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MAYOR'S COLUMN

My congratulations to Councilmembers Joe Schultz of Ward 2, Linda Verrill of Ward 4, David Caskey of Ward 5, and Martha Wells of Ward 6, for their May 7 reelection to the Council for another 2 years. Service on the Council is vital to the Town running well. Civil discussion and debate are fundamental elements not just of a democratic society, but are essential to the Council working together successfully to address the Town's needs. Most recently, it has been dealing with vital questions of budget and taxes, as well as the major elements of Town services, infrastructure, and Town management within it. I appreciate the work the Council does, as well as the many moments of counsel which Councilmembers provide. I will administer the oath of office to reelected Councilmembers on June 17 at 7:30 p.m., at the beginning of the Council meeting. Please attend and join me in welcoming all Councilmembers back to the ongoing work.

My thanks also to Supervisor of Elections Stephanie Herold, Election Judges Jennifer Yonkos and Virginia Myers, and Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch for their reliably good service on election day. With the diligent attention of the supervisor and judges, election-day in University Park has a trusted personable, small-town feel which we might think should happen elsewhere.

Trolley Trail Day, June 8

On Saturday, June 8, please join us for the first-ever Trolley Trail Day. Community development groups – the College Park City-University Partnership, Hyattsville Community Development Corporation, and Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. – with local businesses, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and nonprofit organizations will host a day of activities highlighting and celebrating the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail that connects

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	June 3 & 17
Climate Change Conversation	June 10
Town Holiday	July 4

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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College Park, Riverdale Park, and Hyattsville. The Town of University Park is a local partner of the celebration.

There will be lots to see and do along the trail, including bicycle rides and walking tours, a Fun Run, local music and art, kid activities, a scavenger hunt, and opportunity to stop at local businesses and sample tasty foods. More information on this first-ever Trolley Trail Day is available at <https://collegeparkpartnership.org/trolleytrailday/>



In the late 19th and early 20th century, escalating demand for affordable housing drew developers to subdivide and build in the largely agricultural countryside surrounding the District of Columbia. In suburban Maryland, street car or trolley lines were built to provide these new suburbanites with transportation to their jobs in the city. In exchange for the rail right-of-way, the City and Suburban Railway established a station on the Calvert property in 1899, within what is now nearby Riverdale Park Station. From there a few cents and an hour or two of time brought a rider into downtown Washington, DC. The full Route 82 line stretched from New York Avenue and 15th Street, NW in the District to Berwyn at Greenbelt Road, where a turn table was built. The route was extended to Laurel in 1902. The initial University Park Corporation founders envisioned their development as a streetcar community, though the age of the automobile quickly eclipsed streetcars.

The last streetcar ran on the Route 82 line on September 7, 1958 and the long-abandoned rail line has been converted to a trolley trail hiker-biker route which we

have observed in most daylight hours to be well-used. By linking the downtowns and commercial areas of the Baltimore Avenue Corridor, the trolley trail has become a convenient connection between our communities, and beyond to the District of Columbia and other jurisdictions. The Rhode Island Trolley Trail connects University Park with the nearby communities and has become a nearby amenity and recreational and transportation asset.

—Len Carey

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

Notice of Introduction of Charter Resolution 19-CR-01

On April 29, 2019, Charter Resolution 19-CR-01 was introduced. This Charter Resolution would amend the Charter of the Town of University Park by repealing and re-enacting Article IV, “Powers of Mayor and Council”, Section 402, “Powers and Duties of Council” to clarify that the Town newsletter is intended to provide information to all residents of the Town.

The meeting is set for July 1, 2019, which is at least 21 days after publication of this notice. For more information or a copy of the proposed Charter Resolution, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 19-O-05

On April 29, 2019, Ordinance 19-O-05 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 16 “Tree Maintenance” by repealing and re-enacting §16-103, “Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment” of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to clarify that membership on the committee is open to all residents of the Town and that all residents of the Town are encouraged to adopt installation, removal and maintenance practices that promote and protect healthy trees on private land.

The meeting set for June 3, 2019 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

TOWN EVENT

**Community Conversation on
Climate Change
Monday, June 10, 7:30-9:30 PM
Word of God Baptist Church, Meeting Hall
6513 Queens Chapel Road**

Join us for a discussion on how collectively and individually we can mitigate climate change and move to a more sustainable future. To facilitate the conversation we have assembled a small panel of scientists and local leaders to suggest how municipalities can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and better prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

Panelists include:

- **Andrew Mackenzie Fellows**, *Moderator* National Center on Smart Growth, University of Maryland. Also former Mayor, City of College Park.
- **Brenda Ekwurzel, Ph.D.** Senior Climate Scientist and Director of Climate Science, Union of Concerned Scientists.
- **Kate Stewart** Mayor, City of Takoma Park.
- **Ralph Bennett**, FAA, LEED AP, Emeritus Professor, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, University of Maryland.
- **Russ Dickerson, Ph.D.** Professor of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, University of Maryland.

Bring your friends and neighbors and join the conversation. We are in search of community-driven actions which will help us reduce the effects of climate change and learn to adapt.

For more information, email Mayor Len Carey at mayorcarey@upmd.org or Councilmember David Brosch at dbrosch@upmd.org.



