

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

At the September general session of the Maryland Municipal League in Annapolis, the Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) program recognized our small town as a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community for many efforts toward sustainability. The University Park Green Team accepted the official award of certification for the town. The SMC program supports municipalities in adopting cost-effective and strategic ways to protect their natural assets and revitalize their communities. The program is free and voluntary, run by the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center in cooperation with the Maryland Municipal League. By following best practices in areas like water, energy, planning, health, food, and economy, a municipality can earn points toward sustainability certification.

In certifying University Park, the SMC program recognized much of what we have done together in the past few years to improve our environmental, economic and social conditions while maintaining our community's livability. The program cited the Small Town Energy Program, solar roof on University Park Elementary School, pioneering municipal kitchen-waste compost program, Take-Back-Our-Yards program on Asian tiger mosquitos, sustainable procurement policy, senior bus and commuter shuttle, storm water management, e-cycling, status as a Tree City and Smart Energy Community and more. We were also credited for several community-driven initiatives, including the Azalea Classic, Stream Clean-UP, Mutt Strut dog owner education program, Ivy League efforts, Woman's Club Plant Exchange and Garden

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	October 6 & 20
Green Team Meeting	October 2
E-cycling & Paper Shredding	October 18

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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Tour. Our town and community have done a great deal to improve sustainability.



I congratulate the Town's Green Team for their swift and careful work to document the many sustainable things our community has done ~ David Brosch, Beth Domingo, Carson Lee, Tracey Toscano as Staff Liaison,

Joe Thompson as Council Liaison, Co-chair Ross Salawitch and especially Co-chair Sarah Moseley who led the effort. Thank you also to Kristi Janzen, John Tabori, Linda Verrill, Chuck Wilson, Bruce and Kate Beveridge, Police Chief Michael Wynnyk, Public Works Director Mickey Beall, and Town employees Andrea Marcavitch and Josie Brown for helping with significant portions of the documentation; it takes a community.

Of the 157 municipalities in Maryland, only 22 are Sustainable Maryland Certified Communities, University Park now among them. The recognition brings us a slight edge in applying for some county and state grants, as well as a nicely earned round of applause.

Let us not rest long on our laurels, however, as change surrounds us *and* is in our midst.



Development of Riverdale Park Station is well underway on the Cafritz site across Route 1 from University Park. In College Park, construction of a conference hotel at the University of Maryland is imminent, and projects are set to begin at several other locations. The Knox Boxes' demolition and Toll Brothers development ground-breaking is expected soon.

In Hyattsville, redevelopment will focus on Prince George's Plaza and University Town Center and planners have been working to prepare updates to the relevant planning documents. The Purple Line will pass nearby, with stops just to our north and to our west as well as on campus. The prospective sale of the property and building at Riverdale Presbyterian Church may bring change at a central site which has served for decades as a welcoming center for our community's civic life.

Let us pause to consider: What does all this change augur for us in University Park, and for the sustainability of our community? What about University Park must we work as a community to sustain?

Answering those and many other questions is some of the work ahead for Council, our excellent Green Team, and for us as an engaged community. What's next?

—Len Carey

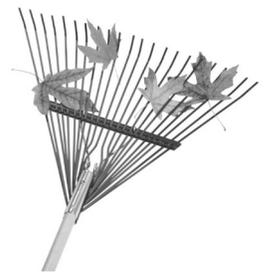
*Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?  
Let me know: [mayor@upmd.org](mailto:mayor@upmd.org)*

### Curbside Leaf Collection November 3

A tentative November schedule will be posted to the Department of Public Works calendar at <http://www.upmd.org/in> late October. Please note the schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice. We endeavor to vacuum each street as many times as possible-weather, holidays and other factors sometimes allow/cause the crews to progress faster or slower than expected. The schedule will be adjusted based on the actual progress of the collection crews. Please work with us.

#### Attn: Teen Workers

A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year each spring and fall in the Newsletter. University Park teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents this fall and winter (snow shoveling, raking, window/car washing, baby sitting, pet care, etc.) should email their name, age, phone number, street name, email address and type of service to [univparknews@gmail.com](mailto:univparknews@gmail.com) before Sunday, October 5 for publication in the November Newsletter.



## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Pranks, graffiti and vandalism are all criminal acts. They are very expensive for the community, display a total disrespect of property and often lead to more serious criminal activity. Carving initials into a tree does permanent damage to that tree. Pasting stickers to public signs is illegal and very difficult to remove. Destroying someone else's property is wrong, morally and legally. Graffiti is not art if it is not commissioned. It is a criminal offense when done on public property or to someone's private property. In a community, respect for each other and our property is essential. Please be vigilant about any type of criminal activity on your property, that of your neighbor and town property, as they all make up this community.



Talk to your children and emphasize the importance of respect for property, especially someone else's, and the potential for serious repercussions for criminal acts. We all know the value of living in a community that protects its environmental resources and capital investments. We all pay when one person commits an act of vandalism. Report all suspicious

activity as soon as you observe it. Waiting until later to call the police makes it very difficult to locate suspects and piece the crime together.

