

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

The cooperation of Town residents was the key element in our community's successful recovery from the blizzard of January 22-24, which brought 27 inches of snow to our streets and sidewalks. Thank you, for getting your cars off the streets, following the Town's Winter Storm Parking Plan, clearing your sidewalks and fire hydrants once the snow stopped falling, and for helping each other out. With that cooperation, Town streets and sidewalks were cleared efficiently and well. Some of you delivered hot home-cooked meals and sweet treats for Town police and public works employees. I heard about you from the Town's appreciative workers.

The response to the record snowfall wasn't an accident. Over the past decade, the Town has been developing a skilled response to serious winter weather. We have a

practiced emergency plan and an experienced, well-trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Ahead of the storm's arrival, Town staff met with CERT Officer-in-Charge Tom Stickle to consider the predictions and discuss response scenarios. The Town is fortunate to also have veteran personnel who know what to do and how best to do it. Public Works Supervisor Kerry Hall, who directs the winter storm response, is in his 50th year working for the Town. Joe Robinson, primary plow driver, is in his 40th year working for the Town and knows how to plow our streets. Though not available for the January 22-24 snow, Warren Hall is the other primary plow driver and in his 43rd year with the Town. A new cadre of plow drivers is being trained through plow simulation; paired with experienced plow drivers, they capably plowed Town streets

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	March 7 & 21
Development Overview Committee	March 16

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

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throughout the storm.



In recent years the Town has significantly upgraded its equipment and vehicles for snow conditions. Four

plows are now available: a dump truck, a trash-packer and two heavy-duty pickup trucks, including two trucks with salt spreaders. Having four plows available gives the Town a great deal of flexibility in clearing snow, and to temporarily withdraw a plow to rest weary drivers without falling behind the rate of snowfall. All are used for other purposes in good weather. The Town now has four sport utility vehicles, including three in the Police Department and one used by the Director of Public Works, easing police department shift changes, and for police and public works to operate safely in town throughout the storm. The Town has a large snow blower, which it has used since 2010 to clear its sidewalks and park paths. Unfortunately, the Town's snow blower broke down early in the blizzard when all were busy with snow removal and it was a few days before the Town's mechanic could repair it.

Police and public works personnel were in Town throughout the storm. Public Works Director Mickey Beall and the public works crew arrived on Friday morning and worked into Sunday clearing Town streets and sidewalks. Police Captain S. Wayne McCully, Sgt. Daniel Enig, and Corporals Shamika Graddy and Chad Sunday worked throughout the storm, with Sgt. Rick Sease on call if needed. In the Town Hall, Sgt. Enig is known as the "snow sergeant" for his affinity for being on-duty during significant snowstorms. Town public works vehicles are equipped with radios on the same band as the Police Department and CERT team, facilitating teamwork and timely responses in Town. Though cots were available at Town Hall and beds rented in a nearby hotel, there was little sleep. The hot food contributed by Town residents (thanks again) supplemented sandwiches and drinks provided by the Town.

The County's Office of Emergency Management convened twice-a-day conference calls with municipalities to share information and coordinate mutual assistance. We

were all also appreciative that the electricity remained on, keeping us all comfortably at home.

Public Works crews were sent home Sunday after 52 hours working in Town, many of them to dig out around their own homes. Town Hall opened as usual on Monday morning and public works crews returned to pick up any yard waste as scheduled, clear Town sidewalks and further clear nearby streets to improve access to University Park Elementary School. The sledding hill near the school was a fun place even in the height of the storm. With the Federal government returning to work Wednesday morning, the Town bus resumed service.

Thank you for your assistance during this storm.

