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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

As you move around the community, you've likely noticed many streets near the center of the Town have been torn up and temporarily patched, due to the WSSC College Heights Water Main Replacement project. This involves 2.2 miles of our streets, but the project is ahead of schedule. When completed by early summer, those streets will require repaving. To plan for this, Town staff and the Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety have begun to identify and evaluate where work is needed to repair or improve Town streets, sidewalks, and park paths, including whether to build new sidewalks and paths which have been on residents' wish lists for years. Coordinating such infrastructure projects and completing them concurrently with the necessary street repaving can save the Town a lot of money.

The Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public

Safety has begun this planning and meets the third Wednesday of every month at Town Hall. All of these meetings are open. If you would like to add your views to the discussion, the next meeting is December 19. Please come and participate.

We often find ourselves together at this holiday season at one or more of the many events going on in town, whether at the community potluck, holiday tree lighting, holiday house tour, or other nearby event, or ambling about town considering possibilities for snow. As always, I look forward to seeing you in town or nearby, and hope you will come over to say hello. I wish you peace always, and the comforts of home and community.

—Len Carey

*Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?  
Let me know: [mayorcarey@upmd.org](mailto:mayorcarey@upmd.org)*

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	December 3 & 17
Holidays	December 25 & January 1

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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**The Town of University Park  
invites you to a**

## **Service Recognition and Retirement Reception**

**Honoring Chief Michael Wynnyk for  
his 16 years of service to the Town**

Tuesday, December 18, 2018. 7-9 p.m.  
Word of God Baptist Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Road  
University Park, Maryland 20782

*Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and refreshments will be served.*

**RSVP by December 11 to  
Elizabeth Gilead at [egilead@upmd.org](mailto:egilead@upmd.org)  
or call (301) 277-0050.**

### **Community Survey & Focus Group**



Municipal & Financial Services Group

The Town has contracted with the Municipal & Financial Services Group (MFSG) for a study of Town operations and management. As part of this study, MFSG will survey resident perspectives of Town services, government structure, and staffing. In addition to the survey, focus groups will be held over the next few months to help MFSG refine findings and recommendations.

All Town residents are encouraged to complete the survey — please, one per household. The survey may be completed via online entry (or downloaded) from the homepage of the Town's website ([www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org)). Paper copies of the survey may also be obtained at Town Hall and mailed directly to MFSG.

You may indicate your interest in participating in a focus group by filling out your contact info at the end of the survey or by emailing MFSG Project Manager Michael Maker at [michael.maker@mfsllc.com](mailto:michael.maker@mfsllc.com).

## FROM THE CHIEF

Another year has gone by and it seems like only yesterday that I was sitting down to write my first annual holiday message to all. So many things have happened that finding a starting point is difficult. The UPPD family continues to move forward with some exciting changes during the past year. Captain Wayne McCully retired in February and is living happily in Myrtle Beach.

Captain McCully's exit created some opportunities for promotions and professional growth. Sgt. Dan Enig worked hard to pass the promotional exam and is now Lieutenant Dan Enig with the responsibility of keeping daily operations running smoothly, and learning the duties from an administrative perspective.

Corporal Chad Sunday was promoted to Sgt. Sunday. Chad is happy with his new police car, and his new assignment of being responsible for his squad. Sgt. Sunday also completed significant training to become a firearms instructor, field training instructor and police practices instructor. He continues to lead the department in drunk driving enforcement. December is Drunk Driving Awareness Month so do not even think about driving when you drink during the holiday season, he will be on patrol.

Sgt. Steve Stennett has been assigned a new squad and additional responsibilities. His operational plan for Halloween was successful and he continues to be the fittest officer around, planning once again to compete in the Police Olympics. Take a tip from Sgt. Stennett, exercise daily and eat healthy. Corporal Shameka Graddy continues her regular visits to UPES and with a new E-Police bike she has been seen doing traffic enforcement on bicycle. One call she responded to this year involved identity theft and fraud, so remember to keep track of your credit cards, transactions and credit. With the holiday shopping season here, keeping track of finances can be difficult but necessary.

Corporal Kirk Jones continues to keep pace with our town year after year, writing accident reports, traffic and parking tickets, and monitoring the parks while patrolling around town. Officer David Johnson is no longer the new guy and he is also the proud father of his third child, so he stays busy at home as well. Taking full advantage of his vehicle mounted license plate reader and leading the department in traffic enforcement, he helps ensure our roadways are safe. Always remember to stop

for stop signs, obey the speed limits and watch out for pedestrians.

