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MAYOR'S COLUMN

One of my favorite sayings is that municipal government has to work or communities don't function well. The obverse is true, especially in small towns such as ours – if the community doesn't function well, then municipal government struggles. Thus, protecting our sense of community nurtures good municipal government. Four years ago, I bemoaned the many incivilities seen in what had been a particularly acrimonious 2016 national election season: people were talking over or past each other and demeaning the character or fitness of those with differing opinions. In a community like ours, we need everyone to pay attention, show up, speak up, and work together, but incivility can cut against that by causing people instead to step back and withdraw. I fretted about the possible effects of such incivilities on our own small community of University Park, and on the ability of our town government to respond.

Now after another painful national election – the past year of COVID-19 and the ongoing assault on our democracy have been especially dismal – I feel encouraged by our community and the ability of the Town to continue to function. What heartens and brings me hope is the people of University Park, with your positive outlook and shared sense of community, level of engagement and much more.

In the recent national election and amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, you encouraged each other to vote and shared information on when and where to vote safely and most efficiently. University Park residents voted in droves – by mail and by ballot drop-box, in early voting and on Election Day itself – despite the pandemic. Our community engagement here is not just about voting. You responded to the pandemic with care – wearing masks, keeping social distance, washing hands, and

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council January 4 & 19

Town Holidays January 1 & 18

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM and temporarily conducted by conference call and videoconference. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org. Town Hall is currently closed. Please sign up for alerts & visit www.upmd.org for meeting and service information.

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avoiding contact – and kept yourselves and our community largely healthy and safe. The University Park self-response rate to the 2020 Census – your responses, without need for an enumerator calling or coming to your door – was the highest among all Maryland cities and towns and 32nd highest of all cities and towns in the United States. While the Town Council and Committees are meeting virtually, there is a high rate of public participation, often with 25 people or more in Council meetings. At the first Council meeting in December, where limitations on fence heights were decided, the Council received numerous written comments on limiting fence heights, and another dozen verbal comments during the meeting itself.

What we do best in our own community is what we do together – another favorite saying. We are fortunate that our community and government functions well, and that makes our work in Town government so much better. Perhaps the best response to assaults on democracy, beyond defending against them, is to practice democracy fearlessly – and fully, fairly, openly together.

My congratulations and appreciation to Michele Perry Leonardi, founder and longtime moderator of the University Park Listserv, as she steps away on January 1. Michele guided the listserv and made it an invaluable and useful community resource. The listserv is not a part of Town government but is an excellent means of sharing information within our larger community. Nicely done, Michele, and thank you.

— Len Carey

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

DPW Reminders

- Electronics should not be put in regular trash. The next electronics recycling event will be in April.
- Mattresses and box springs must be bagged before bulk trash pickup.
- No plastic bags for leaves and yard waste. Use a bin or paper yard waste bags.
- Please pay the \$20 Town disposal fee prior to putting out items with refrigerants. This includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers
- No plastic bags or film in recycling. Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org for recycling locations.

FROM THE CHIEF

Although COVID-19 is a concern for everyone, many University Park residents are taking advantage of the mild winter weather and enjoying outdoor activities. University Park is a great community for outdoor activities as our sidewalks, paths and roadways are safe. Town residents are outside all day and even at night enjoying some form of physical exercise. Taking a walk is a great way to reenergize if working remotely or to simply get a breath of fresh air. It is also a good opportunity for parents overwhelmed with helping their children with online classes to relieve a little stress.

With so many people out and about, residents should be aware of social distancing guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. You may find yourself asking who has the right of way on the sidewalk? Does a walker, a senior, or dog walker have the right of way? Should couples move to the right when another walker is approaching? According to urbandictionary.com these concerns are defined as "covetiquette" or etiquette during the COVID-19 pandemic. Covetiquette addresses a myriad of issues from social distancing, mask wearing and walking protocols to leaving supplies on the shelf in the store so others may purchase them. The University Park Police encourages residents to practice good covetiquette while participating in outdoor activities on sidewalks, paths and roadways throughout University Park. Remaining safe during COVID-19, especially when leaving home, is on everyone's mind these days.