—Len Carey

*Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?*

*Let me know: [mayor@upmd.org](mailto:mayor@upmd.org)*

### **Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 16-O-01, FY 2016 Budget Amendment**

On February 22, 2016, Ordinance 16-O-01 was introduced. This ordinance would amend the Fiscal Year 2016 budget by transferring \$32,000.00 from Unreserved Funds to the "Transit" line item under General Government to fund the purchase, of a backup transit vehicle, originally budgeted in FY 2015, inspection and painting of the vehicle, and increased personnel costs involved in hiring CDL qualified drivers. The meeting set for March 7, 2016 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The ordinance would take effect 20 days after enactment by the Council. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

### **Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 16-O-02, Amending Section 2-115, "Compensation of the Mayor"**

On February 22, 2016, Ordinance 16-O-02 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Section 2-115, "Compensation of the Mayor", of the Code of the Town of University Park, to increase the compensation amount to \$20,000.00 beginning in June, 2016. The meeting set for March 7, 2016 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The ordinance would take effect 20 days after enactment by the Council. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

## FROM THE CHIEF

Crime prevention can be defined as the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of crime risk, and an initiation of some action to remove or reduce it. Experience has demonstrated three basic concepts:

- The appearance that an occupant is present and is attentive to the condition of the property is a potent deterrent to would-be criminals.
- Physical security equipment is absolutely worthless unless used.
- The component in any security system most likely to fail is the human one.

Keeping your residence neat, clean, in good repair and giving the appearance of being home by being in and out is a fundamental step toward preventing crime. Being aware of your surroundings is also a deterrent to crime. Quite often when reading an account of a crime, it begins with the suspect coming up from behind. Criminals work hard not to be identified. Pay attention to detail, even when you are distracted by your headphones or cell phone.

Another step toward home crime prevention is to be a good neighbor. Get to know your neighbors and their habits so you can recognize deviations from normal behavior—and they can do the same for you. Call the police when you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner (loitering and observing, approaching multiple residences without apparent business, or removing property from a neighbor's residence). It is important to understand the role suspiciousness plays in keeping a community safe and becoming empowered, not paranoid. Not only does it work against paranoia, but other serious grievances, such as racial stereotyping (behavior is suspicious, not the people) and the powerless position of unsuspecting people. A cooperative neighborhood can increase everyone's collective home security with very little individual effort or time.

The Town of University Park is a great place because everyone is engaged in community activities. Make policing your community a regular activity and habit.

**Breaking & Entering** Between January 18 6 AM and January 21 11:10 PM in the 6500 block of Adelphi Rd. the homeowner advised that they came by to check the residence prior to the pending snowstorm. After entering through the front door, a rear door was found to have been damaged and left ajar. The police were

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notified and the home was thoroughly checked. It was determined that nothing had been stolen. The owners advised they do not live at the location full time. No suspect/s was located. Investigation is ongoing.

### UP Tree Committee News

#### Late Winter Pruning

After a long period of dormancy, our trees are now awakening. If you are intent on doing some late winter pruning, it's important to distinguish between those trees that can benefit and those that may be harmed. It's okay to prune your summer flowering trees, including rose of Sharon, crape myrtle and smoke trees. Fruit trees are best pruned in late winter, as pruning now will promote more vigorous fruiting. Do not prune spring flowering trees or shrubs. Dogwood, ornamental fruit trees, old fashioned pom-pom hydrangea, lilacs and azaleas should all be pruned immediately *after* they have flowered.

#### Ivy League, Saturday, March 12, 9 AM-Noon

Volunteers will remove ivy from town trees in the park. Please bring clippers and a prying tool; a large screwdriver or dandelion weeder are good examples. Five events will earn an Ivy League bandana. Meet by tennis courts across from UPES.

#### Street Tree Planting, Saturday, March 26, 9 AM-Noon

Volunteers are needed to assist the Tree Committee with the planting of 10 street trees to be planted along Adelphi Road, between Wells Parkway and Calverton. The holes will be pre-dug by DPW. Tools are available, but it is advisable to bring your own shovel.

