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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

We entered the new year with fresh hope, including the emergency approval and release of effective COVID-19 vaccines and the arrival of a new administration capable of moving the nation forward. Two vaccines are being administered and approval of additional vaccines is imminent. My physician and others report these approved COVID-19 vaccines are as safe as annual flu shots and are even more effective. Vaccine distribution is determined by each state based on CDC guidelines and a phased approach intended to reach at-risk populations first. In Prince George's County, the first phase of vaccinations was targeted to hospital and frontline healthcare workers, long-term care facilities residents and staff, healthcare providers, those with chronic conditions, corrections facilities staff, and police and fire first-responders. Vaccination efforts will continue until everyone is able to get the vaccine. We have new hope as the State and County have announced efforts to make up

initial lost ground by accelerating programs to get more vaccinations into the arms of Marylanders. On January 20, the new Biden Administration announced a *National Strategy for COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness*, and a vaccination target of 100 million shots by April 20. An effective Federal strategy of working with state, local, and tribal governments should help further accelerate getting shots into arms and get vaccines to the communities that need them most.

In Maryland, the Department of Health is deploying 12 ten-person mobile vaccination teams statewide to supplement counties' efforts. In January, the State directed hospitals and local health departments to focus on elderly populations. The State also launched a vaccine pilot program with Giant and Walmart pharmacies, including three Giant pharmacies in Prince George's County. Locations will be added as vaccine supply increases. The

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	February 1 & 16
Transit Public Forum	February 9
Town Holiday	February 15

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM and temporarily conducted by conference call and videoconference. See Council agendas at [www.upmd.org/agendacenter](http://www.upmd.org/agendacenter). Town Hall is currently closed. Sign up for meeting and service information alerts at [www.upmd.org/notifyme](http://www.upmd.org/notifyme).

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Prince George's County Health Department has large vaccination clinics at the Cheverly Health Center and at the Sports and Learning Complex and will add North and South County clinics by late January. In University Park, Town Administrator David Deutsch and Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch are working with Helping Hands University Park volunteers to support the County efforts to vaccinate roughly 500 Town residents aged 65 and older. Some of our older residents do not use email, so the Town can use these volunteers to help connect them to a County call center and vaccinations. Town Police Officers and the University Park Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will also support nearby County vaccination efforts.



Prince George's County has a new COVID-19 vaccine appointment process. County residents who want a COVID-19 vaccine should complete the County Health Department's pre-registration form at <https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov>. The form requires basic information and allows health officials to determine vaccine eligibility. The County Health Department sends those who have pre-registered a link and instructions on how to schedule a vaccine appointment—as those appointments become available based on vaccine supply. Due to the current limited supply of vaccines, it may be several weeks or more before you receive an appointment link. Those eligible in Phases 1A and 1B who have not received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine must fill out the pre-registration form as well. Bring your identification and insurance card, if you have medical insurance, to your appointment. Appointments are required, no walk-ins will be accepted! For those who are not comfortable using the internet, the County is working on a new vaccination appointment hotline.

Phase 1C starts January 25. Individuals in Phase 1C and future phases can fill out the same pre-registration form

at this time. When the County enters future phases of vaccine distribution, individuals that have already pre-registered will receive a notification that they are eligible, and as appointments become available, will begin to receive links to schedule appointments. Expect further change in where and how to get vaccinations. To stay informed, the Prince George's County Coronavirus website at <https://princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination> is especially helpful, with links to vaccine update information, the County's COVID-19 vaccination data dashboard and the State vaccination sign-up page. Be patient, yet persistent, and as soon as you are available, receive a vaccination.

Vaccinations will save lives and help us return to normalcy, leading the way forward on many important fronts. Dr. Anthony Fauci also recommends we double down on the measures that have brought us this far. Wear a mask in public and maintain safe physical distances. Eliminate and avoid contact outside of our own safe bubbles. Gather only outside and only in very small groups.

We are moving through an especially dark winter but there is light and hope ahead. I am hopeful for the long-term, but let's get through this together.

—Len Carey

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

### **Transit Public Forum via Zoom What Is the Future of Town Bus Services? Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 PM**

With the Town buses out of service since March 2020 due to the coronavirus, Town Council formed a Transit Task Force in July 2020 to assess the current bus operations and make recommendations to the Council regarding the future of transit. This forum is an opportunity for the Task Force to hear from residents about the bus service and for residents to learn what options are being discussed before the Task Force finalizes its report to Town Council on March 15. Please join us.