It is important to remember the sidewalks, paths and roadways in University Park are shared by everyone including families, youngsters, seniors, dogs, bike riders, parents pushing baby strollers, people in wheelchairs and wildlife. To remain safe and to keep your neighbor feeling comfortable while enjoying shared space,

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please take a moment to review the following University Park Police safety guidelines for sidewalk, path and roadway user activities:

- When biking please use safe speeds. Maintain safe distances with others and alert walkers that you are passing on the left or right.
- When jogging, pass on the grass to avoid pedestrians on sidewalks. Walkers, people in wheelchairs and parents pushing baby strollers have the right of way on sidewalks and paths. People jogging and biking and walking dogs should yield and not approach closer than 6-10 feet. Please allow space for walkers to feel safe. If you are breathing hard and not wearing a mask, please refrain from approaching others. Do not surprise walkers by jogging or walking up directly behind them. If you are getting too close, slow down or give a verbal alert that you are approaching from the left or right.
- Wear a face covering when enjoying outdoor activities on sidewalks, paths and roadways in University Park.
- Be neighborly—please do not block the sidewalk or path and leave room for others.
- Use lights or reflective clothing at night. It is very important for your safety that others can see you from a distance when you are out walking or jogging at night.
- Keep University Park beautiful. Please pick up your trash and clean up after your dog.

The University Park Police wish you and your family a safe and Happy New Year!

Theft On November 2 & 15 at approximately 1:15 AM, a male riding a bicycle stole parcels from the front porch of a residence in the 4400 Block Tuckerman St. The video provided by the homeowner was viewed; however, the subject had a hood on his head. A person of interest has been developed.



Helping Hands University Park

Happy New Year to everyone in the University Park community. We look forward to getting back to working in person with our HHUP volunteers and members in 2021, providing opportunities to socialize, learn together, attend concerts and offer assistance ranging from transportation to computer help to help with small repairs, and more.

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HHUP Virtual Lunch Club, Wednesday, January 20, 12-1 PM Receive the Zoom link by calling 301-892-6636 or emailing HHUniversityPark@gmail.com



The Aging Drama, Saturday, January 30, 2-3:30 PM Elder law attorney and UP resident Julie Schejbal will address legal and practical issues that reduce the drama of aging. Who should attend? Anyone who is nearing or past retirement age; anyone with parents or other relatives who are nearing retirement or past retirement age. HHUP is co-sponsoring this event with Hyattsville Aging in Place. Call 301-892-6636 or go to helpinghandsup.org to register. Advance registration is required. This Zoom presentation will be accessible by phone (for those without computers or internet) or via your mobile phone, tablet or computer.

Seminar Series Last year the three active Villages along Route 1—HHUP, Hyattsville Aging in Place and Neighbors Helping Neighbors/College Park—sponsored a very successful presentation by Susy Elder Murphy, owner of Debra Levy Eldercare Associates. We are currently planning a series of seminars on a whole range of topics, featuring local and not-so-local experts. Are you interested in presenting? Do you have someone to suggest? Email Loretta at LorettaHHUP@gmail.com

This month we bid a very fond farewell to Leslie Jenkins, who served as a volunteer and, most recently, as a valued member of our Executive Committee. She is moving to Selinsgrove, PA to live nearer to family. We wish her every blessing and much happiness as she begins this new chapter. If HHUP is to be sustainable in the long term, we need to grow our Executive Committee. We meet monthly and assign tasks based on the time our committee members have. Joining us during the pandemic is a perfect way to learn the ropes, since our programming is very limited.

Are you hesitant to get involved but curious about our

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monthly meetings? Any UP residents can join our meetings (currently via Zoom). Sit back and observe or jump right in. We will meet on Wednesday, January 20, 5:30-700 PM. RSVP to HHUniversityPark@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.



Sustainability Committee News

You may have seen announcements about the Sustainability Committee in this newsletter, but do you know what we do? The Committee is a special committee of Town Council, meaning that, like the Tree Committee or HHUP, it's made up of residents and council members. It's charged with making recommendations to Council to promote environmentally, economically and socially sustainable practices in Town operations, purchases and decision-making. Some examples of the committee's recent work:

- A pollinator meadow on Adelphi Road, established with the Anacostia Watershed Society, UMD vanEnglesdorp Bee Lab, as well as the Town's Tree Committee, Public Facilities Committee, and Department of Public Works.
- Successfully recommending an expansion of UP's food waste composting program after producing an analysis of the program with a team of senior undergraduates from the Environmental Science and Policy Program at UMD.
- Recertification of UP's status as a Sustainable Maryland municipality.
- A study of public transportation in town which will be used by the town's ad hoc transit committee, also in collaboration with UMD's ENSP students.
- Stage one of a comprehensive town park plan produced with a UMD graduate student and in conjunction with the Tree and Public Facilities Committees.
- A special COVID/spring river cleanup of Wells Run.
- Developing a Climate Action Framework for the use of Council and staff.