#### March's Notable Tree

Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), 4325 Van Buren. This prize can easily be seen from Queen's Chapel Road. It will take your breath away with every encounter. You may begin to consider it a friend of sorts. A member of the redwood family, the bald cypress is equally distinctive in winter. As a deciduous conifer, it is one of only a handful of species which drops its needles in fall, affording us a chance to study its elegant and graceful structure unimpeded by needles. It is dubbed the wood eternal due to the heartwood's resistance to decay.—Chris Aubry for the Tree Committee



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### January 11 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Presentation

A presentation on the development of College Park and the University of Maryland was given by County Councilmember (District 3) Dannielle Glaros, University of Maryland Vice President for Administration & Finance Carlo Colella and College Park Economic Development Coordinator Randall Toussaint. Some of the future development projects for the College Park and University of Maryland area are:

- Phase 1 of the plan includes improvements along Route 1 from downtown College Park up to about Route 193. Construction is expected to begin in approximately two years.
- To create a college town.
- Housing for professors and staff.
- Arts amenities.
- Expansion of bike lanes.
- Installing landscape buffers.
- In 2016, College Park is going to launch its first bike share program.
- Car sharing program.
- Get new businesses into the community to create new jobs and help local businesses continue to grow.
- Building student housing to get commuter traffic off the roadways and encourage students to live near campus.
- Four star hotels/conference centers.
- In addition to the private development that is underway, the University is making significant investments such as: Bio-Engineering building, Brendan Iribe Center for Computer Science and Innovation, and updating Cole Field House.
- The Purple Line will come through the center of campus and cross Metro near the College Park Station and Paint Branch Parkway. A total of five stops will service the College Park area. The University of Maryland stops will be a fare-free zone for those affiliated with the University.
- Rearranged the College Park/Riverdale Park TDOZ Plan to focus on pedestrian transit at the College Park Metro and the University of Maryland Research Park.
- The slow traffic along Route 1 is mainly caused by the increased lights that have been installed for pedestrian safety.

Residents and Councilmembers expressed concerns about parking, traffic along Route 1 and the safety of pedestrians along Route 1. It was suggested that a variety of retail be considered other than just food, that the design of the development is very important, and to consider connectivity of green space and zagster bike share system with the local municipalities.

#### Continuing Business

##### Budget Transfer Re: Upgrade of Town Computer Server and Firewall (Second Reading)

*Motion to approve the transfer of \$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 to connect to the Prince George's County INET backbone.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### New Business

##### The Appointment of Stephanie Herold and Ed Lee As Supervisors Of Elections.

Per Chapter 5, Section 502 (a) "Supervisor of Elections" from the Town Charter, the Mayor and Common Council shall appoint two qualified voters to the positions of Supervisors of Elections. The Supervisors shall serve for two-year terms beginning on March 1 and ending on the last day of February on the next even-numbered year. The current Supervisors of Elections are Ms. Stephanie Herold and Mr. Ed Lee.

*Motion to approve the appointment of Stephanie Herold and Ed Lee as the Supervisors of Elections for the term ending March 2018.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Poll Hours for the Next Election

Motion: Per Section 504(a) of the Charter of the Town of University Park, to set a May 3, 2016 date for general elections in the Town, and to approve the poll hours of operation for the election from 8 AM to 8 PM. Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Department and Council Reports

##### Mayor's Report

- Attended the Maryland Board of Public Works meeting on January 6. The transfer of 3.37 acres from the University of Maryland to Prince George's County was finalized. The construction of the CSX crossing can now proceed.
- The Maryland Municipal League is having its legislative

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reception on January 13 at the Calvert House in Annapolis. On January 20, MML is providing a legislative orientation.

- The Maryland Mayor's Association Conference will be held on February 4-5 in Annapolis.
- A copy of the letter to County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros regarding TDMD was distributed. A copy of the letter was also sent to College Park, Riverdale Park and Hyattsville urging them to join University Park in this effort.
- Prince George's County Animal Commission is meeting on January 13 to discuss the dog issue.

### Council Reports

*Development Overview Committee* Meeting is scheduled for January 21 at 7 PM.

*Tree Committee* Meeting is scheduled for January 12.