Our newest addition to the agency is Officer Gregg Fuoco. He comes to us from the University of Maryland Police Department and is a retiree of the PGPD. Bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, he was thrust into an emergency drill held at the UP Town Hall last month and responded exceptionally. Emergencies happen, so remember to always have a plan, practice your emergency plans with the family, making sure everyone knows where to go when.

Elizabeth Gilead works hard managing the front office. As our administrative assistant she continues to grow in her position and keeps our customers happy, even when they're paying a ticket. I am very proud of the work done by the UPPD this year! We always strive to be professional.

From the women and men of the University Park Police Department, we hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season!

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### Holiday Funds for Town Employees



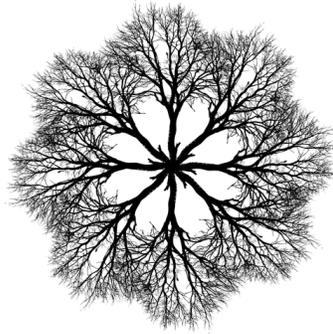
Please consider contributing to the University Park Holiday Funds for Town employees. These funds offer a way for residents to express their appreciation for the exemplary work done by the Town's dedicated employees throughout the year. We are very fortunate that much of our staff has been with the Town for more

than five years, some for more than 20 years. The winter holidays afford a chance for residents to show their appreciation for the continued conscientious service to our community given by these very dedicated Town employees through foul or fair weather.

To contribute, checks should be made payable to "Town of University Park" and marked on the memo line of your check for the "Holiday Funds." You may also indicate whether your contribution is intended for Public Works, Police Department and/or for General Administrative Staff (including bus drivers) and the respective amount you wish to donate to each. Checks for the 2018 Holiday Funds should be mailed or delivered to the Town Hall by Friday, December 28, 2018.

**Tree Committee News**  
**A “Treemendous”**  
**Gift from the Town**

It’s now official: the Tree Reimbursement program has been expanded by the Town Council to include reimbursement for approved understory trees in addition to the existing approved shade trees. Receive \$300 for planting an approved shade tree or \$100 for an approved understory tree. Documents are under revision; look for details online soon. You can celebrate all year long, provided funds are available.



**Keep It Green in December**

If your holiday decorating includes a tree, please go green. An artificial tree is only environmentally beneficial if used for more than 10-15 years. The best second choice is a locally grown tree cut fresh recently. Those opting for this choice are supporting a small business and making a carbon neutral purchase, as the town picks up our used trees and mulches them. The best choice remains a potted tree that is used for one or more years before being planted or mulched.

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

**Helping Hands University**  
**Park**

Have you checked our HHUP website lately? It’s a great way to see upcoming events, fill out a Volunteer or Member application, and stay up-to-date on all HHUP happenings: [helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org)



**HHUP Members’ Lunch Club** We will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Mulligan’s by the U of MD Golf Course. Please RSVP: 301-892-6636 or email Lisa at [lmseiler128@aol.com](mailto:lmseiler128@aol.com).

**Think of HHUP When Writing Charity Checks** We are seeing a need for funds to assist some of our UP seniors. We work to connect them to county programs. However, from time to time we would like to be able to assist financially with minor home repairs, groceries, home-delivered meals and medical supplies. Any size donation is welcome! *Please send your tax-deductible check,*

payable to HHUP, to UP Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Ave., University Park, MD 20782; please be sure to write HHUP on the envelope.

**HHUP Annual Summary**

We’d like to share with our UP neighbors some of what HHUP has accomplished in 2018 (through 10/1). Although we are still in our infancy as an organization, we are making a positive difference in the lives of our community!

We have 31 trained and fully vetted HHUP volunteers, including 22 drivers. We have 66 HHUP members, though we consider every UP senior a prospective member-no dues or fees, just a simple application to complete and any UP senior becomes a member! Look for the application on our website: [helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org)

HHUP has filled 132 requests for services in 2018, including 35 minor repairs, 22 rides to events including our own HHUP programs, and 22 service calls for help with computers and electronic devices. Among our services, several volunteers installed about 25 smoke detectors with 10-year batteries in the homes of our members. Twelve of our volunteers have provided nearly 145 hours of assistance to HHUP members. Our website and Facebook page are attracting new users. Both sites include information on upcoming events and include photos taken at different activities of ours.