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Ongoing work includes installation of electric vehicle charging stations on Queens Chapel Road across from UPES, tracking progress against stated sustainability goals and providing technical assistance. The committee is not directly involved in citizen advocacy as a committee (although its members are). Instead, it focuses on decisions within the council's control, working to make our town and its operations as sustainable as possible while also raising awareness of and participation in Town sustainability programs, such as river clean-ups and the compost program. To learn more, visit upmd.org/193/Sustainability-Committee.

Tree Committee News

We shelter from the wind in seemingly snug buildings, yet only a membrane of glass separates us from the elements. The sun is low and the shadows long. The branches rattle and their shadows twist and dance in the wind. One tree in town cast no shadow, as she lays prostrate in the park. An Eastern redbud, that venerable, enduring native, just north of the soccer field—look toward the creek and you'll see her resolute against the elements, waving a few bean pods still clinging from two branches above the ground. We know her as the "sleeping tree." Look her way and whisper a lullaby, though she may not hear. Good night tree, good night 2020.

November 16 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen.

Presentation

CPA of Lindsey & Associates Mr. Bob Diss went through the fiscal year 2020 Audit Report. He noted that University Park received a clean opinion which is the best. Residents with any questions or concerns throughout the year should contact Lindsey & Associates.

Consent Agenda

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

To replace a 12'x 16' deck with steps at 6910 40th Avenue.

To install a fence 42" in height to enclose the backyard and side patio at 6906 Pineway.

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Permits

Motion: *To consider the request for a building permit to remove a 4' retaining wall and reinstall a 22" x 34' retaining wall, adjust front yard slope to ensure stability, and to connect drainage pipes under the sidewalk and through the curb to outfall into the gutter, at 6804 40th Avenue. Town permit is contingent upon receiving the County's grading permit as recommended by the Town Administrator.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

- A resident supports the change to allow 6' fences.
- A resident thanked the Mayor and the department of Public Works for cleaning up the Veterans Memorial in preparation of the November 11 celebration. The resident also thanked Councilmember Biermann for the program that was presented at the Veterans Day event.
- A resident asked that the Town notify residents about the County mask mandate.

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- Thank you to Councilmember Biermann for organizing Veterans Day Observance on November 11. The event was recorded and can be found on the Town website.
- Effective October 27, University Park's response rate for the 2020 Census was 91.2%. Mayor Carey congratulated the residents who filled out the form and commended the Town Clerk who put together a good Census communications plan. Director of the Maryland Municipal League Mr. Scott Hancock will be present at the December 7 Council meeting to congratulate the Town for the census response.
- Mayor Carey noted that the State and Prince George's County have come out with enhanced implementation of COVID-19 Phase 2 guidelines.
- Mayor Carey has issued an Executive Order, effective November 16, requiring all Town staff to wear masks to enter Town Hall and within. Staff are required to wear a mask in the parking lots and on Town properties throughout Town.
- The Council received in their meeting packet proposed amendments to the fence ordinance. This ordinance amendment was in the agenda packet online and also available on our website at www.upmd.org/Draft-Fence-Ordinance. Final consideration of this matter will take place at the December 7 Council meeting. Prior to adoption, a motion will be required to amend the legislation as introduced.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Helping Hands

- In 2020, Helping Hands applied and received a County Special Appropriations Grant that is specifically for the Helping Hands temporary assistance fund. The money was used twice to temporarily help the residents who were having a financial emergency. The group will apply for this grant again in 2021.
- Due to COVID-19 many services offered by Helping Hands were severely curtailed. Online and telephone communication has continued throughout this time. The volunteers plan to check-in with all the members of Helping Hands during the Thanksgiving holiday and they will deliver a Thanksgiving goody bag.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18.

CM Biermann In reference to the December 7 vote on the fence ordinance, for a procedural perspective, CM Biermann would like to vote on the original fence ordinance without the recently added amendments.

New Business

Motion: *On recommendation of the Sustainability Committee, to adopt Legislative Resolution 2020-R-09 adopting a climate action framework for the purpose of systematically and deliberately integrating the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience to climate change into every Town decision concerning any substantial proposed policy or action or purchase, and of ensuring that the Mayor, Council, staff, and residents understand the extent to which the Town, by its decision, will contribute to either worsening or mitigating climate change.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: *To adopt Legislative Resolution 2020-R-08 declaring November 2020 as Municipal Government Works Month, which is a prerequisite to be eligible as a Banner City in the Maryland Municipal League.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department Reports

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch

- Those who would like to watch the Veterans Day Observance can go to www.upmd.org/veterans.
- Summary of permits issued in the month of November: 6 building; 5 dumpster and 0 vendor.