Join at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85167579530?pwd=d1BncTFrcDk5K28wL0VHeEhOSTZ3QT09> To join via phone, dial: 301-715-8592 and enter the Meeting ID: 851 6757 9530 and Passcode: 633412

For more info, contact Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch via email at [amarcavitch@upmd.org](mailto:amarcavitch@upmd.org); call 301-927-4262; or visit our website at [www.upmd.org/news](http://www.upmd.org/news)

## FROM THE CHIEF

We all have heard of vehicle theft and wheel theft, but now we must be aware of airbag theft, which is on the rise and has become a popular pastime for thieves. The Washington metropolitan region is experiencing a rash of airbag theft. Last year approximately 50,000 airbags were stolen in the United States, resulting in annual losses of more than \$50 million to vehicle owners and insurance companies.



The most logical reason behind the increase is that airbags are a high dollar auto part that thieves can get to easily and steal and sell on the black market. At a dealership it may cost a vehicle owner \$2,000 to replace a stolen airbag. However, on the black market the same airbag may cost between \$50-\$200. How does airbag theft occur? Typically, thieves enter a vehicle from the driver side window and remove the airbag from the steering wheel. Currently Honda models are among the more popular vehicles in the DC area that experience airbag theft. The University Park Police recommends the following tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of airbag theft:

- Choose a parking spot carefully. Park your car in a well-lit area or in public view, not in a dark corner. Thieves look for vehicles that are parked in darkened areas or beside large vehicles or trucks, which make it easier for them to steal undetected.
- Install the Club theft protection device. There are several different club devices on the market. If you decide to purchase a club, make sure you select a model with extenders that hook into the steering wheel. It locks in place within seconds and safely secures your vehicle's airbag. Make sure your vehicle alarm is activated when you leave your vehicle parked.
- Never buy an airbag online. It might be tempting because of cost savings to purchase an airbag online but it is extremely risky because you do not know for sure

where it came from. Airbags contain explosive material and must be packaged properly and shipped correctly. The cost savings is not worth the risk of jeopardizing your safety.

- Replace deployed airbags at dealerships or certified repair shops. Last but not most importantly, if your airbag requires replacement contact your local auto dealer or a reputable repair shop with ASE-certified mechanics to complete the installation. Often unscrupulous repair shops or an associate will save you money but may install a stolen airbag (knowingly or unknowingly) on your vehicle.

**Theft** On December 10, 2020, a resident in the 6900 Block Oakridge Rd. reported someone used their Visa credit card to make purchases in the amount of \$6,280. The resident received the items at his home and notified FedEx who agreed to pick up the items and return them to Washington, DC, where they were purchased. A subject of interest has been identified.

### Helping Hands University Park

This column regularly includes a couple of sets of initials, HHUP and TAF. HHUP, or Helping Hands

University Park, is an official UP Town Committee, established in 2017, whose mission is to help residents remain in their homes as they age. We do this through volunteer services, educational programs and social activities, and partnerships with other individuals and organizations that complement our mission. TAF, HHUP's Temporary Assistance Fund, was set up to assist HHUP members with burdensome and unaffordable expenses. See [helpinghandsup.org/taf](http://helpinghandsup.org/taf) for further information, including background, funding eligibility criteria and the TAF application. Donations to this fund are always welcome, with checks payable to: Town of UP, TAF in the memo line, and mailed to our Town Hall. We were pleased to receive \$5,000 from the Town's CARE Acts funding in December 2020, increasing our ability to assist needy older residents.

### HHUP Poetry Gathering, Sunday, February 7, 4:5:30 PM

Our monthly gathering, moderated by Gerry Hendershot and Deborah Rosenfelt, is always delightful. All are welcome. Email [LorettaHHUP@gmail.com](mailto:LorettaHHUP@gmail.com) to RSVP and, if you like, to submit a poem to read and discuss.



**Helping Hands  
University Park**



## TOWN NEWS

**Black Lives Matter...1887 (Then) and Now, Thursday, February 15, 2-3:30 PM** Our new partnership, Route 1 Villages, is scheduling monthly Corridor Conversations beginning this month. In honor of Black History Month, Gabriel Greaves, Museum Programs and Partnerships Director of the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center will be speaking. Check our website [helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org) for registration information and to receive the Zoom link. We are planning future talks on topics as far ranging as Shakespeare, astronomy, birding, gardening and creative arts. All (of all ages) are invited to join via Zoom.