*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee* Meeting is scheduled for January 14 at 6:30 PM.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano reported that the Maryland Municipal League convention is scheduled for June 26-29, 2016.

The December 2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Department of Public Works Director Michael Beall reported:

- The third packer is now in service.
- Leaf pick-up has been completed.
- WSSC has a project that will affect Wards 3, 4 and 7. Mr. Beall, Mayor Carey and the Town Attorney are currently working on an agreement with WSSC before construction begins.
- Mr. Beall and Mayor Carey will be meeting with Washington Gas to discuss outstanding paving and construction in Town.
- State Highway Administration has indicated that the two stormwater problems on Route 1 (Wells Parkway and Van Buren Street) will be addressed in the Fall of 2016 or the following spring.
- Signage for Town Hall has been approved and should be installed in approximately three weeks.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

**Reminder: Please use University Park as your address on your Maryland tax forms.**



### UPCA News

Happy March from the University Park Civic Association! Many thanks to all who came to our fundraiser at Franklin's last month! We hope you had a great time seeing each other and a delicious meal on top of it all. Your support will help us continue to run our year-round events. Remember to check our website at <http://upcivicassociation.com> for news on the latest events.

Have you seen our new UPCA car magnets around town? Help us brag to your neighbors about how great the UPCA is! Households who've paid for their 2016 dues will receive a magnet, delivered by our very own Dawn Nichols. Also, you can always pick up a magnet at one of our events by bringing your dues to one of our officers.

### UP Woman's Club Meeting Monday, March 7, 11:30 AM

Erica Riggio and Angela Justice of Green Owl Design in the Hyattsville Arts District will be the featured speakers at the UPWC luncheon. The Green Owl Design Boutique and studio is located at 5303 Baltimore Avenue and carries new, vintage, repurposed and custom design pieces as well as artisan creations making unique, beautiful items within everyone's reach. Local artists' works are on exhibit making this space an integral part of the Arts District. Learn more at [www.greenowldesigners.com](http://www.greenowldesigners.com)! UPWC meetings start at 11:30 at the University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, with a light luncheon served at noon and presentation at 12:45. Childcare is free. To RSVP, please Jana Over, Club President at [upwcLead@gmail.com](mailto:upwcLead@gmail.com) or 301-779-5120. Closure notice: if county schools are closed on March 7, this meeting will be cancelled.

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**Save The Dates!** The UPWC April 4 meeting will feature Darlene B. Sullivan, founder and Executive Director of Canine Partners for Life, a nonprofit organization which trains service dogs to assist people with physical disabilities. The UPWC May 2 meeting will focus on club members' best tips for travel and favorite travel destinations, with stories on best and worst experiences to illustrate. We will also hold elections for officers for the 2016-2018 term. UPWC Garden Tour 2016 is coming up (June date TBD) and gardens are needed for this wonderful annual free event. Please contact Garden Tour Chair Beth Bukoski at upmdwc@gmail.com.

Please join us at these events! Questions? Please contact Jana Over, Club President, at upwcLead@gmail.com or 301-779-5120.

### Great Decisions 2016

Tuesday, March 8 & 22, 7:30 PM



The Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions 2016 discussion group will focus on Kurdistan and the refugee crisis in March (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](http://www.fpa.org). Please join us; the topics this year are interesting and relevant.

**March 8: *The Future of Kurdistan* by Jenna Krajeski.** Kurdistan, a mountainous area made up of parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria, is home to one of the largest ethnic groups in region: the Kurds. Most in the West know them for their small, oil-rich autonomous region in northern Iraq called Iraqi Kurdistan—one of the United States' closer allies in the Middle East and a bulwark against the expansion of the so-called Islamic State. What does the success of Iraqi Kurdistan mean for Kurds in the surrounding region?

