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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Mayor and Council are working to address two Town needs which have long been recognized, but are now pressing. The Town's elected Mayor's responsibilities are more than a full-time job and include necessary administrative duties which should be professionalized. The current Town Hall is converted from a former boarding house and limited, lacking needed work and meeting spaces and much of it is inaccessible for persons with disabilities. Both were identified as high-priority needs during the Council's November 2016 retreat and the Council is working to address them.

The position of Mayor in University Park is two jobs in one, responsible for executive functions typical of most Mayors and also fulfilling administrative or managerial duties most typically carried out by professional town or city managers. Even with the Town's capable and effective staff, the work of the Mayor often requires more

than full-time effort, usually involving long days and weeks. The Mayor gets a stipend set by the Council, currently \$ 20,000 per year. I enjoy the job I was elected to do, but think about who will be next. Finding future mayors of University Park may necessitate recruiting a continuing line of residents who are retired (as I am), unemployed, or financially independent and able to accept the heavy workload and modest stipend involved. Of further concern is the loss of valuable institutional and administrative knowledge when the Mayor leaves office.

The approach being considered is to hire a professional town manager or administrator, separating all or most administrative and managerial functions from the Mayor's executive role and delegating them to an administrative professional. Town policies would continue to be established by its elected Mayor and Council. Day-to-

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	December 4 & 18
Town Council Special Session	December 11
Holidays	December 25 & January 1

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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day operations of the Town would be carried out by staff as they are now, but under direction by a Council-appointed Town manager or administrator who would be gradually ceded full administrative responsibilities within policies established by Mayor and Council. The Council supported this approach in the Town's fiscal 2018 budget ~ to hire a part-time town manager, shared with another municipality and funded initially through a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Circuit Rider Program. The Town did not receive the grant, however, and it is unlikely we would succeed in future efforts. To bring this forward for additional consideration, therefore, I will ask the Council to fully fund a new Town manager or administrator in my fiscal 2019 budget request due in April 2018.

Regarding Town Hall, currently the building lacks adequate workspace for public works crews and sufficient office space for Town Hall staff, doesn't provide spaces usable for Council meetings and community purposes, and spaces above the first floor are not accessible to persons with disabilities. Addressing these needs also provides opportunity to update the Town Hall's electrical and mechanical systems and to make the building more sustainable. These Town Hall needs have been discussed and studied several times in past decades, including most recently in 2009 and in the 2013/2014 consideration of purchasing the building now owned by Word of God Baptist Church. Now the Council is approving studies to determine the feasibility of a town hall expansion or remodeling and to assess what is needed in an updated or expanded University Park Town Hall. From those studies, further decisions regarding the Town Hall will most likely be made incrementally, each step involving extensive discussion.

Addressing these needs is a complicated matter for our small town, and Mayor and Council have begun what will become months of study and consideration. How we work together to consider and address those needs will continue to shape our community. This, then, is my continuing invitation to all in our community ~ to pay attention to what is going on here and nearby, to show up, speak up, and participate in what will be a continuing effort to envision, design and build the University Park for our future.

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We often find ourselves together at this holiday season

at one or more of the many events going on in town, possibly at the community potluck, holiday tree lighting, holiday house tour, or ambling about admiring the decorations around town or considering possibilities for snow.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in town or nearby, and hope you will come over to say hello. I wish you the comforts of home and community, and peace.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 17-O-09

On November 6, 2017, Ordinance 17-O-09 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Legislative Resolution 17-O-03, the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Ordinance, to transfer \$25,000 from "Unreserved Undesignated" funds to Public Works Line Item W17 "Park Playground" funds, for a site development concept plan, peer review, and Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement waiver fees for the new multi-age playground adjacent to Wells Parkway near the 911 Memorial. The meeting set for December 4, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 17-O-010

On November 6, 2017, Ordinance 17-O-010 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Legislative Resolution 17-O-03, the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Ordinance, to transfer \$10,000 from "Unreserved Undesignated" funds to General Government Line Item G12 "Engineering" to cover the cost of subsurface investigation and geotechnical engineering analysis of the tennis courts near Queens Chapel Road across from University Park Elementary School. The meeting set for December 4, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 17-O-11

On November 6, 2017, Ordinance 17-O-011 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Legislative Resolution 17-O-03, the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Ordinance to transfer \$12,750 from "Unreserved Undesignated" funds to General Government Line G4 "Architecture and Related Services" Line Item for costs associated with a feasibility study and needs assessment for the redesign and expansion of the Town Hall. The meeting set for December 4, 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.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

December is National Drunk Driving Awareness Month. *Don't Drink and Drive*. Be sure your teenagers know this message. Sobriety checkpoints, extra patrols and cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions are all planned enforcement activities for December. Don't let anyone drive after drinking. It may save a life.