**HHUP Virtual Lunch Club, Wednesday, February 17, 12-1 PM** Receive the Zoom link by calling 301-892-6636 or emailing [HHUniversityPark@gmail.com](mailto:HHUniversityPark@gmail.com)



### Tree Committee News

February typically means snow, then salt on the streets. The next time you shovel, be mindful with your street trees—if you're able, try to pile the snow as far away as possible from any trees, to reduce concentration of salts in the soil and eventual uptake once spring arrives. Six weeks after you read this, spring planting season opens up. Think about planting a tree at no cost to yourself, through the town's Tree Reimbursement Program. The Committee for Trees, Parks, and Environment would love to hear from you. Attend a meeting (second Wednesday monthly, 7 PM, via ZOOM) or drop a line at [TreeComm@UPMD.org](mailto:TreeComm@UPMD.org). We make house calls—socially distanced—to advise on tree reimbursement, tree selection, tree care and ivy removal.

### Sustainability Committee News

It's winter, and if you don't know what to look for it may seem there's not much happening in the native grassland pollinator meadow on Adelphi Rd. Though it may look like dry, gray weeds, the meadow sustains life throughout the year. Created through a collaboration of the Univer-

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sity of Maryland's vanEngelsdorp Bee Lab, the Town of University Park and the Anacostia Watershed Society, the meadow is intended to propagate grasses and wildflowers native to the region and provide an area that will attract native bees, insects, butterflies and birds—i.e., pollinators. Two new signs on the new path along the creek side of the meadow describe some of the pollinators and the native grasses and flowers.



What is happening in the winter meadow? The dry seed heads of plants like the Black-eyed Susan and Purple Coneflowers are providing the birds with food. Uneaten seeds will fall to the ground, germinating in the spring. And there are insects to be found if you look closely—at the ground, for example, where you may see some small holes where native bees are living during the winter. There are paths and beds of matted grass made by deer, raccoons, foxes and others who walk through the meadow and sleep there. Ultimately, we hope that the meadow will be not only a refuge for native plants and insects and wildlife but also a research site for students at UMD and others. And perhaps a site for inspiration as well. As families look for activities to do with children, the pollinator meadow is a place that may spark their interest and reward their curiosity as it changes with the seasons.

### December 21 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill (arrived at 7:50 PM), Caskey (arrived at 7:33 PM), Wells. Excused: Stephen.

### Proclamation

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 2020-R-10, recognizing the late Eddy Lee for his 9 years of service to the Town as a Supervisor of Elections and for his advocacy research for the protection of Wells Run.** Motion approved 6 to 0. Eddy Lee's older brother, Arthur, and his wife Pauline and their daughter, Karen Sippel, joined

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the meeting as well as several community members who spoke and shared memories of Eddy Lee.

### Consent Agenda

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

*To repair/replace a flagstone covered concrete walkway with steps leading from the house to the street on at 7000 Forest Hill Drive.*

*To install a 12'x 16' shed in the back yard at 6906 40th Avenue.*

*On July 6, Mr. and Mrs. Sweet were permitted to construct a 20'x 24.5' second story addition located on at 4120 Woodberry Street. Due to COVID-19 related material delays and interior changes, a request has been made to extend building permit 2020/07/06 4B for three (3) months through to April 06, 2021.*

*To install a 17'x 15' deck with steps on the patio at 4440 Wells Parkway.*

### Public Comment

In reference to the Town elections, a former resident of University Park thanked Election Supervisor Stephanie Herold, the Election Judges and Eddy Lee for their work and dedication to providing fair elections in University Park.

### Mayor's Report

- As a member of the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee, Mayor Carey will be very busy from January to April with meetings to discuss big issues such as education and police reform.
- On January 12, Mayor Carey, Mr. Deutsch, Mr. Caskey, and Mr. Beall will discuss, by phone, the Guilford Project with Councilmember Dannielle Glaros, members of College Park and the County.

### Committee Reports and Council Comments

CM Wells, Ward 6 CM Wells has been meeting monthly with the Pathways to Unity Group on affordable housing. Other topics of discussion within the group are police reform and mental health. She reported that this group is doing good things and there are a lot of relationships being built.

