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MAYOR'S COLUMN

The founders of the initial University Park Corporation envisioned their development as one of the new streetcar communities popping up in the 1920s, but that passed quickly. Our community was built out and expanded as more of an automobile suburb, with houses built and marketed with garages, some for two automobiles. Street care was the foremost concern, and keeping them passable took a large part of the Town budget. After years of promoting and requiring sidewalk construction, the requirement was abandoned by the early 1950s because, in the age of the automobile where residents would drive everywhere, town leaders believed sidewalks would be unnecessary.

Many decades later, our own community is almost entirely built-out, with very few vacant lots in Town. The

density of development at the University of Maryland and in adjacent municipalities is increasing. The University of Maryland is building on parking lots and reducing on-campus parking. The 2014 Economic Development Report of the City of College Park describes eight development projects in planning or construction which will add more than 1,500 housing units, 93,000 square feet of retail and 525 hotel rooms by 2017. In Riverdale Park, the Riverdale Park Station (Cafritz) development will bring another town center with townhouses, 1,000 multi-family housing units, a 120-room hotel, over 20,000 square feet of office space and more than 160,000 square feet of retail space. As Hyattsville redevelops and increases density at Prince George's Plaza and University Town Center we'll be close to a Prince George's downtown. The suburbs nearby are taking on a denser, more urban character. For convenience or out of necessity, we will have to adapt.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	March 2 & 16
Development Overview Committee	March 18
Election Deadlines	April 6
Electronics Recycling	April 25

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 and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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We are being nudged out of our autos into other ways of getting around. Many walk, whether in town or to other locations nearby, sometimes strolling our quiet streets instead of using the sidewalk. Some commute by bicycle. Ridership on the Town bus to and from the Prince George's Plaza Metro Station has increased, as has Metro ridership from our area. Our transportation mix is trending multimodal, bringing opportunity for us to consider fresher approaches to getting around.



In addition to Metro, we should support a pervasive bus and light rail system as smart-growth strategies particularly suited to established communities near rapid transit, such as University Park. The proposed Purple Line from Bethesda to New Carrollton will pass nearby, with stops to our north, west and on campus. This 16-mile light rail would ease resident access to major employment centers, stimulate over 27,000 new permanent jobs throughout the region, and increase property values along the entire corridor.

Our popular Town bus, especially the commuter shuttle to Metro, helps residents get around without a car. What changes should we consider for this, including the senior bus available for transport to medical and other appointments? Should we maintain it as is with its limited hours, familiar drivers and small-town feel, or expand this service and extend its route or hours of operation? This service could be linked into something larger, such as the proposed network of circulator buses with hubs at public transit stations and routes connecting residential and commercial areas. Perhaps the Town could participate in the far-reaching Shuttle-UM system of buses op-

erated by the University of Maryland, such as is being done by the nearby cities of Greenbelt, College Park and Hyattsville.

With the growth of bicycle commuting and the development of nearby bicycle routes, we should facilitate safe bicycle connections through University Park whether by residents or through-riders. We should continue to push improved walkability, both within our community and to commercial areas nearby.

University Park is not the streetcar community envisioned at our beginning, and the long-abandoned street car line has since been converted to a trolley trail hiker-biker route growing in length and use. Nor are we the automobile suburb we once were. Instead, we are embracing other transportation alternatives, on our way to becoming the modern multimodal-walkable, bikable, transit-oriented-community of our future.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayor@upmd.org

Town Shuttle Bus Policy

If the Federal Office of Personnel Management announces that the Federal Government is open, even if on delayed arrival or liberal leave, the University Park Town Shuttle Bus will operate on its established route and schedule and within its regular hours, conditions permitting.



The established hours and schedule for the bus are published on the Town's Web site (<http://www.upmd.org/docs/11-749-1374678900.pdf>).

Please check opm.gov, radio or television for the federal government's status. When conditions necessitate that the shuttle must stop operating, information will be shared on the Town website and via email, but please be aware that this can sometimes take a while.

You may also call the Town at 301 927-4262, navigate the telephone tree and check the bus's status. Please be patient with this, as weather and road conditions can change quickly and our drivers are instructed to take all necessary precautions.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

As we move away from winter months with their icy roads, short days and cold nights, spring is on the horizon and the desire to do something outside is greater than ever. A drive to the country or the beach sounds perfect, or perhaps a hike, bike ride or a run. Whatever you decide, pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles all share responsibility to make our roads and community a safe place to travel. Wear your seat belts, wear your bike helmet, wear reflective clothing and always be aware of your surroundings. The UPPD actively enforces traffic laws in an effort to make the roads safer. Sometimes driver errors can be unintentional when combined with inattentiveness, but this is not a valid defense. When operating a motor vehicle, it requires full attention at all times.

