

MAYOR'S COLUMN

The 17% of University Park households that worked with STEP-UP to get a home energy retrofit are saving on their utility bills while enjoying a more comfortable home. Likewise, a retrofit supported by STEP-UP cut Town Hall's electricity use by 10% over previous years. Collectively, our lower energy use is annually keeping many hundreds of tons of CO₂ out of the atmosphere.

Perhaps most exciting is that other communities continue to emulate the STEP-UP model. A modified version of STEP-UP is being piloted in the District through the DC Sustainable Energy Utility. Recently, Pepco requested that the Maryland Public Service Commission approve a number of program revisions for their 2015-17 program cycle, including having a third party energy coach to educate customers. In describing this proposal, Pepco's program contractor referred to the success of STEP-UP and a Delaware home energy program which incorporates the energy coach approach credited to University Park. Only last month the Department of Energy invited the Town to present on STEP-UP as part of a national webinar series on community-based programs participated in by over 300 people.

Hats off, then, to our community of University Park for doing the right thing for the environment and for demonstrating lasting leadership through STEP-UP. It is an investment of our community's time and attention which yields dividends on several levels and well beyond our own borders.

Congratulations to University Park resident and Department of Psychology Professor Jude Cassidy, who has been honored by the University of Maryland as one of six Distinguished Scholar-Teachers 2014-2015. Cassidy was lauded as "not only a respected scientist who has made tremendous contributions to the field of developmental psychology; she's also an outstanding educator and mentor whose students have gone on to become major scholars and teachers in their own right." The University of Maryland's Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Program honors a small number of faculty members each year who have demonstrated notable success in both scholarship and teaching.

—Len Carey

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

TOWN NEWS

Holiday Funds



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.

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 there 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 2014 Holiday Funds should be mailed or delivered to the Town Hall by Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

Plowing & Snow Removal

If you have a driveway, please park all vehicles there to allow snow plows to work safely and effectively. All residents (including renters) must remove snow from their private and public front sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Please keep sidewalks safe and passable.

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.



Lock your doors. Don't leave valuables or your keys in the vehicle. Set your car and home alarm. University Park is a relatively safe place but locking doors, putting away bicycles and other valuables is a good practice. Holiday shopping increases the opportunity for thieves to steal items from your car. Remember to document serial numbers and etch identifying marks on your new gifts during the holiday break. Keep these

serial numbers, receipts and even photographs of your new valuables in a secure place.

Online shopping requires caution. Use one credit card for easy tracking. Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to verify your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner. Look for signs that the business is reputable. Know your merchant. Protect your privacy. Get all of the details. And keep good records of your purchases.

Beware of bargains from companies with whom you are unfamiliar—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. If you know you will not be home during normal delivery hours, have a neighbor retrieve your package or get it later at the delivery pick up location.

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

- Shop during the day or park in well lighted areas.
- Be aware of your surroundings when you park, walk and are in stores.
- Avoid buying more than you can carry.
- Lock your purchases in the trunk and out of sight.

- Remember where you parked. Have keys ready when approaching your vehicle; request a security escort if you shop alone.

- Know which credit cards you have with you when you shop. If possible, only take one. It's safer and easier to remember just one card. A current pickpocket practice is to remove one credit card from your wallet in hopes you will not notice until much later.

- 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 teach them to know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

- Keep all receipts together to help you verify credit card or bank statements.

The following information is provided by Craigslist. Take the same common sense precautions online as you would offline. When meeting someone for the first time, please remember to:

- Insist on a public meeting place like a cafe.

- Do not meet in a secluded place, or invite strangers into your home.

- Be especially careful when buying/selling high value items.

- Tell a friend or family member where you're going.

- Take your cell phone along if you have one.

- Consider having a friend accompany you.