### Administrator and Department Reports

*Town Administrator David Deutsch*

- At the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, proposals for budget adjustments will be presented. Mr. Baden will forward the necessary material.
- The Zoning tutorial is scheduled for February 1 which is a collaboration between Councilmember Wells and the Town attorney.
- The Transit Task Force have scheduled a public session to hear comments and to talk to residents regarding transit in Town. The Task Force will then provide a report to the Council at the March 15 Council meeting.

*Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch*

- Summary of permits issued in the month of December: 9 building; 2 dumpster and 1 pod extension; and 0 vendor.
- Due to COVID, there was no traditional holiday party for staff this year. On December 17, the holiday bonus and a \$25 gift card were handed out along with the first distribution of the holiday funds collected from residents.
- The next Transit Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 12 at 7:30 PM.
- CM Verrill asked Ms. Marcavitch for an update on the Town Clerk position. Ms. Marcavitch stated she doesn't plan to leave the position until May or June of next year. Mr. Deutsch said we will take the time during the beginning of the year to review the Clerk's job description and update it as necessary. The plan is to place an advertisement for this position in various publications including the Maryland Municipal League which has statewide readership as well as other locations within the region around Town.

*Chief of Police Harvey Baker*

- Distributed the Crime Report from November 17-December 21: one incident in Ward 5.
- Training: 1. December 3—Judgmental Shooting Qualification and Taser Seven. (Tasers are fully operational and interacting with the body worn cameras). 2. Online: Police One Academy—Police in the LGBTQ Community, Emotional Intelligence for Leaders, Use of Less Lethal Force and Cultural Awareness I.

*Town Treasurer Dan Baden* The November 2020 Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

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Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The Queens Chapel Road project will stop on Wednesday, December 23 and will resume on January 4, 2021, weather dependent.
- Leaf season is underway and the plan is to go through Town two more times. Leaf pickup schedules can be found on the website (upmd.org/Leaf-Vacuuming).
- A minor water main break on 40th Avenue was repaired by WSSC.
- A Councilmember asked Mr. Beall how the budget looked regarding sidewalk installation on Clagett-Pineway. Mr. Beall reported he will be able to better answer the question in January.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:37 PM.

### January 4 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Consent Agenda

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

*To install handrails and guard to existing front stoop at 4411 Beechwood Road.*

*To extend sump pump drainage pipe 30' into the backyard by burying a 4" perforated pipe at 6514 40th Avenue.*

#### Permits

##### Board of Zoning Appeals: Variance Request V-66-20

Zoning Ordinance Section 27-442(d)(Table III) prescribes that each lot shall have a minimum width of 65 feet measured along the front building line. Section 27-120.01(c) prescribes that no parking space, parking area, or parking structure other than a driveway no wider than its associated garage, carport, or other parking structure may be built in the front yard of a dwelling in the area between the front street line and the sides of the dwelling. Therefore, variances of 5 feet front building line width and a waiver of the parking area location requirement are requested at 6609 Wells Parkway.

*Motion: To support the application by Alexander Stewart, Jr. and Amber Watson for a variance to validate existing conditions (lot/width frontage and front yard*

*depth) for the construction of a driveway partially in front of the house on R-55 (One-Family Detached Residential) property located at 6609 Wells Parkway and authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals stating the Council's position.*

The Council's recommendation must be based on the following criteria:

- (1) A specific parcel of land has exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape, exceptional topographic conditions, or other extraordinary situations or conditions; and
- (2) The strict application of this Subtitle will result in peculiar and unusual practical difficulties to, or exceptional or undue hardship upon, the owner of the property; and
- (3) The variance will not substantially impair the intent, purpose, or integrity of the General Plan or Master Plan.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Carey welcomed the New Year and hopes to make 2021 a good year for the Town.

#### Committee Reports and Council Comments

*Helping Hands University Park* The volunteers prepared and delivered a goody bag on New Year's Eve to 45 of its members.

*CM Verrill, Ward 4* CM Verrill recently submitted documentation to the County to have restrictive covenants removed from her property deed. If the process is successful, CM Verrill will then share the information with residents who are interested in doing the same.

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 7 at 7 PM. Discussion will include the potential ban on gas powered leaf-blowers.

*CM Wells, Ward 6* Recently saw that there are some changes proposed to the Bozzuto Project. The Development Overview Committee will want to look into this at their next meeting scheduled for January 14.

*Sustainability Committee* The scheduled meeting for January 6 has been cancelled.