Police departments do not set fines for traffic violations nor do they determine guilt or innocence. These are duties of the courts. Some of the more common offenses, and perhaps the ones that residents report to the UPPD most often, are as follows. Stop sign violations \$90, expired tags \$70, failure to stop for a red light \$90, cell phone/texting while driving \$80, speeding \$80-\$160, failure to stop for a school bus while loading \$570 and reckless driving \$510. If cited for driving while intoxicated, you must appear before a judge. No one wants a ticket. They are expensive, raise insurance rates, earn points on your driver license and cost time. Most importantly, a driver error can be fatal. Pay attention when you drive and drive safely.



Vehicles can be the most dangerous part of our everyday lives. Busy roads take time, raise frustration and diminish courtesy and good driving manners. It's an environment for conflict. Our road networks are always busy. Construction, rain, potholes, a fender-bender, even sun glare can disrupt travel for thousands of drivers. Aggressive drivers are all around us. They are parents, professionals, teens, seniors, but mostly people who are late, in a rush or angry. Aggressive drivers show contempt for traffic and safety laws and other motorists, as well as lack basic common sense at the wheel. You know it when you see it and know it when you are doing it. Some of the behaviors include tailgating, unsafe lane changing, speeding, running red lights and stop signs, blowing your

horn, passing in unsafe areas and slamming on your brakes. When confronted by an aggressive driver put your pride in the back seat. Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold your own in your travel lane. Wear your seat belt. It will hold you in your seat behind the wheel and it will protect you in a crash. Ignore gestures and refuse to return them. Please report aggressive drivers to the appropriate authorities by providing a vehicle description, license number, location and direction of travel. Avoid the challenges or confrontations of an aggressive driver and support law enforcement's efforts to rid the streets and highways of this menace.

Safe driving is a responsibility that falls directly on the driver. Driving from work to home in UP from anywhere in the metropolitan area can be stressful and chaotic. Slow your pace, take a deep breath and relax a little before you pull into your driveway. Check out the great neighborhood you live in and be vigilant. Enjoy and appreciate the fact that you are home safe. Respect for the community includes how we use its roads. After your drive remember to always lock your car doors and do not leave keys or other valuables in the vehicle. Thank you very much for your efforts.

The Town of University Park is such a great place because everyone is engaged in our community. Make policing your community a regular activity and a habit. Remember, *if you see something, say something*.

Theft from Auto Between January 10 midnight and January 11 10 AM in the 6900 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s broke the passenger side rear window of a 2005 VW Passat and stole a Helly Hansen coat. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between January 11 9 PM and January 12 5 AM in the 6700 block of 41st Ave. suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2006 Honda Civic and stole a purse containing credit cards, ID and other personal items from the front seat of the vehicle. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft On January 19 in the 6600 block of Queens Chapel Rd. a delivered package was stolen from the front porch of the residence. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

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Theft On January 21 between 2 and 4 PM in the 6800 block of Adelphi Rd. an unknown brand name bicycle was stolen from the rear yard of the residence. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto On January 25 between 11 and 11:45 PM in the 4300 block of Clagett Pineway suspect/s entered an unlocked 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe and stole an assorted box of paints. The paint was later located at Pineway & Oakridge. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between January 25 6 PM and January 26 5 AM in the 4400 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2010 Nissan Xterra and stole a backpack containing books and a leaf blower. The leaf blower was later located nearby. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between January 28 9 PM and January 29 9 AM in the 7000 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2010 Honda Accord and stole a Garmin GPS units and a wallet. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Spring Lightly

Meteorological spring is now weeks away. At this latitude, hardwoods have already awakened from their long slumber-buds are opening and sap is flowing. It's time to assess the trees on your property, prune what needs pruning and begin planning for the upcoming growing season.

First, check for mechanical damage from shoveling/plowing. Trees with missing bark should have these wounds addressed. Loose bark should be removed and the margins of the wound trimmed to encourage scabbing. Next, look up to note what branches are dead. For the health of the tree, these should all be removed. Pruning of live wood is generally an aesthetic exercise, though certain growth-inducing benefits will also be realized.



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Make sure your pruning tools are sharp and are functioning well. Now that the coldest part of the winter is behind us you may safely observe the most common practice of pruning live wood during dormancy. This will force the tree to produce the most new growth. A few species will bleed in response to a March pruning— notably maple, birch and walnut. Though unsettling, this is not harmful to the tree. It will cease once the leaves come. Spring blooming trees should not be pruned until their flowers fade. Concentrate your early spring efforts on the trees that flower later in the year.