- Trust your instincts.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Theft On October 2 at 6:20 PM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. a suspect stole a purple Diamondback mountain bike from the driveway of the residence. A witness observed the incident and described the suspect as a black male approximately 6' tall wearing a black jacket with yellow stripes on the sleeve. The area was searched for the suspect and the bike with negative results. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft On October 15 between 12 and 6 PM suspects stole a package from the front porch of the residence after it had been delivered by UPS. The empty box and some of the contents were recovered a short distance away. No suspects were located. The investigation is ongoing.

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Theft from Auto Between October 26 at 9:30 PM and October 27 8 AM in the 4400 block of Tuckerman St. suspects entered a locked trailer and stole a hammer drill and two pneumatic nailers. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On October 30 between 7 PM and 8 AM in the 4300 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2008 Honda Pilot and stole cash from a wallet that was inside the vehicle. No suspect was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Trees in Winter

One of the subtle unmistakable joys of winter is marveling at the structure of deciduous trees as revealed by their leaflessness. Consider the balance afforded by absence and addition. The sun hangs low in the sky and daylight is now diminished and stretched thin, but without the leaves' interference, a significantly greater quantity of this lesser light gets through. Maybe it all comes out even.



The bare bones of trees are fascinating to behold and lend a deeper respect for their inherent structural engineering. The limbs are bare but the life within is evident by their still supple response to winter's harshest gales. These displays provide the same confidence experienced when sheltering from the wind in a snug building. Such demonstrations of suppleness give us hope and help us hold on until spring. It's akin to seeing the flush in your beloved's cheeks. The heat reflects the cold and a balance is evident.

With the end of December soon approaching, we will all have many opportunities to enjoy various festivals of light throughout the region. Take a moment to look beyond the lights and concentrate for a moment on the intricacies of the scaffolding that supports those thousands of twinkling bulbs.

Perhaps this year you might use the lower leafless branches in your yard to sponsor your own festival of flight. For those birds that overwinter with us in Maryland, let us share our yuletide celebration with them. Popcorn and cranberries make a very nice garland. For

many of us, such garlands were an iconic tradition during our youth. Ultimately, they can serve as valuable sustenance to our winged guests, a welcome treat when foraging is minimal. They provide a simple means of extending the season without using any electricity. The eyes rest upon the birds feasting on the garlands and then are pulled skyward as a strong gust of wind causes a spontaneous riot of choreography as hundreds of branches respond in unison.

Trees are the gift we receive every day. Happy Holidays from the Tree Committee.

-Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee

Ivy League

Saturday, December 13, 2-4 PM

The Ivy League invites all tree-mendous citizens to assemble for our final session of 2014. We will be returning to the town tract behind 44th Avenue for our third visit. November's session was well attended and characterized by camaraderie and enterprise-that excitement that derives from working in unison.

Please assemble by Town Hall. Long sleeves and gloves are recommended. Please bring ivy removal tools, primarily a set of hand clippers and either a dandelion weeder, a large, long bladed screwdriver or small pry bar. Tree Committee members will bring hatchets and saws for more gnarly vines. In keeping with the generosity of the season, participants will earn *two* credits toward their Ivy League bandanas, redeemable for a mere five credits. Together we make a difference.



October 20 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Mr. Mark Regulinski, Project Manager for the Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park project, gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed project and its plan for storm water management including a drain with outfall into Wells Run in University Park. Mr. Regulinski displayed the questions from town residents which had been forwarded in advance by Mayor Carey and answered them accordingly. Mr. Regulinski explained that

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the recent work in University Park was done in error. "We mistakenly got a little ahead of ourselves and started construction there not realizing there was a street opening permit." He noted that an application for the permit has been submitted.