As you prepare for the holidays, remember these basic tips:

- Shop during the day and park your vehicle in well-lit areas. Shop online when you are alert, awake and patient.
- Be aware of your surroundings when you park, walk and are in stores. Know the website you are dealing with and read the fine print.
- Online or in person, try and use one credit card to track your purchases and keep good records of delivery dates.
- Avoid buying more than you can carry. Lock your purchases in the trunk and out of sight.
- Remember where you parked. Remember what you purchased online.
- Have keys ready when approaching your vehicle; request a security escort if you shop alone. Keep your passwords private and update your security software regularly.
- Carry only one credit card. A current pickpocket practice is to remove one credit card from your wallet in hopes you will not notice until much later. The online thief is always a few keystrokes away, at your fingertips.
- Shop with a friend. The more the merrier...and safer.
- If shopping with small children, have a plan if you are separated from them. Determine a central meeting place and/or teach them to know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help. Monitor your children when they are online, be aware of predators.
- Keep all receipts together to help verify credit card or bank statements, online transactions and delivery of purchases.
- Some thieves simply steal the items from your front porch after they have been delivered. It takes only a few seconds to run up to a front porch and grab a package and run off. If you know you will not be home during normal delivery hours, have a neighbor retrieve your package or get it later at a delivery pickup location.

During the holiday season please drive safely. Stop at stop signs, obey the speed limit. Buckle your seat belt and park your cell phone while driving. Distracted driving is a major cause of traffic crashes. Focus on the single task of driving and arrive home safely.

Breaking & Entering On October 4 between noon and 3 PM in the of 4300 Block of Sheridan St., suspect/s entered the residence through an unlocked back door and stole a flat screen TV, an HP laptop computer and 3 piggy banks containing US currency. There was no one at home during this crime. The location was checked for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. Prince George's County Police detectives were notified and will conduct the follow up investigation. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between October 19 6 PM and October 20 at 1 PM in the 4300 block of Van Buren St. a suspect/s entered an unlocked 1984 Mercedes Benz and stole the radio faceplate. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Holiday Funds for

Town Employees



Please consider contributing to the University Park Holiday Funds for Town employees. These funds offer a way for residents to express their appreciation for the exemplary work done by the Town's dedicated employees throughout the year. Many Town employees have worked for us for more than 10 years, some for more than 40 years. The winter holidays afford a chance for residents to show their appreciation for the continued conscientious service to our community given by these very dedicated Town employees through foul or fair weather.

To contribute, checks should be made payable to "Town of University Park" and marked on the memo line of your check for the "Holiday Funds." You may also indicate whether your contribution is intended for Public Works, Police Department and/or for General Administrative Staff (including bus drivers) and the respective amount you wish to donate to each. Checks for the 2017 Holiday Funds should be mailed or delivered to the Town Hall by Friday, December 29, 2017.

Join University Park CERT

The Town of University Park has an active Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Members of CERT are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operation in order to respond in emergencies. We assist and support local first responders and support community functions like the Azalea Classic and trick or treating with first aid and traffic control. You determine your individual level of involvement and training. CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Get involved and be a part of this incredible team. For more information, please contact Tom Stickle at tstickle1@verizon.net or Ned Goldberg at ned.goldberg@gmail.com.



Helping Hands University Park (HHUP)



We just finished a very satisfying month meeting UP seniors and prospective HHUP volunteers at two events. Approximately 50 people of all ages, from University Park and environs, attended a lively, very informative and reassuring

lecture by Dr. Carlo Tornatore on memory and aging. On November 7, 28 people were administered a brief memory screening test, with results shared and given to them to discuss with their physicians, spouses and families.

We have developed a preliminary calendar for 2018 as follows:

- *Senior Yoga at Numi Yoga* This will be offered free of charge to our HHUP members and their volunteer drivers. We hope to provide light refreshments after the sessions. Proposed dates (not yet finalized) are 1/22, 1/29 and 2/5 from 10-11 AM. To register, call Sabrina Meyers at 301-641-0114.
- *Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Music in Mind free concerts* We hope to have receptions after these Sunday concerts. Transportation available: Feb. 11 at 3 PM, Marimba and Strings. April 15 at 3 PM, The Left Bank Quartet.
- A trip (date not yet set) to the PG County African American Museum on Route 1 in Brentwood.

- *All About Chocolate* This will be a Saturday event co-sponsored with Dave Brosch's 2nd Saturday lecture series. Our speaker will talk about the history of chocolate and offer a tasting. Further information to be announced.
- *Walking Group* Several of our seniors have expressed interest in walking together, in town when weather permits and in the Mall at Prince George's when the weather is inclement. Interested? Call 240-487-9445.
- *HHUP Lunch Club* Our first HHUP lunch club will take place on Tuesday, February 15, noon-3 PM at the home of resident Lisa Seiler, who lives on Tuckerman St. To RSVP, call Loretta at 240-487-9445. Lisa will prepare a home cooked meal for UP seniors. Space is limited so don't delay in RSVPing!

