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MAYOR'S COLUMN

There's been a lot going on in Town. From my Mayor's chair that's always the case and I could lead off each of these monthly columns with much the same declaration. Even on that scale of recent experience, however, the past two months have been extraordinarily busy. I want to share several highlights.

In personnel, we extended our appreciation and best wishes to Police Chief Michael Wynnyk on his retirement after 16 years of service with the Town, and a law enforcement career of more than 42 years. We also recruited, vetted, and welcomed Harvey Baker as the Town's ninth Chief of Police. Chief Baker is settling in quickly, and we hope you will come by to meet him. In December, we accepted the resignation of Tracey Toscano after 6 years as Town Clerk and promoted Andrea Marcavitch to be the new Town Clerk. Tracey moved to Virginia to be closer to family and help care for her new

grandson.

We are working with Arnold & Arnold Architects of University Park on a needs analysis, to help determine whether to expand, replace, or remodel the Town Hall to meet current and future Town and community needs. Mike and Loreen Arnold have been busily working with Town department heads to get their assessment of Town needs. Yet ahead are meetings with leaders of civic groups to gauge community needs.

Municipal & Financial Services Group began a study of what the Town does, the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery, and its operation and management. This is a follow up to last spring's Town Manager discussion . The contractor has surveyed residents and Town employees and is assembling focus groups on the range of Town services and responsibilities, as well as any issues

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	February 4 & 25
Presidents Day Holiday	February 18

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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or concerns. In the end, the study will offer an independent, clear-eyed look at Town operations and management, and provide the Council with recommendations for practical, cost-effective actions to help the Town better serve its residents.

In the wake of an order from the Federal Communications Commission preempting many local zoning, right-of-way access, design, and permitting processes essential to promoting safety and community character, we are working to preserve the Town's authority over the siting and aesthetics of small cellular tower infrastructure in the public right of way. Small cell towers provide access points and supplement existing wireless infrastructure by handling large amounts of data at high speeds, but can bring visual clutter and create eyesores if placed with little regard for local aesthetics. The Town Council in mid-January adopted emergency legislation establishing standards and regulations relating to the location of small cell wireless infrastructure within Town right-of-way or on Town property consistent with federal and state law. The Town has joined with other municipal and county governments to encourage State and County legislation protecting the ability of local governments to manage small cellular tower infrastructure.

We have continued the Town's attention to local development. We continue to be involved in the proposed redevelopment of the Landy Property off Belcrest Road to include more than 300 townhomes. The Town's Development Overview Committee recommended and the Council approved a letter to the University of Maryland expressing concern about proposed repurposing of the University of Maryland Golf Course.

What gets done in communities such as ours, and *how* it gets done, are vital elements to all of us because we live here together. We are in this as neighbors, and that proximity to one another – plus the abundant collective, collaborative, participative energies we bring to it – are fundamental reasons why municipal government works well here. Many of the very best things we do in our town are those that we do together .

— Len Carey

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

FROM THE CHIEF

In my short tenure as Chief I've noticed many of you outdoors enjoying an active lifestyle by walking and/or engaging in some type of aerobic exercise. University Park is a walkable town, close to several amenities and a wonderful place to jog or walk. However, it's important to be aware of your surroundings, especially when jogging or walking in the streets and at night.

Here are some basic guidelines to help you exercise safely:

- Jog or walk with a friend. If you can, bring someone along with you.
- Consider the surface you'll be jogging or walking on. You don't want to slip or trip on uneven or icy surfaces.
- Always carry your phone. You never know when you may need to call for help in the event of an emergency.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing. As a pedestrian in the street, you want to be seen by drivers.
- Face oncoming traffic. You want to see what's coming toward you.
- Don't wear headphones. If you're focused on listening to music, you may not be paying attention to your surroundings.
- Carry a whistle. Use it to alert people in the vicinity if you ever feel that you're in danger.
- Avoid secluded areas, especially at night. If you're out and about after dark, stick to well-lit and populated areas.
- Report suspicious activity. If you're ever approached by someone who makes you feel unsafe or otherwise find yourself in a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable, contact the University Park Police at 240-375-1077. If it's an emergency or crime in progress call 911.