Aside from rides and assistance to individual members, HHUP plans activities and programs to bring local seniors together.

- We hold a monthly Lunch Club, attended by members as well as several volunteers. We average 12-15 people each month, enjoying good conversation and food at different local restaurants. We offered a series of Gentle Yoga classes at Numi Yoga to our members earlier this year.
- We continue our partnership with the Clarice Smith Center for Performing Arts, sponsoring private receptions with faculty musicians for HHUPers after selected Sunday afternoon free concerts. A group of us went to see *Won’t You Be My Neighbor*, featuring Mr. Fred Rogers, at the Old Greenbelt Theatre and then shared dinner together at the Chinese restaurant next door.
- We recently held our first Meet & Greet for our volunteers, where we expressed appreciation to more than half of our group of volunteers.

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- We are again partnering with the Word of God Baptist Church to offer free memory screenings during November, Alzheimer's Awareness Month. We also partner with Dave Brosch, periodically co-sponsoring his 2nd Saturday lectures. Most recently, UP resident Jane Horvath addressed a large group on Understanding Medicare. Our next shared lecture will be on April 13, when an attorney from Byrd & Byrd will talk about 5 documents needed by age 55, "5@55." This will precede the annual May 1 Senior Law Day, when we will once again partner with Hyattsville Aging in Place.
- We have established 2 subcommittees, Membership & Activities, adding a number of people to complete tasks otherwise carried on by our Steering Committee.
- We may be a young organization, but we're making a difference in the lives of our members and our volunteers. We hope more of you will join us in the new year!

### October 15 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Brosch, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen.

#### Presentation

Steve Lamphier, President from the Riverdale Fire Department, explained their role and coverage area in University Park.

- The Riverdale Fire Department is 100% volunteer, 24/7.
- Riverdale Fire Department is first due in every Ward in University Park except for the south-west corner located near Belcrest Road.
- Mr. Lamphier asked for feedback on the thought of having Santa come through University Park.
- Mayor Carey suggested the possibility of including the Riverdale Fire Department in some of the events arranged by the University Park Civic Association.
- Mr. Lamphier plans to send an annual summary to Mayor Carey for possible inclusion in the Town newsletter.

#### Consent Agenda

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

*To replace 40'x 2' flagstone walkway from front door to curb located at 6905 Wells Parkway.*

#### Permits

*Motion to approve the request for a building permit to construct a two-story 12.7'x 13' addition with first floor walkout and steps to grade located at 6502 40th Avenue.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*A request for a building permit to replace the fence at the back of the property, along the alley, with a non-conforming 5' fence and gate, located at 6506 40th Avenue requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, Council must make the requisite findings.*

*Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to replace the fence at the back of the property, along the alley, with a non-conforming 5' fence and gate, located at 6506 40th Avenue requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code, showing that the backyard is on an alley, one lot from Adelphi Road is a safety issue. Council approved the request for a building permit, with findings required by Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code having been met.* Motion approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Wells and Schultz opposed).

*A request for a building permit to replace the fence at the back of the property, along the alley, with a non-conforming 5' fence and gate, located at 6508 40th Avenue requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, Council must make the requisite findings.*

*Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to replace the fence at the back of the property, along the alley, with a non-conforming 5' fence and gate, located at 6508 40th Avenue requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code, showing that the backyard is on an alley, one lot from Adelphi Road is a safety issue. Council approved the request for a building permit, with findings required by Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code having been met.* Motion approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Wells and Schultz opposed).

*A request for a building permit to replace the fence at the back of the property, along the alley, with a non-conforming 5' fence and gate, located at 6507 Adelphi*

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*Road requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, Council must make the requisite findings.*

*Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to replace the fence at the back of the property, along the alley, with a non-conforming 5' fence and gate, located at 6507 Adelphi Road requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code, showing that the backyard is on an alley, the lot on Adelphi Road is a safety issue. Council approved the request for a building permit, with findings required by Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code having been met. Motion approved 4 to 3 (Brosch, Wells and Schultz opposed).*

*Excerpt from Town Code Article 2 – Rental Housing Code, Section 13-210. Right to appeal.*

*Any person affected by any notice which has been issued in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this article, or of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the*

*Town Council or its designated committee.*

*An appeal of the requirement to comply with Town Code Chapter 13, Article 2 and Section 13-217 Fire Safety Requirements. This section incorporates by reference Chapter 24 of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2015 edition. Owners request a variance to retain the current clear opening of 30 inches x 12 inches to all bedroom windows, which does not comply with secondary egress window area requirements.*