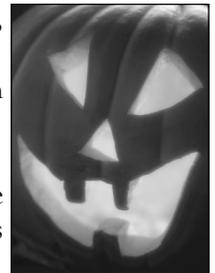
Many of these issues may seem small, trivial or insignificant in the grand scheme of things; however, if we don't take ownership of a particular location, someone else will. Vacant houses are prime examples of that type of activity. People will quickly and illegitimately occupy a vacant home and make attempts to call it their own. This is true of private property as well as public areas. University Park is a great town to live in and it is very important to take ownership of your entire community.

**Halloween in University Park will be held on Friday, October 31 from 6 to 9 PM.** Residents who wish to participate should turn on their porch light. Youngsters and parents are asked to approach only those homes with porch lights on during that time period. The UPPD has reflective Halloween bags to distribute to UP children. The bags will be available at the UPPD station in the Town Hall or by asking any UPPD officer, who will be

happy to give you one. Many parents and children enjoy the safe atmosphere in UP for walking through the neighborhood to celebrate Halloween. Our streets are safe and the community is friendly. As always, please be careful when driving through town and alert for children out after dark. Also keep an eye out for any mischievous behavior, usually committed by a very few unsupervised youth, and report such behavior to the UPPD immediately.

To keep your evening safe & fun, follow these nine Halloween safety tips:

- ◆ Go trick-or-treating with a grown up.
- ◆ Visit people you know.
- ◆ Your costume should let you see and hear perfectly. Bright costumes are more easily seen.
- ◆ Make sure your costume fits so you can walk without tripping.
- ◆ Keep watching and listening for cars.
- ◆ Carry a flashlight and cell phone. Call 911 in an emergency.
- ◆ Don't eat treats until you show them to your parents or a trusted adult.
- ◆ Remember to say "thank you!" for your treats.



**Theft** Between July 30 9:58 AM and August 1 2 PM in the 4400 block of East West Highway suspects stole a package from the front porch of the residence that had been delivered by the USPS. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft from Auto** Between August 27 10:15 PM and August 28 5:30 AM in the 4400 block of Sheridan St. suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2014 Jeep Cherokee and stole a work identification card. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft from Auto** On August 28 between 12:30 and 6 AM in the 6700 block of Pineway suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2013 Mazda 323 and stole an iPod. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft from Auto** Between August 6 11:30 PM and August 8 2:30 PM in the 6700 block of Forest Hill Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2007 Honda Civic and stole a Garmin GPS unit and a phone charger. No suspect/s

was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Breaking & Entering** On August 24 at 10:09 AM in the 6900 Block of Wells Parkway the UPPD responded to the location for a residential alarm. The homeowner had arrived very shortly prior to the police response and found the dining room door from the screened-in porch had been damaged. A check of the home determined that nothing had been stolen and there was no evidence that someone had successfully entered. The neighborhood was canvassed for other witnesses and the crime scene checked for fingerprints. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Hold the Date!**

**Town eCycling Event & Paper Shredding**

**Saturday, October 18**

**9 AM-1 PM**

**UPES bus turnaround**

**Includes hard drive shredding for \$10 each**



### The Ivy League

The Tree Committee established the Ivy League 18 months ago to help arrest the spread of English Ivy on public trees. We encourage you to join us at one (or more!) of our sessions.

What compels ordinary citizens to remove ivy from the town's public trees? For some it is an opportunity to give back to our idyllic University Park. We all enjoy the benefits of this shady glen; what better way to express this enjoyment than to help out the trees that provide it? For others it is a realistic acknowledgement that UP needs our help. The most effective strategy for removing ivy from tree trunks is mechanical removal, as most ivies are resistant to herbicides. Only cutting and pulling will do the trick.



It has been 300 years since English ivy (*Hedera helix*) was first introduced to North America. It is now ubiquitous.

It thrives in most conditions where some moisture is available and is considered an aggressive weed. It threatens all vegetation levels of open and forested spaces. It is particularly harmful to trees.

- Vines quickly climb trunks then spread out even faster throughout the canopy, blocking light from the foliage and prohibiting photosynthesis.
- The aggregate weight of the vines increases susceptibility to storm damage.
- The matting of vines on the trunk serves as a moisture sink, compromising the bark and providing a vector for boring insects.
- English ivy is a carrier of bacterial leaf scorch (*Xylella fastidiosa*), which is a pathogen affecting many native and ornamental trees including oaks, maples and dogwoods.

There is now a third incentive that might induce UP's citizens to join the Ivy League for two hours on a weekend: the Tree Committee is now offering an Ivy League bandana to all who join us for five sessions. These bandanas are not available elsewhere on the planet. Consider joining the Ivy League-for the sake of our trees and your wardrobe.-Chris Aubry for the Tree Committee

### August 11 Council Meeting Highlights

*An Executive Session was called at 6:30 PM to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.*

Present were Mayor Carey; Council Members Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez.

### Public Comment

Paula Zabela of Queens Chapel Road is concerned about the large amount of dry brush that is accumulating in the backyard of the house directly behind hers. She is afraid of rats, bugs and the possibility of the brush catching on fire.