Do not attempt to prune beyond your comfort level. Common disaster scenarios include cutting limbs positioned over your head or lashing an extension ladder to the tree's trunk. The manner in which a large branch will fall after the cut has been made is often impossible to predict, as the speed, angle and width of the cut itself as well as geometry of the branch in relation to the rest of the tree must all be considered if to predict correctly. Nothing dulls your day of yard work triumph quicker than a visit to the emergency room.

Take time to assess your property and determine if more trees would be of benefit. Remember that the town's Shade Tree Reimbursement Program can provide significant incentives. http://www.upmd.org/?mode=content&t=ce_content&id=75 —Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee

Ivy League

Saturday, March 14, 1-3 PM

Join the Ivy League as we welcome spring's arrival by removing ivy from town trees. Weather permitting we will meet in the park in front of Kermit. 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 a small pry bar. Tree Committee members will provide hatchets and saws for more gnarly vines. Participants will earn one credit toward their Ivy League special edition bandana, redeemable for five credits. Together we make a difference. —Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee



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

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Anacostia Watershed Society Partnership with University Park

Since 1989, the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) has worked to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities by cleaning the water, recovering the shores and honoring the heritage. In partnership with the University Park community, and communities throughout the watershed, we're on track to achieve a fishable and swimmable Anacostia by 2025.

University Park Elementary School AWS is working with the town and UPES to manage stormwater on and around school property. With funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund, AWS will install rain gardens, plant trees and more to treat stormwater on site. The bulk of construction will occur during the summer of 2016, although smaller projects, including a stream buffer planting, will take place in 2015.

If you are interested in volunteering with AWS to remove invasive species along Wells Run we will have several volunteer events in March—more information will be available on our events calendar, www.anacostiaws.org/calendar. AWS's Education Team will also be working with the students to provide exciting educational opportunities!

Tennyson, Queens Chapel and more In addition to UPES, improvements will be made to Tennyson and Queens Chapel Road, as outlined by the Mayor in last month's newsletter. AWS and the town are also partnering to apply for funding for an additional stormwater retrofit on Queens Chapel, increasing stormwater treatment and aesthetic appeal. More information on that project will become available as planning progresses.



Volunteer with us at an Earth Day cleanup event! Interested in helping to clean up the Anacostia Watershed? Consider volunteering for AWS's annual Earth Day Cleanup

Event. We will be hosting events throughout the area. More information on the annual Earth Day Cleanup can be found here: <http://www.anacostiaws.org/earthday2015>. For project inquiries please email Paul at pryberg@anacostiaws.org. For questions about volunteering please email Ann at adesanctis@anacostiaws.org.

—Paul Ryberg on behalf of the Anacostia Watershed Society

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January 12 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Council Members Thompson, Gekas, Hess, Verrill, Sorensen, Cron (Mayor Pro Tempore), Alvarez (arrived at 7:35 PM).

Public Comment

• *What will the process be if Cafritz applies for a third commercial sign?* A: They are allowed two at this moment and a third in the long term, though they will have to go through the Detailed Site Plan amendment process with the County to ask for it. They will not just be able to put a third sign without going through the Detailed Site Plan process.

• Would like the Council to be informed of the quality of life issues and property values for the people who live close to the Whole Foods property. The Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement needs to be informed that trucks are on the Cafritz property during the noise restriction hours of 9 PM to 7:00 AM. It was recommended that the University Park police enforce this.

• There is no traffic control on Route 1 during lane closures; the county inspectors stated this is a requirement.

• *It appears that the county no longer recycles plastic bags. What should a University Park resident do with their plastic bags?* A: Mickey Beall: Clean bags can be taken to a local grocery store for recycling, otherwise continue placing them in the recycling bin until further notice.

• Residents should be encouraged not to use plastic bags.

• Update the Newsletter about recycling plastic bags.

Permits

Motion to consider the request for a building permit to add a 15' x 26', 13' x 22', 18' x 21' driveway extension and an 11' x 22' patio, and to replace existing garage doors with two 6' x 6' x 8' French doors, located at 6935 Pineway.

Motion to table the request for a building permit. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to enlarge the length of an existing basement window by 32 inches for a total window dimension of 64" x 14" located at 4204 Van Buren Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for two special utility permits for the Anacostia Watershed Society to enter

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University Park right-of-way to install storm water management features as itemized on the permits and with the conditions as proposed. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a special utility permit for Washington Gas Light Company to enter University Park right-of-way to install 14 replacement gas lines to residential properties as itemized on the permit and with the conditions as proposed, upon verification and correction of the site location map and at least 48 hours written notification. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to accept the June 30, 2014 Financial Statement Report from Lindsey & Associates. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and designate Friday, April 24, 2015 as Arbor Day in University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to agree that the Asian Tiger Mosquito Program (Take Back Our Yards) should continue through the summer of 2015 and assent to the May and June 2015 commitment of Fiscal Year 2014 funds budgeted for that purpose. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

CM Sorensen reported that a meeting of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano attended an MHAA meeting on grants for Mayor Carey. She is in search of a substitute bus driver.