*Motion: To continue the hearing until November 5 enabling the homeowner or agent to determine whether the windows are certified by the NFPA as compliant with the Life Safety Code and to provide this information to the Council in writing. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: The homeowner invited all Councilmembers to go to the home and test the window for easy opening.*

### Continuing Business

*Motion: To adopt the fiscal year 2018 budget transfers as recommended in the September 24, 2018 memo from Treasurer Dan Baden, as reflected below.*

<u>Account name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<b>General Government</b>		
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$2,290	
Architecture & Related Services	4,290	
Building Maintenance	1,000	
Cable	1,000	
Legal Fees	5,300	
Newsletter	1,000	
Small Equipment	1,800	
Training	1,100	
Website Design & Maintenance	485	
Building Utilities		190
Engineering		6,600
IT Costs		1,235
Office Expense		6,000
Town Hall Security		1,500
Transit		2,740
<b>Police</b>		
Body Worn Cameras	6,595	
Citations		270
Computer		610
Gasoline		485
Mobile Data Terminals		680
Vehicle Maintenance		4,550
<b>Public Works</b>		
Park Bridge Replacement & Walkway	12,930	
Tree Replacement - Park		240
Upkeep of Park		2,100
Park Landscape Maintenance		55
Tree Replacement - Street		350
Uniforms		10
Fuel		1,010
Medical Exams		350
Training		15
Vehicle Maintenance		1,100
Park Playground		7,700

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### New Business

*Motion: As recommended by the Development Overview Committee, to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter of support for revision 14 to DSP 13-009 regarding minor revisions to building 5 at Riverdale Park Station.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: As recommended by the Development Overview Committee, to approve a Town position regarding the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to prepare a letter to the Chair of Prince George's County Council for that purpose.*

*Motion: 3A-To amend Special Exception for a conversion of a single-family dwelling unit, to a two or three dwelling unit be prohibited in the RSF 65.* Motion fails 3-4 (Stephen, Morrissey, Verrill, Brosch opposed).

*Motion: 3B- (Verrill) To eliminate 3B from the draft letter (attached). (Caskey) To prohibit the special exception language in the letter.*

*(Town Attorney Ferguson) To allow the increase in height for live-in domestic help to allow to continue as a Special Exception.* Motion fails 3-4 (Stephen, Morrissey, Verrill, Brosch opposed).

*Motion: As recommended by the Development Overview Committee, to approve a Town position regarding the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to prepare a letter to the Chair of Prince George's County Council for that purpose.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: As recommended by the Development Overview Committee, to approve a Town position regarding the proposed repurposing of the Golf Course at the University of Maryland and to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to prepare a letter to the University of Maryland for that purpose.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Department and Council Reports

#### Mayor's Report

▪ Distributed a copy of the 2018-2019 County and Municipality Tax Rate Table. Mayor Carey noted on page 5 University Park's tax rate in comparison to other municipalities in Prince George's County and Montgomery

County.

- A list of the interview team for hiring the new Chief of Police for University Park was distributed. The team will meet on November 5 to start the process. Interviews are scheduled for November 19. The Town Charter provides that the Chief of Police is appointed by the Mayor with the approval by the Council. Mayor Carey will ask the Council to work with him in interviewing the final three or four candidates. The plan is to recommend an applicant for approval by the Council by early December.
- The Strategic Planning Retreat that was tentatively scheduled for November 9-10 will be rescheduled for the spring or summer of 2019. Mayor Carey will work on finding funds in the budget to invite a facilitator for the retreat.
- Mayor Carey, the Town Attorney and the Treasurer met with Municipal and Financial Services Group. They will present to the Town and Council on November 5. One of the focus groups will be current and former Councilmembers and Mayors.

### Council and Committee Reports

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* Topics of discussion at the October 4 meeting: The Committee voted on introducing an Ordinance to Council to change the allowable fence heights. Discussed the process on moving forward on the "Welcoming City" policies. A list of bullets for a "Welcoming City" were distributed to Councilmembers. CM Verrill would like to discuss these at the next Council Work Session. Mayor Carey asked that the list be forwarded to Andrea for the website, and that Council discussion in work session be planned for November 19.

*Police, Traffic, and Public Safety* Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17 to discuss sidewalks and streets.

*Town Clerk Tracey Toscano* Residents should expect Town bus delays during the construction period.