## OBITUARIES

### New Business

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 2021-R-01, proclaiming congratulations to Lieutenant Dan Enig on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service with the University Park Police Department.** Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Town Administrator's Report

- A Police Town Hall virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25 at 7 PM. Topic of discussion will be a review of the Annual Report, police reform, miscellaneous updates and comments from the community.
- Staff has been working hard to meet the requirements to be able to procure fuel at County fueling stations. Mr. Deutsch learned that University Park will use the sites for fuel by the end of this week. This will produce an immediate \$.40 a gallon savings to the Town.
- The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, as Monday is a holiday.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:18 PM.

### Obituaries



**John P. Hammette**, longtime UP resident recently of Collingswood, NJ, passed away on January 10, 2021 at the age of 80. John was a devoted family man, a loving husband for 48 years and a wonderful father to the daughter that he was so proud of. A former small business owner and real estate agent, he was actively involved in his community during his years in University Park. John was a true friend to animals who often cared for stray cats in the neighborhood. A former high school athlete in both Madison and Ocean City NJ, John was an avid golfer who sorely missed the game when he was no longer able to play. His face would light up as he recounted numerous tales about golfing with his dear friends. He was a devoted follower of the rock group The Band and of all things Peyton Manning. He had a great sense of humor and would often say when he returned home from an outing, "They thought I was funny." John loved family vacations, especially trips to England and Ireland. He was a defender of the underdog and hated injustice of any kind. He was a kind and tender-hearted man who will be greatly missed. Beloved husband of Lynne (nee Weaver); loving father of Laurie Hammette; dear brother

of Robert (sister-in-law Virginia) and cherished uncle of Lynne Dann & Bob Hammette. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of John may be made to the Animal Welfare Association, 509 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees, NJ 08043 or The Grey Muzzle Organization, 14460 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 149-269, Raleigh, NC 27614.



**Mabel Frances Boddicker Meck**, 101, died on Monday, December 21, 2020, in Memphis, TN. Mabel was a resident of University Park for 32 years, from 1968 to 2000, when she moved to the Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Patrick Meck, from Elizabeth, NJ, whom she married on October 21, 1950, in Frankfurt, Germany. Mabel was born on October 27, 1919, in Newhall, Iowa. She graduated from Newhall High School in 1936 and from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines in 1938. She worked as an assistant radio editor for the Des Moines Register and Tribune newspaper for 5 years, then served in World War II for 26 months as a Marine Corps Recruiting Sergeant in Albany, NY. After the war, Mabel worked at a brokerage firm in the Chicago Board of Trade Building and from December 1946 to April 1948 as a teller at the Newhall Bank. Later, she worked for the Army of Occupation in Germany for 3½ years.

She always wanted to be a teacher and achieved her goal when her adult children left home by volunteering for 28 years as a tutor with the Prince George's County Literacy Council. She successfully helped adult students learn to read and earn their GED, child students pass math classes, and foreign students speak better English. During recent years, Mabel survived both cancer and a heart attack. She is survived by her children, Betty (Roy) Berkheimer, Mary Higgins, Susan Meck, William (Marjorie) Meck, Robert (Regina) Meck; 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and many extended family members and friends. Condolences may be left online at [NuWayCremations.com](http://NuWayCremations.com) or sent to her daughter, Mary Meck Higgins, 2502 E Villa Rita Dr., Phoenix AZ 85032. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Mabel's honor can do so by giving to a favorite charity or having a Mass celebrated in her memory.

**Help Fight Food Insecurity**

**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](http://www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry).

**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.

**Senatorial Scholarship**

Are you or one of your children expecting to attend a Maryland college or university next year? Are you interested in financial assistance to help with tuition? If you live in the 22nd district—the communities of Berwyn Heights, Edmonston, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Lanham, New Carrollton, Riverdale Park, Seabrook, or University Park—you can apply to Senator Paul Pinsky's scholarship committee for a Senatorial Scholarship. These scholarships usually range from \$500 to \$2,000 for each of four years. The application is available at [senatorpinsky.org](http://senatorpinsky.org). Applications are due by April 1, 2021. The scholarship committee, made up entirely of citizen volunteers from the 22nd legislative district, will be selecting the scholarship winners.



**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](http://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 application deadline is April 5. 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.

**Woman's Club Zoom Meeting  
Monday, February 1, 11:45 AM**

The University Park Woman's Club is honored to welcome Ambassador Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick as our guest speaker for our February meeting. She is the U.S. Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and a career member of the Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor. She was sworn in on December 22, 2017. Her topic will be *The Road to Ambassadorship*.