The December 2014 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Police Captain McCully and Chief Wynnyk spoke at the University Park Woman's Club Meeting on January 8, 2015.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall reported that the trash trucks have not arrived yet. Leaf pick up is almost completed.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9 PM.

February 2 Council Meeting Highlights

An Executive Session was called at 6:30 PM to consider matters that relate to negotiations related to the Comcast/Time Warner franchise agreement.

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

Public Comment

- The current newsletter editors do a superb job. Why would the town consider putting the newsletter out to bid when we have the best we could have now?
- A follow-up from the January 12 Council Meeting regarding the required process that Cafritz would have to follow in order to add a third commercial sign along Route 1. Factual information was presented showing that Cafritz can add a third sign as long as certain guidelines are followed. A copy of the resolution with this information was distributed.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a 15' x 26', 13' x 22', 18' x 21' driveway extension and an 11' x 22' patio, and to replace existing garage doors with two 6' x 6' x 8' French doors, located at 6935 Pineway. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Cron abstains).

New Business

Motion to approve the appointment of Stephanie Herold and Ed Lee as the Supervisors of Elections for the term ending March 2016. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the poll hours of operation for the Town election on Tuesday May 5, 2015 from 8 AM to 8 PM. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt resolution 15-R-01 and approve the Settlement Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC in substantially the form attached and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment (Scope of Work for the Newsletter Editor)

Has it been considered to have an e-newsletter instead of a printed newsletter? This would not only save costs but it could have links as well as track what materials are most interesting to the readers. A. *It was determined that there are a number of town residents who do not use computers*

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often and would prefer to receive a paper copy. The newsletter is available in a PDF format on the town website.

Motion to approve the Scope of Work for the Newsletter Editor part of a request for proposals. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt Alternative 1 (The editor is required to be a town resident) and to strike Alternative 2 (While not a requirement to bid, residence in the town is preferred). Motion approved 6 to 1 (Alvarez opposed).

Note Correction: The newsletter in current format is an 8.5 by 11 inch size, not 8 and 54 by 11 inch size.

Motion to approve resolution 15-R-03 adopting a Newsletter Policy and Editorial Guidelines.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to replace the last sentence under II. Policy, B. Compilation and Editing: Request the changes to the final draft that require significant reformatting, editions that require more pages or substantial editing will be delayed until the next month's issue unless there is a compelling reason why such changes cannot wait. Any disagreements regarding such changes shall be decided by the Newsletter Review Board. Motion failed 1 to 6.

Public Comment (Proposed Editorial Policy)

- As far as the newsletter editor and printer reporting to the mayor, what is the role of the council? When it is exclusively reporting to the mayor, doesn't see as much checks and balances in the process of publishing. A. The Charter delegates the Mayor to be involved with administration which includes the newsletter editor.
- Concerned that the mayor will be able to make decisions and that the council does not lose their connection to the newsletter.
- Suggested a newsletter committee which would include a council member in order to facilitate recommendations for the newsletter.
- Limited time needs to be allowed for the mayor or the Review Board to make critical changes. As a town citizen, would prefer to have the newsletter on time. The editor is a professional and should make the decisions for the newsletter. The mayor and council members are busy and should not be into the micro-management of the newsletter.
- Suggested having a three member committee with a

council member for editing. Putting this responsibility on the mayor's desk could be a problem. A. The Newsletter Review Board is not intended to have an editor role at all.

- The newsletter is factual, it is not something that has editorial content. The Mayor is only looking for errors. It is always better to have more than one person look at it.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to replace the first sentence under III. Editorial Guidelines, E.: An author or source of content must not represent the views or opinions of others. This motion is tabled.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to add to the last sentence under IV. Compliance with Editorial Guidelines: if the editor cannot resolve the issue with the content source. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to adopt Alternative 2 and exclude Alternative 1 under V. Newsletter Review Board. Motion failed 3 to 4 (Yea: Sorensen, Gekas, Hess; Nay: Verrill, Cron, Thompson, Alvarez).

