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MAYOR'S COLUMN

On June 20, I took the oath of office to begin my second two-year term as mayor of University Park. I continue to enjoy the work you've elected me to do and your input gives me energy and direction. My first term has also brought some enduring lessons about our community and my role as mayor. I shared some of my first-year lessons last year and these still stand:

- There is always something new coming in the door to be dealt with at Town Hall.
- Town Hall is a team operation and it's a good team.
- Trust that the Council will do a good job of representing the Town's best interests.
- Learn from those who have been there.
- Don't let the urgent subsume the important.
- Communicate.
- Mayor is a full-time job.

Still, I continue to learn on the job, including these additional lessons:

Listen carefully. Much of the mayor's job involves responding to people and doing so effectively means being able to see the concern from their perspective. That requires careful listening, including special attention to the emotion of what's being said.

It's not about being political; it's about being practical. As a young forester, I was taught maxims attributed to early forester Gifford Pinchot, including "Don't try any sly or foxy politics, as a forester is not a politician." I refer to myself as a local elected official, instead of politician. Most University Park folks desire straightforward and practical responses to their concerns and have little tolerance for political behavior.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Holiday	July 4
Town Council	July 11, 25 & August 15
Development Overview Committee	July 20

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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Disagreement is not personal. As mayor, I need and want to work with people even if there's been disagreement, even over one of the big issues which seem to arise every few years in town. We are a small community. While it's not unusual that people in University Park would have differing perspectives on most things of importance to us, we need to find ways to talk or converse about them and to work well together. Civility is a vital ingredient.

Remember where the revenues come from. University Park has no commercial tax base and receives no tax from commerce. Our General Fund revenue is 69 percent real property tax, another 18 percent from income tax. Ultimately, the revenues which the Town expends come from each of us, including myself. We need to be careful with these funds.

Think long term. One of my roles as mayor is to work on what is important to our community in the long term. We have committed a great deal of our community energy to responding to plans in the municipalities around us, including in recent years the Riverdale Park Station (Cafritz) development and the revised Transit District Development Plan for the Prince George's Plaza area in adjacent Hyattsville. What is *our* plan for our own community? Strategy may be one of the most misused institutional catchphrases. I prefer collective community vision, but what I mean is this: We need to think together about the ways our small community and the areas around us are changing. We need to talk together about what we want University Park to be like 20, 30, or 50 years from now. We need a plan-yes, a strategy-for how we want to shape that future community. Related to this, is the need to focus on what is truly important over the urgent matters which often compel our response.

Work with other towns and cities. As a small and entirely residential community, University Park can most effectively protect its interests by working with other municipalities. I devote considerable time and effort as Mayor to developing and nurturing relationships with other nearby cities and towns, to build trust and cooperation. Even when it seems like we are rowing upstream and the outcome doesn't fully achieve what we'd like, it's worth

while in the long run.

Family. I couldn't do the work of mayor without the support and forbearance of my family, who have shouldered so much.

—Len Carey

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



Mayor and Council being sworn in.

Notice of Introduction of FY 2017 Budget Amendment

On June 6, 2016, Ordinance 16-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance would amend the Fiscal Year 2017 budget by transferring an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 from P100 Unreserved, Designated Vehicle Replacement Funds, FI Vehicle Replacement, to Department of Public Works, W16 Equipment, to enable the purchase of a 2016 all-wheel replacement vehicle for the Director of Public Works. The meeting set for July 11, 2016 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The ordinance would take effect twenty days after adoption. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Fourth of July Celebrations Fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County and also a violation of our town code. Fireworks are not toys. They burn at a very high temperatures and can cause serious injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly. July has traditionally been a very dry month and fireworks will easily ignite grass, leaves, trees and homes. Never give fireworks to young children. Even sparklers can be unsafe. The safest way to enjoy this holiday is to attend a sanctioned fireworks display in the area.

Everyone riding their bicycle in the July fourth bicycle parade should remember to always wear a helmet! The hard facts indicate that more children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport. Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by 88 percent, yet only 45 percent of children 14 and under usually wear a bike helmet. Use your head, wear a helmet. It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes. The UPPD will have some helmets to give away to be sure everyone is safe.



If you decide to stay home this summer in beautiful University Park in an effort to avoid the hustle and bustle of travel, stay vigilant of our community. You know when your neighbor is going away and by keeping watch on their home it makes your own home much safer as well. Remember your suspicion literacy and report it immediately.

Do not hesitate to ask unfamiliar faces if you can help them. Someone knocking on the front door and then walking to the rear of the home when there is no answer is *not* normal activity. Walking down the street and checking a car door to see if it will open is also *not* normal activity. If it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Please call the UPPD and we will help you resolve your suspicions; always call sooner rather than later.

UPPD Vacation Safety Tips for your home while you are away. Please contact the UPPD and we will check the exterior of your home daily.

- Stop mail, newspapers and other deliveries, or ask a neighbor to collect them.
- Turn your alarm on and use outside lights on mo-

tion detectors. You also should use timers to turn lights and a radio or TV on and off at appropriate times.