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Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Crime Report from October 20 - November 16 - two incidents in Ward 1.
- Training: 1. Completion of annual in-service training for Corporals Jones, Morris and Fuoco. 2. Acting Sergeant Brady from the Mount Rainier Police Department assisted with the Sergeant promotional process. 3. On December 3, all personnel will have Taser 7 training and Judgmental Firearm Shooting training.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden

- The October 2020 Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
- University Park has met most of the County's requirements in distributing the \$161,000 received under the Cares Act COVID-19 relief funds.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Work has begun on Queens Chapel Road at the Baltimore Avenue intersection by pouring the first section of new concrete curb and gutter.
- Mr. Beall asked that Councilmembers reach out to their constituents and remind them not to put their leaves in the street for pick up and to remove any hard items that may be in the piles as they can be damaging to the leaf machine.
- In reference to the new curb on Queens Chapel Road, the relocation of the sidewalk at the top of the hill is part of the stormwater project and will be installed by the Clean Water Partnership program when the funds are approved.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:34 PM.

December 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Stephen. Excused: Wells.

Presentation

2020 Census Challenge Winner

Maryland Municipal League (MML) Executive Director Scott Hancock and Maryland Planning Secretary Rob McCord presented the Town with a \$200 gift card from Franklin's restaurant for the Census Challenge Award. Secretary McCord appeared via pre-recorded video. This award was given to University Park for having the highest municipal response rate in the entire State of Maryland at 90.7%.

One Councilmember noted that this success and the work of other municipalities occurred in spite of deliberate political interference with the work of the census, an important activity authorized by the constitution designed to serve government and business across the U.S.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda items. Motion approved 6 to 0.

To install a 10'x 12' shed at 4108 Tennyson Road.

To install a 6'x 6' shed at 6916 Oakridge Road.

To remove existing patio and install a new 476 square foot patio and install a 30' (long) x 16" (high) wood garden wall at 7006 Wells Parkway.

To install a 4' fence at 4308 Tuckerman Street.

To replace broken concrete steps and walkway at 4324 Underwood Street.

**Issuance of Town permit is contingent upon receiving a copy of the County permit.*

To replace existing exterior French drain and waterproofing at 6602 Queens Chapel Road.

Public Comment

- Mayor Carey noted that there are thirty-seven written comments from residents regarding the fence ordinance.
- A resident said that the four-foot fence limit is part of what makes University Park special. The current variance process gives neighbors a say in how their neighborhood looks and especially how their own backyard looks. If a six-foot fence is allowed by right, neighbors are denied their say.
- In reference to the Zoom meeting, a resident asked if there is a reason why the video is turned off, as it is nice to be able to see neighbors. Why are residents restricted to one (three-minute limit) public comment? It may be helpful for the public to address each issue. Fencing encourages the apparent diminishment of lot sizes. Front yard garden fences should be a temporary solution and should be removed at the end of the growing season unless it is a permanent structure.
- A resident said they were a victim of a six-foot spite fence that was put up without informing the neighbors

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or the Town Council. Those who need a six-foot fence because of a dog should consider having the top two feet visible. University Park wants to be a welcoming town and six-foot fences are not welcoming.

- A resident expressed concerns regarding the proposal before the Council regarding the restriction of gas-powered lawn equipment effective 2023. This resident supports the use of electric lawn equipment but also believes that residents have the right to use what equipment meets their needs. This resident questioned why the Town isn't adjusting the hours in the noise ordinance and consider fines for those who are using equipment during the restricted hours. This resident is concerned that banning certain devices in 2023 only creates a slippery slope to further restrictions on other equipment. Does this Town government see this as an opportunity to ban other gas-powered machinery altogether such as snow blowers and generators? Will this proposal impact the ability to hire landscaping firms to help residents with lawn work?
- A resident on Van Buren said that their street has safety issues and a stop sign at Van Buren and Forest Hill would be very helpful in addressing some of the concerns.
- A resident said that they are in favor of the amendment to not force residents to get a variance for six-foot fences. If the Council continues to railroad the fence requests as in the past, then it makes sense to just write it into the amendment.
- A resident said that they support the six-foot fences but asked that the permitting process continue in order to allow for neighbors bordering the property to make their view known. The resident said that regardless of what direction the Council votes there will be a significant portion of the Town that will be unhappy. It was suggested that the proposed ordinance be tabled and perhaps this will lead to a referendum and allow the Town to vote on what they want.
- A resident said that they are opposed to the proposed six-foot fences. There is a concern that the Town would be heading in the wrong direction not only with design but also limiting property value. The resident asked not to move forward with an amendment on the garden fences, since it needs further refinement for the public to understand what is being proposed.
- This resident supports in part the six-foot fence amendment but there should be some restriction on what materials should be used. Residents of University Park pay taxes and they should be allowed to have privacy in

their backyard.