Memory Cafes: What is a Memory Café? It is a welcoming place for people with memory problems and other changes in their thinking. It is also intended as a social time for family and friends who are caregivers. The Memory Café provides a stigma-free environment for those with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, mild cognitive impairment or other forms of dementia and their spouses, partners and caregivers. It is a great opportunity for lively discussions, information gathering, refreshments, camaraderie and engaging creative fun! To register, contact Nancy Quarles at 240-467-3833 or for more details about the Memory Café please contact Ms. Sharon Johnson, Café Facilitator, at 240-271-4255. HHUP is sponsoring this series of memory cafes in association with the Alzheimer's Association. First gathering Tuesday, February 13, and the 2nd Tuesday of each month thru June 2018 from 1:30-3 PM. Word of God Baptist Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road.

Beware of Scams At least one of our seniors recently received phone calls from people who said they were referred by Helping Hands. One was selling hearing aids and the other said the senior had won a vacation. There are many scammers out there, saying they're calling from Microsoft and need access to your computer, offering you unbelievable deals on all kinds of merchandise, etc. HHUP shares no information at all with anyone. We are not selling anything and will never call you to ask for personal information over the phone. Chief Michael Wynnyk offers this advice: anyone who receives such calls should ask questions, get phone numbers and advise the callers that they will have the UP Police Department contact them to verify they are legitimate. He is confident that the calls will stop.

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October 16 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to partially excavate and waterproof exterior of foundation wall in front of the house located at 6909 Oakridge Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace side steps and landing and add an 8' wide by 4' high cedar gate located at 4206 Tuckerman Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Presentations

Mayor Carey introduced Principal Toi Davis and PTA President Antigone Dempsey of University Park Elementary School. They gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation (hard copy was distributed) on the demographics of the population, goals and successes of the school.

Discussion:

- Prince George's County granted University Park Elementary School a third 6th grade teacher to decrease the class size and a fourth special education teacher for students with disabilities.
- The administration and a few teachers received training on the positive behavior intervention program. The school is now implementing a program that recognizes the students that are doing what they are supposed to do and be rewarded for it.
- Ms. Davis asked that anyone interested in being a judge for the STEM Fair should contact her. This event takes place on January 30.
- Ms. Davis was able to get a Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program certified for the school.
- Ms. Dempsey pointed out some of the PTA's goals for the year: strengthen math skills by working with parents, support all families and voices, including families behind Prince George's Plaza and better communication with families and parents.
- Two main events the PTA promotes are the Azalea Classic and the school play.
- Ms. Dempsey said they are talking about ways to help improve the operational space of the school, since the County does not have a lot of resources.

- At this time, University Park Elementary School does not have a nurse. A nurse is currently in training and is expected to start at the end of October.
- Due to the shortage of crossing guards in the County, the University Park guard was relocated to an area of more need.
- Double parking and children being dropped off in the street causes a traffic jam. The PTA would like to find a way of getting the traffic to flow at the corner of the school for the safety of the children.
- Mayor Carey suggested announcing school events open to the community in the Town newsletter.

Mayor Carey introduced Town Mosquito Program Coordinator Amy Milne who presented on the findings from the 2017 University Park Joint Mosquito Abatement Program.

Discussion:

- The yard inspections detected the problem properties.
- A resident supports the idea of getting the students at University Park Elementary School involved with the mosquito program.

Dr. Dina Fonseca presented on the findings from the 2017 University Park Joint Mosquito Abatement Program. The conclusion of the experiment is that mass deployment of GATS by residents can reduce abundance of biting urban Asian Tiger mosquitoes.

Discussion:

- For the future, residents need to deploy the traps and keep them clean.
- Bamboo is a huge problem with attracting mosquitoes.
- Some residents may need help in setting up the traps and placing them.
- Dr. Fonseca recommended educating the residents by placing formally organized information on the Town website and give feedback through the listserve.
- Dr. Fonseca will not be able to help University Park with the program in the future.
- This experiment is being put together as a publication and Dr. Fonseca will try to publish it in the journal *Science*. What this experiment needs now is some degree of press. If communities hear about the results and are excited about it then this program can take off.
- Dr. Fonseca reminded the Council that there is a balance of \$2,500 owed to her for the remaining traps. If

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the Town is not interested in purchasing these traps, she will offer the traps to other groups.

Continuing Business

Motion: To introduce the transfer of \$12,750 from Unreserved Undesignated Funds to G4 Architecture and Related Services Line Item for costs associated with a feasibility study and conceptual design for the redesign and expansion of the Town Hall. The earliest this transfer may be considered is at the November 6, 2017 Council meeting. Introduction approved 6 to 0.

Note: CM Hess is concerned about the amount of noise from the Town employees throughout the day. He asked, "whatever can be done to make Town Hall sound like a residential place, act residential, because that is what it is zoned for, he would really appreciate it." He asked that this comment be represented in the minutes.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey and CM Schultz attended a Maryland Municipal League event where the Town of University Park received a plaque for recertification from Sustainable Maryland.
- Groundbreaking for the playground scheduled for October 28 will be rescheduled.
- Delegate Tawanna Gaines will attend the November 6 Council Meeting.
- It appears that part of Ward 4 did not receive the Town newsletter. Mayor Carey spoke with supervisor at the Calvert Annex and this will be addressed.
- The North County Transportation Action Plan is going forward. There will be a leadership meeting on November 13, which the Mayor will attend.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. The Bozzuto property (Platos and Quality Inn) will give a presentation at the October 18 meeting. Dannielle



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.