Look up. Look out.

WHEN WALKING:
Stay Visible - Wear Light or Reflective Clothing
Stop and Look Before Crossing
Stay Alert and Use Crosswalks

WHEN DRIVING:
Watch and Stop for Pedestrians Day & Night
Slow Down and Pay Attention

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CRIME REPORT

Vandalism On December 1 between 8 and 10 AM a suspect vandalized a Kubota Tractor and a wood statue in the 6600 block of Wells Pkwy. No suspect(s) was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking and Entering Sometime between December 14 7 PM and December 15 2 PM, a suspect broke into a building in the 6500 block of Queens Chapel Rd., ate food, sought shelter in a sleeping bag and fled. The scene was processed with negative results. A possible suspect was identified but the owner of the building did not want to pursue criminal charges. Case Closed.

Vandalism On December 14 between 4 and 5:30 PM, a suspect entered a residence through an unlocked door in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd. The suspect damaged a bedroom door which activated the burglar alarm. No suspect was located nor property taken; all leads have been exhausted. The case is inactive pending any further investigative leads.

Fraud: Identity Theft On December 18 at 4 PM, a Dell laptop was delivered to the 6800 block of Adelphi Road. Suspect unknown utilized a town resident's personal identification information and ordered the laptop and had it shipped to the resident's home address. The suspect then went to the residence and attempted to retrieve the laptop but fled when the homeowner refused to give it to him. A photo was taken of the suspect and forwarded to PGPD for follow-up investigation.

Helping Hands University Park



Our fearless Helping Hands committee chair, Loretta Vitale-Saks, recovering from major surgery, found that she needed a few Helping Hands to assist with the transition from hospital to home. Volunteers guided her up the steps to

their home's front door and helped to get her settled inside. We continue to cheer on Loretta toward a speedy recovery and look forward to her resuming the HHUP helm. Helping Hands volunteers are eager to be of (non-medical) service. Is there something coming up for which you could use a few helping hands? Membership is open to any senior or disabled UP resident in need and volunteers are trained to provide. Check us out on our website (HelpingHandsUP.org) or give us a call at

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301-892-6636. Meanwhile, stay healthy and warm this cold February.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 10, 3 PM Spotlight: School of Music Showcase and HHUP Reception at The Clarice. This annual celebration showcases the range and diversity of exceptional talent across the School of Music. Don't miss an opportunity to hear student performers shine with repertoire ranging from jazz standards to operatic duets to virtuosic solos. Free concert followed by HHUP Reception for HHUP members and volunteers. Questions? Need a ride? Call 301-892-6636 or email HHUUniversityPark@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 20, 12 PM (and every 3rd Wednesday of the month) HHUP Lunch Club members are invited to come buy lunch and sit with fellow HHUP members and volunteers. Questions? 301-892-6636 or HHUniversityPark@gmail.com

Saturday, April 13th 5-6:30 PM 5@55: 5 Documents Everyone Needs to Have By Age 55. Our next shared lecture with an attorney from Byrd & Byrd who will talk about 5 documents needed by age 55. This will precede the annual May 1 Senior Law Day, when we will once again partner with Hyattsville Aging in Place. Invite your friends. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St, University Park, MD 20782.

Tree Committee News

In Praise of Crape Myrtle

Although the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment supports the selection of native species, most especially those propagated in this region, my personal bias is for trees that are adap-



tive to the local stressors while providing year-round interest. The Crape Myrtle, a native of the Indian sub-continent, ably fits the bill.

We have many fine specimens throughout University Park, both private and municipal, most requiring little to no maintenance. Crape Myrtles leaf out early then bloom prolifically, sustain flowers well into September and produce outrageously showy fall foliage. The statu-sque posture of a large, untrimmed specimen is breath

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taking to behold. The exfoliating bark and resultant texture and rich hues of cinnamon colored wood, smooth and tough, add a well-appreciated splash of color on a winter's day.