#### Chief of Police Wynnyk

- The September 2018 Crime Report was distributed.
- Officers are winding up their service training.
- Department is preparing for Halloween.
- Planning for an emergency drill at Town Hall. Chief Wynnyk informed Councilmembers to be prepared for a phone call as part of the drill.

## TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

*Town Treasurer Dan Baden* The September 2018 Treasurer's Report was distributed. There's a typo on page 1: (Highway Users Revenue) \$139,604 should be \$69,832.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:10 PM.

### UPCA Holiday Potluck 4-6 PM & Tree Lighting 6:30-7 PM

**Saturday, December 1**



Please join the community in celebrating the holidays. For the Potluck Dinner, please bring a dish or dessert to share that serves at least 15 people. There is no kitchen access, so please plan accordingly. Kids can get creative at the Arts & Crafts Table. The University Park Woman's Club will be collecting white socks, hats, and gloves for those in need. The items will be collected at the Holiday Tree Lighting. Adult sizes are especially wanted this year. After dinner, walk with neighbors to Henson Green at Sheridan and Queens Chapel Road for the Tree Lighting. Santa will make his appearance! Caroling and candy canes for all! You will be able to purchase UPWC Holiday House Tour tickets. University Park Elementary School 4315 Underwood Street.

### For All Good Causes Holiday Sharing Fair

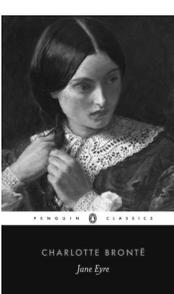
**Saturday, December 1, 9:30 AM-2 PM**



You'll find handcrafts from global artisans at SERRV, gifts to help meet the needs of hungry families from Heifer International, Fair Trade products, Bead for Life jewelry created by women in microbusinesses, and more. Stop by for baked goods or brats and other goodies from the grill. Shop for gifts from nonprofit groups supporting community services, justice, peace and the environment. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St.

### After 8 Book Group

**Tuesday, December 11, 8-10 PM**



December's title is *Persuasion* by Jane Austen. January's book is *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. Please call Gwen Brewer 301-277-0516 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more information.

### 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.



### White House Christmas Ornaments



The UP Woman's Club is offering the 2018 White House Christmas Ornament for sale for \$25. This year the administration of President Harry S. Truman is being honored with a replica of the restored and renovated White House, completed in 1952. Add this brass 2-sided ornament plated with nickel and 24-karat gold to your collection or start collecting for a new, budding history buff. Please email [Jacqueline.groppe@verizon.net](mailto:Jacqueline.groppe@verizon.net) to order yours and arrange a time for pick-up. Your \$25 check should be made payable to the UPWC. All proceeds go to the charitable projects of the UPWC.

### University Park Woman's Club Scholarships 2019

#### Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

This one-time financial need-based award of \$1500 is available to a graduating senior of Northwestern High School. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

#### University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one-time merit-based need-blind \$1500 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. All student applicants must live in Maryland. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

Applications and further information can be found at [www.upwomensclub.org](http://www.upwomensclub.org). For questions, email [upmdwc@gmail.com](mailto:upmdwc@gmail.com). Completed applications are due Monday, April 1, 2019.

**Attention: Teen Workers**

A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year in the Newsletter. University Park teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents (raking, shoveling, car washing, babysitting, pet care, etc.) should email their name, age, phone number, street name, email address and type of service(s) to [univparknews@gmail.com](mailto:univparknews@gmail.com) before December 6 for publication in the January Newsletter.



**Basketball Players Wanted  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8-10 PM**

We are a group of over-30 folks (average age around 42) who play full-court basketball twice per week at a gym just outside of UP. The purpose is to get in some good games, exercise, and socialize with our neighbors. A small donation (cheap!) is required to cover the use of the gym. The amount depends on whether the member plays one or both nights. You should (ideally) be over 30, live in University Park/College Heights Estates, like playing with a friendly & semi-competitive-but-not-super-serious group, and enjoy socializing. Spots are limited, ensuring that members get plenty of chances to play. We occasionally (optional) meet for beers and the like during the year. This is a fun group of really nice folks. Trash-talking or overly physical play are not allowed. We will consider people outside of University Park if spots remain after all interested University Park/College Heights Estates candidates are exhausted. If interested, please contact George Klimes at 202-459-7318 or [klimes@gmail.com](mailto:klimes@gmail.com), and he will be happy to provide more details.