Glaros and Deni Taveras are holding a session on October 23 to discuss the Zoning Rewrite along Baltimore Avenue. There will be listening sessions from October 24-27 to discuss the zoning ordinance as a whole.

Helping Hands University Park Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Green Team Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 25.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 1.

Chief of Police Wynnyk The September 2017 Crime Report was distributed. Captain McCully had surgery last week. Sergeant Enig will be acting Lieutenant. The Chief attended a meeting on the Governor's Bicycle Safety Task Force. The townwide yard sale went well. Upcoming events are the Chili Cook-Off and Halloween.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden September 2017 Treasurer's Report was distributed. The Audit Report will soon be finalized and filed to the State by November 1.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Guardrails along Baltimore Avenue have been installed.
- Tennyson Road BMP project by the Anacostia Watershed Society has been completed.
- A ramp has been installed at the front door of Town Hall, which will make the first floor accessible at ADA requirements.
- The Falkenberg bridge project is in progress and is expected to be completed in two weeks.
- Public Works will now purchase employee uniforms, rather than renting them as has been done.
- The geotechnical engineering analysis of the tennis court should be completed soon.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:10 PM.

November 6 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentations

Mayor Carey introduced Delegate Tawanna Gaines who

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explained the Maryland legislative matters from the perspective of Legislative District 22, especially those dealing with transportation concerns. This year Delegate Gaines will put in a bill to require any local jurisdiction that receives public user money to establish their own transportation trust fund. Her hope is to allow jurisdictions to raise any revenue that is needed, place it into their trust fund and repair the roads within their jurisdiction.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a 22' 9" x 11' one-story addition and install a handicap ramp located at 3905 Beechwood Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit with special exception to install a 4-foot fence at 6409 Adelphi Road with the understanding that the area along the frontage of both roads will be an architectural fence and the remaining will be a black vinyl chain link fence, as described in the owner's letter of appeal. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Per Town Code Section 7-107, to authorize a permit extension for a dumpster on the resident's property for one month contingent upon removing the barbwire fence, receipt of renewal of the existing County permit and any additional permits as required and the application for the Town building permit located at 4413 Beechwood Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to revise existing permit approved on October 16, 2017 to add exterior sump pit/pump and drywell per Prince George's County Code requirements located at 6909 Oakridge Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Block Party/Street Closure at 4400 Block of Underwood Street (Sunday, November 12 from 12-6 PM). The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Public Comment

A Councilmember strongly recommended homeowners should be fined when fences are installed without first seeking a building permit.

New Business

Motion: To introduce LR 2017-O-09 to transfer \$25,000 from Unreserved Undesignated to Public Works Line Item W17 Park Playground funds for a site development concept plan, peer review, and Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) waiver fees for the new multi-age playground adjacent to Wells Parkway near the 911 Memorial. The earliest this resolution may be considered is at the December 4, 2017 Council meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Note: Mayor Carey will meet with the Town Treasurer and Director of Public Works to explore recovery of some of these costs, and report to the Council regarding options.

Motion: To introduce LR 2017-O-10 to transfer \$10,000 from Unreserved Undesignated to General Government Line Item G12 Engineering to cover the cost of subsurface investigation and geotechnical engineering analysis of the tennis courts near Queens Chapel Road across from University Park Elementary School. The earliest this resolution may be considered is at the December 4, 2017 Council meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To introduce LR 2017-O-11 to transfer \$12,750 from Unreserved Undesignated Funds to G4 Architecture and Related Services Line Item for costs associated with a feasibility study and a needs assessment for the redesign and expansion of the Town Hall. The earliest this resolution may be considered is at the December 4, 2017 Council meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- The Audit Report has been received and a copy will be given to each Councilmember.
- A letter was received from the State Pension Board as a result of an audit of the Town's participation in the State pension plan. The Town has provided all needed information, and all is in order.
- Only a portion of the Public Work's fall seasonal information/recycling information was in the recent insert to the Newsletter, so the staff made arrangements to get this timely information out to residents as soon as possible.

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- Mayor Carey attended the Maryland Department of Transportation's Road Show in Upper Marlboro.
- On November 13, Mayor Carey and Councilmember Martha Wells will attend a County leadership meeting regarding the North County Transportation Study.
- Mayor Carey attended a meeting on November 6 with the city of College Park and the mBike partners to hear a briefing on a new proposal that is coming out from Zagster.
- Mayor Carey reported that the post Riverdale Park Station traffic study is completed and the Sheridan Street study is still pending. The plan is to go deeper with the post Riverdale Park Station traffic study in terms of their analysis, but they are seeing a slight increase of traffic during the weekday afternoon through town. Mayor Carey asked that the Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety plan a meeting in December to have a discussion on this topic.
- Mayor Carey suggested that the first meeting in January the Council have a work session, public forum, to discuss concerns about traffic issues in town.
- Mayor Carey said that the Legislative Committee for the Prince George's County Municipal Association, which he sits on, has agreed to focus on County legislation rather than State Legislation. They plan to work on the Zoning Rewrite and the possibility of lowering speed limits within municipalities.