Public Questions & Comments on Storm Water Management

The Cafritz team signed a covenant with University Park on January 12, 2012, #6B regarding the storm drainage problem, which states that the residents would be informed of work being done 30 days prior. It was proposed that the community not tolerate one drop of water from the Cafritz development coming into the already taxed creek. Cafritz is private property; they should deal with their storm drainage problem and not dump it into University Park's town creek. *Mr. Regulinski said that the work was a mistake that should not have happened. The Cafritz attorney, Mr. Lawrence Taub, also responded to the concern by stating, "What we are dealing with now is storm drain which is different and a different issue and it's coming from the State Highway Administration requirements and this is a different issue, I don't think we are in violation." Mr. Regulinski said that there is a problem in the town creek and Cafritz is trying to take what is already an existing problem and mitigate it.*

What is the economic reimbursement Cafritz is going to do to reimburse us for all the wash out? Is there going to be some money? *Not authorized to handle negotiations here.* The project is not going to make things better since things have already gotten worse ever since the trees were removed.

What is a street opening? What will be done to University Park, physically, to accommodate this water? *The street opening permit is required to cut the street, remove a portion of the asphalt and install a second storm water pipe and close the street back up and repave.*

How big is the pipe? *42 inches.*

If the options are still being reviewed, why was somebody cutting the concrete? *The misunderstanding was that the permits from both State Highway and the county address this work. They did not know that cutting of the road required another approval from the town.*

How can UP be assured that there will not be many

more mistakes that would negatively affect the neighborhood? *Does not know how to say that no mistake will ever happen again, but confident that both employees and citizens of the town are being very diligent about watching this project.*

Why isn't all of the water being diverted to the other side of the project into the ponds? What is the logic of shipping the water off of the Cafritz site and bringing it down to Wells Run rather than into the retaining ponds? *All of the measures will be required to get to the point of not impacting the flooding of Wells Run.*

Can you tell me what is the frequency of the storm your cistern will contain, and over what duration of rainfall? *It will contain rainfall of a one hundred year storm occurring over 24 hours.*

So if you have a cistern that has a capacity for your runoff that will meet a hundred-year storm requirement, water will come out of the 42" pipe, but simultaneously there will be a hundred-year storm rainfall occurring in University Park and filling Wells Run from the water that runs off University Park. At the point where this discharge pipe is discharging is also the point where the stream is the fullest. *They occur at slightly different times, but in general, that is correct.* The current crown of Route 1 means that University Park does not currently get storm water from the Calvert tract, so Cafritz is not solving any problems for University Park. Offended that Cafritz did not talk to University Park residents regarding storm water plans. Would like to see documentation on the decision making process.

Who told the contractors to cut into the University Park street? *The state and county were paid to review the design and the permits that were required to do the work.*

Give in numbers the gallons of water that would mean for University Park, before and after. *The pre-development runoff with a hundred year storm is about 31 cubic feet per second and for the developed condition, it is about 30 cubic feet per second.*

Would like to see the architecture of the plan. *Does not have a drawing on hand. The pipe runs down roughly the center of Route 1 and when it gets just to the north of Wells Run Parkway it turns to the west and it goes up Wells Run Parkway about 35 feet and then it goes into Wells Run on the University Park side of Route 1.*

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Why can't piping and drainage be designed to keep the storm water on the Cafritz property? What will Cafritz do if University Park does not approve a permit? *If the University Park permit is not approved, then the water will revert to its natural course and run free, wherever the low point is and it will eventually find its way to Wells Run. The project cannot proceed without some way of handling the storm water.* Proposes that Cafritz fund University Park's environmental engineers to watch and evaluate all aspects of the Cafritz project.

When will the pipe in road be repaired? *Does not know.*

Please explain what the state bond means? *The bond covers the cost of the work. If the work is partially completed and then abandoned, the state steps in and finishes the Route 1 improvements.*

If University Park experiences terrible flooding because of this project, where do the residents of University Park go? *The design didn't get approved until there was zero impact; this is a requirement.* University Park residents did not have an opportunity to speak about this storm water plan in a public forum. They were not aware of the plan until the road was cut into. Design a natural lake on the property next to the store.