- Arrange to have yard work done. Also, have a neighbor set out trash on normal collection days. Trash & recycle bins should be removed from the curb on the same day.
- Turn the ringers on phones down or off. Never program it to announce that you're out of town, or to give another number where you can be reached. Don't announce on social media that you are away for extended periods.
- Set the air conditioner to a higher temperature, but don't turn it off. A silent compressor on a hot day is a good indication that the house is unoccupied.
- If you have an alarm system, make sure it is in working order. If it's connected to a monitoring service, tell them when you'll be gone and where you're going, along with a phone number of the person keeping an eye on things. A home protected by a security system is three times less susceptible to a break-in than one without.
- Don't leave a garage door opener in the car, especially if you are parking your car on the street. It is recommended to unplug an electric garage door opener before you leave.
- Do not keep keys hidden around the outside of your home or in your garage. Intruders know all the secret places where keys could possibly be hidden.
- Before leaving, take one last walk around. After everyone is in the car, check to make sure that all windows and doors are securely locked and that the alarm system has been properly armed.

The UPPD hopes everyone has a safe and healthy summer. Wear your seat belts. Drive responsibly. Ride a bike & wear your helmets. Secure your valuables. Lock your vehicles. And be vigilant in our community.

Theft from Auto Between May 29 4 PM and May 30 10:45 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2005 Acura TL and stole a pair of brake rotors and brake calipers from the trunk of the vehicle that were recently purchased. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Assault On May 23 at 7:15 PM in the 4300 Block of Sheridan St. an adult male was walking home from the PG Plaza Metro when someone ran up from behind him and struck him on the right side of his face. The suspect then ran away towards East West Highway. The UPPD

responded and located suspect juveniles that fit the description and detained them. The victim was unable to make a positive identification. Suspects were charged with other unrelated infractions and released to their guardian. Case closed.

Theft from Auto Between May 1 6 PM and May 2 9 AM in the 7000 block of Adelphi Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2015 Mazda CX-5 and stole coins and two pairs of sunglasses from the vehicle. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Recovered Stolen Auto On May 27 at 7 AM in the 4400 block of Underwood St. the UPPD observed a 2003 Ford van parked in a no parking zone. Further investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen in Annandale, Va. The owner was notified for vehicle return. No suspect was located. Investigation is ongoing.

Tree Committee News

Poison Ivy Season in Full Blush

The warm, wet spring has proven very favorable to this year's poison ivy growth. The plant should be avoided or treated with extreme caution. The first step is knowing how to identify what to avoid. *Leaves of three? Let them be! One, two, three? Don't touch me.* Poison Ivy plants have three leaves connected closely at the end of long stems. The tips are pointy. The middle leaf is larger than the side leaves as well as a small stem at point of attachment, where the side leaves grow directly from the vine. *Longer middle stem; stay away from them.* From the top, poison ivy leaves are oily looking, presenting as a thin patina of sweat. Well established vines on a tree have a furry aspect. *Ragged rope, don't be a dope!*

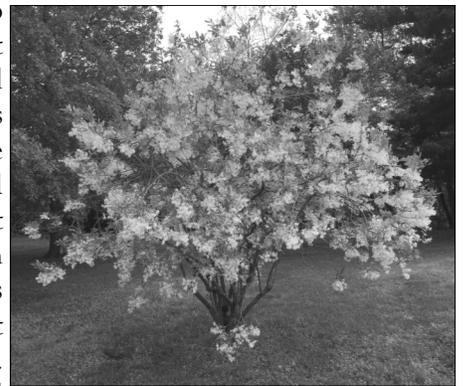


If you need to remove poison ivy from your yard, first put a fresh towel by your washing machine and rubbing alcohol on top of the washer. Wear long sleeved shirts and heavy pants, with gloves. Avoid touching your face or other exposed skin during the process. Mechanical means work well, if you are able to dig up the roots. You might also get some success with smothering the plants under thick impermeable material for several months. Herbicides, such as Round Up can be effective on small plants by spraying the leaves. For larger vines, cut the

vines and immerse the living end into a jar of herbicide. Or, soak a rag in the herbicide, wrap around the cut living end of the vine, then rubber band a freezer bag over the vine. Whatever strategy you choose, your first step after finishing is to wash your clothes. Then wash your hands and arms with rubbing alcohol before a hot shower. This process may need to be repeated several times a year as birds are immune and relish the berries. This is why poison ivy often is found at the base of trees.

July's Notable Tree

This month's notable tree is the *Chionanthus virginicus* (fringe tree), a far-ranging native of the lowlands from New Jersey to Florida, then west to Oklahoma and Texas. It thrives as an understory tree in forests and well-shaded lawns. It has no known insect pests and is resistant to most urban stressors.



The exceptional specimen pictured can be found on Queen's Chapel Road, across from the school, in front of the tennis courts. The flowers are snow white, offering bursts of incredible profusion and fragrance, emerging in late spring and early summer. The petals are fine and lacy, registering as small clouds. This may well be the best small tree not known to many.

—Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment, TreeComm@UPMD.org

Ivy League

Saturday, July 9, 9-11AM

July's session of the Ivy League will take place along the east branch of Wells Run, on the northern bank of the creek. If driving, you can park at the end of Wells Parkway, near the tennis courts. Participants receive one credit toward the five needed for the coveted Ivy League bandana.



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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May 9 Council Special Session Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Thompson, Hess, Verrill, Caskey, Cron, Alvarez. Excused: Gekas.

Work Session

Motion to enter a Council Work Session to discuss Fiscal year 2017 budget. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Treasurer Dan Baden distributed a memorandum listing adjustments as requested by the Council for the 2017 budget. The Council also requested movement of the Park Bridge Replacement & Walkway and Park Playground line items to Capital Expenses. The Council requested line item descriptors for the Miscellaneous section.

Discussion also included:

- Different options on how to address the mosquito concerns: Residents applying larvacide. County spraying program. Rebates for larvacide products. Trained volunteers to help educate residents, with block captains. Strengthen Town Codes to reduce mosquito habitat. Public property (Tot Lot and behind Underwood Street) are treated with larvacide.
- Importance of tree replacement.
- Funds due from Cafritz to hire an additional police officer for one year.
- Benefits of purchasing the all-wheel drive vehicles for the police department.
- Additional signage is adequate and serves a purpose.
- Stipends are not given to Spanish speaking Town Hall employees.
- Additional red light cameras are in the application process.
- The Cable Capital Equipment line item in reserves is high because the Town has not requested money for a particular project so the funds continue to accumulate.
- The transfer from General Fund line item is used to offset the Debt Service line item.
- The \$1,200 deficit is due to the adjustments requested by the Council (see letter dated May 2, 2016).
- All signage comes from the Street Repair line item.
- A grant for a green street design for Queens Chapel Road was never received because the project was not approved.
- A proposal was made to leave a placeholder for Granicus line item and put off purchasing the software and put a portion of the money towards the new website and

the remaining amount towards balancing the budget.

- Granicus or a similar service is very important because the minutes are not as informative as they ought to be. More residents would be engaged and know what is going on in Town if Granicus was available.
- See if the new Town website fulfills the transparency issue before purchasing Granicus.
- Granicus needs to stay in the budget and the Town should move on it as soon as possible.
- Council discussed a proposal for the Azalea Classic to become more self-sufficient.
- Need more stringent accounting of the outlays and income of the Azalea Classic event.
- In the future, would like to see an increase in many of the grant funding line items.

Mayor Carey reminded the Council that at the next Council Meeting there will be a public hearing on the budget and the tax rate as well as a recommendation from the Mayor to extend the contract for at least one additional year for the current editors of the newsletter.

Councilmembers agreed to reduce the Transparency Suite line item by \$1,200 to balance the budget.

Councilmembers agreed to create a line item under Revenue for \$10,000 called Bike Path Grant and Expenditures under the Operating Streets.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

May 16 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace existing shed with a 12'x 7'x 9' shed located at 4108 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to support the application by Paul Staats and Jennifer Bulkeley to validate existing conditions and convert an existing enclosed porch into living space at 4407 Tuckerman on the basis that the following criteria applicable to granting this variance have been fulfilled:

- (1) *A specific parcel of land has exceptional narrow*

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ness, shallowness, or shape, exceptional topographic conditions, or other extraordinary situations or conditions; and

(2) *The strict application of this Subtitle will result in peculiar and unusual practical difficulties to, or exceptional or undue hardship upon, the owner of the property; and*

(3) *The variance will not substantially impair the intent, purpose, or integrity of the General Plan or Master Plan.*

Zoning Ordinance Section 27-442(e) (Table IV) prescribes that each lot shall have a side yard at least 7 feet in width. Section 27-442(c) (Table II) prescribes that not more than 30% of the net lot area shall be covered by buildings and off-street parking. Therefore, a variance of 2.5 feet side yard width and 7.2% net lot coverage is requested for Lot 17 and Block 2 at 4407 Tuckerman Street by the applicants.

The Mayor is authorized to send a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals on behalf of the Town supporting the application. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace three windows with a sliding glass door and replace existing shed with a 12'x10' shed located at 4321 Clagett Road.

Motion to amend the motion to include that the new shed will have horizontal siding that is consistent with the horizontal siding on the house. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace three windows with a sliding glass door and replace existing shed with a 12'x10' shed that will have horizontal siding that is consistent with the horizontal siding on the house located at 4321 Clagett Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace existing walkway and steps located at 6503 Adelphi Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following consent agenda item. Motion approved 7 to 0.

To permit the University Park Civic Association Mutt Strut on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 9 AM until 11 AM. UPPD escort is requested. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

Public Comment

As a member of the Azalea Classic committee, very thankful and appreciative of the Town's support of this event.

Continuing Business

Motion to amend the fiscal year 2017 budget proposed by the Mayor to include the adjustments one through nine described in the memo from the Treasurer dated May 12, 2016.

