her three small children, Stacy worked for a local property management company. Stacy is excited to help the UPCA make University Park a great place to live.

Virginia has lived in town for twelve years and her sister and family have lived here for about sixteen years. She recently retired from the Congressional Budget Office where she prepared cost estimates for appropriations bills. Growing up in Greenbelt, she thought that University Park was such a beautiful neighborhood and wanted to live here someday. She is eager to use her economics and budgeting skills within the UPCA to contribute to the Town's sense of community.

Curtis Burrill is the newest board member of the UPCA. Curtis moved to University Park after a friend invited him to the annual yard sale. He is new to the UPCA and will serve as the Welcome Wagon chair. His role welcomes all new community members with useful town and area information, a small gift and new resident social gatherings. If you know of a new neighbor please send their information to CPBurrill2@gmail.com so they can be added to the welcome list.

UP Church of the Brethren Mulch Sale

Saturday, April 1, 8 AM

Good quality shredded hardwood mulch at \$3.75 per 2 cu. ft. bag in the parking lot of the University Park Church of the Brethren, Baltimore Ave. and Tuckerman Street. To order mulch in advance, call Sue at 301-864-4328 or email upcob2@verizon.net. Advance, prepaid orders of 15 bags or more can be delivered, if within reasonable distance.

5th Annual UPCA Spring Egg Hunt & Games

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

Children birth through grade 6 are invited to participate in the Spring Egg Hunt and Games. The egg hunt begins promptly a 1 PM for the youngest children (0-2 years) followed by older age groups (3-6 and 7-grade 6). Other activities in-



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clude face painting, crafts and games with a chance to win tasty prizes. Be ready to roll an egg and hop like a bunny! Wear warm clothes and shoes appropriate for walking in the park. Treats provided, but you may wish to bring drinks. UP Town Park Tot Lot (behind the church at 6513 Queens Chapel Road). This free event is brought to you by the University Park Civic Association in partnership with the Prince George's Plaza Community Center of M-NCPPC.



Stream Cleanup

Sunday, April 2, 8:30-10 AM

Join the Town Stream Clean-UP, rain or shine. Meet for coffee/juice/doughnuts at the Soccer Field on Queens Chapel Rd. Groups, residents and friends can bring ready hands to beautify our park and the stream. The Cleanup is sponsored by the University Park Civic Association, with assistance from the Town Police and Public Works departments. The cleanup is coordinated with the area-wide Alice Ferguson Foundation's 29th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Student community service hours earned will be documented. Bring gloves. Trash bags will be provided. As you work, learn about and discuss conservation and preservation efforts to improve our stream. Contact Scott Bolden or Jodi Cohen, 240-296-5361, if you have questions.

Sustainability Fair

Sunday, April 2, 9-11 AM (rain or shine)

The UPCA and Town Council Committee on Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure are teaming up to bring you the UPCA Sustainability Fair, coinciding with the UPCA Stream Clean-UP. The Sustainability Fair will showcase neighbor and earth-friendly lawn and garden choices. Come and learn about:

- Quiet and eco-friendly lawn maintenance options

- Making UP a Monarch Butterfly Way-station and pick up some free milkweed seeds
- The Town Shade Tree reimbursement program
- The Town Mosquito Abatement Program
- County rebates for rain barrels
- The UP Green Team and Tree Committee, and how you can get into the Ivy League
- Bee education from a town bee keeper and more!

Join us on Queen's Chapel, between the Town Stream and UPES. Contact Linda Verrill at linda_verrill@yahoo.com or 301-927-6743 with questions or to participate with an educational table of your own.

University Park Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, April 3, 11:30 AM

This month's topic is immigration. Come hear Jacqueline Bradley-Chacon, Esq., present more information on this very important issue. Ms. Bradley-Chacon will explain the legal process that immigrants face in the U.S. The meeting starts with registration, followed by a light lunch served at noon, then a brief business meeting and program. University Christian Church, Adelphi and Belcrest Rds. Guests are welcome. RSVP required: helena.andreno@longandfoster.com or Pat Myers: patmyers2@verizon.net.

Did you know? Women from College Park, Hyattsville, Adelphi, and Beltsville are also members of the UPWC.

Azalea Classic

Saturday, April 8, 8 AM

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



The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series

Truman and the Bomb

Saturday, April 8, 5 PM

April's 2nd Saturday Lecture topic is *Truman and the Bomb: Getting Beyond the Myths*. President Truman's decision to use atomic bombs against Japan in 1945 is arguably the most controversial issue in all American history.

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Historian and UP resident Sam Walker will discuss the basis for the intense and sharply polarized controversy and show how the myths that have dominated the debate are wrong. He will offer

his own view of why Truman authorized the bomb. In addition to *Prompt and Utter Destruction: Truman and the Use of Atomic Bombs against Japan*, Walker is the author of several books on nuclear power regulation, including the Three Mile Island accident. He has also written books on college basketball, including the early history of the Atlantic Coast Conference. University Park Church of the Brethren, Baltimore Ave. and Tuckerman Street.

Great Decisions 2017

Tuesdays, April 11 and 25, 7:30-9:30 PM

Foreign policy issues, international conflict and trade will continue to present formidable challenges to America, the outcome of which will shape the future of the Trump administration and the well-being of the country. Join the University Park Great Decisions group for lively discussions about U.S. foreign policy on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in February through May. The group will work its way through the annual Great Decisions booklet published by the Foreign Policy Association. Meetings take place in the library of the University Park Church of the Brethren at the corner of Tuckerman and Baltimore Avenue.