FROM THE CHIEF

Being a victim of fraud is a familiar occurrence in the United States. In 2017, 6.64% of consumers were victims of identify fraud, or about 1 in 15 U.S. residents. It is hard to imagine but there is a new victim of identity theft every 2 seconds. Every year millions of Americans regrettably lose billions of dollars to fraud or identity theft, and no one is immune. Criminals that engage in these illegal activities are becoming more sophisticated and craftier on how they steal people's hard-earned money. They often prey on the popularity of technology and use it to employ old theft schemes to get you to send money or submit personal identification information to a fictitious source. While fraud is a national issue it is also of serious concern for local law enforcement in the state of Maryland and even here in University Park. According to the Federal Trade Commission, Maryland is ranked #7 in the U.S. in fraud crimes and for every 100,000 residents 40 incidents of fraud are reported.

Vigilance and increased awareness are a good start in preventing fraud. These basic fraud prevention tips can help reduce or eliminate the opportunity for fraud and help you stay one step ahead:

- Keep personal identification information confidential. Please don't share your personal identification information (name, date of birth, social security number, address) online or via telephone with someone you don't know and have not contacted.
- Be on the lookout for imposters. Thieves may pose as a utility person, a government official or a representative from an anti-virus software company. Don't send or give money or share your personal identification information with any unexpected requestor or solicitor. Know who you are dealing with.
- Pay for online purchases with a credit card, not a debit card. Bank credit cards have built in fraud protection and the financial institution will commit considerable resources to the recovery of their money.
- Check your monthly bank and credit card statements. Look for unauthorized transactions and notify your financial institution of any suspicious activity.
- Shred unneeded documents. Don't throw documents in the trash that contain your personal identification information. You don't want your information to fall into the wrong hands.

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▪Be wary of free trial offers and too good to be true deals. Do your research when you receive a free trial offer. Resist being pressured and take the time to Google the name of the company and check for any reviews. Check with the local Better Business Bureau. Also discuss the offer with a trusted family member or friend before making a final decision on a free trial. Remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it is probably too good to be true.

▪Hang up on robocalls. If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales message, hang up and report it to the FTC at 1-877-382-4357. Don't press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That could lead to more sales calls.

▪Oftentimes these calls are from anonymous numbers or from what appears to be a local number. Depending on your landline telephone service, you may be able to block anonymous calls by pressing *77 and after three beeps hang up. You can also add your landline or smart phone to the Do Not Call Registry at 1-888-382-1222. There are several apps you can purchase from your cellphone provider. Finally, don't return calls to numbers you don't recognize on your caller ID.

▪Don't open email or text messages that you don't recognize. When in doubt simply delete the message. Never share your personal information or credit information to an unrequested email or text message.

▪Be aware of anti-virus company unsolicited calls. Do not share your personal and credit information with companies that call you to update virus protection. Never make payment on any anti-virus software with gift cards, western union or money gram.

Theft from Auto On April 8 sometime between 12-12:30 AM an unknown subject entered an unlocked vehicle in the 4300 Blk of Tuckerman St. and stole a box cutter. The resident heard the vehicle door shut and someone running away but could not provide suspect information. There are no suspect(s) at this time.

Fraud On April 9 at 7:37 PM an unknown suspect perpetrated a fraud scheme by using email communication to obtain \$800 in gift cards from an individual in the 6500 Blk Queens Chapel Road. The bank is processing a refund for the cost of the gift cards. There are no suspect(s) at this time.

Vandalism On April 13 at 12:14 PM an unknown

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suspect used a brick to smash the left rear window of a vehicle parked in the 6400 Blk of Queens Chapel Road. The owner of the vehicle did not know who vandalized her vehicle. There are no suspect(s) at this time.

UP Community Mosquito Control Program

Take Back Our Yards

According to the EPA, "The greatest impact on mosquito populations will occur when they are concentrated, immobile and accessible. This emphasis focuses on habitat management and controlling the immature stages (egg, larva, and pupa) before the mosquitoes emerge as adults." That's exactly what we do in our program!

Hopefully you have met your Block Captain, cleaned up your yards to remove mosquito breeding sites and deployed traps. If you haven't been contacted by a Block Captain, please reach out to one of the committee members. We're more than happy to get you on the Town's path for mosquito control.

Have you scheduled a regular trap clean-up day?

▪Sticky cards should be checked every two weeks. If they are no longer sticky and/or covered with mosquitos and other bugs, remove the old card and replace with a new one.

▪Replace the water in your traps at least once monthly, or whenever it looks gross. Remember to drop in about 3 blades of grass (no dirt) and 1/4 of a fresh mosquito dunk.

▪You can include a reminder on your calendar to look at your traps regularly. If you have questions about maintaining your traps, please contact us.

Besides getting rid of those pesky mosquitos, here are a couple of benefits of participating in UP's Mosquito Control Program:

▪Very low cost: Two traps with accessories and shipping costs cost just under \$54. A mosquito service can range in cost from \$70 to \$100 per application.