**Chromebook Campaign at UPES**

The University Park Elementary School PTA is raising money to purchase new Chromebooks for our students and every little donation helps. Technical knowledge is increasingly an essential key to success at school and work, yet not all UPES students have the same technology advantages at home. Our goal is to reduce digital inequality by bringing more Chromebook computers into the classrooms, where they will serve as an important teaching tool. The PTA aims to provide a 1:1 ratio of Chromebooks to students in grades 3 to 6. But first, we need to raise \$10,000. Here's

where you come in! You can give to this cause in any of the following ways: Write a check to UPES PTA. Mail in to UPES PTA, c/o University Park Elementary School, 4315 Underwood Street, Hyattsville, MD 20782, or use PayPal: [PayPal.Me/upsptadonation](https://www.paypal.com/upsptadonation).



Ask your friends and family to join the effort! Tell us if you know of any grant opportunities that we can pursue. Email [Nitish.upesptaveep@gmail.com](mailto:Nitish.upesptaveep@gmail.com). The UPES PTA is a nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible. And remember, some employers will match employee donations, so check to see if yours will!

**Greenbelt Art and Craft Fair, *Saturday, December 1, 10 AM-5 PM and Sunday, December 2, 10 AM-4 PM*** The Art and Craft Fair showcases the talents of 75 regional artists, artisans and authors. Beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions. A wide



selection of functional pottery and ceramic art will be presented by the Center's Artists in Residence, instructors, Greenbelt Pottery Group members and other participants in the Recreation Department's robust ceramics program. Additional wares include clothing, accessories, jewelry, toys, paintings, photography, housewares, bath and body products, books by local authors and more. Roughly one third of the exhibitors participating this year will be new to the fair. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt. Info: 301-397-2208.

**Lost Pet Database**



In this busy season, be sure your pet is registered. To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call volunteer coordinator 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 in case they are lost.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, *Friday, December 7, 8 PM*** Modeled after the historic Christmas Eve tradition presented by King's College of Cambridge, conductors Kenneth Elpus and Tim Keeler lead host choirs UMD Treble Choir and UMD Men's Chorus, accompanied by organist Theodore Guerrant and brass quintet. Audience participation is encouraged during performances of traditional Christmas carols. UMD Memorial Chapel, College Park. Tickets \$20/general admission, \$15/senior (62+), \$10/students and youth. Call 301-405-2787 or visit [theclarice.umd.edu](http://theclarice.umd.edu) for tickets.

**Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Monday, December 10, 7 PM*** Local landscape filmmaker Chris Lynn. Chris is a Maryland sound artist, educator, and curator. His digital images and Super 8 films capture the subtle rhythms of light and sound in urban and rural landscape. Refreshments provided. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville.

**The Hyattsville Figure Drawing Group, *Tuesdays, 6-9 PM*** Each session begins with five 5-minute warm-up poses. We then draw from a sustained pose for the remainder of the session. Please bring your own materials, paper and easel (if needed). Chairs, tables and drawing boards provided. Walk-ins and late arrivals welcome, no experience necessary! \$20/session or \$80/5-session punch card. Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville. More info at [pyramidatlanticartcenter.org](http://pyramidatlanticartcenter.org).



### Riversdale



*Riversdale*

-0420.

A National Historic Landmark, Riversdale is a restored, five-part, stucco-covered brick plantation home built between 1801 and 1807. 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park, 301-864

**Riversdale Chamber Music Society, *Sunday, December 2, 2:30 PM*** Enjoy another performance by talented area musicians and mingle with them at a reception. Program to be announced. Free.



**Riversdale by Candlelight, *Saturday, December 29, 6-9 PM*** Residents from Riversdale's past welcome guests in the candlelit museum for tours, refreshments, live music and children's activities. Fee: \$5/adult; Free/12 and under with a paid admission.

**Twelfth Night Ball, *Saturday, January 12, 2019, 7:30 PM*** Cap off the holiday season in festive style at our Regency ball and supper. Period attire admired but not required; black tie is also welcome. Register early; capacity limited. Fee: Resident/\$50; Non-Resident/\$65.

### College Park Arts Exchange



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

**Wreath Workshop, *Saturday, December 1, 1 PM*** Volunteer Cindy Xander will lead a fun afternoon workshop where you will decorate a beautiful holiday wreath.

