

UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Odd as it may seem, I appreciate Town Council meetings as an important element in making University Park the community it is. The Council meets twice a month, in University Park Elementary School's media center, to consider the Town's business-while sitting in child-sized chairs.

Most Council meetings are predictable, but interesting, affairs. Some Council meetings feature presentations-sometimes lengthy, other times short-on topics of interest or concern to Town residents. Most recently, there was a presentation on current and anticipated development to our north, in College Park and at the University of Maryland, where the panelists answered questions for more than an hour. All Council meetings include the opportunity for you, the public, to comment or ask ques-

tions. At many meetings, the Council considers permits for work planned on homes in Town, or for work to be done by one of the utilities in the Town right of way. Often the Council receives and discusses committee reports and recommendations, including those from the Development Overview Committee regarding a plan or proposed nearby development. Town staff reports to Council, usually at the second meeting of each month.

The Mayor reports at every meeting, and I use that as an opportunity to consult with the Council and to inform them on matters affecting the Town. Many meetings include Council approvals of budget, contracting and spending. Much of the time at April and May meetings is occupied by Council consideration of the proposed budget and tax rates. In other months, the Council

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	February 1 & 22
Holiday	February 15
District Council Hearing	February 16
Development Overview Committee	February 17
Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org .	

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approves large purchases, or budget transfers or adjustments. The Town's finances are audited each year, and the Council hears the report of the Auditors in December or January.

Mayor and Council have also been discussing a long-term agenda comprised of items important to the future of our community that do not necessitate the Council's immediate, focused attention. This is a working list to which the Council has added throughout the year, and which also includes several items approaching completion:

- Improving transparency and accessibility of government, including a more easily navigable and updated website, better access to Town documents, and streaming Council meetings. This will allow Town residents to follow what Town government is doing.
- Better branding of University Park to convey a stronger sense of community and place, including signage and expanded outreach to new residents of Town.
- Strengthened code and proactive enforcement of rental and property maintenance codes to maintain Town property values.



- Improved transportation and interconnectivity—including bicycle and pedestrian routes in town and connecting to Hyattsville, the Town bus, working toward a network of circulator buses—and working with adjacent communities to strengthen traffic management tools.
- Address flooding and erosion along Wells Run through stormwater management in town and support for regional solutions upstream.
- Completing the Town Veterans Memorial, honoring all who served.

- Continuing support for University Park Elementary School.
- Seeking additional public space for Town Hall, Council meetings, and community events, possibly by collocating some of these with University Park Elementary School.
- Revising the structure of Town government to incorporate a Town Manager.

For a more complete view of Council meetings and what Mayor and Council are working on, read Council Minutes, which are posted on the Town web site at <http://www.upmd.org/documents> and highlighted each month in the Newsletter. Please consider attending a Council meeting. The schedule of Council meetings is published in the Newsletter and posted on the Town web site. Council agendas are posted on the Town web site the weekend before each Monday meeting, and available there at <http://www.upmd.org/documents>.

Council meetings reflect the democratic process applied to the ongoing deliberations of municipal government, most often conducted with engagement and good humor.

I look forward to seeing you. Pull up one of the small chairs, take a seat and participate.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayor@upmd.org

Save the Date, Take the Bus & Speak Out

On February 16, 2016, at 7 PM, the District Council will hold a public hearing on the Adopted Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan and Endorsed Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment at the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Contact the Office of the Clerk of the Council at 301-952-3600 to register in advance to speak. Call the Town Clerk at 301-927-4262 to reserve a seat on the Town bus to take you there.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

University Park is a great place to walk, jog and enjoy the community. Many in our community walk, run and bike every day for exercise, commuting, taking the dog out, or for pleasure. As a pedestrian it is important to be safe. Safety tips are universal for children, adults and our senior population. When snow makes walking safer than driving, do so with extreme caution. Drivers still tend to venture out which increases the dangers for everyone. Give vehicles extra distance to stop and don't assume they will be able to stop on snow. Snow plows need momentum to push the snow off the roads; be aware of our plow drivers and help them by staying clear of their intended path.

Walk on sidewalks when they are available. Several streets in UP do not have sidewalks; avoid walking or running down the middle of the road. If you must walk in the road, always walk facing traffic. Don't assume the driver can see you; they may be distracted by tuning the radio, cell phone, coffee or noisy riders. Inattentive driving is a major problem.



Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Stay out of the driver's blind spot. Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking/running/cycling near traffic or in the evening or at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.

When walking your dogs, keep the leash short when on a street without sidewalks. Long retractable leashes provide little control in an emergency situation. If walking the dog at night, wear reflective clothing, use a reflective collar or leash and carry a flashlight so that you can avoid walking the dog onto broken glass or other dangerous items.

Cross at crosswalks or intersections. Most people are struck when crossing at other places. When crossing, look left, look right and look left again. Children should not cross streets by themselves or be allowed to play or walk near traffic. Kids are small, unpredictable and cannot judge vehicle distances and speeds.

As a group, senior citizens are particularly dependent on safe streets for walking because many of them no longer drive. Most elderly pedestrian fatalities result from inattention or carelessness, medical conditions or the effects of medication. It is important that elderly pedestrians take street crossing seriously and appreciate the dangers. Eyesight and hearing often become less acute and the judgement of traffic distance and speed can become less accurate. Elderly pedestrians should allow plenty of time to cross the road.

Generally, pedestrians have the right of way. However, if a driver doesn't see you, is inattentive, uses poor judgment, is speeding or the vehicle malfunctions and you are struck by the vehicle, the consequence is a critical injury or fatality. The driver may or may not be cited, charged and found at fault but that is of little concern when you are critically hurt, incur permanent injuries, or become a fatality.

Stay healthy by walking, running and cycling. It is great exercise, but please be safe.

Theft from Auto Between December 14 6 PM and December 15 10 AM in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2007 Honda CRV and stole a purse containing various credit cards, identification cards and currency. A debit card was used at a nearby store, prior to the property owner being aware of the theft. The investigation is ongoing.



TOWN NEWS

UP Tree Committee News

Trees' Resilience On December 28, I saw a weeping willow going gold, showing the first flush of spring in the first week of winter—a full two months earlier than usual. Vestigial buds were present. I recalled the gypsy moth infestation I witnessed in the spring of 1981, when an entire mountainside was defoliated in the first weeks of June. That event gives me hope today, as I witnessed the mixed hardwood forest push forth a second set of leaves by late July.

Doubtless our trees will be impacted by December's unseasonably warm temperatures. Trees that didn't leaf out early may leaf out weakly, having put the brakes on when the cold temps returned. You should expect some trees to leaf out late and with less vigor. Leaves may be smaller and less numerous. The best thing homeowners can do throughout the 2016 growing season is to cease applying or drastically reduce the application of pesticides and other yard chemicals, as the vegetation will be more sensitive this year.

Ivy League Kickoff: St. Valentine's Eve Saturday, February 13, 10 AM-Noon

Please join us in removing ivy from the town's trees. The activity is low impact on the body but produces a high volume of town pride. Participants earn credits toward the highly coveted, limited edition, custom Ivy League bandana. Five sessions earns one bandana. Please meet at the foot of Tennyson Road. Clippers and a small prying device are needed. A dandelion weeder or large screwdriver works well. Dress warmly. Check the listserv for updates on weather-related postponements.

February's Notable Tree

The Northern white-cedar or arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*), is native to southeastern Canada and northeastern United States, extending south into Appalachia. Arborvitae-tree of life was ascribed in the 16th century when French explorer Jacques Cartier learned from the Ojibwa how to use the tree's foliage to treat scurvy. Arborvitae is popular as an ornamental tree. This particular specimen is noteworthy for its vigor and habit. This specimen has been selected as notable, and is considered a destination tree for all UP residents, conveniently located on the SE corner of 6506 41st Avenue, north of Tennyson.

-Chris Aubry on behalf of the Tree Committee

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December 14 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Public Works Director Michael Beall and Police Chief Michael Wynnyk presented for Council a proposed snow emergency parking plan for the Town, including a detailed map proposing recommended parking during a snow emergency. It was agreed that a snow emergency plan be written and residents informed through the Town newsletter, website, email, flyers and neighbor-to-neighbor communication. The parking restrictions should be voluntary rather than required. Temporary no parking signs could be installed during a snow emergency. The signs should be positive, indicating where to park during snow events.