▪We don't use pesticides or other chemicals. The traps don't use pesticides or chemicals that harm beneficial

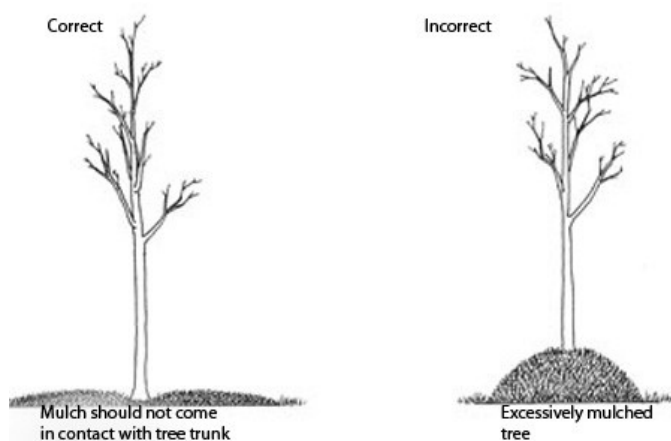


insects, and they don't use electricity. Even organic essential oils can kill spiders, bees and other insects that rely on water droplets in grass and leaves on trees.

■Independent research, done here in University Park, has shown the traps to be effective. Go to nature.com/articles and search for "Neighbors help neighbors control urban mosquitos" to see the report.

Tree Committee News

Mulch Volcanoes Erupting Again Improper mulching techniques continue and undermine our tree canopy's health. Mulch is heaped 6-12" directly against the tree's trunk, creating a mulch volcano. Landscapers attempt to prevent weed growth and apply too much. Banking mulch this high creates a compost pile dynamic; the heat kills the inner bark of young trees, not allowing hardening off for winter. The volcano also promotes growth of roots in the mulch instead of the soil, which eventually chokes off the tree's primary roots. A single heavy rain can cause your tree to drown or rot from the moisture trapped in the giant sponge of mulch. Conversely, heavily mulched soils can be colonized by water-repelling fungi, inducing drought conditions despite receiving water. The end result of incorrect mulching is death to the tree, immediate financial loss and ultimately loss to your property value.



The correct practice is for the mulch to look more like a donut, avoiding the trunk by 5" and applying to about 2" deep. After mulching, pull the mulch away from the tree trunk by five to six inches.

The tree trunk and flare at the base should all be visible. The outer edge of the mulch donut should extend to the drip line of the canopy.

Ivy League, Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9-11 AM Volunteers work for two hours with Tree Committee members to remove English ivy from the town's trees in our parks and public right of ways. No experience is needed. We will be working on Wells Parkway, toward Adelphi Road. Volunteers should bring a pair of basic hand pruners and a dandelion weeder, large sturdy screwdriver or miniature pry bar. Volunteers will receive credit for two sessions for this one session. Only five sessions are needed to earn a custom made, limited edition Ivy League bandana.—Chris Aubry, on behalf of the Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment, TreeComm@UPMD.org

Helping Hands University Park

HHUP co-sponsored May 1 Law Day for the 2nd year in a row. A total of 35 people met with 5 attorneys volunteering their time to help residents complete the Maryland Advance Directive; 13 of the 35 were University Park residents. Further information about advance directives is available at marylandattorneygeneral.gov.



Last month, Marilynne Lazdusky, longtime University Park resident, was honored along with other 90+ Prince George's County residents and their guests. Marilynne and her guest Susana Limon, HHUP volunteer extraordinaire, enjoyed lunch, music and wonderful attention at Martin's Crosswinds, thanks to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. We nominated 5 other 90+ residents to attend and hope that next year we'll have several more who will be able to attend this lovely event.

Upcoming Events Craft Gathering, Wednesday, June 12, 2-4 PM

Bring your knitting, embroidery, watercolors, crocheting, etc. and visit with other HHUPers. When you RSVP, we'll tell you who will be hosting us this month; call 301-892-6636.



HHUP Lunch Club, Wednesday, June 19, 12-1:30 PM HHUP members and volunteers are invited to come buy lunch and socialize with others. Questions? 301-892-6636 or HHUniversityPark@gmail.com Each month the group decides where to meet the following month, so

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please RSVP to learn where we'll be meeting. In the past we've eaten at Jason's Deli, Burton's Grill, Olive Garden, The Commons, Mulligan's, and Marco & Polo.

Pride and Passion for Life, Saturday, June 29, 2-5 PM HHUP, along with 3 other area Villages (Cheverly Village, Neighbors Helping Neighbors College Park and Hyattsville Aging in Place) have planned an exciting program for all people and all ages. Keynote speaker Evelyn Torton Beck, Professor Emerita, UMD, speaks on *Explore and Honor your Pride and Passion for Life*. Following her talk, we'll have Pride button-making for children 0-100+, munching and mingling, followed by celebratory drumming led by Katy Gaughan. Bring your own drums or percussion instruments or enjoy the ones provided. College Park Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd., College Park.

Have you checked our HHUP website lately? At helpinghandsup.org you can see upcoming events, fill out a volunteer or member application and stay up-to-date on all HHUP happenings.

April 1 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

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

To endorse the Federal Interagency Annual Spring 3-Mile Walk/Run on Thursday, May 2 from 12:00-1:30 PM and to provide police assistance with traffic control at the Toledo Road and Adelphi Road intersection. The police department has been notified and supports this request.

To replace existing 6' and 4' fence and add a new 4' section of fence located at 4319 Clagett Pineway.

Permit

Motion: *To consider a request for on-street parking of a commercial vehicle until July 31, 2019.*

Motion: *To approve the request for on-street parking of a commercial vehicle until July 31, 2019 with the condition that the homeowner will park the commercial vehicle in the driveway whenever possible.* Motion approved 5 to 2 (Schultz, Wells opposed).