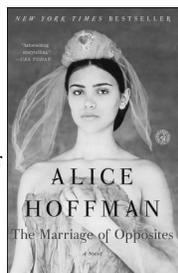
April 11: U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? To be successful, policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.

April 25: Latin America's Political Pendulum The pendulum of Latin American politics is swinging rightward once again. Yet as the "pink tide" recedes, the forces of change have more to do with socioeconomics than ideology. The new administration must look beyond the neoliberal model of the 1990s and develop an approach to relations fit for the 21st century.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, April 18, 8-10 PM

April's book is *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. May's title is *Mistress of Riversdale* by Margaret Callcott. Please call Marianne Rankin 301-277-6683 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for info.



UPWC Plant Exchange Sunday, April 23, 1-3 PM

UPWC is again hosting a plant exchange, with tools, pots, etc. for sale at yard sale prices. Come check out what's happening at the table adjacent to the Town soccer field on Queens Chapel Rd.



UPCA Townwide Yard Sale May 6, 9 AM-2 PM

The UPCA is once more hosting our Townwide Yard Sale, with one difference: now it's only once per year! Sellers, start collecting your wares now and quickly email Dawn Nichols at dawnandjoe@verizon.net to sign up to participate. We'll get your house on our map, advertise and help you make some cash. Shoppers, now that it's one day a year, you have double the shopping to make up in one day. We'll also have food trucks so you can get a quick meal and get right back to the shopping.

UPCA Porchfest May 13, 2-6 PM

What is Porchfest? Porchfest is a family-friendly community music event, appropriate for all ages. 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 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: facebook.com/porchfestUP/. Registration is open until May 1.

Rummage Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, 9 AM-4 PM Furniture, children's and adults clothing, collectibles, toys, books, electronics, housewares, kitchenware, china, linens, tools and bric-a-brac for sale. Donations for the sale are accepted at the church until Wednesday, April 5. Donations are tax deductible. University United Methodist Church, Campus Drive, College Park.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

for University Park Residents

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

If you won't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale...don't put it in the trash. Recycle it! Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc., in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Please check the Public Works page at upmd.org for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations.

Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.

Acceptable Items

Answering Machines
Ballasts-non PCB
Batteries (see list below)
Cables
Camcorders
CDs/ DVDs
Cell Phones
Circuit Boards
Compact Disc Players
Computer Equipment
Computers
Copiers
Cords
Duplicators
DVD Players
Electric Typewriters
Electronic Games
Fax Machines
Hard Drives
Keyboards / Mice
Household Electronics
Ink / Toner
Lab Equipment
Laptops
Laptop batteries
LCD Monitors
Mainframe Equipment
Media
Metal Scrap
Microwave Ovens
Modems
Monitors
Networking Equipment
Pagers
PDA's
Printers
Printed Circuit Board
Radios
Rechargeable Batteries
Remote Controls
Scanners

Stereo Components
Stereos
Tapes
Tape Players
Telephones
Telecom Equipment
Televisions
Testing Equipment
Toasters
Transparency Makers
Two-Way Radios
UPS - Power Supplies
VCRs
Word Processors
Other Electronics



What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners
Broken CRT monitors
Console Televisions
Dishwashers
Dryers
Light bulbs
Medical Waste
Nuclear Waste
Paint
PCB Ballasts
Radioactive Waste
Refrigerators
Thermostats
Washers

What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries
Lithium Batteries
Magnesium Batteries
Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries
NiCd Wet Cell Batteries
Nickel Iron Batteries
Nickel Zinc Batteries
Silver Oxide Batteries
Zinc Carbon Batteries



NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for the

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

to be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

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

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

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

OR

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

OR

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

DEADLINE:

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

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

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

CANDIDATES:

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

FILING DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

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

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>Save the Date: UPCA Townwide Yard Sale May 6, 9 AM-2 PM</p>		<p>Save the Date: UPCA Porchfest May 13, 2-6 PM</p>			<p>1 Mulch Sale, 8 AM</p>
<p>2 Stream Cleanup, 8:30-10 AM Sustainability Fair, 9-11 AM Spring Egg Hunt, 1 PM</p>	<p>3 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM</p>	<p>4 Trash</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Recycling</p>	<p>7 Trash</p> 	<p>8 Azalea Classic, 8 AM Ivy League, 9-11 AM 2nd Saturday Lecture by Sam Walker, 5 PM</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 Yard Waste</p>	<p>11 Trash Great Decisions 2017, 7:30-9:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Tree Committee, 7 PM</p>	<p>13 Recycling</p>	<p>14 Trash</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 Yard Waste</p>	<p>18 Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM</p> 	<p>19 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>20 Recycling</p>	<p>21 Trash</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 UPWC Plant Exchange, 1-3 PM</p>	<p>24 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Trash  Great Decisions 2017, 7:30- 9:30 PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Recycling</p>	<p>28 Trash</p>	<p>29 Electronics Recycling, 9 AM-1 PM</p> 



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 Police Dept. Cell Phone 240-375-1077
 Chief Michael Wynnyk 301-277-0051

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1	Joe Thompson	240-770-1358	jthompson@upmd.org
2	James Gekas	301-864-2734	jgekas@upmd.org
3	Bradlee Hess	301-699-0694	bhess@upmd.org
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743	lverrill@upmd.org
5	David Caskey	301-699-8785	dcaskey@upmd.org
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718	mcron@upmd.org
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746	ralvarez@upmd.org

NEWSLETTER

The May newsletter deadline is Friday, April 7. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com or sent via [ww.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) > Communications > Contact. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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