Bruce Burroughs of East West Highway, in reference to the purchase of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, had requested in the past that all the possible costs involved with the church be revealed and to consider reassessment of Town Hall. He does not understand why no one has considered this request. He stated that it would be best to agree on why this is not being considered. He also recommended that the Mayor inform residents to verify that the correct town is addressed on their important mail such as their homeowner's insurance poli-

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cy. He personally experienced that his insurance policy had him listed as a Hyattsville resident rather than a University Park resident. Mr. Burroughs also thanked the Public Works Director for the new curb on the bridge at 44th Avenue.

Susan Minor of Queens Chapel Road is concerned about the exceedingly overgrown property next door to her. She has cleared the growth that has come over to her property and has gotten poison ivy twice, had ticks that can cause Lyme disease and has seen foxes run through the property. Some of the trees on the property have ivy growing on them and that is a concern since this could kill the trees and they could fall on her property.

### Presentation

Paula Martino, Code Enforcement Officer, has been on contract with University Park since 1993 to handle the administration and enforcement of the rental housing code as well as handling owner occupied property maintenance issues. Ms. Martino explained that she is currently renewing licenses in town for rental properties that expire annually. There are a total of 84 properties that are listed as rentals. A report was distributed which gave a breakdown of the rental homes: renewed licenses and past due licenses. She said that she responds on a complaint-only basis. This requires a resident to submit a complaint through email to pmartino@upmd.org, which can be found on the town website. She then verifies the complaint and sends a letter to the owner of the property.

### Public Questions for Ms. Martino

*What types of problems do people need to look for that is enforced?* Tall grass (over 1 foot high), landscaping growing on the house or over the sidewalk, peeling paint and broken windows. The code of ordinances (13-101, Owner Occupied Property Maintenance) can be found on the town website. The code applies only to exterior conditions.

*What can be done about the noisy student rentals?* This is a law enforcement issue. A complaint can be made to the University of Maryland (Code of Conduct Off Campus).

*What is the rental license fee?* \$400 a year.

*How often is the Code Enforcement Officer in town?* Approximately two days a week during the summer months.

*What can be done to the severely overgrown property that is neither a rental nor owner occupied?* A wooded lot is not required to be cleared. The sidewalk must be cleared, trees should not be threatened and poison ivy must be removed.

*How do you draw a line between a property that needs maintenance and what could be considered a naturally maintained native plant garden?* That is very difficult. The property must be clear and safe to access the home.

*Care and maintenance of compost piles-how big do they have to get until it becomes a nuisance?* There are no regulations about compost piles. This may apply to trash.

### Permits

*Motion to consider the request for a building permit with Special Exception due to safety considerations for the installation of a nonconforming vinyl-coated 6' fence located at 4315 Underwood Street. Findings that Section 4-115 have been met to approve this Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. Approval subject to the following conditions: (1) the Town will contribute \$1500 towards completion of this fence; (2) the fence to be removed entirely when the temporary structures are removed; (3) it is permissible for the galvanized steel posts to remain and to be used for the vinyl-coated steel fence. To secure these conditions an MOU would be established between the Town and Prince Georges County Public Schools.* Motion approved 5 to 1 (Cron opposed).

Section 4-115. Special Exceptions.

The Common Council may consider an application for a special exception based upon a particular case or situation, and may approve the application provided that there is a showing of hardship, unique topography, unusual circumstances or safety considerations that warrant an exception. Special exceptions shall be granted by the Council only if it finds that such exception:

- (a) will not adversely affect the public health, safety, welfare or interest, nor the reasonable use of adjoining properties;
- (b) will not violate any covenants applicable to the property;
- (c) can be granted without substantial impairment of the purpose and intent of the Town building regulations;

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(d) will not interfere with or obstruct the visibility of motorists or cyclists; and

(e) will not unduly impede the enforcement of any other applicable law. (Revised, effective December 12, 1989, February 28, 1998.)

### Continuing Business

*Motion to adopt Legislative Resolution 14-O-08, approving the University Park Personnel Manual and to delete Section 2 111, "Employee probationary period," Section 2 112, "Injury While Working," and Section 2 113, "Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing," and that no short pants are allowed except when required by uniform, as these provisions will now be included in the Personnel Manual.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

The Mayor and Council will discuss the Police General Orders Manual (GOM).

Pursuant to Section 2-205 of the Town Code, any amendments of the General Operating Rules and Regulations instituted by the Chief of Police pursuant to Section 2-207 of the Code shall be forwarded by the Chief to the Council for approval. If the Council does not take action within 30 days of receipt, the amendment is deemed approved. The Council may amend the General Operating Rules and Regulations by resolution.