Council and Committee Reports

Development Overview Committee Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Discussion will include the Zoning Ordinance and the Route 1 traffic study. CM Wells spoke with the principal from Northwestern High School about the noise issue. CM Wells asked that Mayor Carey make arrangements with the principal to attend a Council meeting to discuss the issues.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met on November 1 and voted on two long-standing items and requested these be put on an agenda as soon as possible: 1) fence heights and materials; 2) a welcoming town. The Committee asked that the Council ask the Town Attorney to identify the appropriate mechanism, policy instruments, ordinance, etc. for these two items. Mayor Carey urged the Council to take their time on the welcoming town ordinances to allow broad public discussion since other municipalities have divided on

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this issue. To help avoid divisiveness on an issue he believes many residents in town are supportive of, he would like to give the residents of the town lots of opportunity to discuss this topic.

Green Team The Committee met on October 25 and discussed: 1) sustainability in the design of Town Hall; 2) agenda items for 2018 and 3) mosquito control program/unsold traps. CM Schultz said that the Green Team prefers the name "Sustainability Committee."

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:07 PM.

UPCA News

We started November with Veterans Day by showing our support and appreciation to those who have served our great nation. Thank you to Dawn Nichols and all the volunteers and speakers who made this event possible. We enjoyed performances from the Northwestern High School Color Guard and the University Park Elementary School Choir. We had fun welcoming the new wine of the harvest from the Beaujolais AOC to celebrate Beaujolais Day. Thank you to Robert Horne for hosting! We ended the month by breaking out our football jerseys and cheering, or playing in, the Turkey Bowl. A big thank you to Ryan Penley for organizing the 2nd annual University Park vs. College Heights Estates Turkey Bowl. Thank you to this year's sponsors! These fabulous businesses and neighbors made the Turkey Bowl possible! Adelphi Pool, Golden Rule Moving, The Hyattsville Wire, The Emily Jackson Group, and Monarch Title & Benjamin Horton, Esquire.



For All Good Causes Holiday Market & Sharing Fair Saturday, December 2, 9:30 AM-3 PM

You'll find handcrafts from global artisans at SERRV, gifts to help meet the needs of hungry families at Heifer International, local art, fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate, and much more. Drop by to find some creative gifts, enjoy grilled bratwursts or veggie burgers and fixings, or take something home from the baked goods table to share with friends or family. All participants represent nonprofit and fair trade groups working to make the world a better place. For more information, please call 301-864-4328. Enjoy shopping close to home and supporting great causes! University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St. (on the corner of Tuckerman and Route 1).

Attention: Teen Workers

A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year in the Newsletter. Teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents (raking, shoveling, car washing, baby sitting, pet care, etc.) should email their name, age, phone number, street name, email address and type of service(s) to univparknews@gmail.com before December 6 for publication in the January Newsletter.

Help Save the UPES 'Patriotico' Bird



After more than 10 years proudly standing in front of University Park Elementary School, a treasured neighborhood bird sculpture—'Patriotico' Bird—is cracking in half and must be repaired if it is going to survive much longer. Luckily, we have located a local sculptor who will make the necessary repairs, but it will cost \$3600 to restore our 'Patriotico' Bird. Please make your donation-in any amount-to this [gofundme](https://www.gofundme.com/patrioticobird) campaign so we can start the restoration work before winter and restore the 'Patriotico' Bird in time for spring! <https://www.gofundme.com/patrioticobird>

This effort was started by several former UPES parents; some of whom were involved in purchasing the bird sculpture many years ago. Thanks for supporting public art in our community!

Puerto Rico Solar Relief Effort Info

Saturday, December 2, 9:30 AM-3 PM

Picture yourself living in University Park from mid-July until September with no power, no water, very limited food and possibly your roof and windows missing. This is what much of Puerto Rico has endured and for many this could go on for months or even years. A group of UP residents are organizing a solar relief effort to help our fellow Americans on the island. In early December, three technical experts will visit several devastated communities to help us evaluate the situation on the ground and formulate a relief plan. Currently the plan is to identify a municipality we can work with and focus on a community center or clinic for a solar installation. It is our intention to supply badly needed electricity to power water pumps and other critical infrastructure. Any help you can give in organizing this effort, fundraising and/or by making a financial donation will be very valuable

and much appreciated. We are partnering with Global Solace, a non-profit 501(c)(3) with previous solar installation experience in Africa and Haiti.

You can get involved by contacting Sabrina Meyers at 301-641-0114 sab333rina@yahoo.com or David Brosch at 301-779-3168 davidcbrosch@comcast.net. We will also have a table at the December 2 Holiday Fair at the Church of the Brethren. Please help us help the Puerto Rican people.