**March 22: *Migration* by Joseph Chamie.** As a record number of migrants cross the Mediterranean Sea to find refuge in Europe, the continent is struggling to come up with an adequate response. Although Europe's refugees

are largely fleeing conflicts in Syria, Iraq and parts of Africa, their struggle is hardly unique. Today, with the number of displaced people at an all-time high, a number of world powers find themselves facing a difficult question: how can they balance border security with humanitarian concerns? More importantly, what can they do to resolve these crises so as to limit the number of displaced persons?

### UPCA Spring Egg Hunt & Petting Zoo

March 13, 1-3PM

Welcome a new season with our ever popular spring event! Children age 0 through 12 are invited to participate in the Spring Egg Hunt and Games. The egg hunt will begin promptly at 1 PM

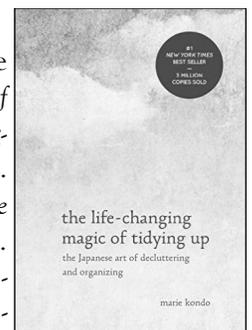


for the youngest children (0-2 years) followed by older age groups (3-6 and 7-12). Other activities include face painting, crafts and games with a chance to win tasty prizes. Be ready to roll an egg and hop like a bunny. Also visiting University Park will be the Wildlife Adventures petting zoo. Come meet some rabbits, chinchillas, fancy chickens, and (depending on the weather) maybe snakes, hedgehogs and lizards! Volunteers needed. If you're interested in helping out at our event, or for more information, please contact Michelle Wedge, [prairiegirl-indc@gmail.com](mailto:prairiegirl-indc@gmail.com).

### After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, March 15, 8-10 PM

For March, a discussion of Marie Kondo's *The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up* has been added to bringing your favorite poetry selections. April's book will be *A Slave in the White House* by Elizabeth D. Taylor. Please call Louisa Woodville at 301-927-9548 or Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.



**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](mailto:UPPetDatabase@gmail.com) or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

**UP Church of the Brethren Mulch Sale**

**Saturdays, March 19 & April 2**

High-quality shredded hardwood mulch will be sold by the University Park Church of the Brethren on March 19 and April 2. Bags (2 cu.ft) are \$3.75 each. Free curbside delivery in the neighborhood for orders of 15 bags or more. Please specify a delivery location that is accessible to a pickup truck. Contact the church office at



upcob2@verizon.net or 301-864-4328 to place an order. Delivery dates often sell out, so there is no guarantee mulch will be available on site without pre-ordering.

**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.

**Musicians Wanted: UP PorchFest**

What is PorchFest? It's a UPCA family-friendly community music event on Saturday, May 7, 2-6 PM, appropriate for all ages. The focal points will be a variety of musical acts ranging from



acoustic to electric, solo to ensemble. All are welcome and invited to participate by playing music, hosting with your porch or yard, or being a music lover strolling through town to hear different performances.

Interested in playing music? Register to perform by sending an email with your name and description of your group to Emily or Jason at jasonhjackson@gmail.com and we will pair you with a willing porch or yard owner if you need one. Porch and yard owners—we need you to make this a one-of-a-kind music event! Be sure to let us know if you are interested in participating. Please call 301-254-1971 for more information.



**University Park Stream CleanUP**

**Saturday, April 9, 9 AM-Noon**

Beautify Wells Run. This rain or shine event is sponsored by the UP Civic Association, the UP Woman's Club and the Town Stream Committee. The cleanup will be associated with the area-wide Alice Ferguson Foundation's 28th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. We'll meet on the UP Soccer field on Queens Chapel Rd. Expect coffee, juice, doughnuts and trash bags for all. Bring gloves. There will also be discussions of conservation and preservation efforts in the town. Community service hours will be documented. Groups, residents and friends are all encouraged to join in the work and fun of beautifying our park and stream. Questions: Kate Beveridge, 301-277-4485 or BBeve@Verizon.Net.

**UPWC Plant & Garden Gear Swap**

**Sunday, April 10, 1-4 PM**

The University Park Woman's Club members invite you to get a 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 and 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 upmdwc@gmail.com.