- A resident agreed with those who oppose a six-foot fence. After some research this resident said, there is no question that fences over four feet in suburban communities tend to reduce social commitment. In reference to the agenda item on the extension of the contract for the Town Administrator, this resident asked that this item be postponed for two weeks in order to have more discussion on what the Town is trying to do with the position. After some research, this resident said that it is very clear that small towns, with a Town Administrator, are more costly and it tends to lead to greater non-community involvement.
- A resident said that they like that University Park strives to be sustainable as a community. There are two problems with gas-powered leaf blowers, noise and pollution.

Mayor's Report

The holiday tree was lit on Saturday, December 5. The tree lighting is available to watch on the homepage of our website (upmd.org) or at twitter.com/UPTown_MD.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee plans to have a discussion on zoning (process and possibility). CM Wells agreed to put together a tutorial on zoning and present this to the Council and the public in January. After Council discussion, it was agreed that the Town Attorney will help CM Wells with the presentation. Mayor Carey said that he will see what can be arranged and will see if he can tap into any County resources that are available.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Charter Resolution 20-CR-02 to repeal and re-enact Article V, "Registration, Nominations and Elections", Section 502, "Supervisors of Elections", Section 503, "Registration", Section 504 "Elections" and Section 506, "Candidates for Office" to change the requirements for public notice of elections, set the date for closure of voter registration at twenty-nine days prior to the election, make provision for when the twenty-nine day deadline for voter registration and filing of candidate petitions falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, make provision for appeal of the decisions of the Supervisors of Elections and the Mayor and Common Council and the timing therefore, delete outdated references, and make conforming and clerical changes. Motion approved 6 to 0.

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Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 20-O-9 to amend chapter 4 by repealing and reenacting §4-102 "Definitions" and § 4-110, "Limitations on Fences" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to allow fences six (6) feet in height in side and rear yards, with some exceptions, to clarify certain definitions, and to make clarifying and conforming changes.

Note: The Town Attorney noted that because this is a Zoning Ordinance, this now has to go to Prince George's County Council for their approval and will not be in effect until twenty days after they approve it.

Motion: To amend the proposed Legislative Resolution 20-O-9 to disallow chain link fences above four (4) feet in height. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To amend the proposed Legislative Resolution 20-O-9 to limit the increase in fence height to back yard fences only and not include the side yard. Motion approved 4 to 2 (Verrill and Stephen opposed).

Motion: To amend the proposed Legislative Resolution 20-O-9 to adopt a materials requirement incorporating openness described in the amended ordinance. Moved by: CM Schultz. Motion fails with lack of a second.

Motion: To adopt, as amended, Legislative Resolution 20-O-9 to amend chapter 4 by repealing and reenacting §4-102 "Definitions" and § 4-110, "Limitations on Fences" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to allow fences six (6) feet in height in rear yards only, with some exceptions, to clarify certain definitions, and to make clarifying and conforming changes. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Report

At the November 16, 2020 Council meeting, President of Lindsey & Associates Bob Diss presented and discussed the fiscal year 2020 Audit Report of the Town.

Motion: To accept the fiscal year 2020 Audit Report for the Town of University Park. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: In response to a Council question, the Town Administrator said that other municipalities as a general practice change audit firms every four or five years. After some discussion, Mayor Carey said that next year the Town will look for another audit firm.

New Business

Motion: On recommendation of the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee, to approve the installation of a four-way stop intersection at Forest Hill and Van Buren Street. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Discussion: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

- A discussion on the recommendation of the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee that the Town adopt a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers beginning January 1, 2023.
- If the ban is approved, University Park will be the leader with the local municipalities and would follow in the footsteps of Washington D.C. and Chevy Chase Village.
- Gas powered-leaf blowers are dirtier than other gas powered lawn equipment.
- Technology has advanced to the point that alternatives for leaf blowers now exist.
- Consider a one-time rebate program to help with the expense of purchasing a new electric leaf blower.
- Some questions that need to be considered: How will this be enforced? What would be the punishment/fine? Is the landscaping company or the homeowner responsible for the fine?
- In reference to limiting hours for when leaf blowers could be used, the Committee decided that since the goal was to eventually ban gas leaf blowers, it was best to just move forward with the ban.
- The Committee will review the questions and comments that arose during this discussion at its next meeting and deliver the results of that discussion to the Council.