Public Comment

A councilmember attended the Paul Pinsky/Rushern Baker meeting on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Information was shared on events and updates in Prince George's County.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit application for the installation of an irrigation system at 4202 Clagett Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit application for exterior waterproofing and the replacement of the front stoop at 6810 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve the contract with Maryland Environmental Services (MES) for recycling services at the Prince George's County facility in substantially the form attached. MES is a quasi-governmental contractor and the sole source provider of recycling services at the Prince George's County facility. Good cause to override the sealed bid procedure is that otherwise the town would have to contract with and haul to locations outside of the county at greater cost and would be obligated to haul to that facility exclusively.

Motion to amend the original motion to incorporate

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additional language allowing termination of contract per convenience. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Hess opposed).

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Motion to authorize the Mayor to write a letter expressing the Town's support for enactment of the Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act of 2016 and the Maryland Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2016. The letter is to be sent to the Governor, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, and to the Chairs of the appropriate committees of the House and Senate, as well as to the 22nd Legislative District Delegation Motion to amend the original motion to incorporate in the letter that the town supports the goals of the legislation, and has two solar arrays in town, including one owned by the Town. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to write a letter expressing the Town's support for the goals of the Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act of 2016 and the Maryland Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act of 2016. The letter is to be sent to the Governor, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, and to the Chairs of the appropriate committees of the House and Senate, as well as to the 22nd Legislative District Delegation. The letter should cite progress in solar power capacity in the Town of University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the proposed 2016 University Park Council Meeting Schedule. Motion approved 7 to 0.
Note: Delete July 18, add July 25.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- Attended the Planning Board session on December 3 on the Transit District Development Plan for the Prince George's Plaza area. Topics discussed were schools, stormwater and the location of tall buildings. There is no final resolution yet from the Planning Board. The next step is a District Council work session scheduled for February 16, 2016. Mayor Carey encouraged residents to continue writing letters to County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros.
- As soon as the Committee on Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure completes their research on web design, a scope of work on the web services will be presented to the Council.
- Effective January 1, Assistant Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch will be reassigned to Administrative Assistant reporting to the Mayor.
- The holiday schedule for Town Hall: Offices close at 1 PM on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- University Park staff holiday party is scheduled for December 18 at 12:30 PM at the Word of God Baptist Church.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano attended a Clerk's Association meeting on elections.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the November 2015 treasurer's report.

Police Chief Wynnyk distributed the November 2015 crime report. Chief Wynnyk received notice that he will continue as the representative for the Maryland Police Training Commission to represent the Prince George's County Chief's Association.

Department Of Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that the composting pilot now includes over 20% of Town households. The construction work on the 6900 block of Wells Parkway has been completed. Confirmed that leaves are delivered to College Park since it costs the Town less to dispose of them and saves money in hauling expenses. Mr. Beall will investigate the reported cracking on 40th Street.

Council Reports

CM Thompson agreed to contact the Green Team for an update.

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CM Hess of the Development Overview Committee encouraged residents to write letters regarding the Prince George's Development Plan and the Zoning Rewrite.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

January 4 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Mayor Carey introduced Executive Director of Anacostia Trails Heritage Area/Maryland Milestones Aaron Marcavitch. Mr. Marcavitch explained that the organization preserves and promotes the history, art, culture and nature of the Anacostia region in Prince George's County. Yearly dues from the local municipalities enables access to the organization, connections with other communities and access to the Maryland Heritage Area grants. For the first time, the organization is considering fundraising to help support the design and implementation of the Heritage Center. Mr. Marcavitch asked the Council to look at the 2017 budget and see if there is potential to help fund this project. Mr. Marcavitch explained that the memorandum of understanding for an Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group to be considered by the Council encourages the local municipalities to talk to each other. This agreement requires a signature from Mayor Carey on behalf of the Town.

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit application to construct a 10' x 17' deck with steps at 4111 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Continuing Business

Motion: Per Section 2-105 (b) of the Town Ordinances, to override sealed bid procedures and approve the contract with Maryland Environmental Services (MES) for recycling services at the Prince George's County facility in substantially the form attached. MES is a quasi-governmental contractor and the sole source provider of recycling services at the Prince George's County facility. Good cause to override the sealed bid procedure is that otherwise the town would have to contract with, and haul to locations outside of the county at greater cost and would be obligated to haul to that facility exclusively. Motion approved 6 to 1 (Hess opposed).