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Excerpt from Town Code Article 2 – Vehicles, Section 9-201(c). Parking and Storage of Vehicles

Any vehicle registered or licensed as a truck upon any public street or alley, except while loading or unloading passengers or freight or while actually in use in connection with a service call in the immediate area, unless the owner of such vehicle is a resident of University Park, and the Mayor and Council approve a permit for parking or storing such vehicle upon a finding that off-street parking facilities cannot be provided on the premises of the owner of such vehicle and that parking or storage of such vehicle does not adversely affect vehicular or pedestrian traffic. This provision shall not apply to any recreational or van-type vehicle or pick-up truck with a 3/4 ton or less manufacturer's rated capacity, without regard to the license tag designation of the vehicle, which is owned by residents of the Town of University Park, used primarily for personal transportation and does not display any form of commercial advertising on the body of, or affixed to, the vehicle. The term "truck" shall be defined to include buses for transportation of 12 or more persons and vehicles licensed as taxicabs.

Appeal of Violation Notice – Egress Windows

Note: Code Compliance Officer Craig Brown reported that on inspection of 4414 East West Highway, the windows were in violation of the Code and would have to be replaced.

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 two-bedroom windows measuring at 16"x 23" which does not comply with secondary egress window area requirements.

Motion: *To deny the waiver of the requirement for egress windows. To hold off in the enforcement action and give the owner until July 31, 2019 to be in compliance with Town Code or cease renting.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

Given that rental housing code violations continue to come before the Council and—as a concerned citizen—this resident wants to be on record again and say that it is important to respect the law because the rule of law makes everything consistent.

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Public Comment

- A resident who attended the Strategic Planning Retreat on March 23 expressed concern that the Councilmembers were not able to have a discussion on a subject because a particular document was not available. This resident suggested that the Councilmembers write a letter to the Mayor requesting a copy of this document.
- A resident read in the newsletter that the Council is thinking of changing the Charter to make University Park a sanctuary town-based on the earlier public comment that “we should be bound by the rule of law,” this would not be the case if University Park becomes a sanctuary town. This resident is in favor of large numbers of aliens coming into this country and staying here, but he is in favor of it being done lawfully. There is a concern of the large number of MS-13 gang members in the area and they may be encouraged to rent in University Park when they see that the Town Charter was changed and the police will not be following up. The Town should not tie the hands of the police department when it comes to ICE. At most, pass a resolution that states, if any of the officers find there is a need to call ICE, they should inform the Chief first.
- A resident said that for the past year and a half there were meetings on “welcoming town” and information was published on the website and newsletter. This resident wishes there was more than that as far as having public discourse in the Town, but these are the tools that are available.
- A resident said that she does not want University Park to become a magnet city. It is the Council’s job to act in the best interest of the people who live in University Park, not the people who don’t. If the Town police are going to be restricted, then get rid of the police.
- A Councilmember said that there is no intention of taking any tools away from the police. Chief Baker supports the Town becoming a Welcoming Town.
- A Councilmember said the concern is that anyone seen in Town is treated in an even-handed way without presumptions.
- The Town Attorney said that there will be nothing in the Charter or anywhere else that says that University Park is a sanctuary city.
- A resident said that there are people from different generations who are trying to create a new path and a new identity for University Park and this resident is on board with it.
- A resident reminded the public that a non-discrimination provision in the Town Charter was

amended last June and there was no controversy. The plan is to make sure that the other governing documents of the Town are consistent with the Charter amendment.

- Chief Baker said that he believes in changing University Park to a Welcoming Town, this speaks to bringing people in. In order for the police department to be effective, they need everybody to be included.
- A resident stated they want the University Park police to be free, if they feel the need, to be able to call ICE.
- A Councilmember said that a little over a year ago she voted in favor of the change in the size of egress windows and since that time she has had a change of heart. After lots of research, she was not able to find any data showing evidence that the NFPA required size of an egress window is necessary for people to get out.
- A Councilmember said that evidence for lead paint is overwhelming whereas there is no evidence on egress windows.
- A resident suggested that the Town become an NFPA member and get access to all of the research.
- A resident who is the president of the Northwestern High School Parents/Students Association said that a proposal for \$7,500 was submitted to the Town to be included in the budget for 15 computers and 2 printers for the Northwestern library. Mayor Carey said that \$6,000 has been proposed in the FY 2020 budget, consistent with grants to other organizations.

New Business

Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 19-O-03: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 20, 2019. Motion approved 7 to 0.

A presentation by Mayor Carey and a brief overview of the budget by Dan Baden, Treasurer. With the approval of the Council, Mayor Carey called a Special Session of the Council on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Word of God Baptist Church, to discuss the budget in Work Session.

Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 19-O-04 to amend Town Code, Chapter 9 to restrict parking on the South side of Underwood Street West from its intersection with Queens Chapel Road for a distance of 470 feet, on school days between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 6, 2019. Motion

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approved 7 to 0. *Note:* CM Verrill agreed to sponsor Resolution 19-O-04, rather than CM Schultz.

Public Comment

A resident near the school thanked everyone who worked so hard on this issue.