*Motion to accept the Police General Orders Manual (GOM) and refer it immediately to the Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety for review and recommendation to the Council by September 8, 2014.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### New Business

*Motion to request that the mayor write a letter to reiterate that the Calvert Tract LLC notify the town in writing prior to any request to the planning board staff of any changes to SA-130001-01 and DSP-13009-03.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

Mayor Len Carey reported that Tuesday, August 12, a Special Election for Ward 4 Council Member will be held from 8 AM to 8 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The mayor said he met with Tracey Nicholson, Hyattsville City Administrator and plans to invite her to a council meeting to meet with the council members. There have been several reports of rodents crossing Route 1 from the Cafritz site. Mayor Carey contacted

Mark Regulinski who immediately began a program to control rodents on the Cafritz site. A document, How to Poison Rats on Your Property, can be found on the town website. Council members were invited to meet the new Interim Principal on Tuesday, August 12 at 4:30 PM at UPES. Mayor Carey is soliciting Ethics Commission nominations. Suggestions should be emailed to the mayor by mid-September and the appointments will be made in October. He is currently negotiating with WSSC in regards to their reimbursement to University Park for street repaving.

### Council Reports

Mr. Chris Aubry, Chair of the Tree Committee, reported on the public forum regarding a tree ordinance held on June 5 at UPES and approximately 12 residents attended. The overwhelming response to the idea of an ordinance was tepid to hostile. There were recommendations that the Tree Committee should lean more towards an educational direction. CM Alvarez, Council liaison, asked the Council to comment on whether or not the Tree Committee should continue to pursue the idea of an ordinance. On the other hand, they could focus their attention more on an educational system in discussing and providing people with information about why trees are good, what benefits they have and how to take care of them. The Council supported an educational approach versus an ordinance. Mr. Aubry encouraged an inventory of the canopy on public and private property in University Park.

CM Alvarez distributed the minutes from the July 15 Development Overview Committee meeting.

There was a meeting of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee regarding the Newsletter held on Thursday, August 7 and another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27.

At a recent meeting of the Stream Committee, the discussion was on the water flowing through University Park and which direction the Committee should take in relation to 9 Pond.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported that election materials and the election judges are ready for the Special Election for Ward 4. The town bus driver was unable to work due to an accident at home. A part time backup driver was hired.

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Director of Public Works Michael Beall commended Sophie Jin on the great job she is doing on the mosquito program. The 2011 University Park road improvement and resurfacing contract has been completed. Mr. Beall verified that the Queens Chapel Road Green Street grant was denied. He will soon meet with the person who wrote the grant and ask him to give some direction on what needs to be done to better compete for such grants in future.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the July 2014 report.

Police Chief Wynnyk reported that he spent a lot of time on the Police General Orders Manual with Suellen Ferguson. He met with Chief Mitchell, University of Maryland Police Department, to get an update on the Pedestrian Safety Measures along Route 1.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:15 PM.

### A Note from UPCA President

The UPCA would like to say a huge *thank you* to Carol Cron for her dedicated service to the University Park Civic Association for the past six years, during which she has served as Secretary—and also acted as president, vice president, treasurer, membership director and event manager when no one else was filling these positions! Several things Carol accomplished, with the help of others in town, was creating the new UPCA website—which will be refreshed again by the new secretary, and organizing the growing UPCA event planning function. Carol organized the first, and now annual, adult wine and cheese party, including the venue, caterer, musician, purchasing the wine, and selling the tickets. Carol also introduced the idea of alternating our monthly meetings with socials, and she and her husband, Michael, have hosted the UPCA social three times in their home. She has kept this organization alive, and now it is thriving!



Carol will be retiring as secretary during the month of September so that she can focus on her part-time job teaching for UMUC, her full-time job at the Smith School of Business, her family, her grandkids, and of

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course, her new dachshund puppy, Hershey Cron, who already is picking out his outfit for next year's now-annual UPCA Mutt Strutt. We wish Carol all the best and want to say *thanks again* for her dedicated service!

The UPCA would like to welcome Jarrett and Carson Lee as the new (co)Secretary of the organization. This dynamic duo graciously agreed to step up and fill the role beginning in September. They moved into town 10 months ago and immediately got involved in UPCA events such as Mutt Strut and the Townwide Yard Sale. After living in Honolulu, Seattle and Raleigh they moved to Maryland to be closer to family and feel lucky to have found UP. They are ecstatic to find such a neighbor-friendly and welcoming community. Coming soon is a newly redesigned UPCA website, courtesy of Jarrett. Stay tuned for additional details.—*Connie Visnic*

### UPCA News

The University Park Civic Association organized a busy September, starting with a showing of *Frozen* on Outdoor Movie Night, our Fall Townwide Yard Sale and an enjoyable night of camaraderie at the Wine & Cheese Party! October will be another active month, with the Chili Cook-Off, a UPCA social and several Halloween events filling out the calendar. Save the date for the November UPCA meeting on Tuesday November 18 at 7 PM. Location to be announced on our website. Everyone is welcome! Also save the date for the Town Tree Lighting & Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 7. More information will be in the next newsletter.

The UPCA is volunteer-run, and needs people power and your membership dues to support our many free events. Please visit our website at <http://upcivicassociation.com> and pay your annual supporting contribution of \$25 per household via check, cash, credit card or PayPal. You may also drop off a membership form and check with the UPCA Membership Administrator, Abby Schnieder, at 6804 Wells Parkway.