Motion to adopt Alternative 1 and exclude Alternative 2 under V. Newsletter Review Board. Motion approved. Motion ties 3 to 3 to 1. (Yea: Verrill, Thompson, Alvarez; Nay: Sorensen, Gekas, Hess; Abstains: Cron. Tiebreaker: Mayor Carey, Yea).

Motion to approve the proposed amendment under V. Newsletter Review Board: The Newsletter Review Board should be replaced with the full Council. CM Alvarez withdrew this motion.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Carey participated in the University Park Elementary School Science Fair. He will be attending the Maryland Mayors Association Meeting in Annapolis. The town has applied for a Maryland Heritage Areas Association grant to create and implement a bike plan in University Park. The Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 5 at Town Hall. Reminder to file the financial disclosure statements. Candidates for election must file the statement with their petition for candidacy. Elected officials must file the statements by April 30. There is a Stream Committee vacancy. Mr. Tom Stickle has resigned from the committee. The Mayor invited the Committee on Public Facilities and Services to work on

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an appropriate resolution to recognize Mr. Stickles for his services.

Council Reports

CM Gekas reported that the Stream Committee met on January 22. The Anacostia Watershed Society met with the committee regarding planned efforts regarding storm water quality and quantity. The presentation touched on the Tennyson Road and Queens Chapel Road demonstration already permitted by the Town.

A meeting of The Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24 at 6 PM at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

Good Neighbor Reminders

Plowing and 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 them safe and passable.

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.

Use University Park as Your Tax Address

As we begin tax season, please 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.

OBITUARY

Elli Sild Riismandel

August 8, 1917-December 24, 2014

Elli Riismandel, resident of Woodberry St., was a lawyer educated both in her native country Estonia and the United States. She held a law degree from University of Tartu and a Master of Comparative Law (MCL) degree from the George Washington University Law School in the District of Columbia. She was the first woman with a European law diploma to be awarded the MCL degree.



This legal background served her well while being employed at the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress from which she retired in 1982 as a Senior Copyright Examiner after 15 years of service. Elli had worked in the private sector as an office manager before moving to the Copyright Office.

In retirement, Elli participated with the Estonian Service of the Voice of America in the celebration of the bicentennial of the United States Constitution. She prepared and delivered over the period of a year weekly broadcasts to Estonia on the founding and development of the Constitution.

Elli Riismandel was born on August 8, 1917 in Tarvastu township of Estonia. She completed her basic and higher education in Estonia. In 1944, to escape the reoccupation of the country by the Soviet Union and the Stalinist regime, she left for Germany with her husband, Vaino. As a war refugee, she spent the following years until 1949 in a Displaced Persons Camp (DPC) in Germany. During their time in the DPC, Elli and Vaino had two sons. They were admitted to the United States and arrived on September 24, 1949.

After arriving in New York, the family moved to Illinois and settled in the Washington D.C. area in 1952, where she studied and worked, with a 3-year interruption spent in the Philippines. Her husband served as a civilian legal counsel on the staff of the Commander of Naval Forces. In the Philippines, Elli was an active member of the Officers' Wives Club and served as a volunteer Red Cross trained aide (gray lady) at the Naval Hospital.

But there was more to Elli than a professional and hard

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worker. She was a talented homemaker, loving wife and a caring mother of their two sons. This extended to the continuously growing and expanding family of grand- and great-grandchildren. They will remember her as the matriarch of the clan who did not tire of baking the best tasting raisin-sweetbreads in the world for holidays, birthdays and other festive occasions, and bagfuls of gingerbread cookies at Christmastime. And there were never enough of her meat turnovers (pirukad) to go around. In addition to baking/cooking she enjoyed sewing and embroidery, and not to forget her love for flowers. The flowerbeds and pots she kept blooming year after year reminded her of those in her childhood home and garden in Mustla, and of the walks with her grandmother to Sunday church service and then joining her in singing the hymns. She carried on into adult life the love of religion and singing. This compensated for falling in love with a tone-deaf fellow lawyer.

Elli leaves behind Vaino, her husband of 72 years, sons John (Linda) and Jack (Kathleen), five grandchildren (Paul, Kristen Oxendine, Kyle, Michael and Timothy), six great-grandchildren, and younger sister, Jenny Kallisaar in Tallinn, Estonia.

UPCA News



We want to give a big thank you to Emily and Jason Jackson for opening up their home and hosting the University Park Civic Association social! We also want to thank Dawn Nichols for putting together the State Date, and for everyone who attended these events!

We have more fun headed your way this month with another first for the UPCA, Bingo! on March 14! We also have the well-attended Spring Egg Hunt and Games day on March 29, and the UPCA bi-monthly meeting on March 31! Our bi-monthly meetings usually take place at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, starting at 7 PM, but please check our website (www.upcivicassociation.com) for any updates to our meeting location. You can also reach Connie Visnic at 202-740-6833. Come join us if you are interested in helping with one of our many events, or are just curious about what is in store for the rest of this year.