Motion: To instruct the Town Attorney to draft changes to the provisions of the Town Charter, Code and Personnel Manual that are inconsistent with the Town's status as a Welcoming Town; and to draft an Order, in cooperation with the Chief of Police, for the Police General Order Manual, to prohibit enforcement of civil violations of federal immigration laws, and any criminal investigations or enforcement initiated solely on the basis of citizenship or immigration status. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

A resident asked to define who is a resident? The Town Attorney responded with "wherever you happen to be living at the time, you are a resident of." How can a referendum be initiated? The Town Attorney responded with "the Council has the ability to direct the Town Attorney to help write the referendum, this is to ensure that what goes to the voters is clear."

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey will be out of town from April 11-18.
- In reference to the recent Strategic Planning Retreat, CM Stephen requested that the open-ended responses be made available for the Town through the website.
- The full report from the Strategic Planning Retreat is expected to be completed by April 5.
- In response to a question, Mayor Carey said that he will ask Mr. Beall about the status of the engineering estimate for managing stormwater when Queens Chapel Road is repaved.
- Ms. Ferguson responded to CM Verrill's question by saying that the Council can expect to see the ordinances for a Welcoming Town at the April 29 Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:03 PM.

April 22 Council Special Session Highlights

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

Work Session

The Council entered a Work Session to discuss fiscal year 2020 budget. No legislation was enacted during the work session.

- CM Schultz asked for a detailed written estimate/report by the end of the week from Mr. Beall and Mr. Sidhu on cost of the streets/sidewalks project.
- CM Caskey asked that Mr. Beall prioritize the streets/sidewalks project if the entire project cannot be done at one time.
- After a discussion on possible changes to the Town bus service, CM Schultz informed the Council that the Sustainability Committee will receive a report on May 9 from University of Maryland students in the Environmental Science and Policy Program on the transportation program of the Town, mostly on the Town bus.
- Request an update from Northwestern High School on the \$6,000 grant for library computers/printers.
- CM Brosch suggested that \$5,000 be added to the budget for an intern for the Mosquito Program.
- Chief Baker agreed to provide information on data storage for body cameras.

Motion: To approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 19-O-03: Fiscal 2019 budget. The meeting set for May 20, 2019 is the first meeting at which the ordinance may be considered for adoption after a public hearing at the same meeting.

The Special Session adjourned by consent at 10:10 PM.

April 29 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Christine Becker of Christine Becker Associates, who was the facilitator at the recent Council retreat held on March 23, presented the Town's three-year Strategic Plan, a copy of which was distributed. Ms. Becker recommended the following: 1) formally adopt the plan; 2) develop an outreach of communication strategy to share the plan with the residents once it is adopted; 3) organize Mayor, Council and department reports around the strategic goals; and prioritize the goals. She suggested holding a quarterly review of the strategic plan at a Council meeting so that it is regularly scheduled. The following changes were made to the plan presented after

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a brief discussion: 1) Change Goal #2 to read "Decide what to do about the Town Hall;" and 2) eliminate numbering the goals.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda items (A-D). Motion approved 7 to 0.

To replace railing on second level flat roof located at 4107 Van Buren Street.

To install a 4' fence located at 4404 Van Buren Street.

To add a 12'x 14' screened porch addition located at 4307 Tuckerman Street.

To remove an existing 10'x 95' concrete driveway plus 3" of soil and install new 5" thick concrete driveway 20' wide at apron to rear corner of house, and widen the driveway to the width of garage, and to replace a 4'x 16' front walkway with a brick border located at 6703 Queens Chapel Road.

Permits

Motion: For the property located at 4413 Beechwood Road, to extend for eleven (11) months through October 21, 2019 a building permit that was originally approved by Council on April 24, 2017 and extended for six (6) months by Council on November 20, 2017 and again on July 9, 2018 to construct three two-story additions of 17'x 24', 13.3'x 6', and 6'x 6.10'; a 5'x 17' deck with steps; a 10.5'x 18.25' second story addition; to replace existing basement areaway steps; and to remove an existing garage and portion of driveway to meet lot coverage requirements; and to extend the dumpster permit for an additional eleven (11) months. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Real Property Tax Rate Increase

Opening remarks and reading of the proposed real property tax rate increase legal notice into the record by Mayor Carey. Mr. Dan Baden, Treasurer, said that this public hearing is a requirement by the State of Maryland because the town of University Park plans to set the tax rate above the constant yield rate. Mr. Baden read the legal notice that has been posted.

Council Comments

■ Mayor Carey responded to a question by saying that the

schedule for discussing the FY2020 budget is May 6 and May 20. If the Council would like to discuss further, Mayor Carey suggests setting up another special session.

■ This Councilmember wants to be sure that there is an explanation to the rationale behind this Town tax increase decision especially since many people just paid unexpected taxes for 2018.

■ Mayor Carey said that in order to maintain the current level of services offered by University Park a tax increase is required.

■ A Councilmember said that the Town has to do what it is chartered to do: keep the streets in repair, pick up trash and police the neighborhood. No one likes to pay more taxes but after three years with no tax increase there is not much choice given the cost of things rising.

■ Mr. Beall responded to a question by saying that the amount of money to be reimbursed from WSSC is based on an MOU. The reimbursed amount will be equivalent to the cost their contractor will charge to do the street repairs and this amount is not yet known because the project is not complete. The repair of Queens Chapel Road (from Route 1 to the bridge) will be included in the repair; the other half of Queens Chapel Road is not included in this compensation.