Motion: To approve the reinstatement of the Captain position at pay grade 14 for the University Park Police Department. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: This will be a \$5,000 difference with the requirement of a higher education.

Motion: To approve a special 2020 holiday compensation in the amount of \$400.00 net of deductions for each current, active employee as of December 1, 2020. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2021 University Park Council meeting schedule. Motion approved 6 to 0.

OBITUARIES

Motion: To extend the current contract of Town Administrator David Deutsch by 6 months, until June 30, 2021. Motion approved 4 to 2 (Morrissey and Caskey opposed).

Town Administrator's Report

- At the request of a Councilmember, Mr. Deutsch was asked to provide a flood issue report. Under review is the stormwater management agreement with the County in relation to future construction of stormwater upgrades that will be needed at the Clagett Pineway area. Engineering costs for a design will need to be budgeted or possibly a visit with the County to see if they will fund the engineering in addition to construction. County Councilmember Glaros will have a public zone session on the Guilford Run project.
- Mr. Deutsch was asked if the Transit Task Force report will be available prior to Council having to take action on budget. A Councilmember said that it is very important that this report is available as early as possible in the budget process. Mr. Deutsch will check in with the Task Force and see what can be arranged.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:50 PM.

Obituaries



Eleanor "Ellie" Fields died peacefully at her home on January 25, 2020 at the age of 92. Ellie grew up in Connecticut and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1949. After working for several years in broadcasting, she married Douglas Fields and they moved with their two young daughters, Lynn & Stacy, to Wells Parkway in 1964. They all loved UP and Ellie was a great mother to the girls as they progressed through the local schools. She & Doug were also avid golfers and sports fans and loved spending weekends in Ocean City. Doug passed away at home in 1998. Ellie was always active in the community, serving as, among other things, the president of the University of Maryland Alumni Association, the chairman of the P.G. County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the president of the Paint Branch Garden Club and a Meals on Wheels volunteer.



Eddy G. Lee, 72, was born in Washington, DC in 1948, youngest son of the late Olive Louis Doong and the late Ark Kee Lee, both of Toishan, Canton, China. He died on November 22, 2020 of COVID-19, complicated by renal failure. Eddy graduated from Northwestern High School, Class of 1965 and completed his degree from University of Maryland in Electrical Engineering in 1969.

He performed his military service on the USS Bordelon. Subsequently, he worked for NAVELEX and NAVSHIPS as a civilian EE. He was a longtime resident of University Park and served as an elections supervisor.

Eddy had an avid interest in the arts, including collecting and playing musical instruments, attending craft shows and making jewelry. He was a fan of diverse musical genres, especially folk singing. He was also a barbecue connoisseur and participated in local barbecue competitions. He enjoyed giving his nieces and later his great-nephews and great-niece gifts that encouraged the exploration of science, engineering and technology.

Eddy is survived by his brothers David and Arthur (Pauline), nieces Susan (Matt Houser) and Karen (Jon Sippel), great-nephews Joseph, Timothy and Oliver and great-niece Hannah. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the National Kidney Foundation. Condolences can be left at www.beallfuneral.com.

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES

HEALTHY IN 2021 CHECKLIST:

- Wear Your Mask Properly
- Physically Distance for Safety
- Avoid Social Gatherings
- Wash Your Hands Frequently
- Locate Your Testing Site: Dial 311

For COVID-19 information and updates, visit health.mypgc.us/coronavirus

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Help Fight Food Insecurity



Route One Communities Care

University Park residents, Route 1 neighbors and Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC are supporting our local restaurants and feeding families in need. Some of these restaurants could be forced to close or layoff many of their employees. Well over 120,000 County residents were food insecure pre-pandemic, the highest number in the DC metro area and the number of County unemployed has risen dramatically. Restaurants include Dumm's Pizza and Subs, Denizen's Brewing Co., Krazi Kebob, 2Fifty Texas BBQ and Shortcake Bakery. Donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gofundmecomgreater-riverdale-cares/donate>. Contributing monthly would be particularly helpful. A tip is not required. For more information call David Brosch at 240-888-1225 or Deborah Rosenfelt at 301-801-8732.

St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry has been operating since 1991. Food is provided at no cost and without any obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens and children in need. Before the COVID-19 pandemic the pantry was serving about 80 families per week. They are now serving over 400 families per week and demand continues to grow. If you need help, the St. Mark's Food Pantry located at 7501 Adelphi Road is open every Tuesday at 10 AM until the food runs out. If you would like to help the pantry continue its fight against hunger in our community, please donate at www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry.