The installation of the second Little Free Library did not happen in February, so please keep an eye out for the

next unveiling this month! Visitors to the Little Free Library are welcome to take a book, leave a book. For more information please visit: <http://littlefreelibrary.org>. The first Little Free Library is located near the UP Elementary School's soccer field and Queens Chapel Road. Please contact Connie Visnic with any questions at 202-740-6833.

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15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Bingo!

Saturday, March 14, 2:30-4:30 PM

The University Park Civic Association presents the first-ever Bingo Tournament! Come join your neighbors for some excitingly good fun, where you can play for great prizes.

The UPCA will provide bingo cards, stampers, prizes and snacks. To volunteer to assist with set up or clean up, email Dawn Nichols at dawnandjoe@verizon.net. Don't miss this first time event with fun for all ages! Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St.

UPCA Spring Egg Hunt and Games

Sunday, March 29, 1 PM

Children ages 0 through grade 6 are invited to participate in the Spring Egg Hunt and Games at the UP Town Soccer Field, a free event sponsored by the University Park Civic Association. The egg hunt will begin promptly at 1 PM for the youngest children (0-2 years) followed by older age groups (3-6 and 7-grade 6).



Other activities include face painting, crafts and games with a chance to win tasty prizes. Be ready to roll an egg and hop like a bunny! Volunteers needed. Come help lead games and crafts, hide the eggs and set up/clean up. Our "bunny" has retired, so we are looking for a new volunteer to wear the costume as well. Contact Michelle Wedge at 240-770-6097 or mdwedge@gmail.com.

UPCA Social

Tuesday, April 28, 7-9 PM

Save the Date! Come join us for our bi-monthly social. Carol, Michael and Hershey Cron have opened up their house at 3901 Underwood Street. Come as you are and meet your neighbors!

**University Park
College Heights Estates
Townwide Yard Sale**

Saturday, May 9, 9 AM-2 PM

Save the Date! Be on the lookout for the Townwide Yard Sale happening in May! This will give you a chance to meet new neighbors and make some money on things you no longer use. Please contact Dawn Nichols with any questions at dawnandjoe@verizon.net or 301-728-8866.



**University Park Woman's Club Event
Monday, March 2, 11:30 AM**

Are Your Feet Planted Correctly? Foot Health and You. Do you have problems finding stylish and comfortable shoes that fit your feet? Jo Epps has been helping customers walk comfortably and fashionably since 1998. She started at The Walking Company then graduated from Temple University in 2002 with a degree in Podiatric Medicine, which is defined as, "the art concerned with the design, manufacture, fit and modification of foot appliances as prescribed for relief of painful or disabling conditions of the foot." Today, Jo is the owner of Jo's Comfort Zone in Gaithersburg.

Please RSVP for this informative free presentation to upwcLead@gmail.com or 301-779-5120. Childcare is free and lunch is provided by the club, with a free-will contribution basket. The club meets at the University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads. Registration 11:30, lunch at noon, presentation at 12:30 PM. Upcoming speakers: April 6, Author talk & book signing. UMD professor and author Michael Ross on his new book, *The Great New Orleans Kidnapping Case*, and May 4, State Department analyst James Alexander on Russia and the Ukraine.

**UPWC First Night Bag Social
Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:30 PM**

Please RSVP to Jana Over at upwcLead@gmail.com if you can help fill first night bags for the Family Crisis Center. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided. This usually takes about 45 minutes with 10 to 15 people. Location: Jana's home, 7210 Windsor Lane, College Heights Estates. *Allergy alert: indoor cat.* The UP Woman's Club is deeply grateful for the amazing outpouring of support for First Night Bags for the Family Crisis Center. In Feb-

ruary we shared some of the bounty with a local homeless shelter facing depleted supplies. Please do continue to drop off small hotel sized toiletry items you may not need at 7210 Windsor Lane in College Heights Estates.

**UPWC Plant & Garden Gear Swap
Sunday, April 12, 1-4 PM**

The University Park Woman's Club members invite you to get a jump start on your garden by exchanging plants, seeds and garden gear with your neighbors.