Is there a plan that has no rainwater going to University Park? *No.*

How is there no way to just make a pipe where you just make all the rainwater go the other way? *The difficulty is the overall distance. The pipe has to tilt so the water can run downhill and at some point the pipe would be lower than Wells Run.*

Do you agree that, with these plans right here, more water will flow into UP during the storm? Say the cistern overflows and you have water coming out of that pipe you plan to build, do you agree that more water than... like without this property being there, more water will go into UP, do you agree? *It all depends. A big storm, no; a small storm, yes.*

If there is flooding in University Park, will there be any type of reimbursement? *You are wandering into an area that is about litigation. The scheme has been designed not to do that.* Would like to see the full survey of the original property.

Along with the storm water, the other thing that comes is sediment, runoff and trash. How does your plan address this? *The sediment is controlled through making a park. Whole Foods does a good job in maintaining an image, they do not want to have trash in their parking lot. Why put the water where it didn't go before on Wells Run; put it on the side that goes downstream. His understanding is that if there is water on your site, you cannot send it elsewhere; water cannot leave your property.*

Mr. Regulinski continued his Power Point presentation on the updates of the Cafritz project, which included the gateway park design, tree planting and signs.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to rebuild existing retaining walls and to replace a tree that was removed by the town located at 6810 40th Avenue. Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

Motion to approve the introduction of LR 14-O-10: to prohibit parking on the south side of Van Buren Street within 100 Feet of the intersection with U.S. Route 1. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion to introduce a budget transfer of \$10,000 from Undesignated Reserves to the engineering line item to cover engineering costs related to a technical evaluation of a proposed storm water drain entering Wells Run in University Park. Motion approved 5 to 1 (Cron opposed).

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to consult with Counsel on legal matters and will not reenter into General Session. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

UPCA News

The University Park Civic Association is coming out of a quiet November with three applause-worthy events! Please come and celebrate the holiday season with Santa and UP's very own Blue Sky Puppet Theatre at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on December 7. Also, be on the lookout for the UPCA Fundraiser at Franklin's and the first ever Family Game Day, both in January! A Saturday in mid-January will be Family Game Day at the Board-N-Brew, College Park. Stay tuned for more details in the January newsletter. We hope to see you soon!

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

For All Good Causes Holiday Sharing Fair Saturday, December 6, 9:30 AM-3 PM

Shop near home and support nonprofits and artists working for justice, peace and the good of the earth. Join us to learn about SERRV handicrafts and jewelry, Heifer



International, the New Community Project, the Nakba Museum Project (a museum highlighting the Palestinian refugee experience), EPIC (Education for Peace in Iraq), the Fistula Foundation and other participating organizations. Grilled brats, pecans and baked goods will also be available. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For more info visit upcob.org.



Annual Town Holiday Party & Tree Lighting Sunday, December 7, 4:30 PM

Calling all neighbors for the UPCA Town Holiday Party! Join us for the Tree Lighting & Potluck Dinner! The Potluck Dinner will be from 4:30-6:30 PM. Once again, dinner activities for young and old include a show by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre and arts & crafts activities. The UP Women's Club will have their Santa's Closet boutique and will be selling holiday house tour tickets.

We will also have a Mitten Tree. Please donate a pair of mittens or a scarf to pin to the tree. We will provide beverages. Please bring a dish or dessert to share that serves at least 15 people. After dinner, we'll walk to the tree at 6:45 PM for the tree lighting. Santa will be making his appearance! Caroling and candy canes for all! Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Rd. Please contact Debra Suarez debra.suarez@gmail.com or 301-613-9505 if you are interested in volunteering. The more volunteers the merrier!

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, December 9, 8-10 PM

The December selection is *Rise and Shine: A Novel* by Anna Quindlen. The January book is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusack. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month (the second Tuesday in December) from September to June. Please call Margaret Callaghan at 301-864-1031 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.



UPWC Holiday House Tour

Friday, December 12, 7-10 PM

The University Park Woman's Club, Inc. will hold their 21st annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour on Friday, December 12 from 7 to 10 PM. Four beautiful homes will be featured this year. For a listing of homes and ticket information, see the flier in this newsletter.

