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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Nesting pairs of yellow-crowned night herons have returned to their nests above Town streets, this year including additional nesting pairs in several familiar locations. Have you found them at new locations? While the crocuses, daffodils and tulips have largely come and gone, the azaleas are just coming into full bloom and the lilacs and hydrangeas will be next. University Park is glorious at this time of year. The dark winter has passed and spring is popping up all over. Particularly, this spring, in what we hope are the waning months of the pandemic, seems already special. Students have returned to most local schools amid the mixed joy and trepidation of parents, students, and teachers. Town Crossing Guards Art Garroway and T.J. Hollidge have returned to duty. State and County vaccination sites are in Phase 3 and open to nearly everyone and the numbers of those vaccinated is continuing to climb. Cicada-like, we are emerging from the dark toward what may be a new and

different normal. Still, we are not yet there and must remember what Dr. Fauci and the President have urged: Get your shot, continue to wear your mask, keep safe social distances, and follow the Centers for Disease Control guidance on what we can safely do. Outdoors is better, safer. This is a great time to get outside and around town for a walk, to see the beauty of University Park in Spring. Please stay safe.

The Town's infrastructure project continues. Work to repair or replace curb, gutter, streets, and sidewalks throughout Town has been underway since July 6, 2020, when NZI Construction crews began Phase 1 work including parts of Beechwood, Clagett, and Holly Hill Roads; 40th Avenue; The Mews; Wells Parkway; and Sheridan, Tuckerman, Van Buren, and Woodberry Streets. About 400 linear feet of new mulch path was constructed through the Adelphi Field adjacent to the

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council May 3 & 17

Town Holiday May 31

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

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pollinator meadow, accessibly connecting Town park paths to the signalized crossing of Adelphi Road at Toledo Drive, and beyond. In November 2020 Phase 2A of the infrastructure project began with sidewalk repairs and replacement of asphalt curb with proper concrete curb and gutter along Queens Chapel Road. Most recently, Queens Chapel Road has been repaved with asphalt along its entire length. In the next few years, we anticipate completion of stormwater improvement at the north end of Queens Chapel Road, funded by the County's Clean Water Partnership. The infrastructure project gave the Town opportunity to accomplish other work, including placing conduit for 6 electric car charging stations to be installed along Queens Chapel Road opposite University Park Elementary School, redirecting stormwater away from sidewalks to avoid winter icing, and repairing the traffic loop at Queens Chapel Road. In the next few months, NZI will complete repairs on the Queens Chapel Road bridge, as well as sidewalk-only work along Tennyson, Forest Hill, Pineway, and 43rd Avenue.

In May, the infrastructure project's Phase 2B design and engineering to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety will begin and include realigning College Heights Drive intersections at Wells Parkway and Woodberry Street and constructing new sidewalk along Underwood Street, College Heights Drive, and Clagett-Pineway. In September 2019, the Town was awarded a Safe Routes to School Grant from the Federal Highway Administration, providing partial funding for engineering and design of Phase 2B. Eighteen months later, however, with the Town's proposed request for bids bogged down in approvals and an estimated 7 months remaining before we could hope to award a contract for design of the project, the Council has approved withdrawal from the program and decline of the grant. The delay while waiting for design-firm approval would bring higher construction costs far exceeding the grant award, as our current construction contract would expire. However, the work will go forward. We anticipate that Phase 2B construction will begin by October and can be completed within budget and ahead of schedule by the end of the year.

When complete, the infrastructure project will have:

- Resurfaced 2.7 miles of Town streets excavated by WSSC for water main replacement;
- Replaced 19,500 linear feet of curb and gutter and 16,400 Square feet of driveway aprons;

- Repaired approximately 8,300 linear feet of sidewalk and 2,700 linear feet of new sidewalk or pedestrian passage;
- Installed or upgraded 90 ADA-compliant accessibility ramps at 20 intersections and mid-block locations;
- Repaired or repaved approximately 4,400 linear feet of park paths; and
- Added one new raised crosswalk.