This non-native might now be better suited to the current mid-Atlantic climate than historically regarded native species as our winters morph ever milder. In the 26 years since I first moved to the DMV, the northern terminus of the crape myrtle's range has vaulted from Maryland to Massachusetts. We might need to reconsider the very notion of "native." The City of Chicago has begun planting magnolias and other southern specimens as street trees, conceding to the realities of global warming.

2nd Annual Tree Identification Activity, *Sunday, February TBD, 1 PM* The Tree Committee announces the 2nd annual guided tutorial on identifying trees in their leafless winter state. We will meet at the Veteran's Memorial, Wells Parkway/Claggett/Eversfield on the first temperate Sunday in February. The event will be announced via the UP listserv on the Wednesday evening preceding. We will look at 6-10 trees and identify them with assistance of *The Winter Tree Finder*. Twelve lucky attendees will receive a complimentary copy to keep.

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

Mosquito Control Program

Ed Wells, Lynne Davidson, Amy Petrovich Kerr and Dave Brosch are organizing the town's Community Mosquito Control Program for 2019. We are looking for additional people to join us as coordinators to help us to get announcements out, coordinate the block captains and maintain informational materials and program records. If you are interested, or want to know more, please contact one of us at one of the email addresses below.

We are also seeking town residents to serve as block captains. The block captains will encourage program participation among 10-15 of their neighbors. It's a great way to build community on your block and encourage effective, ecologically friendly methods of mosquito control. Come March and April, we'll be encouraging all residents to work as a community to reduce our mosquito population through non-spraying, environmentally benign measures including removal of backyard breeding sites; mosquito trapping; and monitoring through mosquito counts.

As a community we are at the forefront nationally in the use of these practices. Across town hundreds of neighbors have purchased and used traps during



the last two summers. Research done by Rutgers University during previous years has proven that where we have removed containers and where there are concentrations of traps, mosquito numbers are reduced.

We would like to make the 2019 program the best ever in terms of mosquito habitats removed, mosquitoes killed and residents engaged. We ask for your help in cleaning your yard containers and setting out traps. We also need a more substantial organization and would like to have a block captain for each block. Please volunteer. It is important that you get involved in this town program because of the increasing frequency of mosquito-borne diseases, the nuisance perpetuated by day-biting mosquitoes and the threat posed to our pollinators when insecticides are used to control mosquitoes..

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December 17 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentations

Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Report

Ms. Aliesha Scarlett of Lindsey & Associates presented the fiscal year 2018 Audit Report and said that University Park was given an unqualified opinion, meaning there are no issues.

Motion: To accept the 2018 Audit Report. Motion approved 7 to 0.

WSSC Update on College Heights Estates Water Main Replacement Project

WSSC Project Manager Collins Njoku and Inspector

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Ron Blunt gave an update on the College Heights Estates Water Main Replacement project.

- Based on the progress and weather permitting, the project should be completed in August of 2019.
- The work along Queens Chapel Road will continue once University Park Elementary School is out for the holidays.
- WSSC will replace the current patches with a more permanent product.
- Mr. Beall informed the Council that he will provide them with a detailed work schedule that was provided by WSSC.
- The plan is to complete the work on Van Buren Street and Queens Chapel Road by the end of February and then they will begin the house connection portion of the project.
- Mr. Beall explained that regarding the trees that WSSC was required to remove, the Town reserves the right to decide where the replacement trees will be planted.
- The water leak on Holly Hill is related to an old water main pipe and will be addressed as soon as possible. In the meantime, WSSC is treating that area with salt on a regular basis.
- CM Verrill, Mr. Beall, and Mayor Carey complimented the “work style” of the WSSC workers.

Permits

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to convert screened porch to covered 18'x 7'9" screened porch, adding ½ wall and storm windows located at 4014 Tennyson Road. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Schultz abstains).