**Azalea Classic**

Saturday, April 16, 8 AM

**AZALEA**

*Classic*

UNIVERSITY PARK, MD

Join your neighbors and friends for a morning of family-friendly fun and fitness. The Azalea Classic has a race for everyone! Choose from our USATF certified 5K, our 1 Mile Challenge or our 1K Family Fun Run. All races take place on quiet, azalea-lined streets in University

Park. This popular event is for all ages. The event is organized by the University Park Elementary School PTA and all proceeds benefit programs at the school. Please visit <http://www.azaleaclassic.com/> to register.

**Senator Paul G. Pinsky's Scholarship**

Who may apply: Current high school seniors, full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District. How to Apply: The application is available online at [senatorpinsky.org](http://senatorpinsky.org). Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to Senator Paul G. Pinsky's scholarship application. Award Criteria: Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. The minimum annual award amount is \$500 and the maximum award is \$2500. Questions: 301-858-3155 or [paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us](mailto:paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us). Deadline: Monday, April 4, 2016.

**University Park Woman's Club  
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.

**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.

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

**Caring for Body & Soul Women's Group,  
Tuesday, March 8, 7:30-9 PM**

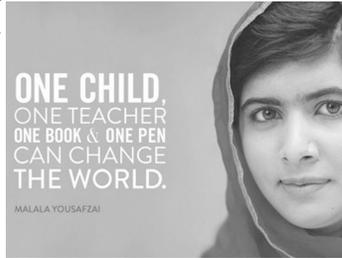
Join us to cultivate serenity and health! Includes teaching, sharing, prayer, meditation, understanding mind-body and building community as we journey together. Second Tuesday of each month, library at St. Mark the Evangelist, 7501 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville. Women 18 or older are welcome. Free. Contact Donna Chacko, MD at 301-277-2970 or [serenityandhealthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:serenityandhealthgroup@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Hyattsville Library Film Series, *He Named Me Malala*, Monday, March 21, 7 PM

An intimate portrait of Malala Yousafzai, who was wounded when Taliban gunmen opened fire on her in Pakistan's Swat Valley. The shooting of the then fifteen-year-old teenager sparked international media outrage. An educational activist in Pakistan, Yousafzai has since emerged as a leading campaigner for the rights of children worldwide. In December 2014, she became the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Discussion follows. Refreshments will be served.



**Hyattsville Library Maryland Room Lecture, Wednesday March 23, 7:30 PM** Prince George's County Historian Susan Pearl will be discussing the Riversdale Mansion's Peeters-Stier Painting Collection. See <http://ww1.pgcmcls.info/website/event/420261>.

**Anacostia Watershed Society Earth Day Cleanup & Celebration Saturday, April 23, 9 AM-2 PM** The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) embraces the vision of reinvigorating the river's tributary system by stopping new pollution, restoring natural systems and rebuilding the community's relationship to the entire basin. It aims to make the Anacostia swimmable and fishable by 2025.

For University Park it has led the Wells Run Stormwater Management for Kids project in collaboration with the UPES, and introduced permeable pavement and other stormwater management possibilities for our town. At the AWS Earth Day Cleanup & Celebration (<http://www.anacostiaws.org/earthday2016>), dozens of cleanup sites will be available. After March 1 one can pick a site and volunteer to help beautify it at this website. The cleanup will be from 9 AM to Noon; the Celebration will be at RFK Stadium along the river from Noon to 2 PM with a free picnic, music and Earth Day discussion.

### College Park Arts Exchange

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

**Dr. Seuss's Birthday celebration, Saturday, March 5, 10 AM-Noon** Celebrate the amazing stories of Dr. Seuss with books read aloud, puppets, art projects and treats. College Park Community Library, Nazarene Church, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue.

### Rock concert with Higher Education & special guests, Warden, Saturday, March 5, 8 PM-Midnight

This concert is for ages 21 and over, with cash bar. Doors open at 7. College Park Moose Lodge, 3700 Metzgerott Road. \$5 suggested donation at the door, proceeds to benefit the Moose and their programs.