2021 University Park Woman's Club Scholarships

The University Park Woman's Club will again be awarding scholarships in 2021. The scholarship application is now on the club's website,



womensclubUP.com/scholarships. The applicant may complete the form online and either mail or email the form. Directions are on the forms. We are also working with the local high school counselors to develop a process for obtaining and completing the application. The two scholarships are:

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship

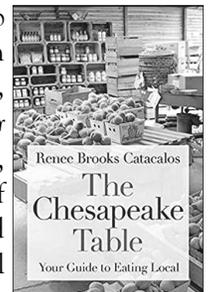
This one-time financial need-based award of \$1500 is available to a graduating senior of Northwestern High School. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one-time merit-based need-blind \$1500 award is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park, MD. 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.

**Univ. Park Woman's Club Zoom Meeting
Monday, January 4, 11:45 AM**

The University Park Woman's Club (UPWC) will host a special presentation from Renee Brooks Catacalos. In 2018, Renee wrote *The Chesapeake Table: Your Guide to Eating Local*. In this book, Renee examines the powerful effects of eating local in Maryland, Virginia and DC. Renee has been involved in local food and sustainable agriculture since the early 2000s. She was publisher and editor of *Edible Chesapeake* magazine from 2006 to 2009. She also spent several years with Future Harvest—Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture and has worked with Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders. Renee has served on the boards of ECO City Farms in Maryland and Freshfarm Markets throughout the greater



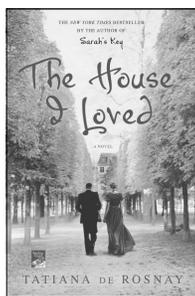
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Washington area. She is currently on the Steering Team of the Chesapeake Foodshed Network (CFN) and co-chairs the CFN's Advisory Group responsible for piloting an initiative focused on increasing Community Ownership, Empowerment and Prosperity within the regional food system. Signed copies of *The Chesapeake Table: Your Guide to Eating Local* are available at Renee's home in University Park. Her book is also available from other booksellers. If you are not a member of UPWC and would like to join in this zoom meeting, please email upwcpresident@gmail.com and ask for the link.



After Eight Book Group Tuesday, January 19, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group is now meeting virtually. The book for January is *The House I Loved*, by Tatiana de Rosnay. In February we will discuss *Varina* by Charles Frazier. Those interested in joining should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Meals on Wheels of College Park (which also serves Hyattsville) is in need of volunteers to help deliver and prepare meals to seniors and people with disabilities in nearby areas. Drivers typically deliver one day a week and two to four times a month between 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on weekdays. Kitchen volunteers, who help prepare and assemble meals, are needed for one or more days a week, between 7 AM and noon on weekdays. If you are interested in volunteering, visit <https://www.mealsonwheelsofcollegepark.org/> and complete the volunteer form.

Hyattsville Library Virtual Film Discussion of *River Thoughts*, Monday, January 11, 7 PM *River Thoughts* is a lyrical journey through the city of Nanjing, China during the summer months. Modern architecture, urban landscapes, melodies of folk songs, rainy ancient villages and studies of the Yangtze river are carefully blended together to create a visual and aural tapestry of the city. The screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker Chris Lynn. In addition, Chris will share two new silent super 8 films from the *Journal of Drifting Hours*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

series. To register for the discussion, email Susan Misleh at susan.misleh@pgcmls.info. A Zoom link will be emailed on the morning of January 11.

The Riversdale House Museum is offering three opportunities to bring history to life from the comfort of your very own living room! *History at Home* is a new series for homeschoolers that offers children ages 2-15 an opportunity to become history detectives. How did children learn and play at Riversdale 200 years ago? How can you use your senses to learn about the past? What does Riversdale have in common with an ancient Greek temple?



■ Day of Play (Ages 7-11), January 26, 1-2:30 PM
 ■ Sensing the Past (Ages 2-6), February 2, 10:30-11:30 AM
 ■ The Classical World (Ages 10-15), February 16, 1-2:30 PM

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Join us in January and February to find out! Pre-registration is required via <https://tinyurl.com/HstryatHome>.



College Park Arts Exchange

College Park Arts Exchange is planning a limited winter season. Learn more about CPAE winter programs by visiting cpae.org, subscribe to our e-newsletter, like College Park Arts Exchange on Facebook, or email info@cpae.org.

Shopping Locally for Fresh Food

Yes, you can still eat locally-grown produce from these year-round markets.

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

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



Town of University Park

Winter Operations

CURBSIDE LEAF VACUUMING

Concludes January 8, 2021



Crews will work counterclockwise through Town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 & Ward 6.

- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- No rocks, sticks or metal in your leaf piles.
- Crews will not back track to collect leaves once they have passed your home.