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to remove existing 24'x 10' garage and construct a new 24'x 24' detached garage located at 6505 Adelphi Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

A resident stated that the Town website was improved last year but that it is not being maintained. There is important information that has not been posted on the website along with information that has not been updated and several typos. He suggested that the “Town Code” be labeled as “Not Reliable” until the site is updated. Mayor Carey responded by saying there are still some tweaks that need to be resolved.

New Business

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2018-R-07, proclaiming congratulations to Chief Michael Wynnyk on the occasion of his retirement after 16 years of dedicated service with the Police Department. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Mr. Harvey Baker to the Police Chief position beginning January 1, 2019 as referenced in Section 2-207 of the Town Code. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor's Report

A reminder of the send-off for Chief Wynnyk on Tuesday, December 18 beginning at 7 PM at the Word of God Church.

Council and Committee Reports

Sustainability Committee At the December 6 meeting, the Committee received a report from the University of Maryland on the kitchen waste composting program. The final report will be available soon.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson In reference to placing small cell antennas in the rights-of-way, the FCC has issued an order and many municipalities and County Governments are appealing that order. Municipalities are required to have something in place by January 14 or they will be considered not having a law. Ms. Ferguson will bring a law to the Council at the January 7 meeting for consideration. CM Morrissey requested a copy of the citation for this ruling. Mayor Carey said that with this new addition to the January 7 agenda, the Welcoming City discussion will be moved to the next Council meeting on January 14.

Acting Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch

- Effective January 1, Ms. Dee Hudlin will be working part-time at Town Hall as an Administrative Assistant in the Clerk's office.
- Ms. Marcavitch requested any outstanding Committee minutes.
- The Town bus is operating on Christmas Eve.
- Town Hall will close at noon on Christmas Eve and reopen on December 26.
- Ms. Marcavitch encouraged everyone to create a sign-in or log-in to the Town website followed by the “notify me” portion. This will enable residents to receive important notifications via email.

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Chief of Police Wynnyk The November 2018 Crime Report was distributed. Twenty students from University Park Elementary School along with two University Park police officers participated in the “shop with a cop” program held on Saturday, December 15.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The November 2018 Treasurer’s Report was distributed.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The statue of Kermit was removed from the park due to deterioration. Options are being considered on how to restore the statue.
- The blankets for the Town field have been purchased and scheduled to be installed on Thursday, December 20. Public Works will install and remove the blankets each year.
- Due to an issue with funding, the tennis court repair did not begin in early November as planned. The repair of the tennis court will begin as soon as the contractor is scheduled and weather permitting. The final repair (refinishing and painting) will take place in the spring.
- There has been no change on the status of the Town bridges. Prince George’s County DPIE has not responded to the update requests.
- Public Works was behind schedule for leaf pick-up due to holidays, rain and truck maintenance in November.
- Mr. Beall announced that two of the Public Works employees stopped to help a resident rescue her dog after the dog fell off the bridge and was dangling above the creek.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:25 PM.

January 7 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Official Swearing-In of Chief Harvey Baker by Mayor Carey

Mayor Carey introduced Harvey Baker, the ninth Chief of Police for the University Park Police Department. The official swearing-in was administered by Mayor Carey followed by former Chief Wynnyk presenting Chief Baker with a University Park police officer’s hat. Chief Baker thanked the Mayor and Council and said he is

looking forward to serving the community. A brief reception followed.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch introduced the Town’s new administrative assistant Dee Hudlin.

Permits

Board of Zoning Appeals: Variance Request V-152-18
Zoning Ordinance 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 and Section 27-442(i)(Table VIII) prescribes that accessory buildings shall be set back 2 feet from any side or rear lot line. Variances of 7.6% net lot coverage and 1-foot side yard setback for an accessory building are requested at 4307 Tuckerman Street by the applicant.

Motion: To support the application by Siegel Marlyn Irrevocable Trust for a variance to validate existing conditions (garage) and construct a screened porch on the rear of the dwelling at 4307 Tuckerman Street and authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals stating the Council’s position. The Council’s position is based on the following criteria:

- (1) A specific parcel of land has exceptional narrowness, 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.*

Motion approved 7 to 0.