■ A Councilmember suggested thinking long term; think about a more gradual progression of tax increases. Waiting for three years to raise taxes might have been a mistake; it would have been better raising the taxes a little last year.

■ A Councilmember said that the tax increase will be approximately \$275.00 a year for a home assessed at \$450,000.

■ A Councilmember said that the Town prides itself on the curb appeal and if the streets are not repaired, the curb appeal can be harmed.

■ The Council is moving toward the direction of having a capital budget.

■ Mayor Carey said that the ratings show that residents value the Town services offered.

Public Comments

■ A resident said the \$275 per year increase sounds good but this number doesn't include all the of other tax increases.

■ A resident thanked the Councilmembers and Mayor for all they do for the Town and said that she supports the tax increase.

■ A resident suggested the following for the budget:

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1) create a Capital Improvement plan; 2) take the Town Manager out of the budget at this point in time; 3) get a 15 year bond now before the rates go up; 4) do the street/sidewalk work as quickly as possible.

■A resident said the Town Manager line item is tucked into the FY2020 even though last year many residents were against hiring a Town Manager. He agrees with removing the Town Manager out of the budget at this point in time. With regard to the roads and infrastructure, this resident is concerned that the budget doesn't describe what is being fixed. Information on what is being done to the infrastructure needs to be posted for the residents. Mayor Carey responded by saying that information on the street/sidewalk repair can be found in the minutes of the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting on the Town website. In the near future, a report of what is going to be done on the streets/sidewalks will be coming to the Council for approval and residents are welcome to attend that meeting.

■A resident said that if someone wants to know what is going on in Town, they have to get involved.

■A resident said that based on his experience, he does support the recommendations from the Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety on the streets/sidewalks. He does agree that it would be helpful if the issues were fully explained so that the residents know what their money will be spent on.

■A Councilmember asked where can you find information on the streets/sidewalks on the Town website? Go to the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee and find the list of meetings and go to "minutes."

■A Councilmember asked if Metro still have rights to Queens Chapel Road and will this present any problems when doing work on the road? Mr. Beall said no. The Town is not looking to install a storm drain on Queens Chapel Road. Approval from WMATA would be required if a storm drain were being installed.

■A Councilmember said that he will have a hard time going along with the Queens Chapel Road project without knowing exactly what will be done. Mayor Carey said that he has a copy of the breakdown and he will distribute it.

■A resident said that the issues in the budget are common sense and need to be done.

■A resident said having good streets and sidewalks that make it possible to walk around Town safely adds to the property value and makes this Town part of what it is.

The Town Hall has to be fixed, especially for those who cannot attend meetings because of the stairs and he will wait for the Management Study before forming an opinion on the Town Manager issue. This resident does support the tax increase.

■Mayor Carey said that the Town Operations and Management Report has been posted on the Town website. Representatives from the Municipal and Financial Services Group will be at the next Council meeting scheduled for May 6 to present and discuss the final report.

■A resident who has worked on the Town Hall many times recommends that the house be taken down and a new, progressive building be put up.

■This resident said that she supports hiring a Town Manager. She worries about the next Mayor who might have a full-time job and doing all the work at Town Hall.

Public Comment

A resident encouraged the Council to pass the motions on Welcoming Town on the first reading, the changes are minor amendments to the Town code.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 19-O-03: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 20, 2019.

Motion: To postpone the determination of the fiscal year 2020 budget and to set the property tax rate for next year until the regularly scheduled May 20, 2019 meeting of the Council. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 19-O-04 to amend Town Code, Chapter 9 to restrict parking on the South side of Underwood Street West from its intersection with Queens Chapel Road for a distance of 470 feet, on school days between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 6, 2019.

New Business

Motion: To approve the 2019-2021 University Park Strategic Plan and to establish it as a Town document to guide budget and policy proposals.

Motion: To continue the discussion of the three-year Strategic Plan to the first Council meeting in June. Motion approved 7 to 0.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: To approve the introduction of Charter Resolution 19-CR-01 to repeal and reenact Article IV, "Powers of Mayor and Council", Section 402 "Powers and Duties of Council" to clarify that the Town newsletter is intended to provide information to all residents of the Town and reflecting the Town's "Welcoming Town" concepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is June 3, 2019. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve the introduction of LR 2019-O-05 to amend Chapter 16-103 "Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment" to clarify that membership in the committee is open to all residents of the Town and that all residents of the Town are encouraged to adopt installation, removal and maintenance practices that promote and protect healthy trees on private land, reflecting the Town's "Welcoming Town" concepts adopted at the January 14, 2019 Council meeting. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is June 3, 2019. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: Per recommendation of the Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, to request the Mayor authorize the Director of Public Works to place two additional stop signs and three stop sign bars at the intersection of 40th Avenue (northbound and southbound) and Underwood Street. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: The stop signs will go up immediately and the stop sign bars will wait until July.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write and send a letter to County Council Member Dannielle Glaros urging prompt follow-up action to implement the Transportation Action Guide for Urban Communities along the Route 1 corridor as originally requested in the Town's letter of January 11, 2016. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor's Report

- Town elections are scheduled for Tuesday, May 7.
- Arbor Day was celebrated on April 26 at the University Park Elementary School. Due to the weather, there were no tree plantings, this will be scheduled for a later date.
- CM Brosch reminded Mayor Carey about the community conversation on Climate Change scheduled for the June 10 Council meeting.
- The May newsletter will be late due to emergencies in the family of the editors.