**Dance Improv with Workshop Glade Dance Collective, *Saturday, December 1, 4 PM*** Workshop 4-6 pm (\$10): Improvisation can be a rich way to generate choreography—performance itself. Collective members will lead a workshop on improvisation techniques and scores, sharing how Glade uses improvisation in dance creation and performance. PLUS, participants will have the opportunity to perform improvisation scores as part of Glade's performance. Performance participation is totally optional. You may participate in the workshop without wanting to perform! Movers ages 12+ and of all levels are invited. Dancers wishing to perform should wear black pants and a black shirt for performance. Glade Dance Collective appreciates your donations for their 7 pm performance (\$15 suggested).

# Town of University Park

## DPW Reminders

### Once-A-Week Trash Collection Schedule

Effective November 6, the new weekly waste collection schedule will be as follows:



- Monday — Yard Waste
- Tuesday — Trash, Bulk Trash, and Compost
- Friday — Recycling
- Holidays — Any collection which falls on a holiday, will be picked up on Wednesday

*Too much trash? Tips to reduce trash:*

- Recycle.
- Join the Town's Compost Program.
- Keep yard waste like grass, branches, and leaves out of the trash.



*Solutions to reduce cart odor:*

- Use baking soda.
- Place dryer sheets in cart.
- Use vanilla extract – apply 2-3 drops on a cotton ball.

Beginning February 1, residents may purchase a larger 95-gallon replacement cart or an additional 65-gallon cart from the Town. To purchase a cart or join the Town's Compost Program, contact Public Works Director Mickey Beall at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org) or call 301-927-4262 ext. 200.

### Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Continues Until Jan. 11



Leaf vacuuming is underway through January 11, 2019.

- Crews will work counterclockwise through Town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 & Ward 6.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- No rocks, sticks or metal in your leaf piles.

- Crews will not back track to collect leaves once they have been past your home.
- Check the Town website under the public works heading for updates and changes. You will also find a ward map at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org).

**Questions?** Call Town Hall at 301-927-4262 or email Mickey Beall at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org)

### Tree Reimbursement Program

The Shade Tree Reimbursement Program offers residents up to \$300 towards the price of purchasing and planting a tree on private property. The purpose of the program is to enhance the town's tree canopy, which provides many benefits including conserving energy, reducing air pollution, increasing property values, enhancing wildlife habitat and providing aesthetic benefits.

The Town of UP recognizes these benefits and has an ongoing tree planting and maintenance program. But the town can only manage trees on public land, such as in parks and along streets.

To increase and maintain a healthy urban tree canopy, the town wants to ensure that trees are also planted on private property. Residents may receive \$300 for planting an approved shade tree. **New this year, residents may also receive \$100 for an approved understory tree.**

To participate in this program, follow these easy steps:

1. Plant a tree from the Approved Shade or Understory Tree List.
2. Fill out the Reimbursement Request form, then upload or deliver your tree receipt to Town Hall.
3. Contact Mickey Beall at Town Hall or [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org) with questions.

Complete guidelines, the request form and the Approved Shade and Understory Tree lists will be available on the Town website. This program is in effect as long as funds are available.

### Holiday Trash Schedule

Tuesday, December 25—Trash collection rescheduled to Wednesday, December 26.

Tuesday, January 1—Trash collection rescheduled to Wednesday, January 2.

# Town of University Park Snow & Winter Operations

## Clear Sidewalks

Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. Please clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

## Snow Event Parking

If you are unable to utilize off-street parking, please follow the recommended guidelines below.

### *Both Sides - No Parking*

The Mews and Queens Chapel Road from 6400 to 6700 blocks (Queens - change from previous plan)

### *Creekside - No Parking*

Wells Parkway

### *Odd Number Sides - No Parking*

40th Avenue

41st Avenue

Beechwood Road, 3900 through 4300 blocks

Calverton Drive

Oakridge Road

Pineway

Queens Chapel Road, the 6300  
from previous plan)

Sheridan Street

Tennyson Road

Tuckerman Street

Underwood Street, 3900 through 4300 blocks

### *Even Number Side - No Parking*

42nd Avenue

43rd Avenue

44th Avenue

Beechwood Road, 4400 block

Chansory Lane

Clagett Road

Clagett-Pineway

College Heights Drive

Forest Hill Drive

Holly Hill Road

Underwood Street, 4400 block

Van Buren Street

Woodberry Street



## Keep Streets Clear of Parked Vehicles

When there is a chance of snow, please use driveways or garages to park your vehicles. With fewer vehicles parked on Town streets, our public works crew is able to clear them of ice and snow more effectively. For safety reasons, please limit activity in the streets when public works crews are plowing.