A neighbor stated that the construction of the proposed porch will hurt her quality of life because it will obstruct the openness that she likes about University Park. Another concern is that it will decrease her property value.

Public Hearing—Appeal of Rental Housing Code Violation Notice (Per Town Code Section 13-210)

Note: Code Compliance Officer Craig Brown reported that on inspection of 6712 44th Avenue, the windows were in violation of the Code and would have to be replaced.

An appeal of the requirement to comply with Town

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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 all four bedroom windows-two windows measuring 17" x 27" and the other two windows measuring 15"x 27"-which does not comply with secondary egress window area requirements.

Motion: *To deny the 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 all four bedroom windows-two windows measuring 17" x 27" and the other two windows measuring 15"x 27"-which does not comply with secondary egress window area requirements.* Motion failed 3 to 4 (Brosch, Stephen, Morrissey, Verrill opposed).

Motion: *To approve the 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 are granted a variance to retain the current clear opening of all four-bedroom windows-two windows measuring 17" x 27" and the other two windows measuring 15"x 27"-which does not comply with secondary egress window area requirements.*

Motion: *To amend the motion to include that when the current lease arrangement has expired that the third floor sleeping rooms could not be rented until they are brought into Code compliance and to grant a waiver for the second floor sleeping rooms.* Motion approved 4 to 3 (Wells, Verrill, Schultz opposed).

As restated, with amendment:

Motion: *To grant the variance for the two windows in the second floor sleeping rooms and at the end of the current lease period on June 30, 2019, to deny the variance for the two windows in the third floor sleeping rooms.* Motion approved 4 to 3 (Wells, Verrill, Schultz opposed).

A resident said that she spent a lot of time researching Code Enforcement (Life Safety) regulations. She feels that the Town has exceeded regulatory authority and

there could be liabilities. The Council should be considerate of the burden on homeowners versus the degree of safety.

Public Comment

A resident asked if the Town would consider placing pickleball lines on the tennis court. She also asked about the status of the sidewalks. CM Schultz said that the minutes from the meeting of the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee can be found on the website. Discussion on the sidewalks will continue at the next meeting scheduled for January 16 at Town Hall. CM Caskey said that he will mention the pickleball request at the next Public Facilities and Services Committee meeting.

New Business

Motion: *To introduce emergency LR 2019-O-01 to provide for certain standards and regulations relating to the location of small cell wireless/DAS telecommunications towers, antennas and other structures within the Town's public rights-of-way or on Town property, consistent with federal and state law, and provide a fee, penalty and annual charge. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is January 14, 2019.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Council and Committee Reports

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee Helping Hands is asking for an extension on the written policy on collecting donations for residents in need. CM Verrill said the policy should be ready for the Town Attorney by the end of January. The Council agreed with an extension.

Development Overview Committee CM Wells and Mayor Carey responded to a question about the graffiti on the abutment of the Riverdale Park Station/Van Buren Street Bridge. The Riverdale Park Mayor is aware of the graffiti, as are the Town Manager of Riverdale Park and they are in the process of addressing it.

CM Wells explained that an application from 7-Eleven was submitted to the County for a monument sign along Baltimore Avenue across from Sheridan Street. Riverdale Park filed a letter with the County with their concerns about the sign. CM Wells asked the Council to support the letter submitted by Riverdale Park. A copy of the letter was available to review.

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Motion: To support the letter submitted by the Town of Riverdale Park asking Prince George's County to deny the application for a 7-Eleven monument sign. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The Committee will not meet again until step 1 of the tennis court repair is completed.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker The December 2018 Crime Report was distributed. Chief Baker encouraged Councilmembers and residents to join him on a ride-a-long. Details will be available on the Town website soon.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:37 PM.

Thomas Charles Wilson, longtime resident of University Park, passed away on January 8. His last moments were filled with grace and love, surrounded by his dearest friends and family. A memorial service will be held for Tom in Hyattsville at a future date. Tom was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He went to the University of Notre Dame the University of Iowa. There he met the love of his life, Anne Leute—the first woman who laughed at all his jokes. They shared a passion for making the world a better and kinder place and were married more than 52 years. Tom earned his master's degree at the University of Chicago and his doctorate at the University of Waterloo. He taught computer science at the University of Guelph for over 30 years. He and Anne raised their three children in Ontario.