Motion to amend the proposed adjustments, adding a tenth item to create a new line item called Mosquito Rebate Program, with \$100 placeholder, for exploration of the possibility of a rebate program for mosquito efforts, and to reduce the funds in the Asian Tiger Mosquito Program line item by \$100 to fund the Mosquito Rebate Program. Motion approved 4 to 3 (Hess, Cron, Verrill opposed).

Motion to approve amendments one through nine to the Mayor's proposed fiscal year 2017 budget. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the tenth amendment to the Mayor's proposed fiscal year 2017 budget. Motion approved 4 to 3 (Hess, Cron, Verrill opposed).

Motion to approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 16-O-03: Fiscal 2017 Budget as amended. Pursuant to Section 603 of the Charter of the Town of University Park, to levy the real property and personal property tax rate and appropriate and adopt the annual budget for fiscal year 2017. The tax levy is set at \$0.6077 per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of University Park, and at \$2.25 per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable personal property. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Discussion of the scheduled May 31, 2016 public hearing regarding the adopted Prince George's Plaza Area Transit District Development Plan and endorsed Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment.

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Mayor Carey said that the Town has stated its position in two letters approved by the Council. The approach now is not to change those positions but to focus on two issues within them. One issue is stormwater management (regional stormwater solution) and the other is the bonus density and its location.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson said that at the May 31 Public Hearing it is important to focus in on the issues where there might be some room for movement. It needs to be very clear what it is that University Park wants.

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 at the Hyattsville Public Library Community Room at 7 PM. The meeting will be moderated by Aimee Olivo. Those invited to attend are the Mayors and Councils of Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and University Park, County Councilmember Deni Taveras, representatives from Soltesz (those who did the study), Scott Rowe, representatives from the Prince George's Plaza Area TDDP, the Department of Environment and Department of Public Works and Transportation. The meeting is designed to go through the stormwater management issues and find out from Soltesz which of the conclusions that were drawn in the staff analysis of testimony are actually supported by what they did. The goal is to find some common ground so that University Park has more support going in front of the County Council on May 31.

Mayor Carey stated that if the Council wishes to consider a change of position after the May 24 meeting, a Special Session will be scheduled for May 26. Council agreed to tentatively schedule the Special Session for Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

New Business

Motion to approve a one-year extension of the June 1, 2015 contract with the incumbent Newsletter Editors, Todd Stewart and Bridget Warren, for an additional year on the same terms and conditions, to perform the Newsletter Editor services consistent with the Scope of Work adopted by the Town. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department And Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- Treasurer Dan Baden is working on a grant to fund implementation of the bike plan in University Park.
- Mayor Carey is talking with Zagster about the possibility of locating one or two bike share stations in

University Park.

- Reelected Mayor and Councilmembers will be sworn in on June 20 by a representative from the Clerk of the Court.
- Councilmembers should be prepared to take a Mayor and Council photo at the June 6 Council meeting.
- Mayor Carey expressed his appreciation to Treasurer Dan Baden for his work with the Town budget.

Council Reports

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Development Overview Committee Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson reported that the 7-Eleven oral argument is scheduled for June 10, 2016 at 9 AM before the Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro. The time may change.

Town Clerk Tracey Toscano commended the Election Supervisors, Stephanie Herold and Ed Lee, for their work with the Town election and to Leatha Thome for the generous time she spent helping the team.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden distributed the April 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Police Chief Wynnyk distributed the April 2016 Crime Report was distributed. He attended the Maryland Police Training Commission meetings. The University Park Police Department recently passed the Criminal Justice Information System audit done by the Maryland State Police. Chief Wynnyk participated in the Rivers to Rockets ride along with CM Hess and Mayor Carey. The PorchFest event was very successful and went without incident.

Public Works Director Michael Beall reported that

- The stop bars on Clagett-Pineway will be installed before May 23.
- He received the preliminary approval of the FEMA reimbursement claim. The amount is \$18,130.

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- The recent power outage in Wards 7 and 4 was caused by a private tree crew.
- Received a preliminary price of \$2,600 from Pepco to turn off the power, bring a crane in and remove the bridge. At this time, there are no contracts for the bridge construction.
- The planners for the Pepco Vegetation Management Plan have begun wandering around Town. The Town discouraged Pepco from removing healthy trees from private property. A solicitor's permit has been issued. There will be a reassessment of the condition of Town pear trees before Pepco proceeds.
- Mr. Beall addressed a question from CM Gekas regarding the standing water issue around Henson Green. It will be evaluated by the Town Engineer.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:45 PM.

June 6 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Permits

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a 50'x 3' walkway located at 4200 Underwood Street.

Motion to table this motion until later in the agenda.
Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to lift the motion from the table and to amend the motion to include a 6" x 6" pressure treated timber wall 12' x 1.5' in the front yard as a retaining wall. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to add a 50'x 3' walkway and to include a 12' x 1.5' retaining wall located at 4200 Underwood Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing 9'x 40' parking pad located at 4300 Tuckerman Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to appoint Martha Wells to the Development Overview Committee. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to advise and consent to the Mayor's appointment of David Crocker to the Ethics Commission. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Verrill abstains).