Infrastructure matters and contributes to the social fabric of our community. Many streets in Town are quiet and safely walkable and many of us use them for that purpose, with or without sidewalks. We walk, some of us run, and people are out – and afoot – most any day in Town, weather permitting. Some are wheeling strollers, others moving in scooters or wheelchairs. More, there is a growing array of places nearby for us to walk or connect to in College Park, at Riverdale Park Station, in Riverdale Park and Hyattsville. By fixing Town sidewalks, improving accessibility via upgraded ADA-compliant ramps, and building safe connections throughout our community by extending sidewalks and paths, University Park is making the investments needed to become a modern, inclusive, well-connected community.

—Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 21-O-02

On April 5, 2021, Ordinance 21-O-02 was introduced. This ordinance would levy the real property and personal property tax rate and appropriate and adopt the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022. The ordinance would levy the real property tax at fifty-three and 86/100 cents (.5386) per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable real property and two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per \$100.00 of full value assessment on all taxable personal property in the Town, and appropriate the funds for the FY 2022 budget.

The meeting set for May 17, 2021 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.

FROM THE CHIEF

University Park is a picturesque town throughout the year; however, in springtime with the trees and shrubbery in full bloom it is beautiful. The tree canopy during nicer weather months provides a good balance of sunlight and shade, making it a perfect location for outdoor activities. It is inspiring to see so many residents outside enjoying leisure time activities. The officers from the University Park Police have begun to park their vehicles and walk and engage residents. During their patrols and walks they are noticing windows left open and car doors left unlocked. As a result, we have compiled a list of crime prevention tips to help you keep your property safe in spring and anytime during the year. Please review the following University Park Police crime prevention tips and share them with a neighbor:

- Beware of home improvement scams. Take a proactive approach to avoid these types of scams. Beware of unlicensed contractors and report solicitors to the University Park Police. Be on the alert for low-cost home repair deals that are too good to be true.
- Lock all doors and windows. Keep all doors and windows locked, even when you are outside working in the yard. Lock windows inside of screened porches and lock basement windows.



- Burglars shun good locks and lights. A burglar placed under arrest told police about specialty locks that frustrate many thieves to include the following: hidden shackle locks and deadbolts. Leaving outdoor lights on can also assist in crime prevention. Criminals like to work in the dark. Install a light on a shed where you store expensive tools.
- Neighborhood awareness: the key to crime prevention. Watch out for your neighbors—keep an eye out to spot criminals and alert University Park Police to any unusual activity in town.
- Leaving car doors unlocked, windows open and convertible tops down is an open invitation to a thief.

- Thieves look for the right opportunity to steal. Keep your property safe by keeping it with you. Remove all valuables from your car and roll up your windows and lock the doors. Before retiring for the night set your car alarm.
- Never tell strangers about your home security system. Do not provide information about your home security system to a stranger or potential salesperson.
- Keep your garage door opener out of sight. Avoid items being stolen from your garage, and even your home, by simply putting the garage door opener out of sight.
- Got a bike, lawn mower or other equipment? Photograph it, engrave it, lock it or lose it. Lock your bike and other valuables. Take pictures of your valuables and engrave them as well. Do not leave them in your yard.
- Do not put mail in your home mailbox for pick up. This tells thieves that something valuable could be inside.
- Fraud often follows disasters. Springtime means rain and thunderstorms. Avoid being a victim of a fraud or scam after a storm strikes. Identity theft can be a big threat to the public when disaster hits.
- A vacant house is a temptation to a thief. Will you be away from home for a while? Do not leave your home looking unoccupied and complete a house request for University Park officers to check on it.

Utilize these crime prevention tips and help the University Park Police prevent the next crime.

Vandalism On March 3, a resident in the 4300 block of Van Buren St. reported that someone broke out the passenger side windows of his parked vehicle. Nothing was stolen from the vehicle. A neighborhood canvas was conducted with negative results. There are no suspects.

Vandalism On March 8, a town resident sent an email reporting that an unknown person tagged and vandalized a school crossing sign, speed sign and photo enforced sign near the intersection of Adelphi Road and Underwood Street. The tagging appeared to be gang related. The incident was shared with Prince George's County Police Gang Unit, who verified the tagging was gang related and will investigate the incident.

Theft On March 8, a resident in the 4400 block of Sheridan St. reported that someone stole her work keys from inside of her unlocked vehicle. Nothing else was stolen and there are no suspects at this time.

Curbside Composting Program

We are experiencing increasingly wild weather patterns locally and nationally as scientists record rising global temperatures. Scientific research shows that extreme weather and warmer temperatures are the result of the extensive burning of fossil fuels that produce CO₂, a greenhouse gas. Another even more potent greenhouse gas, methane, emanates from landfills, which traditionally have been our major disposal method for trash, including our food waste.