Tom traveled with his family all over North America and with Anne to China, Uganda, Europe, Maryland and finally Wisconsin. He played jazz piano, wrote an epic book on faith, told lengthy yarns, frequently missed the exits, wore nerdy t-shirts and lived his faith every day. Tom delighted in his grandchildren Ellen, Marcellus, Thomas, Patrick, Peter, Damien and baby Anna. He loved his daughters-in-law Julia and Amy L. and his son-in-law Frank. He believed his three children Amy, Brendan and Chuck were his greatest and most humbling achievement. His care for Anne for nearly two decades, as dementia overtook her life, was a shining example of fidelity and love. In honor of Tom's life, please consider

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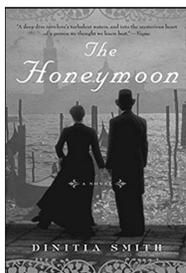
a gift to either the Seven Dolers Catholic Mission-Fort Totten or to Street Business School supporting impoverished women in Uganda. Donation info is available online.

UP Woman's Club Meeting Monday, February 4, 11:30 AM

Please join us as Success in Style (SIS), which runs a thrift boutique in historic Savage Mill, comes to UPWC. SIS employees will be the guest speakers explaining what SIS is; where its shops are located; what the mission of SIS is; and how you can help. This fun-filled and informative meeting will include a fashion show featuring members of the Woman's Club modeling outfits purchased at SIS. When you shop at the SIS boutiques, you not only discover classic and trendy designer fashions, you also support the mission of Success in Style, which is to provide business attire, fashion advice and interview counseling to disadvantaged women and men seeking employment. You can help SIS by supporting their Accessory Drive Campaign. Just declutter that old accessory drawer and closet (jewelry, handbags, scarves, hats, belts, shoes, etc.) and bring it (in very good condition) to the meeting on February 4. UPWC meets at the University Christian Church at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads at 11:30 AM Please RSVP to Pat Myers at 301-439-6813 or patmyers2@verizon.net by February 1.



After 8 Book Group Tuesday, February 19, 8-10 PM



February's title is *The Honeymoon* by Dinitia Smith. The book for March is *The Dry* by Jane Harper Please call Kathy Mancusi 301-779-0722 or Laura Donnelly 301-927-6550 for more info.

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.

18th Annual Azalea Classic
Saturday, May 4



Looking for a way to support a fantastic local elementary school? Want to advertise your business? You can do both with University Park Elementary School's Azalea Classic! Now in its 18th year, the Azalea Classic 5K and Fun Run is a great event and important fundraiser for our school. Around 1,000 people come out to run, jog, walk and cheer. The funds we raise pay for teacher training, classroom materials, art supplies, athletic equipment, field trips...basically, anything and everything. For a school where 52% of our kids receive free and reduced lunch, it's a critical fundraiser. We're looking for corporate sponsors. If you, your business or the company you work for might be interested, please email me at abbygwu@gmail.com or call 202-997-5424. You'll receive signs along the racecourse, logos on promo materials, online shout-outs, depending on the contribution. If your family would like to be a Family Sponsor, let us know. For \$200, you'll receive 4 race registrations and you'll get your family's name on the back of the kid's T-shirts. Want to sponsor a student runner? For only \$20, your donation will help a child participate. For more information visit azaleaclassic.com. Thanks in advance for supporting UPES!

UPWC News

The University Park Woman's Club extends sincere thanks to those generous club members who filled 14 baskets of household goods and clothing for families in shelters moving into housing in December. These items gave the families a new start and enriched their lives and ours. Thanks also to Town residents who brought hats, gloves and scarves to the town Christmas Tree Lighting for those in need. UPWC is grateful for your kindness and generosity.

UPWC 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 resi-



dent 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.upwomansclub.org. For questions, email upmdwc@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Monday, April 1, 2019.