Motion to consent to the appointment of Timothy Young and Eric Erickson to the Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Per recommendation from the Development Overview Committee, to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and send a letter to Susan Lareuse of the M-NCPPC Planning Staff expressing the Town's support for architectural revisions proposed as limited minor amendments to DSP-13009 and SP-130002 for the construction of townhouses by Stanley Martin Homes, provided such a position is consistent with the approval by the Mixed Use Town Center (MUTC) Committee of Riverdale Park and the position approved by the Town of Riverdale Park. If otherwise, the position will be brought back to the Council for decision.

The MUTC Committee voted to approve the changes to the DSP as submitted with the understanding that the applicant will introduce minor changes to the end units with side walls facing public rights of way (shown on the DSP as "highly visible lots") at the building permit stage to carry more of the materials of the front façades (particularly the chromatics of those materials) to the side walls, including design changes needed to integrate the new materials into the new side wall design. The committee also understands that the applicant has agreed to take care and consideration for designing compatible architectural characteristics between adjacent blocks and blocks fronting public spaces.

The Riverdale Park Council is expected to approve a position by the Town at its June 6, 2016 meeting.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Per recommendation from the Development Overview Committee, to request that representatives from Stanley Martin Homes be invited to brief the Committee regarding architecture of the townhouses about the time that they apply for building permits for their construction. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to introduce LR 16-O-04 to amend the fiscal 2017 budget and approve transfer of an amount not to

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exceed \$35,000 from Designated Reserve 6600-08 Vehicle Replacement to Line Item 6503-05 Public Works Capital Equipment, to enable purchase of a 2016 all-wheel replacement vehicle for the Director of Public Works subject to the Treasurer coming up with the correct terminology for the line item.

The soonest this resolution may be adopted is at the July 11, 2016 Council meeting.

Motion to declare the 2006 Ford Escape as surplus and authorize it to be auctioned for disposal. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor's Report

- The Mosquito Control Program began two weeks ago. On June 13, the Town is hosting a training program for anyone who wants to learn how to locate areas in yards for mosquito problems. The training will be done by Jeanine Dorothy, State Entomologist, Marketing Intern Leor Newman and Mosquito Intern Oswaldo Villena. Mosquito block parties will be planned throughout the summer months to educate residents.
- Oral argument for the 7-Eleven case is scheduled for June 10.
- The Town has applied for a \$93,500 grant with the Maryland Department of Transportation Bikeways Program, to fund implementation of the Town's bike plan and participation in the Mbike program of the University of Maryland and City of College Park.
- A Special Utility Permit for Pepco Vegetation Management will be presented for Council approval at the June 20 Council meeting.
- The Maryland Municipal League Convention is scheduled for June 26-29.

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- CM Gekas: Is there a pod on Tuckerman Street?
- CM Verrill: Asked for an update on code compliance of two properties in Ward 4.
- CM Cron: There is no front stoop at 6810 40th Street.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9 PM.



**Save the Date! Fall Yard Sale
Saturday, September 24**

OBITUARY



Rebekah Weir of Charlottesville and University Park, died on March 28 in Charlottesville from complications of dementia. She was 90. She was predeceased by her husband Thomas E. Weir, Sr. and sons, Thomas E. Weir, Jr. and Charles W. Weir.

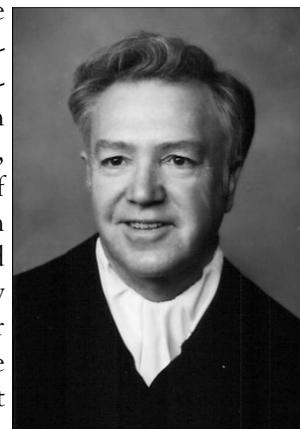
Becky was raised in South Carolina and married Tom Weir, a naval officer, after she graduated from the University of South Carolina. Before moving to UP, Becky taught high school English. They settled at their Queens Chapel Road home in the 1970s. Becky then pursued a career in personnel management for the Prince George's County Library System.

Much of Mrs. Weir's adult life was devoted to community service. She was an active member of Rotary International, where she was recognized for her support of ambassadorial scholarships. She was also proud of her work with the Boy Scouts of America, becoming the first American woman to earn the BSA Wood Badge for Leadership Training. Becky was a longtime member and elder of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church in UP.

Rebekah's family, friends and neighbors will long remember her for her quick wit, her intellect, her warm smile and her generous spirit. She moved to Charlottesville in 2011 to be closer to her daughter-in-law, Susan Weir and her granddaughters.

Becky's remains will be placed alongside those of her husband Tom at Arlington National Cemetery at a graveside service on Wednesday, July 6 at 10 AM.