**UPCA Town Holiday Potluck 4-6 PM & Tree Lighting 6:15-7 PM
Saturday, December 2**



Come join the community in celebrating the holiday season. All are invited and encouraged to bring a side dish to share. The UPCA will provide the main dish. There will be crafts and games for the kids and quite possibly a selfie wall to capture your family photos. After dinner, walk with neighbors to Henson Green, Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road, for the Holiday Tree Lighting and caroling at 6:30 PM. Santa will make his appearance. The University Park Woman's Club will be collecting new adult size white socks, hats, gloves and scarves for the needy at the tree lighting party. Please look for the Tree of Warmth box by the house tour ticket table. If you are interested in helping please contact Curtis Burrill; cpburrill2@gmail.com.

Author Monica Hesse

Second Saturday Lecture

Saturday, December 9, 5 PM

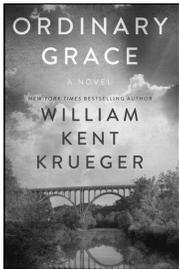


Our speaker this month is Monica Hesse, a brand-new resident of University Park. Monica is a reporter for the *Washington Post*, and the author of the Edgar Award-winning novel, *Girl in the Blue Coat*. Most recently, she published the nonfiction book *American Fire*, which was named one of 2017's best reads by *Entertainment Weekly*

and won starred reviews in *Kirkus* and *Publishers Weekly*. *American Fire* is a true-crime narrative about Virginia's largest arson spree but also about love, pride, poverty, Walmart, erectile dysfunction, Steak-Umms and America. Ms. Hesse will talk about her book, answer questions and offer commiseration to anyone who has ever consid-

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ered writing a book or who is trying to figure out how to muddle through. It's a rough business, but every writer starts with the same blank page. At University Park Church of the Brethren. A book signing follows the lecture.



After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, December 12, 8-10 PM

December's title is *Ordinary Grace* by William Krueger. January's book is *Gutenberg's Apprentice* by Alix Christie. Please call Mollie Huitema 301-927-5836 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.

Great Decisions 2018:

A Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays,

February, March, April and May 2018, 7:30-9:30 PM



Foreign policy issues, international conflict and trade will continue to present formidable challenges to America, the outcomes of which will shape the future of the Trump administration and the well-being of the country. Join the University Park Great Decisions group for lively discussions about U.S. foreign policy on the

2nd and 4th Tuesday in February through May. The group will work its way through the annual Great Decisions booklet published by the Foreign Policy Association. Meetings will take place in the library of the University Park Church of the Brethren at the corner of Tuckerman and Baltimore Avenue. The booklet and additional supporting materials may be found at the FPA website: www.fpa.org. If you are interested in joining us, would like a discounted price on the discussion booklet, have other questions, or would like to suggest other meeting days and/or times, please contact John Rogard Tabori at McTab@aol.com. The topics this year are:

- The waning of Pax Americana?
- Russia's foreign policy
- China and America: the new geopolitical equation
- Media and foreign policy
- Turkey: a partner in crisis
- U.S. global engagement and the military
- South Africa's fragile democracy
- Global health: progress and challenges

A full description of each topic can be found at fpa.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Greenbelt Art and Craft Fair, Saturday, December 2, 10 AM-5 PM and Sunday, December 3, 10 AM-4 PM

The Art and Craft Fair showcases the talents of 75 regional artists, artisans and authors. Beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions. A wide selection of functional pottery and ceramic art will be presented by the Center's Artists in Residence, instructors, Greenbelt Pottery Group members and other participants in the Recreation Department's robust ceramics program. Additional wares include clothing, accessories, jewelry, toys, paintings, photography, housewares, bath and body products, books by local authors and more. Also, a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, live music and open studios to explore. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt. For more information, call 301-397-2208.



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Friday, December 8, 8 PM

Modeled after the historic Christmas Eve tradition presented by King's College of Cambridge, conductors Kathryn Hylton and Kieun Steve Kim lead host choirs UMD Treble Choir and UMD Men's Chorus, accompanied by organist Theodore Guerrant and brass quintet. Audience participation is encouraged during performances of traditional Christmas carols. UMD Memorial Chapel, College Park. Tickets \$20/general admission, \$15/senior (62+), \$10/students and youth. Call 301-405-2787 or visit <http://theclarice.umd.edu> for tickets.

Riversdale



Riversdale

301-864-0420.

A National Historic Landmark, Riversdale is a restored, five-part, stucco-covered brick plantation home built between 1801 and 1807. 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calverts by Candlelight, Friday, December 29, 6-9 PM

Residents from Riversdale's past welcome guests in the candlelit museum for tours, refreshments, live music and children's activities. Fee: \$5/adult; Free/12 and under with a paid admission.

Twelfth Night Ball, Saturday, January 6, 2018 Cap off the holiday season in festive style at our Regency ball and supper. Period attire admired but not required; black tie is also welcome. Register early; capacity limited. Fee: Resident/\$45; Non-Resident/\$60.