Dig up your seedling trees or other beauties ready for a new home, divide those hostas and bulbs, or pass along a houseplant or two. Have garden pottery, tools, trellis/plant supports or decor to exchange? Garden gear or tools in usable condition are welcome. Plants can be brought in garden pots, plastic grocery bags or disposable cups. Don't have a plant or garden item to swap? Small donations to UPWC charitable endeavors are also appreciated. This is a free event. Questions can be directed to Michelle Wedge at mdwedge@gmail.com. UP soccer field along Queens Chapel Road, across from Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

**Gardens Needed: UPWC Spring Garden Tour
Saturday, May 9, Time TBD**

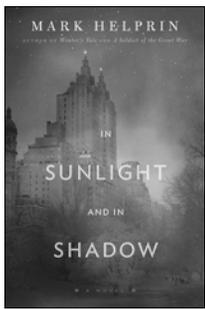
Save the Date! More details to come in the April newsletter, but we encourage anyone interested in recommending a garden to be featured on the annual garden tour (or volunteering your own garden) to email upmdwc@gmail.com. Sara Nelkin and Carol Nelson are coordinating this year's event.

**Route 1 Corridor Village Meeting
Monday, March 9, 7 PM**

Join us to explore the development of a mutual support mechanism for growing older in our communities with neighbors' help. Many neighbors have expressed interest attending past meetings. For some background on villages as they are developing nationwide, visit the Village to Village Network at <http://www.vtvnetwork.org>. At this meeting we will revisit production of a townwide survey to gauge neighbors' interest in what a village might be able to offer in University Park and to develop next steps. Hosted by the University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For additional info, contact Eddie Rivas at eerivas@yahoo.com.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, March 17, 8-10 PM



The March topic is Favorite Poetry Selections—bring your favorite poems to the meeting. The April book is *In Sunlight and In Shadow* by Mark Helprin. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month (the second Tuesday in December) from September to June. Please call Rachel Mayo at 301-864-5351 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for

more information.

UP Co-op Clothing Sale

Saturday, March 28, 10 AM-Noon

Come for great deals on gently used spring and summer children's clothing, toys and more. Quality, pre-washed, gently used children's clothing from newborn to teen sizes, toys, books, maternity and child-care items; all for sale at great prices! University United Methodist Church, 3621 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740. For more info, contact Sara Nelkin at saranelkin@gmail.com.



Church of the Brethren Annual Mulch Sale

Saturdays, March 28 and April 11, 8 AM



University Park Church of the Brethren will be selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch for \$3.50 per 2 cu. ft. bag (same price as last year) at the University Park Church of the Brethren parking lot, Baltimore Ave.

and Tuckerman Street. Advance, prepaid orders of 15 bags or more can be delivered if within reasonable distance. To order mulch in advance, call 301-864-4328 or email UPCOB2@verizon.net. Please send your name, address, phone and email. Indicate the number of bags needed and your preferred pick up or delivery date, March 28 or April 11. Please include delivery instructions and indicate where truck should leave bags (please note: drop-off point needs to be accessible to our delivery vehicles). Please make your check payable to University Park Church of the Brethren.

UP Town Stream Clean-UP

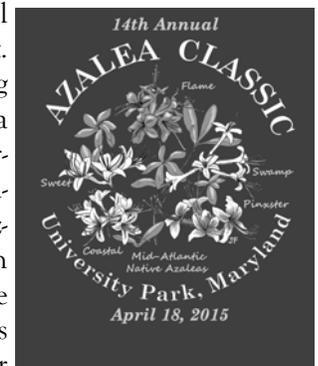
Saturday, April 11, 9 AM-Noon

Sponsored by the University Park Citizens Association, The UP Woman's Club and the Town Stream Committee, groups, residents and friends are all encouraged to join in beautifying our park and stream. We'll meet on the UP soccer field near Queens Chapel Road. There will be coffee, juice, doughnuts and trash bags for all. Bring gloves. There will also be demonstrations of conservation and preservation efforts by the Town Stream Committee. Student community service hours earned will be documented. The cleanup will be associated with the area-wide Alice Ferguson Foundation's 27th Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Rain or shine. Questions, contact Kate Beveridge at 301-277-4485 or BBeve@Verizon.Net.

Volunteer at the Azalea Classic

Saturday, April 18

The 2015 Azalea Classic will be here before we know it. With three races comprising more than 600 runners, a USTF certified 5k course, performances by the NW marching band, a DJ after party, prizes, a celebrity starter and much more, the Azalea Classic is one of UP's biggest annual events and raises critical funds for our PTA. The planning team has been hard at work preparing for another great race day, but to pull it all off we rely on a host of community volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time either for jobs in the days leading up to the race or for race day tasks. If you're planning on running, there are still jobs for you! For students needing service hours, volunteered time counts towards your service hours. Contact Michael Valverde at michaelvalverde@hotmail.com if you'd like to volunteer. Please specify if you have a specific job or day in mind.



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 pro

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vide 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.