John J. Garrity, long time UP resident and native of Vermont, likely held more positions of public trust, both in county and state government, than anyone in the history of the State of Maryland. Known as Jack, he entered Maryland public service in 1964 as a law clerk in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. He then served as an Assistant State's Attorney for Prince



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George's County; as Assistant Attorney General of Maryland; as County Commissioner of Prince George's County, where he served as chairman; as a member of both the House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate; and as an Associate Judge of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. While serving as a County Councilman and in the House and Senate, he also served as Assistant Public Defender. He was assigned to write and argue appellate cases in the state and federal courts. While serving as Assistant Attorney General of Maryland, he was assigned as a trial and appellate attorney and, during a period of unrest in 1968, was co-counsel in the H. Rap Brown case.

The Miss Utility legislation was developed under Garrity's leadership as County Council Chair in 1973, after a Bowie gas line was struck and exploded, killing several local residents. The following weekend, legislation was developed with the cooperation of utilities requiring utility lines be located prior to digging. The program was adopted by several states and incorporated into federal guidelines.

While in the Maryland Senate, Garrity held hearings for legislation that authorized victims to articulate the impact the crime had on their lives. The legislation has been affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior its adoption, the crime impact was related to by the prosecutor. As a member of the County Council and its chairman in 1973, he oversaw the peaceful integration of the school system, the initial development of Metro and the alignment of its routes, as well as the transition of the county government from a commissioner form to that of councilmanic districts.

John Joseph Garrity was born in New Haven, Connecticut, the son of Agnes Veronica McDermott Garrity and John J. Garrity. Orphaned at an early age, he attended St. Joseph's Orphanage in Burlington, Vermont, and was raised by relatives in Brattleboro, Vermont, where he attended St. Michael's grammar and high schools. Upon graduation, he attended the National Academy of Broadcasting in Washington, DC and later worked as a radio announcer. He joined the Navy in 1955 and served as one of the first corpsmen trained in nuclear medicine.

Judge Garrity received a bachelor's degree in journalism and his juris doctorate from American University. He was past president of his law school class; student dean of the legal fraternity Delta Theta Phi; and president of the Young Democrats of Prince George's County. He

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was a proud member of the American Order of Hibernians, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

The judge and his wife Ann made their home in University Park and enjoyed sixty years of marriage. Survivors include his wife; two children, Kevin of Los Angeles, and John and his wife, Karen, of Germantown; and his granddaughters, Kelly, Colleen and Kerry Ann Garrity. Judge Garrity, with his wonderful Irish wit, will be sorely missed by everyone who knew and loved him, especially his family.

After 8 Book Group: See You in September Tuesday, September 20, 8-10 PM

While there are no meetings in July or August, spend your summer reading. Here's a list of titles proposed for next year's discussion schedule: *My Brilliant Friend*, Elena Ferrante; *Wilde's Women*, Eleanor Fitzsimons; *The All-Girls Filling Station's Reunion*, Fannie Flagg; *Mistress of Riversdale*, Margaret Law Calcott; *The Summer Before the War*, Helen Simonson; *A Burnable Book* and *The Invention of Fire*, Bruce Holsinger; *Gutenberg's Apprentice*, Alix Christie; *Da Vinci's Ghost*, Toby Lester; *The Monuments Men*, Robert Edsel. For more information, call Laura Donnelly, 301-927-6550.

UPCA News



The UPCA thanks all of our human and canine neighbors for participating in the 3rd Annual Mutt Strut on June 5. Despite ominous forecasts, the weather was perfect and our town field was covered with blue Mutt Strut shirts and bandanas, vendors and our pets meeting and playing with each other. Thanks especially to Linda Verrill for leading the event once more, to all our sponsors and volunteers for helping make this event possible and congratulations to all the winners of the prize drawing.

The UP Tennis Club is back again for the summer, thanks to John Gekas' Sunday morning meetups at the Queen's Chapel courts. Contact him at university-parktennis@gmail.com if you're interested in joining the group; all levels are invited!

July starts out with one of our most attended events, the

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4th of July Parade and Potluck. Then, cool off by coming to the July Social, held at the Adelphi Pool, where the UPCA covers your admission for the day. Remember to visit our website, <http://upcivicassociation.com>, for the latest news on our events, to subscribe to our listserv or to pay for your membership dues to help keep these activities running.

4th of July Parade & Potluck Monday, July 4, 10 AM-1 PM



Decorate your bikes, join a parade, play some games and enjoy a neighborhood potluck as the UPCA celebrates Independence Day with our Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Here is the full schedule: 10:00-10:15 Arrive at UPES gazebo and drop off potluck dish, blankets and water for your family.

10:15-10:45 Walk to the top of Queen's Chapel Rd (near Town Hall) to decorate your bike, stroller, or pet and gather for the parade.

10:45-11:00 The Parade!

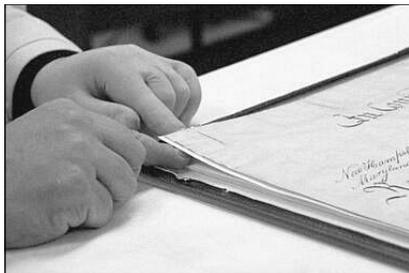
11:00-11:45 Back to the gazebo for lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and water or drinks for your family.