New Business

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for an Inter-Municipal Bikeways Working Group in substantially the form provided. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros urging that the FY 2017 budget for the Prince George's County Planning Department include funding and direction to acquire or contract for traffic management expertise in support of development of a Transportation Demand Management District and Plan encompassing the Prince George's Plaza Area and environs. The letter is to be circulated to the Council prior to sending. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the introduction to transfer \$14,000 from Reserved Designated-Cable Capital Equipment to IT Costs to fund the expense necessary to upgrade the Town's computer server and firewall. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- Met with State Highway Administration (SHA) to discuss stormwater issues along Baltimore Avenue at Van Buren Street and south of Wells Run. SHA indicated that they can and will address both of the locations and the project is expected to be completed within a four-year period.
- On January 6, the Board of Public Works for the state of Maryland will meet and one of the matters of discussion is transfer of land for the landing of the crossing from the Riverdale Park Station site at Van Buren Street across the railroad tracks to Riverdale Park and the University of Maryland near the M Square Office Park.
- Vice Present for Administration and Finance at the University of Maryland Carlo Colella, County District 3 Councilmember Dannielle Glaros and City of College Park City Manager Scott Somers will attend the January 11, 2016 Council meeting. The topic of discussion will be development update for the University of Maryland and the City of College Park.
- On February 16, there will be a hearing before the District Council in regard to the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan.
- Topics to be discussed at the February 1 Council Meeting: 1) Mosquito Program; 2) Grants to Civic Groups.

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• In reference to the November dog incident, the Mayor has asked the Town Attorney to represent the Town at the Animal Commission hearing scheduled January 13, 2016.

Council Reports

The next meeting of the Tree Committee is scheduled for January 12, 2016.

The next meeting of the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee is scheduled for January 14, 2016.

CM Hess reported that the next meeting of the Development Overview Committee is scheduled for January 6, 2016. Mr. Steve Hurtt will explain transfer of development rights at the January 6 meeting. A topic of discussion at the previous meeting is designing better pedestrian access to local schools to alleviate traffic.

Police Chief Wynnyk distributed the December 2015 Crime Report.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:10 PM.

UPCA News



Happy leap-month from the University Park Civic Association!

On these colder days, when the outdoors aren't as inviting, you may find it hard to find activities for the young ones. But the UPCA is still working hard to set up events for our neighbors. We hope you enjoyed the field trip to the Aviation Museum, where Kara Frome arranged a special tour for the UP Playgroup—and the UPCA covered children's admission.

To keep track of our events, please visit www.upcivicassociation.com and join our email listserv. We'll keep you updated with the latest information there.

Finally, please mark February 22 on your calendars for a night out at Franklin's, where the UPCA is holding a fundraiser. It's an easy way to help keep our events running throughout the year.

TOWN EVENTS

UP Woman's Club Meeting Monday, February 1, 11:30 AM



Please join us to hear UP artist David Brosch speak on his artwork and techniques, focusing on several pieces in different media. David Brosch received his BA in fine arts and BS in architecture from the University of Maryland. While his concentration was in printmaking, he paints as well. His artwork usually comprises representational imagery and strong colors. David Brosch is one of several resident artists at the Montpelier Arts Center, where he maintains a studio and sometimes teaches. Dave's limited edition prints will be available for purchase before and after the presentation. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville. A light luncheon is served at noon and presentation at 12:45. Childcare is free. To RSVP, please contact Jana Over, Club President, at upwcLead@gmail.com or 301-779-5120.

Valentine Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, February 13, 5-8 PM

Everybody is welcome! Live music and candlelight add atmosphere to the Church of the Brethren fellowship hall, turned Italian bistro. The menu includes salad bar, garlic bread, a secret recipe sauce (both vegetarian and sausage available), dessert and beverages. Bring friends and stop in for supper. There is no fixed charge for the meal, but donations support local efforts to meet needs of those seeking food, shelter or other assistance. Hosted by University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.



Great Decisions 2016

Tuesday, February 9 & 23, 7:30 PM



The Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions 2016 discussion group will focus on the Middle East and the Rise of ISIS in February (See topic descriptions below). The location will be the library room of the Church of the Brethren at the corner of Tuckerman and Baltimore Avenue. Town residents and others who plan to join the discussion

and want the materials for a specific or all the topics should email John Tabori at mctab@aol.com and indicate what materials you wish to have. The discussion book costs \$25. You may also acquire the materials directly from the Foreign Policy Association at www.fpa.org. Please join us; the topics this year are interesting and relevant.