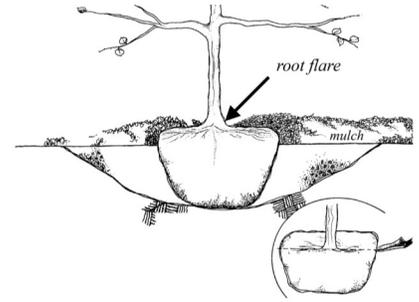
Here is an opportunity for each of us to make a difference. Food waste that is usually discarded as garbage can now be diverted from the County landfill and, instead, be composted and turned into a valuable soil amendment to benefit our yards and public spaces. Join hundreds of your neighbors in the food waste curbside pickup program. These UP residents set out their food waste at the curb each Monday morning and it is picked up along with yard waste by our great Public Works crews. Food scraps that are acceptable to set out for composting include fruits, veggies, meats, dairy, fish, bones and coffee grounds. Some paper products may also be composted. Separating your food scraps in this way may also lead to cost savings for your household by increasing awareness of the amount of your food that gets wasted and adjusting your usage and buying habits accordingly.

Getting started is simple. Contact Public Works Director Mickey Beall at 301-927-4262 or mbeall@upmd.org. He will provide information on how to participate and put you on the Monday collection route. All needed supplies are provided by the town. You will also be helping our town reduce its disposal fees, as it is cheaper to send food waste to the County composting facility than to the County landfill. Just as everyone has become accustomed to separating recyclables from their trash, participating in our town composting program can become a habit too. Consider joining more than a third of all UP households that are now participating. It benefits the environment and is easy to do. Food waste is a renewable resource.

Tree Committee News

Proper Mulching Mulch that covers a tree trunk anywhere above the flare can kill your tree. Over the past 12 years or so, this method has been practiced by so many landscapers that it is now mistaken by many as a best practice. Admittedly, it has some odd aesthetic pizzazz for many, being incorrectly endorsed by “professionals” and

endemic in the landscape, mistakenly thought to be correct. The flare of the trunk plays a critical role in the tree’s respiration. Cover it up and over time your tree will die. This applies to any size tree, with smaller trees dying more quickly.



Ivy League, Saturday, May 8, 9-11 AM Come socially distance with the Ivy League. We remove ivy from the town's trees to safeguard their health and improve our collective physical, emotional and financial well-being. Volunteers can participate for the entire two hours or any portion thereof. Dress appropriately for protection against the sun and common garden pests. Please bring a pair of hand clippers and a prying tool—a dandelion weeder or large screwdriver work well. Assemble in the parking lot, Word of God Baptist Church.



Helping Hands University Park

Helping Hands University Park

HHUP is finally beginning to provide transportation again to our members! Volunteers provide rides for members if both the volunteer and the member have been vaccinated and both wear masks. If further precautions are desired by the participants, the recommendation is for windows to be open with the member seated in the back passenger seat.

Can you hear me over the sound of the singing 17-year cicadas? Are they here yet? If not, they soon will be. You can expect them to make outdoor activities very noisy for about a month. In the meantime, our indoor Zoom offerings continue.

HHUP Poetry Gathering, Sunday, May 2, 4-5:30 PM
Email LorettaHHUP@gmail.com to join us.

HHUP Members Lunch Club, Wednesday, May 19, 12-1:30 PM Become a member and join us for lunch. Sign up by contacting us at the phone number or email below.

Corridor Conversations presents The Great Caterpillar Factory & Backyard Birds, Saturday, May 22, 2-3:30 PM It's May and the great caterpillar factories of eastern

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North America are in full production. Join science writer and College Park resident Rick Borchelt for a look at some of the common birds that depend on these caterpillar factories in suburban landscapes. Register at <https://forms.gle/YQ8bTrn7fWbu8PiR8>

Contact HHUP at 301-892-6636, HHUniversity-Park@gmail.com, helpinghandsup.org or <https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP>

Sustainability Committee News

Do you want to lend a hand to native birds and pollinators? The best way to help by planting native flowers, shrubs and trees. Lawn grass is practically a dead zone for food and habitat for native birds and pollinators—not to mention that with climate change lawns may well become more of a luxury in Maryland. Native plants require no fertilizers and less water and pesticides. They help prevent erosion and reduce air pollution (less lawn mowing). Most importantly, native plants increase Maryland biodiversity by providing food and habitat for na-



tive insects, birds and animals.