The Woman's Club initiated the house tour in 1993. Mrs. Maxie Phillips was the club president from 1992-1994. Mrs. Phillips' leadership helped launch this new fundraiser for the club. The house tour continues to be a favorite neighborhood activity for residents. Because of the support the community has given the house tour, \$40,000 in college scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors from University Park and Northwestern High School. The club has also supported projects for such groups as the UP Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School, Northwestern, the town of UP and the Prince George's County Domestic Violence Shelter.

The club members want to thank supporters of the house tour for making the annual event so successful. Without your help, we could not do the outreach and community service that is a part of the club's mission.



UPWC Home Decorating Contest

Sunday, December 14, 5-7:30 PM

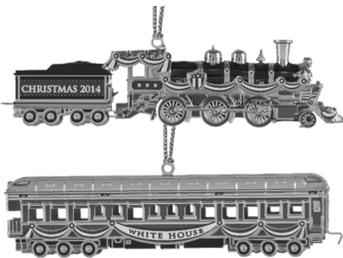
Sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club. Participants should have their lights turned on from 5-7:30 PM. Decorations will be judged in three categories this year:



- Most Unique - 1st place only.
 - Best Decorated Door - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 - Best Decorated Whole House - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- The top winners in each category will win a \$50 prize. All winners will receive a certificate and a letter of appreciation. Special recognition signs will be placed in winners' yards lighted with a solar spotlight. Winners will be listed on the UPListserve and in the January newsletter.

Rules: Decorations should be done by owners. Last year's winners are ineligible unless they have created a new design. There is plenty of time to make your home a seasonal treat for the eyes if you start now. Let's see what awesome results we can create this year! Remember, seasonal has many meanings. For more information, please contact Sallie Holder at slholder410@gmail.com or 301-864-9264.

UPWC 2014 White House Ornaments



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 ornament honors

the administration of Warren G. Harding, who served as the twenty-ninth president of the United States from 1921 to 1923. The White House Commemorative and the charming 2014 train ornament are still available for \$23. Orders can be placed by emailing Jacquie Groppe at UPWCVP@gmail.com.

The UPWC is also planning to have the White House ornaments available for sale at the UP Town Potluck/Tree lighting, as well as a few handmade ornaments made by UPWC members & friends. White House ornament sale proceeds predominately support the UPWC scholarship program, and the handmade ornament proceeds will support the PG County Family Crisis Center.

University Park Woman's Club

2015 Scholarships

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

This one-year \$1000 award is available to a graduating high school senior of Northwestern High School with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. This is a financial need based scholarship. Applicants must complete parts A, B, and C of the application and provide the additional information requested.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one year \$1000 award is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park, MD., or is a non-resident child or grandchild of a member of the University Park Woman's Club. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. This is a merit-based needs blind scholarship. Applicants must complete parts A and B of the application and provide additional information as requested.

Non-Traditional Woman's Scholarship

A new scholarship for \$750 is available for 2015 to a woman, 35 and older, who is in career transition, re-entering the job market, and/or updating her skills. She must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of University Park, College Heights Estates, or Calvert Hills (College Park) or, be an adult child or grandchild of a University Park Woman's Club member.

Applications and further information can be found at <http://www.upmd.org/?documents>. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Monday March 30, 2015.

UPCA Fundraiser at Franklin's

Tuesday, January 27

Start your new year by joining the UPCA at Franklin's Restaurant and Brewery. All day...lunch and dinner and the store and take home growers...whatever you purchase 20% will come back to the UPCA for even more great programming! Just eat, shop and tell your server and store clerk that you are there to support the UPCA. Easy. Fun. Local. And while you are there why not pay your 2015 dues? Set a lunch or dinner date right now!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 or 301-927-3013 for more information.

Arts Workshop: Wreath Making *Saturday, December 6, 2-6 PM* Volunteers will lead you in decorating beautiful wreaths in a fun community setting. Fun for teens and adults. RSVP \$25.