### Lost Pet Database

To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call the new pet database coordinator, Laura Collins. She can be reached at [UPPetDatabase@gmail.com](mailto:UPPetDatabase@gmail.com) or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.



**14th Annual UPCA Chili Cook-Off**

**Saturday, October 11, 4-7 PM**

Whose chili recipe is the best in town? Find out at this year's UPCA Chili Cook-Off, where your neighbors will compete for trophies in the five-alarm, mild and vegetarian categories. This year, each category is open to all ages, so expect added competition from some talented young chefs! Entrants, mix up a batch to feed 15-20, then bring your dish and register your entry between 4-5 PM. Everyone else, please bring a side dish or dessert, then get ready to taste test and vote for your favorite contestant in each category. Enjoy live music from UP's own Pork Chop and the Top Dogs as votes are tallied and the winners are announced. UPES Gazebo (UPES gym in case of rain). For more information or volunteer for the event, please contact Rob Bourque at r.bourque@verizon.net or 301-785-1019.

**UPCA Social**

**Tuesday, October 21, 7-9 PM**

You're invited to the October UPCA Social, hosted by Christine and T.J. Becraft. Meet with your neighbors and enjoy refreshments courtesy of the UPCA at this always well-attended event. Will the Halloween cupcakes make an appearance again this year? You'll have to drop by to find out! Location: Becraft residence, 7016 Partridge Place.

**Halloween Jack-o-Lantern Carving and Trail**

**Friday, October 31**



The UPCA invites you to participate in a free jack-o-lantern carving. The carved pumpkins will then be on display as a lighted trail along Wells Run Creek (Beechwood Road side and toward the school). Refreshments will be available. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Michelle Wedge at mdwedge@gmail.com or 240-770-6097 to help!

**Event Schedule:**  
*Pumpkin Carving/Drop-Off, Noon-3 PM* School is out two hours early on Halloween, so join us for carving

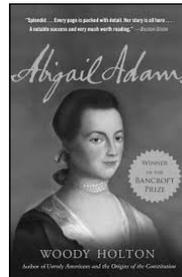
after the bell rings! You may either carve one of the free pumpkins or drop off a jack-o-lantern you've already made at home. The carving station will be located at the paved area between the 9/11 memorial and tennis courts on Wells Parkway.

**Halloween Jack-o-Lantern Trail, 6-8:30 PM** Enter the trail at any point as you trick-or-treat. Enjoy a cup of warm seasonal drink and refreshments, compliments of the UPCA.

**Jack-o-Lantern Pick-Up, 8:30-9 PM** If you wish to retrieve your jack-o-lantern, please wait until after the trail closes at 8:30. Pumpkins not picked up by 9 PM will be removed and composted.

**After 8 Book Group**

**Tuesday, October 21, 8-10 PM**



The October selection is *Abigail Adams* by Woody Holton or *Dear Abigail* by Diane Jacobs. The November book is *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Please call Gwen Brewer at 301-277-0516 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

**Needed: UPWC Holiday House**

**Tour Participants**

The University Park Woman's Club will hold their annual candlelight holiday house tour Friday evening, December 12. UP and College Heights Estates residents are invited to have their home on the house tour. Five to seven houses are typically on tour each year. Homes for the tour can be any age, size or architectural style. Residents who open their home for the tour are asked to highlight seasonal décor reflecting their cultural/family traditions. Previous homeowners who have been on the tour enjoyed meeting neighbors and describing their home's décor or unique features. The ticketed event is a UP Woman's Club sponsored fundraiser that generates support for scholarships and related cultural and service projects. For more information about participating in the tour, please contact Anna-Mae Kobbe at amkobbe@aol.com or 301-277-0414 prior to November 1.



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### UP Woman's Club Meeting

**Monday, November 3, 11:30 AM**

We hope to have a speaker address the Russia-Ukraine situation. If this topic is delayed until spring, our November meeting will follow a different format and give attendees the opportunity to rotate between and participate in different table-top discussions on a variety of topics. In any case, please join us at the University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville for a light lunch and friendly discussions. RSVP to [upwcLead@gmail.com](mailto:upwcLead@gmail.com) or call Jana Over at 301-779-5120.

**Save the Dates!** UP Woman's Club Holiday House Decorating Contest, Spring Garden Exchange and Spring Garden Tour. Start your holiday creative thinking now! The UPWC House Decorating Contest will be judged December 14. And save those extra plastic pots, collect seeds and wait until spring to thin out exchangeable plants for the UPWC Spring Garden Exchange Sunday, April 12, 2015. The UPWC Garden Tour is also in planning stages (date TBD). More details to come in future UP newsletters!

### UPWC 2014 White House Ornaments Fundraiser

The UP Woman's Club is selling two White House ornaments as a fundraiser to support the Club's annual scholarships and related cultural and service projects: the 2014 White House Presidential Commemorative Christmas Ornament and the Replica of the White House. The 2014 White House ornament honors the administration of Warren G. Harding, who served as the twenty-ninth president of the United States from 1921 to 1923.