Some tips for shopping for native plants: With the sun, soil and water blueprint of your yard in mind, try to plan bloom times throughout the growing season. Consider a “mini-meadow” of native pollinator wildflowers in a pot or section of your yard. If you can, try to go with native plants that are original and not cultivars. Cultivars have the name in quotes, like “Fiery Meadow” Coneflower (Echinacea). But a cultivar will do if that is what you can find in the store or nursery. Also, buying organic plants is the best way to avoid plants that may have been treated with neonicotinoid insecticides, which have been linked with decline of bee populations. Remember to keep even a small leaf pile somewhere in your yard over winter through the end of April (last freeze) to provide nests for our pollinator friends.

The Maryland Native Plant Society (mdflora.org) has a list of plant sales and nurseries that carry natives. Their page, *How to Shop for Native Plants*, is particularly helpful.

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With native gardening it is not all or nothing. Even planting 3 to 5 native plants a year will have a significant positive impact. Happy gardening!

Thank You from the UP Sustainability Committee to the UP citizens who participated in the Stream Cleanup and the Meadow Seed Sow in April 2021. On April 17, 23 bags of trash were collected and 34+ people joined in the effort to clean-up our streams.

March 15 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

Transit Task Force presented a draft report providing an overview of the transit options for the future of the Town’s bus services.

Discussion:

The Task Force was asked to put together a report on the operations of the Town bus and how it can be improved.

- The bus service was shut down on March 23, 2020 due to COVID-19.
- The Task Force looked at possible changes to: 1) the transit part of the service (transportation to the Metro station) and 2) the paratransit service (transportation of seniors and disabled residents for grocery shopping, medical appointments, etc).
- The Task Force determined that providing paratransit services is a core value of the Town and recommend that the Town continue to provide paratransit service in some form. They also recommended that Helping Hands University Park (HHUP) Committee manage future paratransit services to the community, with assistance from the Town.
- The members of the Transit Task Force explained in detail the various options that are in the draft report:
 - ◇ Option A: To maintain and strengthen the current transit and paratransit program.
 - ◇ Option B: Maintain the transit program and transfer the paratransit program to HHUP.
 - ◇ Option C: A third party contractor managed transit and paratransit program.
 - ◇ Option D: Eliminate the transit program and transfer the paratransit program to HHUP.
 - ◇ Option E: Purchase smaller buses (no CDL requirement) and shift the paratransit program to Helping Hands.

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Questions (*responses in italics*):

What is the smallest capacity bus with a disability lift that does not require a CDL license? *A twelve-passenger bus.* Were there many times when there were more than twelve passengers on a bus run? *The Town Clerk has the ridership numbers, and that information can be provided.* Did the Task Force look into what other communities are doing such as subsidies for ride-share, etc.? *The County is experimenting with ride-share benefits. The Task Force will monitor this program.* Is there any kind of special insurance involved in the Transit Program? *Helping Hands is a committee of the Town and the volunteers are insured.* Has the Task Force heard what the community wants? *At the Open Forum it appeared that those who participated appreciate the value of the Transit Program and were relieved that a recommendation was going to be made to keep paratransit.* A student group from the University of Maryland prepared a report a few years ago that included a survey on the bus service. *This information can be found on the Town's website.* Has College Heights Estates been contacted to see if they would be interested in helping to support the bus service in exchange for an expanded route that would include that unincorporated area? *No, this was not discussed with them.* Can a fee be charged to use the bus? *Once you charge a fee there are Federal rules which make it very complicated.* How will Councilmembers evaluate the information in order to determine the next steps? *The paratransit is needed for the residents who are aging in place. Due to the uncertainty of residents returning to their offices, at this time the bus service is an open question.*

Mayor Carey encouraged everyone to email the Town Clerk or Mr. Thompson with any additional suggestions or comments on the Transit Program. The final report can be found on the Town's website.

Consent Agenda

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

To install a 5' fence with two gates in the rear yard at 6800 Pineway.

To install a 10'x 14' shed with a 3'x 3' extension and to install a 12' wide x 4' high gate to allow access to the shed at 6900 Wells Parkway.