Ambassador Fitzpatrick has held leadership positions in the Department's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs as Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs and as Director of the Office of Nordic and Baltic Affairs. She has served as Political Counselor at U.S.

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Embassy Madrid, as a Political Officer at U.S. Embassy Moscow and the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels, as well as Vice Consul in Antwerp, Belgium. She has received the Presidential Rank Award, the Department's 2017 Arnold L. Raphel Award (for leadership, mentoring and professional development of colleagues), and a number of Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards from the Department of State. Her languages include Spanish, Russian, Dutch, French and some Arabic. If you would like to join in this Zoom meeting, please email [upwcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:upwcpresident@gmail.com) for the link or call Jeanne Washburn at 301-277-9423.

### After Eight Book Group Tuesday, February 16, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group is now meeting virtually. In February we will discuss *Varina* by Charles Frazier. The March title is *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. 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, complete the volunteer form at [mealsonwheelsofcollegepark.org](http://mealsonwheelsofcollegepark.org)

### Riversdale

**Virtual Story Time for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners** Please join us for HiSTORY Time, a brand-new activity series designed for our littlest historians (ages 2-6) and their caregivers. Sit back, relax and let Riversdale staff bring history to life in your very own living room. Log in March 17 and 24 for an interactive story about life in the past. Then, participate in an activity or craft. Virtually bond with others while young learners build literacy skills. Cost is \$6 for residents of Prince George's and



*Riversdale*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Montgomery Counties and includes a kit to be picked up in advance. Registration is February 16-March 11 via [www.pgparksdirect.com](http://www.pgparksdirect.com).



### College Park Arts Exchange

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



### Felting with Ingrid Hass, Saturday, February 20, 1 PM

Sign up for this class and receive a kit to get you started with felting, including wool and a felting needle. Supplies include many colors to choose from to make spring flowers and a butterfly. The workshop will take place on Zoom. This activity is intended for adults and older children (felting needles are sharp!). \$10 voluntary donation will cover materials and delivery. Please sign up by emailing [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org); deadline Feb 10 to allow time for delivery.

Contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) for zoom links for these classes!

### CPAE Online Classes

Online activities that are appropriate for adults and older kids include:

**Line Dancing** with Karen Stewart, Fridays, 10 AM

**Introduction to Tap** with Elizabeth Gardner, Saturdays, 11:30 AM



### UP Pet Database

The UP Pet Database is maintained by Helping Paws to better support issues around lost and found pets, wildlife encounters, and pet resources in general. Visit our website for resources at: <https://uphelpingpaws.home.blog>. or email [UPHelpingPaws@gmail.com](mailto:UPHelpingPaws@gmail.com).



Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive



# COVID-19 VACCINE

## Scheduling Process for Vaccine Appointments in Prince George's County

Anyone who lives or works in Prince George's County that wishes to receive the COVID-19 vaccine must fill out the County Health Department's pre-registration form:

<https://bit.ly/PGCVaccineForm>

When you are eligible to receive a vaccine based on the County's phased distribution plan AND appointments are available based on vaccine supply, the Health Department will send a link via email with instructions on how to schedule an appointment.

When the County enters future phases of vaccine distribution, individuals that have pre-registered will receive a notification that they are eligible, and as appointments become available, will begin to receive links to schedule appointments.



### PLAN AHEAD!



- Bring a form of photo identification to your appointment.
- If you are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine because of your job, make sure you bring proof of employment with you to your appointment.

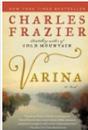


- If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you to your appointment.



- Current COVID-19 vaccines require two doses. Make sure you schedule your appointment for a second dose right after your appointment for the first dose, and make sure you keep that appointment.

# February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Yard Waste UP Woman's Club Meeting, Town Council	2 Trash, Bulk Trash	3	4	5 Recycling	6
7  HHUP Poetry Gathering, 4-5:30 PM	8 Yard Waste	9 Trash, Bulk Trash Transit Public Forum via Zoom, 7:30 PM <i>What Is the Future of Town Bus Services?</i>	10	11	12 Recycling	13
14 	15 Town Holiday	16 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council,  After Eight Book Group	17 Yard Waste	18	19 Recycling	20
21	22 Yard Waste	23 Trash, Bulk Trash	24	25	26 Recycling	27
28	March 1 Yard Waste Town Council	2 Trash, Bulk Trash	3	4	5 Recycling	6



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**Transit Public Forum via Zoom**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 PM**

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