The pre-order price for each ornament is \$21. There is no limit on the number you can order. After October 7, the price for each ornament goes up to \$23. Ornaments should be available by the first week of November. The 2014 White House ornament honors the administration of Warren G. Harding, who served as the twenty-ninth president of the United States from 1921 to 1923. Please use form below.



### 2014 Veterans Day Celebration

**Sunday, November 9, 2 PM**

All are invited to the annual observation of Veterans Day to honor those men and women who have served or are serving in the military. The ceremony will be held at the same location as in previous years in the park adjacent to the intersection of Wells Parkway, Clagett Road and Eversfield Drive. Hope to see you there.

### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of College Park has been in existence since 1974 serving members of our community. Meals are delivered five days a week in late morning. Recipients receive breakfast, lunch and dinner meals at a total cost of \$5 per day. All meals are prepared under the guidance of the Prince George's Health and Family Services Departments. To volunteer or if you know of someone who may be in need of meals, temporarily or long-term, please call 301-474-1002.

#### UPWC 2014 White House Ornaments Order Form

Ornament	Price	Quantity	Total
Warren G. Harding Trains	Pre-Order by Oct. 7, \$21.00		
	After Oct. 7, \$23.00		
Commemorative Ornament, Honoring James Hoban, White House Architect	Pre-Order by Oct. 7, \$21.00		
	After Oct. 7, \$23.00		

Your email address:

(For Confirmation and delivery notice.)

Please clip this form and make checks out to "UPWC." Please mail or deliver to Jacquie Groppe, 6832 Pineway, University Park, MD 20782.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Help Bring Girl Scouts Back to University Park

University Park has a strong history of building leaders of tomorrow through Girl Scouting. Back to school means back to Girl Scouts for existing troops in the area, yet no troops meet at present in University Park. Caring adults are needed to work together to get new troops started for Daisy Girl Scouts (K and grade 1), Brownie Girl Scouts (Grades 2-3), Junior Girl Scouts (Grade 4-5), Cadette Girl Scouts (Grades 6-8), Senior Girl Scouts (Grades 9-10) and Ambassador Girl Scouts (Grades 11-12).

If you or a grandparent, friend, or family member wants to find out about starting a troop, please contact Karen Yoho at [klyoho@yahoo.com](mailto:klyoho@yahoo.com). We will provide free training and pair you up with seasoned leaders who can help get you started. If you have a daughter interested in Girl Scouts, troops need to be formed, but you may contact Lisa Ealley at [l\\_ealley@msn.com](mailto:l_ealley@msn.com) to find out about troops in neighboring communities if we are unable to establish a troop in University Park.



### Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Chasing Ice* Monday, October 20, 7-9 PM

In the spring of 2005, acclaimed environmental photographer James Balog headed to the Arctic on a tricky assignment for National Geographic: to capture images to help tell

the story of the Earth's changing climate. *Chasing Ice* is the story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence of our changing planet. The Independent Film Series is now in its fourth year. Cosponsored by the Creative Edge Studio Collaborative and supported by the Friends of the Hyattsville Library. Refreshments will be served.

**Nature Hike for Seniors** *Tuesday, October 28, 1-2:30 PM* Join a naturalist on a hike looking for wildlife and local plant life throughout the fall. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Reservations required. Watkins Park Nature Center (Inside Watkins Regional Park), 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. \$2/resident; \$3/non-residents. For more information call 301-218-6702.

### College Park Arts Exchange

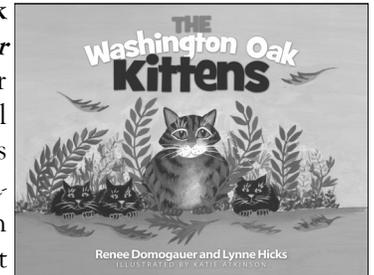
All events are free and take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Your generous donations for free events are always appreciated. Parking passes are available. Contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013 for more information.

### Discover Dinosaurs *Saturday, October 4, 10-11 AM*

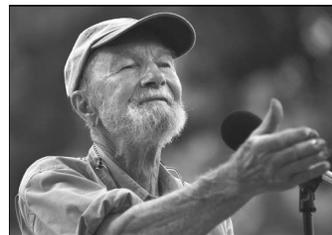
The team from Laurel's Dinosaur Park will share real, locally discovered fossils from the Cretaceous Period, 110 million years ago. Afterwards, your family can take part in ongoing fossil collecting in Laurel at the Park's free open house. Ages 4 and up.

### The Washington Oak Kittens *Sunday October 5, 3 PM*

Local Writer Renee Domogauer will read from her children's picture book, *The Washington Oak Kittens*, with special activities perfect for ages 3 and up.



**Severn River Trio** *Sunday, October 12, 5 PM* Bring the whole family to enjoy a fine concert of classical and romantic repertoire. To learn more, go to [www.severnriverpianotrio.com](http://www.severnriverpianotrio.com).



### A Tribute to Pete Seeger and the Old Time Tradition *Friday, October 24, 7:30 PM*

Local musicians, young and young at heart, will bring the music alive. Hosted by Eric Maring, featuring songs by Pete Seeger,

Gillian Welch, Woody Guthrie and the great traditional beyond. Family friendly. Your generous donation at the door is appreciated.