Nutcracker Ballet with Connect the Dots Dance *Sunday, December 7, 3 & 4 PM* Enjoy watching ballet dancers performing to this beautiful and familiar music in a casual setting. 3 PM, general admission performance, perfect for young children and their families. 4 PM, autism friendly performance, with dimmed lighting and softer music.

Children's Arts Drop-In Programs *December 13 and 14* Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. Saturday 10 AM-12 PM at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House.

CPAE Book Club *Tuesday, December 16, 7 PM* Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. December's book is *Unbowed* by Wangari Maathai. The Nobel Prize winner recounts her extraordinary journey from her childhood in rural Kenya to the world stage.



College Park Chorale Winter Concert *Sunday, December 21, 7 PM*
The concert is followed by caroling.

Holiday Hayrides at Watkins Regional Park *December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 from 7-8:30 PM* Enjoy a hayride through the Festival of Lights and a visit to Watkins Nature Center. Warm up by the fire, enjoy refreshments, see the live animals and visit the gift shop. Ages 2 and up. \$5 fee. Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For more info call 301-218-6702.

University of Maryland Holiday Community Concert *Saturday, December 6, 4 PM* Come to College Park Community Center and enjoy listening to some holiday

compositions performed by University of Maryland students. Light refreshments will be served. Free. College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue. For more info call 301-441-2647.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols *Friday, December 12, 8 PM* The UMD School of Music presents the 13th Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Memorial Chapel on the College Park campus.

The festival is modeled after the famous Christmas Eve tradition presented by King's College, Cambridge and broadcast by National Public Radio. Readers from the university and community join the artists and audience participation is encouraged during the performances of traditional carols. Tickets, \$15, \$10 seniors (62+), \$5 students and children. Call 301-405-2787 or visit theclarice.umd.edu to purchase tickets.

Holidays at the Hyattsville Library: Family Movie Night *Monday, December 22, 6 PM* All ages are welcome to join us for a screening of *The Muppet Christmas*



Carol. Come and watch the Muppets version of the holiday classic by Charles Dickens. Kermit stars as Bob Cratchit and Michael Caine makes for a memorable Ebenezer Scrooge. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.



Riversdale

The Calverts by Candlelight *Saturday, December 27, 2014 6-9 PM* Spend a festive evening at the candlelit Riversdale House Museum. The Calverts will welcome guests to their home for tours, refreshments, live music, and children's activities. \$5/adult; children 12 & under are free with adult. All ages welcome. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737, 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544.

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Twelfth Night Ball *Saturday, January 17, 7:30 PM*

Bring the holiday season to a close at the Twelfth Night Ball and supper. Black tie or period attire is encouraged. Registration required by January 4, 2015. Resident \$40; Non-Resident \$48. Ages 18 & up. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737, 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544.



Deco the Halls at the Greenbelt Museum!

Friday, December 5, 5-7 PM



Visit the Museum's historic house at 10B Crescent Road after the city's tree lighting, to see Deco the Halls, a mini exhibition of art deco & vintage holiday decorations. Take a quick (free!) tour of this original, fully furnished Greenbelt home, which sparkles and glows at night and peruse the gift shop which will be freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. Museum house open from 7pm-9pm. No admission charge, fun for all ages. Free parking is available across the street behind the Greenbelt Public Library. For more information, call 301-507-6582 or email greenbeltmuseum@gmail.com.

Greenbelt Festival of Lights

Juried Art and Craft Fair

Saturday, December 6, 10 AM-5 PM

Sunday, December 7, 10 AM-4 PM

Don't miss this fun juried craft show. Gifts for everyone! The Museum will have items for sale from our gift shop in room 103, just down the hall from the main show in the gym. For more information about the craft show, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.