Joseph Garner Graduates

On December 19, Joseph Garner of 44th Avenue in University Park, graduated from the University of Maryland, magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science and Technology. Joe also gave the Student Commencement Address. While at UMD, Joe became a member of the American Ecological Engineering Society and began his research in the application of algae as plant fertilizer. Putting research into application, Joe, with two teammates, participated in the 2018 AGNR Agriculture Innovation to Commercialization (AgI2C) competition. His team pitched their algae fertilizer and earned first prize. By removing excess algae from Maryland waters and turning the byproduct into fertilizer, the team "found a way to turn trash into treasure and pollution into profit." Joe took a year off to serve with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps and last summer served with the Idaho Conservation Corps. Joe has also spent the last three years serving as a project manager for the nonprofit KaBOOM! He has led hundreds of volunteers to build more than 15 playgrounds in low-income communities across the country. Joe attended Holy Redeemer School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, then Prince George's Community College, where he was on the Dean's list and earned an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies with a focus in Environmental Science. Currently, Joe works as an environmental scientist for an ecological restoration and consulting firm called GreenVest LLC.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, Monday, February 25, 7 PM *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* chronicles a daughter's search to learn about the unauthorized harvesting of her mother's cancerous cells, and how it led to medical breakthroughs. Refreshments provided. University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville.



Riversdale

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, 301-864-0420.

Honoring Emily Saunders Plummer, Sunday, February 10, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Join us for this Black History Month program that brings the story of Emily Saunders Plummer to life and celebrates her entry into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame with an illustrated lecture by Dr. Leigh Ryan. History will unfold right before your eyes-don't miss out! Ages 8 and older. Adult/\$5; Senior/\$4; Student/\$2. Cost includes a tour of the historic house.

Family Fun Concert: The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Sunday, February 24, 2-3:30 PM This family concert introduces children to the world of chamber music as The U.S. Army Field Band Woodwind Quintet performs *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Paul Dukas. Enjoy juice & cookies with the performers after the concert. All ages welcome. Free. Advance registration required by Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Call us today! Capacity is limited.



College Park Arts Exchange

Your generous donations for free events are always appreciated. Be sure and check our online calendar at cpae.org for more events, including ongoing classes. All events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Con-

tact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

Dark Side of the Moon Tribute Concert, January 31, February 1 and 2, 7 PM featuring young musicians from College Park's Calvert Hills neighborhood hosted by Eric Maring.

Peiffer's Corner, Friday, February 8, 7:30 PM Enjoy jazz favorites and originals with multi-instrumentalist John Peiffer and his band. Jazz on the recorder/ukulele/natural horn? You'll be amazed! A great show for all ages.

Teddy Bears Picnic, Sunday, February 10, 3 PM A Valentine themed indoor picnic, with stories, songs, dances and activities for your little one to share with a favorite plushie friend.

Seniors Art Show, Friday, March 15, 4-8 PM Seniors 55+ are invited to display their art. To display your artwork, fill out our application at www.cpae.org by March 5. At the Catholic Student Center, 4141 Guilford Drive, College Park.

CPAE Performance Groups The new year is a great time to join!

■ *College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti* For ages 5 and up, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM.

■ *College Park Youth Orchestra* Rehearsing twice a month, with three public concerts a year, www.cpyo.net

■ *College Park Chorale* Rehearsing Sunday nights at St. Andrew's, 7-8:30 PM, collegeparkchorale.org

■ *College Park Youth Music Traditions* Alternate Mondays, 6:15-7:45 PM.



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 or 301-785-2838. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times in case they are lost.

February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Recycling	2
3	4 UP Woman's Club Meeting. Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	5 Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost	6	7	8 Recycling	9
10	11 Yard Waste	12 Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost	13	14 	15 Recycling	16
17	18 Town Holiday: Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up.	19 Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost Book Group, 8-10 PM	20 Yard Waste	21	22 Recycling	23 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9:30 AM 
24	25 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	26 Trash, Bulk Trash, Compost	27	28		



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