To build a 11.3'x 4.5' 2-story addition and a 11.3'x 26.1' dormer in the attic with maximum height of 35' at 4209 Van Buren Street.

To extend a new drainage pipe (closest to the driveway) to run under the Town sidewalk and through the curb to connect outfall to the gutter of the street; to remove and replace 1- 2'x2' sidewalk section in front of the property; and to relocate the existing drainage pipe 15' from the sidewalk to outfall into a bubbler pot at 6516 40th Avenue. Note: Town Engineer has reviewed, and application reflects recommendations.

To install an 8'x 8' shed at 6701 44th Avenue.

Public Hearing

Town Code Section 4-105 (C) "Criteria for the Construction of Buildings" prescribes that no person shall erect any detached garage, or make any alterations or additions to any existing garage within the Town, so that the structure exceeds one story, or 15 feet in height at its highest point, or exceeds 24 feet by 24 feet in width and depth.

A request has been made for a building permit to construct a non-conforming 26'4"x 23'4" detached garage with a maximum height of 15'. Therefore, a variance of 2 feet and 4 inches in width is requested for Lots 22 & 1/2 of 23, Block 8 and Section 2 at 4201 Tuckerman Street. This request requires a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, Council must make the requisite findings.

Motion: To approve the building permit application with a Special Exception to build a two-car garage at 4201 Tuckerman Street. The Special Exception be granted because the application was approved by the County and without consideration of the required exception language from the Town that the homeowners were unaware of at the time and that such exception will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare and use of the adjoining properties and it can be granted without impairing the purpose and the intent of the existing Town building regulations and it will not interfere or obstruct the visibility of motorists or cyclists and the hardship was created by the variance between the County and Town rules on such outbuildings. Motion approved 5 to 2 (Schultz and Wells opposed).

Mayor's Report

■ Mayor Carey reported that it has been one year since Council meetings began occurring via Zoom.

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COVID vaccinations are now available, and the County is moving to Phase 1C.

■ In reference to the request from the City of Greenbelt for University Park to financially help with the Maglev Project, Mayor Carey is not inclined to support this.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

CM Verrill, Ward 4

■ CM Verrill requested that Mayor Carey schedule a Council discussion about Transit.

■ CM Verrill and a few others have been working on getting the County to acknowledge the State law that individuals are not charged a recording fee for removing restrictive language from their homeowners' deeds.

■ CM Verrill reported that with only four executive committee members in Helping Hands, the group is in dire need of more executive committee members.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 PM.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 PM.

New Business

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2021-R-03, adopting a Town Arbor Day proclamation and to designate Friday, April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in University Park.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

Town Administrator David Deutsch

■ The Bill that recently passed (The American Rescue Plan) included a feature of \$360 billion for State and local governments, \$589 million is coming to Maryland municipalities. Mr. Deutsch will share additional information as soon as it is available.

■ It has been suggested via the Metro CEO that due to financial difficulties they were contemplating closing the College Park Metro Station. Mr. Hoyer indicated that Metro has agreed to keep College Park Metro Station open because Metro will be receiving approximately \$325 billion under the American Rescue Plan.

■ The infrastructure project that was approved by the Council approximately one year ago will reach and pass the Not To Exceed amount in the Contract with NZI, though it is within what has been budgeted. Mr. Beall will provide a more detailed analysis of the situation and progress at the next Council meeting.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch

■ A reminder that the Financial Disclosure forms and Disclosure of Gift forms are due by April 30.

■ The next Town election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4. The deadline for candidates running for election is Monday, April 5 by 5 PM.

■ The virtual Maryland Municipal League conference is scheduled for July 19-20 and the in-person conference is scheduled for June 27-29 and is limited to 2 municipal representatives. Council was encouraged to contact the Clerk if they wish to attend.

■ Summary of permits issued in the month of March: 8 building; 1 pod; 0 dumpster; and 0 vendor.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

■ Crime Report from February 20-March 15—a total of 3 incidents (Wards 1, 4 and 6).

■ February 8 - PFC Bell completed Field Training

■ February 18 - Hired PFC Miltenberger

■ February 24 - PFC Miltenberger attended Firearms Qualification

■ March 9 - PFC Miltenberger completed Field Training

■ All personnel are scheduled to attend Duty to Intervene training

■ Applied to become an affiliate agency with the Georgetown Law Center Innovative Policing Program (Active Bystanderism for Law Enforcement Project).