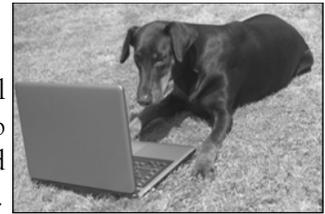
Lost Pet Database

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 or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

TOWN REMINDERS

Stay Up to Date & Participate!

There are several additional ways for residents to stay up to date on meetings and activities in University Park.



Town Electronic Notice System offers several lists regarding official Town business, Council and committee minutes, events, meetings and agendas for Town Council and committee meetings. Visit upmd.org and click on Register in the upper right corner to sign up.

Town Council Minutes are posted on the Town website. Highlights appear in this newsletter; however, somewhat more detail is available on the town site.

Mayor's Update Residents can be added to this list by contacting mayor@upmd.org.

UPPD Safety Alerts are sent out by Police Chief Michael Wynnyk. Subscribe to this list by contacting the UPPD and providing your contact info.

WATCH UP & CHE Google Group is a neighborhood watch-type list and public safety officials do not monitor it. Any concerns should always be called in to the appropriate number: emergencies go to 911 and non-emergency calls to 301-352-1200. Search on Google for the list name to sign up for this and the next group.

University Park Listserv Google Group is a list for residents of University Park and the College Heights Estates. This listserv is not an official listserv of any municipality or civic association.

UPplaygroup is open to parents/caregivers in University Park and neighboring areas. This is an easy way to organize playgroups, share information and events of interest, and to discuss parenting issues. In addition to the online discussion and age-based play dates, there are a variety of gatherings for the whole group each year. Contact upplaygroup-owner@yahoogroups.com.

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UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY



Tree Lighting & Potluck Dinner Sunday, December 7

Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Rd, UP

Potluck Dinner and Holiday Fun: 4:30-6:30 PM

Please bring a dish or dessert to share that serves at least 15 people!

- **Watch the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre Perform *Santa's Workshop***
Santa's Workshop is a day in the life of three adorable, lovable pigs whose parents are working in Santa's workshop while they attend the workshop's daycare center. During free time, Suzy, Chester and Buster put on costumes and perform "The Three Reindeer Gruff" and "Jack and the Candy Cane Beanstalk" for their classmates, their parents, and, of course, Santa.
- **Let the Kids get Creative at the Children's Arts & Crafts Table!**
- **Shop at Santa's Closet Boutique, sponsored by the UP Women's Club!**
- **Purchase the UP Holiday House Tour tickets!**
- **Contribute to the Mitten Tree. Donate a pair of mittens or warm hat or scarf!**

Tree Lighting: 6:45 PM

After dinner, walk with neighbors to Henson Green for the Tree Lighting.

Santa will make his appearance! Caroling and candy canes for all!

We Need Elves!

We need help with specific tasks, such as setting-up, decorating, and table monitoring. Please contact Debra Suarez at debra.suarez@gmail.com or 301-613-9505 if you are interested in volunteering.

The More Volunteers, the Merrier!

Sponsored by the University Park Civic Association.

University Park Woman's Club
21ST ANNUAL
**CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY
HOUSE TOUR**

Friday, December 12, 2014

House Tour 7-10 PM

Featuring UMD School of Music Performances



Tour Homes

Warrender & Woods, 4103 Sheridan St.

Rankin, 6901 40th Ave.

Roushdy, 4321 Woodberry St.

Roberts, music & more, 7036 Hunter La.

Tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 on the tour.

For advance tickets, please call 301-277-0414
or 301-864-9264. Tickets will also be available
Sunday, December 7 at the Tree Lighting
Potluck Dinner.

Join us at the Roberts Home for a Holiday Wine Tasting, Refreshments and Chamber Music. Tickets will also be available Friday, December 12 during event hours at each home. No admittance without a ticket.

Proceeds support college scholarships and community service projects.