**College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti** Students ages 5 and up work with high energy director Chris Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills and perform for the public several times a year. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, at 6:30 PM. \$85 per semester per child.

# How to Register to Vote



## You must be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. At least 16 years of age (you may register to vote at 16 but cannot vote until at least 18 years of age by the date of the next General or Special Election).
3. A resident of Prince George's County.
4. Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.
5. Not under guardianship for mental disability.

## When

21 days prior to any election.

## Where and How

### Online

You can download an Adobe Acrobat version of the voter registration form from the Maryland State Board of Elections at [www.elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/)

### In Person

The Motor Vehicle Administration, 10251 Central Avenue, Largo, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Motor Vehicle Administration, 11760 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, Maryland 20774, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### By Mail

Prince George's County Board of Elections

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A

Largo, MD 20774

## Voter's Registration Data

Within two weeks of registration or a change in address, name or party affiliation, you should receive a Voter's Notification Card by mail. This card lists your polling place and the various districts (congressional, legislative, and council manic) in which your residence is located. Please save this card for reference. If you do not receive your Voter's Notification Card within two weeks, please call the Board of Elections at 301-341-7300.

## What About Joining A Political Party?

At the time of registration, a citizen may choose to join a political party. Only the Democratic and Republican parties hold primaries. Whether a citizen belongs to a party or not has no bearing on a citizen's vote in General Elections.

# Plastic Bags Banned for Yard Waste

Prince George's County has prohibited plastic bags at its Western Branch Yard Waste Facility since January 1, 2014. As a result, University Park Public Works no longer collects leaves or yard waste in plastic bags.

However, loose leaves will be collected by curbside vacuuming through November 3-January 9. Residents are strongly encouraged to rake their leaves to the curb during leaf collection to avoid bagging leaves.

Residents must use bins, trash cans, paper bags or other containers for yard waste. Please contact the Public Works Department with questions or concerns at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org) or 301-927-4262.

**Source Reduction Tips**

**Grass Cycle:** Use a mulching mower to finely shred your mowed grass and leave it on the lawn. Start a backyard compost pile.

**BROWN IS THE NEW GREEN**

Effective January 1, 2014, Residential Curbside Yard Waste Collection will no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Residents should place yard waste loose in a collection can or use large yard waste PAPER bags.

**OR CAN IT...**

Save money and use reusable containers, such as trash cans. Be sure to clearly mark the can/container

**YARD WASTE**

# FREE E-CYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING

for University Park Residents

Saturday, October 18, 9 AM-1 PM

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

*If you couldn't sell it at the Townwide Yard Sale...don't put it in the trash. Recycle it!*

Bring your Driver's License as proof of residency. All 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](http://upmd.org) for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations. Hard drive shredding for \$10 each.

**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





# Town of University Park, Maryland

## 2014 Information Sheet

301-927-4262 | 6724 Baltimore Avenue | [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org)

### Town Hall

Office Hours M-F 9 AM-5 PM 301-927-4262  
Fax 301-277-4548  
TDD 800-735-2258  
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Mayor Lenford C. Carey [mayor@upmd.org](mailto:mayor@upmd.org)  
Mayor Carey Cell Phone 240-338-2826  
Town Clerk [townhall@upmd.org](mailto:townhall@upmd.org)  
Public Works Mickey Beall [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org)  
Chief Michael Wynnyk [upchief@upmd.org](mailto:upchief@upmd.org)

### Police

Emergency 911  
Non-Emergency 301-352-1200  
Police Dept. Direct 301-277-0050  
Police Dept. Cell Phone 240-375-1077  
Chief Michael Wynnyk 301-277-0051

### Town Council

Ward	Council Member	Phone/Email
1	Joe Thompson	240-770-1358 <a href="mailto:ward1@upmd.org">ward1@upmd.org</a>
2	James Gekas	301-864-2734 <a href="mailto:ward2@upmd.org">ward2@upmd.org</a>
3	Bradlee Hess	301-699-0694 <a href="mailto:ward3@upmd.org">ward3@upmd.org</a>
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743 <a href="mailto:ward4@upmd.org">ward4@upmd.org</a>
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6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718 <a href="mailto:ward6@upmd.org">ward6@upmd.org</a>
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746 <a href="mailto:ward7@upmd.org">ward7@upmd.org</a>

### Town Police Department

6724 Baltimore Avenue, 301-277-0050 or (cell) 240-375-1077, or call County Dispatch (301-352-1200) and request a UP officer.

**The UPPD E-List** To join the email list for crime alerts, contact the UPPD and provide them with your name, email address and phone number.

**The UP Sticker** One blue & white UP sticker per licensed car is available free at Town Hall for all UP homeowners. Display the sticker on the driver's side of your car's rear bumper or low on the rear window. Please bring a proof of residency.

**Registry of Sexual Offenders** Free Sexual Offender Notification Service, contact 866-559-8017 or [www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/).