Mr. Deutsch responded to a question about the stop-work order at the home on 40th Avenue by saying that the County has the permit application, and the homeowner knows that he needs to come to the Town to obtain a permit. The Code Compliance Officer will follow up on this issue.

CM Wells informed Chief Baker about several residents complaining about the increase of speeding cars and motorcycles along Adelphi Road and hopes that something can be done.

CM Biermann asked for an update on the speed enforcement cameras. Chief Baker said that he is currently working on this program and expects that it will be up and running in approximately 90 days.

Councilmembers informed Chief Baker that they notice that the police cruisers have their red and blue lights on while patrolling and they like the increased visibility that law enforcement is nearby.

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Chief Baker reported that this is the first time in the history of the department that there are two female police officers working at the same time.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The February 2021 Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. The first draft of the FY2022 Budget will be distributed to the Council by April 1.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The Adelphi Road meadow path has been completed. All of the amenities have been installed with the exception of the two benches. The benches should be installed within the next two weeks.
- In reference to the recent discussion on pickleball, Mr. Beall will forward to CM Verrill and CM Caskey a picture of what he thinks is a viable solution for the Town to accommodate pickleball on the tennis courts.
- The infrastructure project on Queens Chapel Road is close to being done. Mr. Beall said that he expects that the project is within budget based on what has been paid to date and what is currently being done.
- The repairs on the Queens Chapel Road bridge will begin this week along with tree removal near the Word of God Baptist church.
- The plan is to have Queens Chapel Road paved and striped before school begins.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:57 PM.

April 5 Council Meeting Highlights

A closed session was called to begin at 7 PM.

Motion: To close the public meeting and move to a closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals.
Motion approved 5 to 0.

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Schultz (arrived at 7:37), Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen.

Consent Agenda

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

To replace 4' fence on the east side of the property at 4300 Tuckerman Street.

To replace existing 4' fence sections and install new 4' fence sections and two gates in the rear yard, and to install a 11' temporary 3" drainage pipe to outfall to the front yard at 6510 41st Avenue. *Note:* Town Engineer has reviewed, and application reflects recommendations.

To add a 12.25'x 15.75' one-story addition with steps at 4216 Woodberry Street.

To add a 14.5'x 7' one-story addition, 3'x 7' covered patio, repair/replace existing driveway and patio at 4326 Woodberry Street.

To install a 50' French drain along the rear of the house using a perforated 4" pipe and connect a solid 4" pipe at the side yard 10' from the property line where drainage will outfall 10' beyond the front of the house; and replace a 28'x 36" walkway with flagstone pavers at 4306 Van Buren Street. *Note:* Town Engineer has reviewed, and application reflects recommendations.

To extend a new drainage pipe in front yard to run under the Town sidewalk and through the curb to connect outfall to the gutter on Van Buren Street at 4328 Van Buren Street. *Note:* Town Engineer has reviewed, and application reflects recommendations. Town contractors will perform the work in the right-of-way.

To replace rear yard drainage system by installing 2 flow well dry wells at least 10' from the property line and connect overflow drainage pipe to existing pipe which outfalls to the curb at 6602 Queens Chapel Road. *Note:* Town Engineer has reviewed, and application reflects recommendations.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Discussion will include the Landy Property, the Western Gateway (Gilbane Project), Riverdale Park Station, and the Adelphi Road Sector Plan.

Sustainability Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 with the Tree Committee. Discussion will include a presentation on online map-based tree inventory from a group of students from the University of Maryland.

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Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt the introduction of Charter Resolution 21-CR-01 to repeal and re-enact Article VI, "Finance", Section 602, "Budget", and Section 606, "Appropriations Lapse After One Year", and to enact Section 620, "Submission of Capital Improvement Program" to make provision for a Capital Improvement Program as part of the Town budget that may continue from fiscal year to fiscal year. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 21-O-01, a curative ordinance to correct non-substantive errors in Legislative Resolution 20-O-11, that recodified the Town's Code. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To decline grant funds from the Safe Routes to School program for engineering and design for Phase 2B of the Infrastructure Project and to withdraw from the program. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend an existing contract with Soltesz Engineering for design and engineering of Queens Chapel Road improvements to add engineering, design, and permitting of Phase 2B of the Infrastructure Project, subject to review by the Town Attorney. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend an existing contract with NZI Construction through an addendum to include construction of Phase 2B of the Infrastructure Project and estimated contract costs of \$380,000 with a potential contingency amount of \$38,000, totaling approximately \$418,000, subject to review by the Town Attorney. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 21-O-02: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 17, 2021.