Council and Committee Reports

CM Wells The surplus property within the Town of College Park (R55) located across the street from Town Hall has been put up for sale by WMATA. It appears that the proper process of notifying municipalities and County government were not followed in this case.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter to the WMATA Board. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The Committee noted with some concern the number of items that received direction from Council and Committee in the past year and stopped in the Mayor's office. The Committee hopes that the Mayor can expedite action on these issues: 1) striping of Clagget-Pineway Road; 2) request of a State Highway Administration meeting; and 3) code enforcement question at Sheridan Street and Baltimore Avenue.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The May meeting is cancelled.

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch Thanked everyone for turning in the Financial Disclosure Statements. Town election is scheduled for May 7. The write-in candidate's deadline is May 2. Ms. Marcavitch pointed out that items of interest such as studies, reports, etc., can be found under "News Flash" on the homepage of the Town website.

Police Chief Baker

- Distributed the April 1 - 29 Crime Report
- The officers participated in the 17th National Drug Take-Back Day at Town Hall. Approximately 60 pounds of medication was received. This event will take place again in October.
- The first Bike-to-School Day event will take place on May 8 at the Word of God Baptist Church at 6:45 AM.
- Chief for a Day Recognition event will be held at University Park Elementary School on May 10. Six students will be selected by the teachers and principal for their leadership, academic and working with others.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Treasurer Dan Baden In response to the question at the Special Session on April 22 about the amount of the original bonds, Mr. Baden provided a memo with the explanation and this was distributed to the Council.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The Adelphi Field has been seeded.
- The submerged gravel wetland is entering the landscaping phase on April 30.
- The electronic and paint recycling event scheduled for April 27 was very successful. Approximately 2,300 pounds of paint was received.
- The go-ahead for fabrication of the Town bridges was given. Mr. Beall does not anticipate delivery until July.
- CM Stephen requested a copy of the drawing of the extended sidewalk/crosswalk to where the bridge will be.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:05 PM.

UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, June 3, 11:30 AM

2019 Scholarship Winners

For the past 73 years, the UPWC has provided scholarships to promising local high school seniors. The outstanding personal and academic achievements, excellent recommendations by teacher and counselors, and their essays led to this selection.



At the June 3rd luncheon meeting, the Club will present an award of \$1500 to this year's winner Madeleine Murphy. Madeleine, winner of the University Park Woman's Club Scholarship, will graduate from Elizabeth Seton High School. She is planning to study Political Science, Economics and Philosophy in college. Many in the University Park neighborhood will know Madeleine from the Adelphi Pool.

The Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship winner this year is Simon Alvarado, a Senior at Northwestern High School, who plans on majoring in Exercise Science and will attend Chowan University. The University Park Woman's Club would like to thank all those who participated in the Holiday House Tour and sale, and other money raising activities that help support these scholarships.

TOWN EVENTS

Please join us at University Christian Church at the corner of Belcrest and Adelphi Roads in Hyattsville. Sign-in begins at 11:30 with a light lunch at noon. There will be a brief business meeting followed by the presentation by Loretta. RSVP to Pat Myers at 301-439-6813 or patmyers2@verizon.net.



After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, June 18, 8-10 PM

June's title is *The Little French Bistro* by Nina George. Please call Carol Hurtt 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.



Teen Workers List

The following young residents are interested in finding winter jobs around our Town. Please save this list and contact them if you need any of these services.

Keaton Lovely, 15, 703-401-8906, Queens Chapel Road, kwtrooper@gmail.com, mowing, yard work, pet care.

Abigail (Abby) Saldana, 14, 301-848-4016 or 301-219-7721, Clagett Road, abbybelen@verizon.net, babysitting, pet sitting, house work, lawn work.

Molly Moore, 19, 301-928-0868, 44th Ave, mollymarie-moore@gmail.com, swim lessons (trained lifeguard), pet and babysitting, yard and other housekeeping work, chauffeur (have had driver's license for over 2 years), violin lessons (have played violin for 12 years).

Caitlyn Weeks, 18, 301-310-2280, Van Buren Street, caitlynaweeks@gmail.com, experienced babysitter and driver. Kid taxi services (e.g., to/from camp, extracurricular/enrichment activities, library, pool, etc.). Owns car, excellent driving record, responsible, and mature. References available upon request.

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Rowan Hanby, 15, 301-767-5446, Sheridan Street, rowan9pitch@gmail.com, mowing and yard work, pet sitting.

Margaret Motsuk, 16, 41st Avenue, margaret.motsuk@gmail.com, pet care; cats and small animals (no dogs).

Liliyah BenAissa, 14, Wells Parkway, 202-805-8081, Liliyahb@gmail.com, Experienced babysitter and dog walker.

Anna Harvey, 17, Queens Chapel Road, 301-442-8460, anna.artgalup@gmail.com, dog/cat sitting and walking.

Kira Moss, Tuckerman Street, 22mariemoss@gmail.com, lawn mowing and weeding.

An Artful Afternoon, Sunday, June 2, 1-4 PM The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to an Artful Afternoon featuring tambourine workshop, performance and a studio open house and art market. Times vary for individual activities. At 3 PM enjoy a free performance by Mike Funt, the new Circus Camp director with Greenbelt Recreation. Free. All ages welcome. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, 301-397-2208.