**Permit Procedure** All UP residents planning to initiate any construction projects on their property must check with Town Hall to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. Without exception, Town building permit applications and stamped County plans must be received in the Town Hall no later than 5 days before a Council meeting. This allows time for your council member to inspect the project.

**UP Landlords** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$400 per year and provide a yearly inspection program for all licensed UP rental properties.

**Leash Law** All dogs and cats must be on a leash when away from their owner's property. All dog walkers must bag their pet's droppings & dispose of the bags in the pet owner's trash receptacle.

**Trash & Bulk Trash Collection** Trash is collected from your green cart each Tuesday and Friday. Place outside by 7 AM. We do not collect or dispose of construction debris. For bulk trash, visit [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) and click on *Town Info* and *Contact Us* to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday bulk pick-up. The Town requires a \$20 payment for each item containing refrigerants or other gases, including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers and refrigerators. Payment should be made to the Town of University Park and submitted to the Town Clerk prior to scheduling the pick-up. TVs and electronics will not be collected with regular weekly collections. Residents should bring these items to the semi-annual electronics recycling events or to the Brown

Station Landfill, Upper Marlboro.

### **Electronics Recycling/Paper Shredding**

The Town holds electronic recycling events each spring and fall at University Park Elementary School. Town residents may bring household electronics for recycling at no cost. TVs and electronics will not be collected with regular weekly collections. Hard drive destruction is available for a nominal fee. Free paper shredding is also available at the fall event. The Public Works page of the Town website contains a detailed list of acceptable/unacceptable items.

**Yard Waste** is collected each Monday. Yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, so it is important to keep it free of trash, rocks and other debris. Bamboo is considered trash. Please put yard waste out only on the evening before collection in a bin or brown paper bag.

**Recycling** Have your blue recycling cart ready for collection each Thursday by 7 AM. Use your single stream recycling cart for collecting:

- ◆ all glass (except mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass and windowpanes)
- ◆ mixed paper (telephone books, magazines, boxes, rinsed milk & juice aseptic cartons, envelopes and newspapers, etc.)
- ◆ some metal (aerosol cans, aluminum foil, aluminum and metal food & beverage containers)
- ◆ many plastics (grocery bags, bubble wrap and stretch film collected into one knotted bag; plastic glasses, food containers numbers 1-7, cups and tableware, flower pots and Rx containers)
- ◆ clothes hangers

Please rinse all containers so they are free of food and grease. Labels, tabs and lids are allowed. Dry cell batteries weighing less than two pounds may be recycled at the Town Hall. Please pad the positive end of each battery with a strip of tape.

**Trash & Recycling Carts** Please do not put out trash and recycling carts earlier than the night before your scheduled pickup days. It is each resident's responsibility to return the cart from the curb on the same day after pickup. Carts stored outside must be out of view from the street. If the most convenient place to locate your carts is a visible one, consider installing wooden surrounds, barrier walls or lattice and plants.

**Leaf Collection** The Town leaf vacuum is in use

from November through early January. Residents should rake their leaves up to the curb line. *Do not rake leaves into the gutters or street. Please keep leaf piles free of sticks, stones and other debris.*

**UP Metro Shuttle Service** runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are seven morning runs from 6-9 AM and eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM. A map showing the stops is available at the Town Hall or at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under Other Documents.

**UP Bus Service** Free door-to-door wheelchair accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library or community center visits, club meetings or visits to a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on weekdays before 1 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Destinations must be within 5 miles of Town.

**Grocery Shopping Bus Trips** Each Tuesday at 10 AM the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway and to Wegmans on the second Tuesday of the month. Senior or handicapped residents interested in this free door-to-door service must notify the Town Hall by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

**Snow Removal** All residents (including renters) are required to remove snow from their private and public front sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.

**Tax Address** Be sure to use University Park (not Hyattsville) as your address on your Maryland income tax forms. The state only will compensate a share of state taxes for Town services if University Park is designated as your residence address.

**Please clip and save this info sheet!**



# October 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Hold the Date! 2014 Veterans Day Celebration Sunday, November 9, 2 PM</p>				<p>2 <b>Green Team Meeting, 6-8 PM, Town Hall</b></p>	<p>3 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>4 </p>
5	<p>6 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p>7 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>10 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>11 14th Annual UPCA Chili Cook-Off, 4-7 PM</p>
12	<p>13 <b>Columbus Day</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>14 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>15 <b>Yard Waste</b></p>	<p>16 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>17 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>18 <b>Town eCycling Event</b> Hard Drive &amp; Paper Shredding UPES, 9 AM-1 PM</p>
19	<p>20 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p>21 <b>Trash</b> UPCA Social, 7-9 PM After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM</p>	<p>22 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>23 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>24 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>25 </p>
26	<p>27 <b>Yard Waste</b></p>	<p>28 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>29 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>30 </p>	<p>31 <b>Trash</b> Halloween in University Park, 6-9 PM</p>	<p><b>November 3: Curbside Leaf Collection Begins</b></p>



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**NEWSLETTER**

The November newsletter deadline is Sunday, October 5. 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 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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