Check the Town website at www.upmd.org under the Public Works tab for updates and deadlines.

LEAF COLLECTION

After January 8

All bagged leaves must be placed in paper bags.

The county does not accept leaves in plastic bags. Leaves will be picked up on Mondays with yard waste. If you miss curbside leaf vacuuming, leaves will need to be collected into paper bags or a durable container and put at the curb.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 30—Recycling

Christmas trees are collected every Monday with the yard waste. Please be sure trees are fully unadorned.

SNOW PLAN

- When there is a chance of snow, please use Driveways or garages to park your vehicles. With fewer vehicles parked on Town streets, our public works crew is able to clear them of ice and snow more effectively.
- For safety reasons, please limit activity in the streets when public works crews are plowing.
- Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. Please clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.
- Check the Town's website at www.upmd.org for snow emergency declarations and details.

SNOW EVENT PARKING

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

Both Sides No Parking:

The Mews

Queens Chapel Rd.—6400-6700 blocks

Creekside No Parking:

Wells Pkwy.

Odd # Side No Parking:

40th Ave.

41st Ave.

Beechwood Rd.--3900 thru 4300 blocks

Calverton Dr.

Oakridge Rd.

Pineway

Queens Chapel Rd—6300 block

Sheridan St.

Tuckerman St.

Tennyson Rd.

Underwood St.--3900 thru 4300 blocks

Even # Side No Parking

42nd Ave.

43rd Ave.

44th Ave.

Beechwood Rd.--4400 block

Chansory Ln.

Clagett Rd.

Clagett-Pineway

College Heights Dr.

Forest Hill Dr.

Holly Hill Rd.

Underwood St.--4400 block

Van Buren St.

Woodberry St.



QUESTIONS?

Town Hall at 301-927-4262 or email Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org



University Park Town Council
2021 Adopted Meeting Schedule
All meetings are open to the public.

January 4 January 19*	July 6* July 19
February 1 February 16*	August 16
March 1 March 15	September 7* September 20
April 5 April 19	October 4 October 18
May 3 May 17	November 1 November 15
June 7 June 21	December 6 December 20

Note: Dates of official Town holidays are below. Town Hall is closed, and the Town Shuttle Bus does not operate on these dates. A few times a year, a public holiday falls on a Council meeting date in which case the meeting is scheduled the next day. These meetings are indicated above with an asterisk (*).

Friday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 15	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
Monday, July 5	Independence Day Observance
Monday, September 6	Labor Day
Monday, October 11	Columbus Day
Thursday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 26	Employee Appreciation Day
Friday, December 24	Christmas Day Observance

WHY DO I NEED TO GET A VACCINE?



PREVENTS SERIOUS ILLNESS

Scientists have developed COVID-19 vaccines that are up to 95% effective in preventing infection and/or serious illness from the virus. Vaccines help our body's immune system do its job better and faster. Your immune system is your body's system for fighting infection.



WORKS WITH YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

Vaccines help cells in your immune system recognize the virus. Our cells use that information to make antibodies, which are the weapons needed to fight the virus and help protect you if you are exposed to the virus in the future.



PROTECTS THOSE AROUND YOU

Getting vaccinated yourself will also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. When enough people are vaccinated against a virus, the germ that makes you sick, the virus can't travel as easily from person to person. Then all individuals in the community are less likely to become infected with the virus.

USE YOUR TOOLS

Stopping this pandemic requires using all the tools available.



- * Wear a mask
- * Wash your hands often
- * Stay at least 6 feet away from others and limit gatherings to people you live with
- * Get vaccinated

For more vaccine information, visit health.mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine or cdc.gov/vaccines.



January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CURBSIDE LEAF VACUUMING through January 8, 2020</p>					<p>1 Town Holiday</p> 	2
3	<p>4 Yard Waste UP Woman's Club Meeting, Town Council</p>	<p>5 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	6	7	<p>8 Recycling</p>	9
10	<p>11 Yard Waste</p>	<p>12 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	13	14	<p>15 Recycling</p>	16
17	<p>18 Town Holiday</p>	<p>19 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council, After Eight Book Group</p> 	<p>20 Yard Waste</p>	21	<p>22 Recycling</p>	23
24	<p>25 Yard Waste</p>	<p>26 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	27	28	<p>29 Recycling</p>	30
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Police

Emergency	911
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Chief Harvey Baker	301-277-0051

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1	Joel Biermann	202-431-2689
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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

The February newsletter deadline is Wednesday, January 6. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com or sent via ww.upmd.org > Communications > Contact. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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