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. All events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

Wreath Workshop, Saturday, December 2, 1-4 PM En-



joy this fun afternoon with friends while you work on decorating a wreath. Workshop fee is \$20 for materials; please provide your own wreath.

Concert Beyond Words, Sunday, December 3, 7 PM

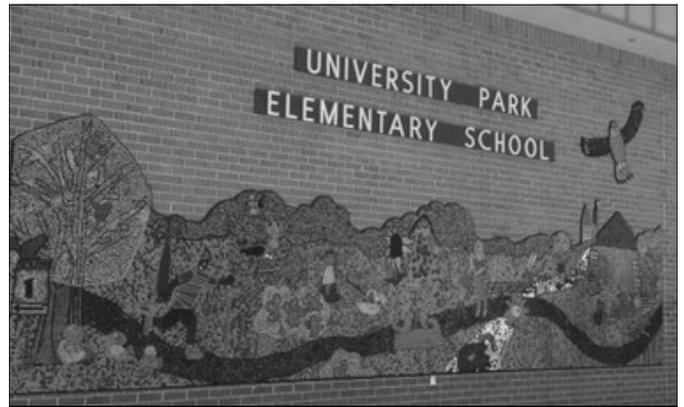
The Chorale and Chamber Singers present a concert of music that goes Beyond Words. Reception follows. St Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, College Park.

DPW Holiday Schedule

Please note these changes to our yard waste pick up schedule.

Monday, December 25—Yard waste collection rescheduled to Wednesday, December 27.

Monday, January 1—Yard waste collection rescheduled to Wednesday, January 3.



Support University Park Elementary School

Anyone can help support University Park Elementary School. Here are a few easy ways.

Shop at Giant Use your Giant card to earn cash for UPES: visit giantfood.com and select "Savings and Rewards." Follow the prompts to create an online account. You'll need your 12-digit Giant Card number and the School ID # (00594). Encourage friends and family to sign up too! If you don't know your Giant Card number, call 1-877-366-2668 and press option #1.

Collect Box Tops

Clip Box Tops and drop them at 4311 Sheridan Street University Park. Double check they are not expired. The next batch will be mailed off in early December. If you have a student at UPES they can place them in the mailbox at school!

- **Install the Box Top Bonus App** Download here <https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>
- **Safeway Just for U Rewards w/electronic Box Tops!** Enroll your Safeway Club Card with Box Tops and select the Box Top offers when they appear on the Just for U Safeway App. Just for you app <http://m.safeway.com/just-for-u/> and to link your account to box tops <https://www.safeway.com/boxtops>

Amazon Smile Do all your Amazon shopping via the Amazon Smile link. Select University Park Elementary PTA (be sure to pick Hyattsville MD) Save the amazon smile to your favorites, you will need to select Amazon Smile vs. Amazon when shopping. <https://smile.amazon.com/>

Donate to the PTA The PTA provides much needed support to our neighborhood public school. All donations are used to support teachers, students, and provide additional materials for the classrooms!. Learn more here

Town of University Park

SNOW AND WINTER OPERATIONS



SNOW PLAN



When there is a chance of snow, please use driveways or garages to park your vehicles. With fewer vehicles parked on Town streets, our public works crew is able to clear them of ice and snow more effectively.

For safety reasons, please limit activity in the streets when public works crews are plowing.

Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. Please clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Check the Town's website for snow emergency declarations and details. www.upmd.org



SNOW EVENT PARKING



If you are unable to utilize off-street parking, please follow the recommended guidelines below:

Both Sides No Parking:

The Mews
*Queens Chapel Rd—6400-6700 blocks

Creekside No Parking:

Wells Pkwy

Odd # Side No Parking:

40th Ave
41st Ave
Beechwood Rd--3900 thru 4300 blocks
Calverton Dr
Oakridge Rd
Pineway
*Queens Chapel Rd—6300 block
Sheridan St
Tuckerman St
Tennyson Rd
Underwood St--3900 thru 4300 blocks

Even # Side No Parking:

42nd Ave
43rd Ave
44th Ave
Beechwood Rd--4400 block
Chansory Ln
Clagett Rd
Clagett-Pineway
College Heights Dr
Forest Hill Dr
Holly Hill Rd
Underwood St--4400 block
Van Buren St
Woodberry St



*Denotes change from previous plan.



UP SHUTTLE BUS WINTER CONDITIONS POLICY

Town Shuttle Bus operations to and from Metro during winter conditions will seek to parallel the operating status of federal government offices in the area. Therefore, follow news media reports regarding the operating status of federal government offices within the Washington Beltway as the best indicator of whether the Town Shuttle Bus is operating.

- Bus status recording will be updated as needed due to changing conditions.
- If federal government offices are closed due to winter conditions, the Town Shuttle Bus will not operate.
- If federal government offices are open, even if on delayed arrival, the Town Shuttle Bus will operate on its established route and schedule so long as we deem the conditions safe for it to do so.
- If federal government offices are open and announce early dismissal, the Town Shuttle Bus will operate on its established route and schedule so long as the conditions are deemed safe by the Town.