Presentation by Mayor Carey and Staff. Mayor Carey outlined the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget in brief. Mr. Baden briefly reviewed significant line-item changes.

Town Administrator's Report

Working with Prince George's County to facilitate a mobile vaccination clinic in University Park.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:47 PM.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS



Teen Workers List

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

William Kirk, 13, 574-286-0018 (mom's cell phone number), Queens Chapel Rd., kirkfamily2004@gmail.com, lawn mowing, edging, raking, dog sitting and miscellaneous outdoor chores.

Olivia Visnic, 13, 240-354-3038, Underwood Street, olivia.visnic@gmail.com, pet care, babysitting, plant watering.

19th Annual Azalea Classic

Friday, April 24-Sunday, May 9



This year's Azalea Classic is virtual! Join the University Park community to show how strong we are together, even when we are apart. Register online at azaleaclassic.com and run any race of your choice on any route—choose the 5K, our 1 Mile Challenge, or our 1K Family Fun Run. Run any time between April 24 and May 9 and submit your times (and a photo!) via the link on our Runner Info page: azaleaclassic.com/contact. All registrants get an official race t-shirt with a student design done by a 2020 University Park Elementary School graduate. Huge thanks to all our local sponsors (azaleaclassic.com/sponsors) for supporting this community tradition. The annual Azalea Classic is organized by the University Park Elementary School PTA and all proceeds benefit programs at our neighborhood school.

Woman's Club Zoom Meeting

Monday, May 3, Noon

Please join University Park Woman's Club for a zoom meeting featuring author Susan Santangelo sharing anecdotes from her life as a writer and vignettes from her Baby Boomer Mystery Series. The series follows the adventures of Carol and Jim Andrews as they navigate their way along life's highway toward their twilight years while solving murder mysteries. Susan Santangelo has been a feature writer, drama critic and editor for daily and weekly newspapers and magazines in the NY metro area. She's a member of Sisters in Crime, International Thriller Writers and the Cape Cod Writers Center.

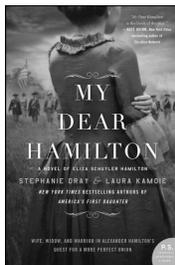


Some of the published titles in the Baby Boomer Mystery Series are *Retirement Can Be Murder*, *Moving Can Be Murder*, and *Marriage Can Be Murder*. With approximately one book per year published, she recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the series. She advises her readers to study the cover of each book carefully to try to identify the murder weapon. Though the books are truly murder mysteries, they are full of laughs and each chapter begins with a short humorous quote such as "Q: How many retirees does it take to change a lightbulb? A: Only one, but it might take all day." Susan Santangelo lives in Clearwater, Florida but because of zoom, she's able to join us to share insights on writing mysteries and her unique sense of humor. If you would like the link to this presentation, please email Jeanne Washburn at UPWCpresident@gmail.com. To see recordings of past presentations, go to womensclubUP.com

After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, May 18, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group is now meeting virtually. The May title is *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray. The June book is *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. Drop-ins welcome!



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 obli-

gation 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.



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.

Please use University Park as your address on your Maryland tax forms.





UP Helping Paws

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Happy Spring! Remember to pick up after your dog and dispose of it in public trash cans or your own trash can. Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. It is a good time to check your fences to see if any areas need repair to prevent dogs getting loose. This is also a good time to check your leashes—are they in good repair?

If your dog has any aggression issues, please take extra precautions to make sure they are leashed and away from other dogs as there have evidently been a couple of incidents recently. Be mindful of children holding leashes to dogs that outweigh them and have any inclinations to lunge in another direction. Please consider responsible teens and adults as primary walkers.

Please sign up your animal(s) in the UP Pet database using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for University Park residents. Only members of the committee can view the information, which we use to help reunite lost pets with their owners. The UP Helping Paws website is uphelpingpaws.home.blog Thank you for all your efforts. Enjoy springtime with your furry friend!