February 9: *Middle East Alliances by Augustus Richard Norton.* From a proxy war in Yemen to an ongoing civil war in Syria, a number of ongoing conflicts have shaken the traditional alliances in the Middle East to their core. As alliances between state and non-state actors in the region are constantly shifting, the U.S. has found itself between a rock and a hard place. In a series of conflicts that are far from being black-and-white, what can the U.S. do to secure its interests in the region without causing further damage and disruption?

February 23: *The Rise of ISIS by Gregory Johnsen.* Born out of an umbrella organization of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) burst onto the international stage after it seized Fallujah in December 2013. Since then, the group has seized control of a number of critical strongholds in the country and declared itself a caliphate, known as the Islamic State. Still, the question remains: What is ISIS, and what danger does it pose to U.S. interests?

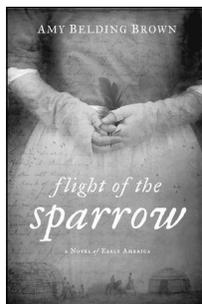
UPWC 2016 Scholarships

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. Applications and further information can be found at upmd.org/?documents. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Monday, April 4, 2016.



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. Applications will also be accepted from children and grandchildren of current UP Woman’s Club members who joined the Club prior to June 30, 2015, children of current members who joined the club on or after July 1, 2015. All applicants must live in Maryland. 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 2016 to a woman, 35 and older, who is in career transition, re-entering the job market and/or updating her skills. For example, she may be taking a day care course, taking a course at a community college, taking a course for certification, updating computer skills, taking allied health courses etc. She must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the following community: Town of University Park, College Heights Estates, Calvert Hills (College Park), or wards 3 and 4 in the City of Hyattsville.



After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, February 16, 8-10 PM

The book for February has been changed to *The Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown. For March, bring your favorite poetry selections. Please call Kathy Mancusi at 301-779-0722 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

UPCA Fundraiser at Franklin's

Monday, February 22



Take a break from cooking and help support the UPCA at Franklins in Hyattsville! Twenty percent of sales all day will be donated towards our many events. So enjoy a great meal, catch up on some gift buying and stock up on wine or growlers for the year, all for a great cause. In order for the UPCA to get credit you must give your duplicate receipt to the hostess and/or tell the store clerk to add to the fundraiser. See you there! Franklins, 5123 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville.

Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons

Saturdays, 8-9:30 AM

Come join us to learn the ancient Chinese martial art often referred to as "meditation in motion" and leave feeling relaxed and energized. Free. Hosted by University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. For more information, call 301-466-5894.

Seeking History Day Judges

Prince George's County History Day is looking for judges for the 2016 competition. Humanities scholars, teachers, librarians, museum professionals and other experts serve as judges at the Prince George's County and Maryland History Day competition, following guidelines established by National History Day. Categories include research papers, documentaries, dramatic performances, exhibits and websites. Judges review projects, interview student contestants, determine winners and provide written, constructive feedback. Winners in each category will advance to the Maryland History Day contest with aspirations to reach the National History Day contest. This year's competition will be held on Saturday, March 12 at Greenbelt Middle School. Judges are asked to arrive by 8 AM. Light refreshments will be served. Judging will occur from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Lunch will be served during the tallying of results, 12:30 to 1:30. An informational judge's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 from 5-6 PM at Greenbelt Middle School, room 1039. Online Registration is open on our website, www.pgchd.com; click on the Judges' Registration button. Registration is open until Friday, February 12.

UMD Research Study

The University of Maryland is seeking mothers and 4-year-olds to participate in a research study. You and your child will play games, watch videos and tell stories. You'll receive \$30 for your participation and your child will receive a Junior Scientist Certificate and a small prize. Contact the UMD Dept. of Psychology at 301-405-0009 or mdchildfamilylab@gmail.com for more information. This is a project of UP's Jude Cassidy.

Stay in Touch!

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.

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. Search on Google for the list name to sign up for this and the next group.

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.

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@cpaee.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

College Park Youth Music Traditions Explore traditional genres including Old Time, Irish, Bluegrass and

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Americana. Hosted by fiddler Liberty Rucker and guitarist Eric Maring, CPYMT focuses on ear and group playing based around the fiddle tradition. Music selections will be largely instrumental with the aim of having fun with the music as a group as well as performing the tunes for listening and dancing audiences. Our second semester runs Mondays 6:15-7:30 PM, February 1-June 6. \$150. Email maringmusic@gmail.com for more information.