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.

Know Your Neighborhood Birds *Saturday, March 14, 9 AM-Noon*



Learn about the birds that live in the College Park area. Learn to identify them by their songs. Learn how to attract them with their preferred food and learn where to go to see the best birds locally. It is important to RSVP for this event.

Irish Cultural Celebration *Saturday, March 14, 1-4 PM*

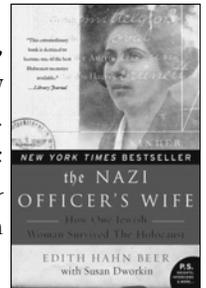
Irish Dance teacher Sarah Shannon will lead an introduction to the Irish language from 1-2 PM and Irish dance 2-4 PM. Free. If you are interested in Irish Dance, also try the free trial classes for children ages 6-10 and 11-14 on Wednesdays March 18 and 25. A fee-based course of ten classes for ages 6-10 will run from April 8-June 17 with no classes on May 20; plus classes for ages 11-14 on Tuesdays from 5-6 PM.

Mini Bop Disco for Parents and Children *Sunday, March 15, 3-5 PM*

Come dance to great hits with the Old Parish House transformed into a disco. Spend time with your kids at our events-ideal for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

CPAE Book Club *Tuesday, March 17, 7 PM*

Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. March's book is *The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived The Holocaust* by Edith H. Beer and Susan Dworkin.



Severn River Piano Trio *Sunday, March 29, 5 PM*

The Severn River Piano Trio will perform music by Czechoslovakian composers, with Smetana's Piano Trio and Dvorak's Dumky Trio-both influenced by Bohemian folk tunes.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Muscle Shoals, Monday, March 23, 6:30-9 PM*



Located alongside the Tennessee River, Muscle Shoals, Alabama has helped create some of the most important and resonant songs of all time. Overcoming

crushing poverty and staggering tragedies, Rick Hall brought black and white together to create music for the generations. He is responsible for creating the Muscle Shoals sound and the Swampers, the house band at FAME Studios that eventually left to start its own successful studio known as Muscle Shoals Sound. Filmmaker-in-Residence Chris Lynn will facilitate the post-screening discussion.



-REVISED NOTICE- TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK ELECTION NOTICE

**AN ELECTION FOR THE
Town of University Park for the
Office of Council Member for
Wards Two, Four, Five, and Six
will be conducted on**

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015
8 AM-8 PM
Town Hall
6724 Baltimore Avenue**

REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

- Register to vote online at: http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/
- Go to the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 1100 Mercantile Lane Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774, Monday-Friday, 8 AM – 4:30 PM, Office: 301-341-7300
- Pick up a voter's registration form at Town Hall.

DEADLINE

To file as a candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5 PM.

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

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

CANDIDATES

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) are available at Town Hall, Monday-Friday during business hours, and these documents are available on the Town's website, www.upmd.org/ under Elections. If residents have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk via phone or email.

DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 5 PM.

Town of University Park
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Office: 301-927-4262, Fax: 301-277-4548, TDD: 1-800-735-2258,
www.upmd.org, email townhall@upmd.org

FREE E-CYCLING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, April 25, 9 AM-1 PM
UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you can't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale on May 9...don't put it in the trash. Recycle it!

Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. All e-cycle items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc., in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Please check the Public Works page at upmd.org for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations. The annual shredding event will take place this fall.

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM	3 Trash	4	5 Recycling	6 Trash	7
8	9 Yard Waste Route 1 Corridor Village Meeting, 7 PM	10 Trash	11	12 Recycling	13 Trash	14 Ivy League, 1-3 PM Bingo! 2:30-4:30 PM
15	16 Yard Waste	17 Trash After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM 	18 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM UPWC First Night Bag Social, 7-8:30 PM	19 Recycling	20 Trash	21 
22 	23 Yard Waste	24 Trash	25	26 Recycling	27 Trash 	28 UP Co-op Clothing Sale, 10 AM-Noon COB Annual Mulch Sale, Today and April 11, 8 AM
29 UPCA Spring Egg Hunt, 1 PM	30 Yard Waste UPWC Scholarship Deadline	31 Trash	April 1	2 Recycling	3 Trash	4
5	6 Election Deadlines, 5 PM	<i>Save these April Dates!</i>	UP Town Stream Clean-UP Saturday, April 11, 9 AM-Noon	UPWC Plant & Garden Gear Swap Sunday, April 12, 1-4 PM	Azalea Classic Saturday, April 18	UPCA Social Tuesday, April 28, 7-9 PM



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3	Bradlee Hess	301-699-0694
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	Heidi Sorensen	301-927-4977
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

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