University Park Woman's Club HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST Sunday, December 14, 5-7:30 PM



There is plenty of time to make your home a seasonal treat for the eyes if you start now. Let's see what awesome results we can create this year! Remember, seasonal has many meanings. Participants should have their lights turned on from 5-7:30 PM. Decorations will be judged in three categories this year:

Categories

- ◆ Most Unique – 1st place only.
- ◆ Best Decorated Door – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- ◆ Best Decorated Whole House – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Rules

- ◆ Decorations should be done by owners.
- ◆ 2013 winners are ineligible unless they have created a new design.

The top winners in each category will win a \$50 prize. All winners will receive a certificate and a letter of appreciation. Special recognition signs will be placed in winners' yards lighted with a solar spotlight. Winners will be listed on the UPListserve and in the January Newsletter. For more information, please contact Sallie Holder at 301-864-9264 or slholder410@gmail.com.

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Curbside Leaf Collection

Nov. 3-Jan. 9

Please rake leaves up to the curb line for removal by the leaf vacuum machine beginning in November and continuing through early January, weather permitting. The leaf vacuum will operate during daylight hours Monday through Friday and on weekends as needed.

Please rake leaves only up to the curb line. Do not rake leaves into the gutter. Residents and landscapers are asked to use caution while raking and be sure that there are no rocks, metal, etc. in your leaf piles.

Please do not expect crews to backtrack to collect leaves after they have passed your home. They will return after completing the 2-3 week cycle.

Please note the schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice. A tentative November schedule is available at the Department of Public Works calendar on upmd.org. The tentative December schedule will be posted in late November. 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.

Collection in each Ward will be on a 2-3 week cycle. No signs will be posted. A ward map is posted at www.upmd.org

Recycling Reminders

By placing your recycling bin and/or cart at the curb once a week on your regularly scheduled collection day, you reduce the amount of trash that is disposed of at the landfill. All recyclable items are placed in the same container. Recyclables do not need to be sorted or separated.

Acceptable Items

Glass

Food and beverage containers

Metals

Empty aerosol cans

Aluminum, bimetal, ferrous, steel food and beverage containers

Aluminum foil

Coat hangers

Mixed Paper/Corrugated Cardboard

All paper

Aseptic/gable-top milk and juice cartons

Catalogs

Corrugated cardboard (boxes)

Frozen food packaging

Hard and soft cover books

Kraft paper bags and wrapping paper

Magazines

Newspapers with inserts

Paper board (cereal and cracker boxes)

Telephone books

Plastics

Bagged grocery bags, shrink wrap and stretch-film
(Insert all bags within one bag; no loose single bags)

Drinking cups/glasses

Flower pots

Narrow-neck containers with code identification numbers 1 through 7

Wide-mouth containers such as peanut butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise and whipped topping; margarine/butter tubs

Prescription bottles

Coat hangers

Remember to rinse all food and beverage containers and to recap or place the lids in the recycling cart/bin.

December 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Leaf Collection continues</p>	<p>1 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>2 Trash</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Recycling</p>	<p>5 Trash</p>	<p>6  For All Good Causes Holiday Sharing Fair, 9:30 AM-3 PM</p>
<p>7 Annual UPCA Holiday Party & Tree Lighting, 4:30 PM</p>	<p>8 Yard Waste</p> 	<p>9 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Recycling Development Overview Committee Meeting, 7:30</p>	<p>12 Trash UPWC Holiday House Tour, 7-10 PM</p>	<p>13 Ivy League, 2-4 PM</p> 
<p>14 UPWC Home Decorating Contest, 5-7:30 PM</p> 	<p>15 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Recycling</p>	<p>19 Trash</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Yard Waste</p>	<p>23 Trash</p>	<p>24 Recycling</p>	<p>25 Christmas Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>26 Trash</p>	<p>27 </p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Yard Waste</p>	<p>30 Trash</p>	<p>31 Recycling</p>	<p>January 1 New Year's Day Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>	<p>Trash</p>	<p>Save the Date! Shop & Eat for UPCA Fundraiser at Franklin's Tuesday, January 27</p>



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