Yoga with CPAE
Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 PM Come and explore yoga with parayoga certified teacher Geneva Moss. Bring your own mat and any props you like to use. The class is intended for adults (age 16 and over), mixed ability levels, with a primary focus on restorative poses. Fee \$12 drop-in, or \$60 for six weeks. Go to cpae.org for upcoming dates.



Teddy Bears' Picnic *Sunday, February 14, 3 PM* Celebrate a Valentine-themed Teddy Bears' picnic with your favorite stuffed animal. Stories, singing, making valentines, picnic and parade at the Old Parish House.

Opus 40 Ensemble, Saturday, February 20, 5 PM Featuring Brad Tatum on natural horn, Peter Morris on valve horn, and Yee-Ning Soong on piano.

Paper Workshops with Gretchen Schermerhorn of Pyramid Atlantic, Sundays, 4-5:30 PM A workshop series that includes talking about the history of papermaking and hands on making paper activities. \$15 per workshop, or \$40 for all. RSVP by February 5.

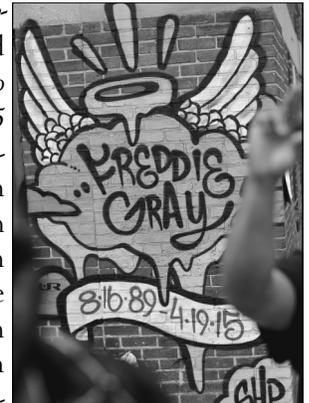
Children's Arts Drop-In Programs February 27 and 28 Arts Specialists Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead free fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. February's theme: Kinetic sculpture. Saturday 10 AM-Noon at College Park Community Center, Sunday 2-4 PM at Old Parish House.



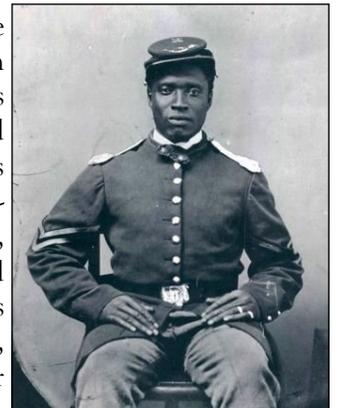
Riversdale

Plummers' Kitchen, Sunday, February 28, noon-3:30 PM Using the open hearth in the dependency kitchen, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild cooks up foods typical made by the Plummer family and other 19th-century African American residents of Riversdale. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riversdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, MD. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information. Fee includes tour. \$4/senior; \$2/student; children 4 & under free.

Hyattsville Library Film Series, No Justice, No Peace-Baltimore 2015, Monday, February 22, 7 PM Directed and produced in Baltimore, *No Justice, No Peace-Baltimore 2015* documents the April 2015 protests precipitated by the death of Freddie Gray, an African American man whose arrest on April 12 led to his death one week later. A panel discussion will follow the screening, with representatives from the Baltimore neighborhood affected by the riots and a representative from the University of Maryland Black Lives Matter Movement. In addition, the film's producer Alvin 'Skipper' Bailey will be available for questions. Refreshments will be served.



Hyattsville Library Black History Month Program, Wednesday, February 24, 7 PM Author Bob O'Connor will be discussing United States Colored Troops of the Civil War. Special attention will be paid to United States Colored Troops enlisted from Maryland. O'Connor is the former director of tourism for Washington County, Maryland. He has presented at a variety of organizations including libraries, schools, civic organizations, Civil War round tables and book clubs.



February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM	2 Trash	3	4 Recycling	5 Trash	6 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM
7	8 Yard Waste	9 Trash Great Decisions 2016, 7:30 PM 	10	11 Recycling	12 Trash	13 Ivy League Kickoff, 10 AM-Noon Church of the Brethren's Valentine Spaghetti Dinner, 5-8 PM
14	15 Town Holiday Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	16 Trash District Council Public Hearing, 7 PM After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM	17 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM	18 Recycling	19 Trash	20
21	22 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM UPCA Fundraiser at Franklin's	23 Trash Great Decisions 2016, 7:30 PM	24	25 Recycling	26 Trash	27 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM 
28	29 Yard Waste				Reminder! UPWC 2016 Scholarship Applications are due April 4	



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