Shuttle Bus Route and Schedule:

<http://www.upmd.org/docs/11-576-1428347459.pdf>

Bus Status Recorded Line: 240-297-8287

Questions?

Call Town Hall at 301-927-4262

Email Tracey Toscano at ttoscano@upmd.org

University Park Woman's Club, Inc.
24th ANNUAL
**CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY
HOUSE TOUR**

Friday, December 8, 2017

House Tour 7-10 PM

UMD School of Music Performances at Homes

Holiday Boutique, 7036 Hunter Lane

The Holiday Boutique features the work of local artisans & crafters



Tour Homes

Brockman —6308 Queens Chapel Road

Matthews —4300 East-West Highway

Heitkemper—4308 Woodberry Street

Pirovic —3912 Calverton Drive

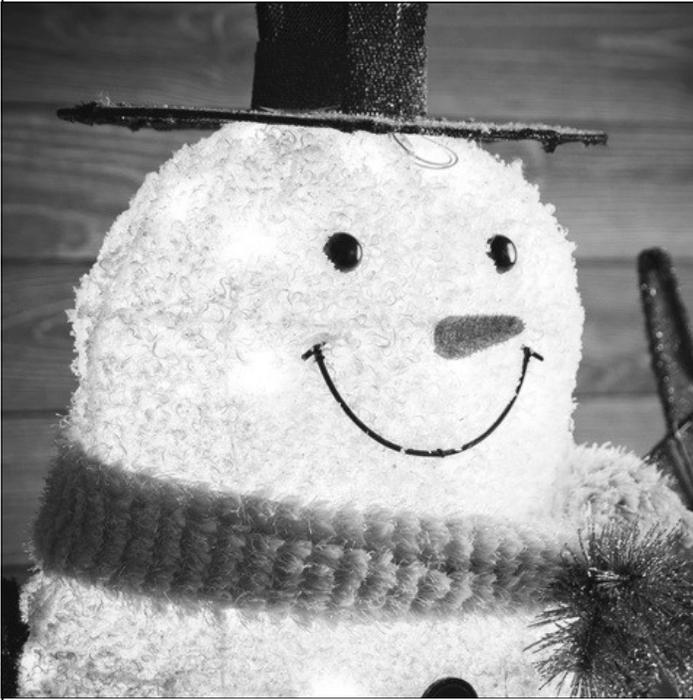
Tickets \$18 in advance, \$20 on the tour.

Tickets are available at the UP Town Hall, the town tree lighting on December 2, or by calling 301-864-9264 or 301-277-0414. Tickets will also be available at each home Friday, December 8 during tour hours. No admittance without a ticket.

Proceeds from this event support local UPWC scholarships and community projects.
A portion of the ticket is tax deductible. The UP Woman's Club is a 501c3 organization.

University Park Woman's Club, Inc. HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST Sunday, December 10, 2017, 5-8 PM

All UP and College Heights Residents Eligible



There is plenty of time to make your home a seasonal treat for the eyes, if you start now. Let's see what unique results we can create this year for our friends and neighbors to drive around and see! Remember, seasonal can be expressed in many ways. Participants should have their lights turned on from 5-8 PM.

Decorations will be judged in three categories this year:

Categories

- ◆ Most Unique/Most Original – 1st place only.
- ◆ Special House Front Decoration – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- ◆ Most Attractive Whole House – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Rules

- ◆ Decorations need to be done by owners.
- ◆ 2016 winners are ineligible unless they have created a new design.

Awards

- ◆ Special recognition signs will be placed in winners' yards.
- ◆ Winners will be listed on the UP & CHE Listserves and in the UP January newsletter, as well as receiving a certificate and letter of appreciation.
- ◆ First place winners in the 3 categories will receive a \$50 check.

For more information, contact Sallie Holder at
301-864-9264 or slholder410@gmail.com.

Sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club.

December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Curbside Leaf Vacuuming continues until January 5</p> 		<p>Please note January 1--Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>			<p>1 Trash</p>	<p>2 For All Good Causes Holiday Market, 9:30 AM-3 PM UPCA/Town Potluck & Tree Lighting, 4-7 PM</p>
3	<p>4 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Trash</p>	6	<p>7 Recycling</p>	8 Trash	9 Author Monica Hesse Second Saturday Lecture, 5 PM
10	<p>11 Yard Waste Special Session of Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM</p> 	13	<p>14 Recycling</p>	15 Trash	16
17	<p>18 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Trash</p>	20	<p>21 Recycling</p>	22 Trash	23
24	<p>25 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>26 Trash</p>	27 Yard Waste	28 Recycling	29 Trash	30



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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
2	Joe Schultz	301-892-6314
3	Bradlee Hess	202-531-5347
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	David Caskey	301-699-8785
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

NEWSLETTER

The January newsletter deadline is Wednesday, December 6. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com or sent via ww.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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