11:45-12:30 Games!

The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series **I Touched the Declaration of Independence: Conservation of a National Treasure** Saturday, July 9, 5 PM

Please join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Church of the Brethren for this free lecture series, open to all in the Washington community. A diverse range of topic areas will be covered including science, technology, the economy, health, education, history, literature, the arts, the environment, politics and more. Please invite your neighbors and friends.

Kitty Nicholson Donnelly, worked as a conservator of art and documents on paper and parchment. At the National Archives she was part of a team that re-encased the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in new state-of-the-art argon-filled sealed encasements. Kitty and her colleague carried out



treatment on five parchment leaves of the Constitution, plus the Declaration and the Bill of Rights between 1998 and 2003. Their treatment of the Declaration of Independence can be seen on YouTube in a NOVA documentary, *Saving the National Treasures*.

Vacation Bible School July 11-15, 6:30-9 PM

Riverdale Presbyterian Church and World of God Baptist invite you to join us for evening Vacation Bible School. All are welcome, from age 2 to senior citizens. Share a meal and Bible study. The theme is facing fears. Friday will be family fun night. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.rivpres.org/images/PDF/IVBS-2016.pdf>. Drop off completed forms at the church office, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, by July 3. Questions? prhule@newseum.org.

UPCA June Pool Social

Wednesday, July 13, 10:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Have a *free* swim on us! The UPCA will pay your guest fees at the Adelphi pool. The event is all day: stop in for a morning swim or come later and stay 'til closing. Don't dare worry about dinner, as the Urban Bumpkin BBQ food truck will be there from 4:30-7:30 for your eating enjoyment!



The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series **Will the Real General Custer Please Stand Up?**

Saturday, August 13, 5 PM

Lecturer David Harrington is a historian who retired from the National Park Service in 2012. His presentation will focus on the changing perception of General George Armstrong Custer since June 25, 1876, the date he and 267 men under his command perished in a fight with hostile Indians on the Little Big Horn River. Since 2008, three books about the battlefield or Custer have made the bestseller lists, including the 2016 Pulitzer Prize Winner for History: *Custer's Trials* by T. J. Stiles. However, conflicting emotions still exist and Custer remains a paradox.

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A 45-minute DVD, *Contested Ground*, featuring NPS Park Ranger Steven Adelson, will be shown, followed by a short talk on how something that happened 140 years ago, in what was termed the Great Sioux War, can affect us so profoundly and emotionally today. A final discussion and question/answer period will hopefully illuminate the relevance of continuing to discuss and teach history—a subject which is largely devalued in today's society.

This community lecture series is sponsored by the University Park Church of the Brethren, the University Park Community Solar LLC, the University Park Women's Club, and the University Park Civic Association. All lectures at Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman, University Park. For more information, call 301-779-3168.

UPCA Movie Night Friday, September 9, at dusk

Meet at the town field in front of the big inflatable screen and watch a movie with friends and neighbors under the big sky. Popcorn will also be provided. Bring drinks and a blanket and a low rise chair. Don't miss this fun night out in the neighborhood. See you at the movies!



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.



UMD/College Park Fireworks, Monday, July 4 Come celebrate the 4th on the UMD campus with fireworks and rock 'n' roll tunes. Grass seating is limited, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Concessions open at 5 PM and will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, ice cream, snow cones, soda and bottled water. Entertainment begins at 7 PM, followed by the fireworks at dusk (about 9

PM). Personal coolers are allowed. Alcohol and personal fireworks are prohibited. Rain date July 5.

Riversdale

Events take place at 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

Jazz on the Lawn, Wednesdays, July 6 and 20, August 3 and 17, 7 PM Bring a blanket or lawn chair, pack a picnic and enjoy some of the area's top jazz musicians. Musical fun all summer long, with great acts throughout the summer. Free. All ages welcome. Note: In case of rain, the concerts move inside.

July 6: Seth Kibel Quartet

July 20: Susan Jones Quartet

August 3: Cheek to Cheek

August 17: Gina de Simone & the Moaners

Shakespeare in the Parks: Twelfth Night Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 PM If music be the food of love, play on, opens one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this free performance. Rain location just down the street at Riverdale Elementary School, 5006 Riverdale Road.

Drawing on History, Saturday, July 23, 10 AM-1 PM In partnership with the Brentwood Arts Exchange, artists of all ages are invited to spend a day sketching in the museum. Get inspired by the paintings and architecture inside or outside in the garden. Free art materials for kids while supplies last. Registration requested. Free.

Battle of Bladensburg Encampment, Saturday, August 13, 12 PM The encampment returns with a bang this year as British and American troops ready the rockets and prepare for battle. Step back into 1814 with an afternoon of hands-on demos, children's activities, tours, music and more. Food available for purchase. Free admission to grounds; \$3 fee for house tours.