**Beech Tree Puppets present The Hollow Stump, Sunday, March 13, 3-5 PM** Seven very different animals seek shelter from the winter cold and snow in a large hollow stump. The cuddly, hand-crafted rod-puppets will enchant any child as each animal is described by a unique poem and song.

**St. Patrick's Concert, Friday March 18, 7:30-10:30 PM** Join Eric Maring and many local musicians to celebrate a rousing evening with the spirit of Irish music.

**Nonfiction by Women Book Club, Tuesday, March 15, 7-8:30 PM** The March book is *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*, by Malala Yousafzai. College Park Community Library, Church of the Nazarene basement, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue. Please RSVP—our schedule is subject to change.

**Yoga with CPAE Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 PM** Come 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](http://cpae.org) for upcoming dates.

**Call for Artists: College Park Seniors Arts Show and Reception, Friday, April 8, 4-8 PM** An art exhibit for artists age 60 and over cosponsored by CPAE and Explorations on Aging. Artists are invited to show their work on a first-come basis (not juried). Two or three-dimensional work including paintings, photographs, pottery and sculpture, textiles, needle and fabric art, will be accepted. To participate, complete an application from <http://www.cpae.org/node/1053> by March 10. Email to [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or mail to College Park Arts Exchange, PO Box 784, College Park MD 20741.



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park will hold an election for

**Office of Mayor and  
Offices of**

**Councilmember Ward 1  
Councilmember Ward 3  
Councilmember Ward 7**

to be conducted on

**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016**

The Polls will be open 8 AM to 8 PM at  
Word of God Baptist Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Road (side door entrance)

### REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

- Register to vote online at: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections>

### OR

- File a voter registration form at 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

### OR

- File a voter registration form at Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782

### DEADLINE

To file as a candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 4, 2016 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) must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by April 4, 2016 at 5 p.m. Packets are available at Town Hall and on the Town website, [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under Elections. If residents have questions, please contact the Town Clerk via phone 301-927-4262 or email [TownHall@upmd.org](mailto:TownHall@upmd.org)

### FILING DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

5 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2016

Town of University Park  
6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, Maryland 20782  
Office: 301-927-4262, Fax: 301-277-4548, TDD: 1-800-735-2258  
[www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org), email: [TownHall@upmd.org](mailto:TownHall@upmd.org)

# March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Save the Date!</b> University Park Stream CleanUP Saturday, April 9, 9 AM-Noon</p>		<p>1 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>4 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>5 Qigong &amp; Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM </p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b> UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM</p>	<p>8 <b>Trash Great Decisions 2016, 7:30 PM</b></p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>11 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>12 Ivy League Kickoff, 9 AM-Noon</p>
<p>13 UPCA Spring Egg Hunt &amp; Petting Zoo, 1-3PM </p>	<p>14 <b>Yard Waste</b></p>	<p>15 <b>Trash</b> After 8 Book Group, 8-10 PM</p>	<p>16 <b>Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p>17 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>18 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>19 Church of the Brethren Mulch Sale </p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p>22 <b>Trash</b> Great Decisions 2016, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <b>Recycling</b></p>	<p>25 <b>Trash</b> </p>	<p>26 Street Tree Planting, 9 AM-Noon</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 <b>Yard Waste</b></p>	<p>29 <b>Trash</b></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <b>Recycling</b></p>		<p><b>Reminder!</b> UPWC 2016 Scholarship Applications are due April 4</p>



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 Chief Michael Wynnyk upchief@upmd.org

**Police**

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

**Town Council**

Ward	Council Member	Phone
1	Joe Thompson	240-770-1358
2	James Gekas	301-864-2734
3	Bradlee Hess	202-531-5347
4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	David Caskey	301 699-8785
6	Michael Cron	301-277-4718
7	Roy Alvarez	301-779-6746

**NEWSLETTER**

The April newsletter deadline is Friday, March 5. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com or sent via www.upmd.org > Communications > Contact. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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