## Town Shuttle Bus Winter Conditions Policy

Town Shuttle Bus operations to and from Metro during winter weather conditions will seek to parallel the operating status of federal government offices in the area. Please follow news media reports regarding the operating status of federal government offices within the Washington Beltway as the best indicator of whether the Town Shuttle Bus is operating.

- Bus status recording will be updated as needed due to changing conditions:
- If federal government offices are closed due to winter conditions, the Town Shuttle Bus will not operate.
- If federal government offices are open, even if on delayed arrival, the Town Shuttle Bus will operate on its established route and schedule so long as the conditions are deemed safe by the Town.
- If federal government offices are open and announce early dismissal, the Town Shuttle Bus will operate on its established route and schedule so long as the conditions are deemed safe by the Town.

**In inclement weather, call the  
Town Bus status line at 240-297-8287  
to learn if the bus is operating.**

**Please clip and save  
for future reference.**



University Park Woman's Club, Inc.  
25th ANNUAL

# CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, December 8, 2018

House Tour 4-7 PM  
UMD School of Music Performances



## *Tour Homes*

Gentile/Burrill, 4202 Clagett Road  
Jackson/Fryar, 4302 Clagett Road  
Horvath, 4317 Clagett Road  
Thome, 4108 Van Buren Street  
Gensheimer, 4210 Van Buren Street

**Tickets \$18 in advance, \$20 on the tour.** Tickets are available at the UP Town Hall, the town tree lighting on December 1, or by calling 301-277-0414. Tickets will also be available at each home Saturday, December 8 during tour hours. No admittance without a ticket.

*Proceeds from this event support local UPWC scholarships and community projects. A portion of the ticket is tax deductible. The UP Woman's Club is a 501c3 organization.*

# University Park Woman's Club, Inc. HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST Sunday, December 16, 2018, 5-8 PM

All UP and College Heights Residents Eligible



There is plenty of time to make your home a seasonal treat for the eyes, if you start now. Let's see what unique results we can create this year for our friends and neighbors to drive around and see! Remember, seasonal can be expressed in many ways. Participants should have their lights turned on from 5-8 PM. Decorations will be judged in three categories this year:

## Categories

- ◆ Most Unique/Most Original – 1st place only.
- ◆ Special House Front Decoration – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- ◆ Most Attractive Whole House – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

## Rules

- ◆ Decorations need to be done by owners.
- ◆ 2017 winners are ineligible unless they have created a new design.

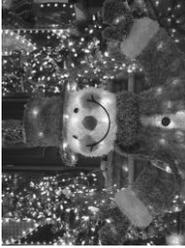
## Awards

- ◆ Special recognition signs will be placed in winners' yards.
- ◆ Winners will be listed on the UP & CHE Listserves and in the UP January newsletter, as well as receiving a certificate and letter of appreciation.
- ◆ First place winners in the 3 categories will receive a \$50 check.

**For more information, contact Susan Marshall at [susanmarshall.sc@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarshall.sc@gmail.com).**

*Sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club.*

# December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Continues Through January 11</b></p>			<p><b>Please Note: January 1 is a Town Holiday</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up</p>			<p>1                      Holiday Sharing Fair, 9:30 AM-2 PM                      Holiday Potluck &amp; Tree Lighting, 4-7 PM</p>
2	3 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	4 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost</b>	5	6	7 <b>Recycling</b> 	8 UP Woman's Club's Annual Candlelight Holiday House Tour, Saturday, December 8, 4-7 PM
9	10 <b>Yard Waste</b>	11 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost</b> Book Group, 8-10 PM 	12	13	14 <b>Recycling</b>	15 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM 
16 UP Woman's Club's Annual House Decorating Contest, 2018, 5-8 PM	17 <b>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</b>	18 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost</b> <b>Chief Wynnyk's Retirement Reception, RSVP Needed</b>	19	20	21 <b>Recycling</b>	22
23 	24 <b>Yard Waste</b>	25 <b>Town Holiday</b> Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up	26 <b>Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost</b>	27	28 <b>Recycling</b>	29



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4	Linda Verrill	301-927-6743
5	David Caskey	301-699-8785
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	Roland Stephen	919-522-5589

**NEWSLETTER**

The January newsletter deadline is Thursday, December 6. 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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