Hyattsville Arts & Ales Festival, Saturday, September 10, 12-6 PM Incorporating 3 city blocks of downtown this is a juried festival featuring over 100 exhibiting artists and artisans, Maryland craft breweries, food vendors, as well as music and dance on two stages. Free and family-friendly. Tasting passes (ages 21+), \$30 in advance online and can also be purchased at the gate. See <http://hyattsvilleartsfestival.com/> for more information.



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Mosquito Control Program

The Asian Tiger Mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) is a vector for diseases in humans that include West Nile Virus, dengue and chikungunya. It is possible that the Zika virus could also be transmitted by the Tiger mosquito. For more information about the Zika virus go to the CDC website <http://www.cdc.gov/zika>. The Asian Tiger mosquito can also transmit diseases like heartworm disease to our pets.

Human activity is the primary cause of increasing mosquito populations in urban environments, because mosquitoes breed in small water-holding containers. Some examples of these are birdbaths, flower pots, saucers, buckets, toys and clogged rain gutters.

What can you do?

- Check your yard weekly for water-filled containers.
- Don't leave out containers that can collect water.
- Wash out birdbaths with a strong stream of water.
- Throw away or recycle water-holding containers that are not needed.
- Check and clean rain gutters.
- Work with your neighbors. Talk to your neighbors about the negative effects of mosquitoes and how you can work together to help control them.
- Treat sources of water you can't drain with mosquito dunks or granules. These contain a type of bacteria that only targets mosquitoes and flies.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, socks and shoes when mosquitos are more active.
- Apply repellent such as picaridin, DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus only to exposed skin and/or clothing.
- Use mosquito netting over infant carriers and strollers.
- Install or repair window and door screens to keep out mosquitoes.



Schedule a free visit by the University Park mosquito team to your yard, to coach you on how best to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. Evening and weekend visits are available.

**Please contact the UP's mosquito control program at
mosquito@upmd.org or call at 301-852-1889 to make an appointment.**

The Straight Scoop

Common Myths about Pet Waste

MYTH: Pet waste doesn't hurt the environment.

FACT: Sooner or later, pet waste left on the ground will find its way to our storm drains, streams and rivers. When pet waste washes into streams, it decomposes and produces substances called nutrients that consume the oxygen in the water that fish and other aquatic animals need to live. Most importantly, pet waste contains disease-causing germs and parasites that can make our streams and rivers unsafe for swimming. Children, gardeners and other pets that come in contact with pet waste also are at risk of infection.

MYTH: Pet waste decays quickly.

FACT: Pet waste breaks down extremely slow, causing un-scooped waste to accumulate faster than it breaks down. In the wintertime, abandoned pet waste freezes and remains for several weeks or even months! That's plenty of time for rain or melted snow to wash the waste into a storm drain, where it flows into our streams and rivers.

MYTH: Waste from my ONE dog can't hurt.

FACT: The average dog defecates about three-quarters of a pound of feces each day. In one year, Prince George's County issued around 16,300 dog licenses; that amounts to almost 6 tons of pet waste daily, which is equal to 215 dump truck loads every day. If everyone decided to stop picking up his or her pet's waste, imagine the amount of pet waste that would pile up in one month!

MYTH: No one cares if I pick up after my pet or not.

FACT: No one likes to smell, look at or step in pet waste! Most complaints about pets arise when their owners don't pick up the waste. More complaints are received for pet waste than for aggressive dogs, barking or dogs running loose. Leaving pet waste in our parks, on our neighbors' lawns or on sidewalks gives some people one more reason to dislike pets and their owners. In Prince George's County, it is also against the law to leave your pet's waste on public or private property and may result in fines up to \$250. Picking up your pet's waste sets a good example for other pet owners, and your neighbors will appreciate it, too.

MYTH: Picking up after my dog is too inconvenient and messy.

FACT: It is no one's favorite job, but it has become easier. Since so many dog owners have recognized the importance of scooping up pet waste, the market has responded with some inexpensive, easy-to-use tools. These tools include tiny bags to fit in your pocket or clip onto your dog's leash, waste scoopers with long handles and scoopers that bag the waste as you pick it up. After picking up the waste, you can flush it down the toilet or double-bag it and put it in the trash. There are even pet waste digesters you can install in your yard that work like a septic tank. These products can be found at many pet stores or online, and plastic grocery bags and newspaper bags are still a free alternative.

Pick up after your pet!

It's easy as A-B-C

A. Bring a bag



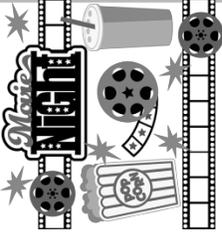
B. Clean it up



C. Dispose of it properly (toilet or trash)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Save the Date! The 2nd Saturday Lecture Series Saturday, August 13, 5 PM</p> 	<p>Movie Night </p>	<p>Save the Date! UPCA Movie Night Friday, September 9, at dusk</p>	<p>AWESOME GARAGE SALE  OVER HERE!</p>	<p>Save the Date! Fall Yard Sale Saturday, September 24</p>	1	2
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