Emerson Food Forest, Monday, June 3, 5:30-6:30 PM Join the Prince George's County Department of the Environment and Forestry Board and the City of Hyattsville for a tour, followed immediately by a weeding session from 6:30 to 7 PM. Discover delicious native fruits and nuts you can plant in your yard or community. Tasting permitted! Learn what plants belong and what plants do not. Wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty for the weeding session. Space is limited. Register at foodforest_tour_june2019.eventbrite.com. The Emerson Food Forest is located at 4515 Emerson Street, Hyattsville, MD.



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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Exhibit: Your Presence is Requested: Calvert Weddings 1799-Today June 11, 2019 marks the 220th Anniversary of the 1799 marriage of George Calvert, grandson of the Fifth Lord Baltimore. In that year, he married Rosalie Stier, the daughter of a wealthy Belgian aristocrat whose family came to America in 1794 to escape the French revolution. To commemorate this important date in Calvert family history, the Riversdale House Museum is mounting a special exhibition, opening June 2, 2019. Docent-led tours are available to the public on Fridays and Sundays from noon-3:30 PM. Admission \$5.00.

Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, 12:15 PM Bring your father, grandfather, or other special gentleman for a free tour. One free tour with each paid admission.

Regency Ladies' Weekend, June 22-23 Escape the hustle of modern life and spend the weekend in the Regency era as you explore fashion, dining, amusements and more. You will also have a rare opportunity to spend the night in the museum. Advance payment required by June 14. Fee: Resident/\$95; Non-Resident/\$120. Please call for details.



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

Glade Dance Collective, Saturday, June 1, 4-6 PM Explore improvisational dance with Glade, then take part in their evening performance. Workshop/\$10, performance at 7 PM.



Arts Drop-In at MilkBoy ArtHouse, Sundays, 11 AM-1PM A collaboration between College Park Arts Exchange, MilkBoy ArtHouse, and the Clarice. Adults and kids alike are welcome to take part in these fun arts

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

projects facilitated by arts specialist Aaron Springer. *June 9 Abstraction for Distraction* Use inspiration from Wassily Kandinsky to draw and paint your own abstract expression with oil pastel.

Trolley Trail Day, Saturday, June 8, Noon-4 PM Arts and crafts, information tables, performances by musical groups including Mark Irons, Dominic Elliott, The Gleasons, The Next Generation and Paint Branch Creek. *Volunteers needed!* Volunteers are needed to help with activities. Find out how you can be a part of this great day by emailing info@cpae.org.



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Shopping Locally for Fresh Food: 2019 Farmers Markets

You can eat locally-grown produce year round by shopping at these markets within a 5-mile radius.

Downtown College Park Farmers Market
4500 Knox Road
College Park, Maryland 20740
Sunday 10 AM- 2 PM

Riverdale Park Farmers Market
4650 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737
Thursday 3-7 PM

College Park Farmers Market
5211 Campus Drive
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 8 AM-1 PM

The Farmers Market at Maryland
1115 Eppley Recreation Center
College Park, Maryland 20742
Wednesday 11 AM-3PM

Hyattsville Farmers Market
City Municipal Building
4310 Gallatin Street
Hyattsville, MD 20781
Every Third Friday, 5/17to 9/20, 4-8 PM



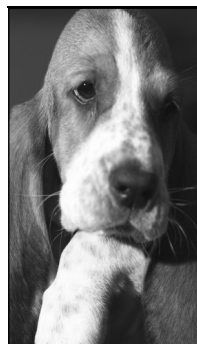
Hollywood Farmers Market
9801 Rhode Island Ave.
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 9 AM-1 PM

USDA Beltsville Farmers Market
5601 Sunnyside Ave., Parking Lot B
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
Thursday 9:30 AM-2 PM

Cheverly Community Market
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly, Maryland 20785
Every other Saturday beginning June 8, 8 AM-Noon

Greenbelt Farmers Market
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM

Takoma Park Farmers Market
Laurel Ave. between Carroll Ave. & Eastern Ave.
Takoma Park, Maryland 20913
Sunday 10 AM-2 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.

June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM Yard Waste, Compost Town Council, 7:30 PM	4 Trash, Bulk Trash	5	6	7 Recycling 	8 Ivy League, Saturday, 9-11 AM Trolley Trail Day
9	10 Yard Waste, Compost Climate Change Conversation	11 Trash, Bulk Trash	12 HHUP Craft Gathering, 2 PM	13 	14 Recycling	15
16	17 Yard Waste, Compost Town Council, 7:30 PM	18 Trash, Bulk Trash Book Group, 8-10 PM 	19 HHUP Lunch Club, 12 PM	20	21 Recycling	22 Qigong & Tai Chi Lessons, 8-9 :30 AM 
23	24 Yard Waste, Compost	25 Trash, Bulk Trash	26	27	28 Recycling	29 HHUP Pride & Passion for Life, 2 PM
30	July 1	2	3	4 Town Holiday: Town Hall closed, no shuttle service, no waste pick up.		



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Chief Harvey Baker	301-277-0051

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1	David Brosch	301-779-3168
2	Joe Schultz	301-892-6314
3	Laurie Morrissey	301-906-0276
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

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