Community Mosquito Control Program
Fight the Bite!

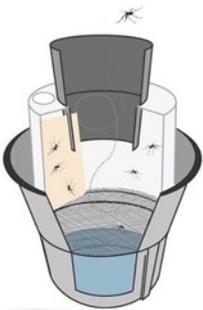
May has arrived and with it more pleasant weather, warmer temperatures and more mosquitoes! By now we hope you've removed mosquito habitat from your yard and deployed your traps. Here is a list of reminders:

Dump, drain. If it holds standing water for longer than a few days, flip it over or drain it out.

Dunk. If you can't dump it or drain it (birdbaths, fishponds, persistent puddles) put mosquito dunks or mosquito bits in the water. They kill the mosquito larva and do no harm to other species.

Screen. Corrugated drainpipe is mosquito paradise! Replace it with straight sided pipe if you can. Otherwise, screen it. Tie stretchable nylon (pantyhose) around the aboveground joints. Put screen or mesh in or around the ends of the pipes.

Deploy. Make sure your traps are clean and set them up



in your yard. The traps provide the habitat that attracts the mosquitoes and traps them so they can't escape, eliminating the adult and future generations.

What diseases do mosquitoes carry? Zika, West Nile, Dengue, Chikungunya, plus heartworm in cats and dogs. Mosquito control works only if we work together as a community. Talk to your neighbors about removing standing water, putting their traps out, or getting traps. If you have new neighbors, let them know about our program and how they can participate. The committee strives to give you up-to-date relevant mosquito information. We're making some changes to our link on the Town website as this article goes to press. Check out this link: upmd.org/mosquito.

Need to order traps or replacement parts? Go to the Biogents US website: us-shop.biogents.com to order the BG GAT Double Set, which is what we recommend. You can order sticky cards and replacement nets on this site. If you don't see the replacement part you're looking for, send an email to Biogents webshop@biogents-usa.com and ask them to create a special order for you.

Please contact the UP CMC by email, upcmosquitoc@gmail.com if you have questions or comments about our program. We'll get back to you ASAP.

—UP Community Mosquito Control Coordinators:
Ed Wells, Lynne Davidson, Julie Ainsworth

University Park Listserv

Do you have something to sell or give away? Listserv members can post about items for sale and for free and reach almost 1,400 of their neighbors. As always, members can only post for themselves or members of their household. To find out how to join the listserv, view the posting guidelines and more, go to the UP Listserv information site at: tinyurl.com/univparklist. Please remember to include your address in the "Reason for joining" field when requesting membership. Otherwise, approval will be delayed while this information is gathered.

Riversdale

The Riversdale House Museum is buzzing with activity this spring. Stay tuned for yoga, picnic concerts and more walking tours coming soon!

Bookworm Garden (Ages 2-6), May 15 & June 19, 11-12 PM \$5/PG resident children, free for adults; register 48 hours in advance via tinyurl.com/BkwrnGrdn21



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

History at Home: The Classical World (Ages 12-17), May 14 & 21, 1-2 PM Visit virtually to investigate what Riversdale has in common with ancient Greece and Rome. \$6/PG residents; register by May 7 via tinyurl.com/ClassicalWorld21

Trolley Trail Walking Tour (Ages 13+), June 5, 10:30-12:30 PM Take a stretch and explore community history. \$5/PG residents; register by June 3 via tinyurl.com/TrolleyTour21

Visit www.pgparcsdirect.com for more information about these and other virtual and in-person programs. Contact nichole.tramel@pgparcs.com with questions.

College Park Arts Exchange

Explore a variety of online arts experiences during the pandemic. Draw Like, taught by Racquel Keller, encourages participants to copy works by great artists using the materials they have on hand. Explore Creative Writing with Melissa Sites encourages writing as self-expression during this strange long season of quarantine. Dance classes including Soul Line Dancing with Karen Stewart, Introduction to Tap with Elizabeth Gardner, and Goddess Dancing with Samantha Fitschen, allow dancers of all ages and ability levels to move their bodies and have fun from the comfort of home. Book Club features different nonfiction books by woman writers every month. For more new events and details, see our online calendar at www.cpae.org, email us at info@cpae.org, or like us on Facebook.



CDC Vaccination Cards

If you were vaccinated at a Prince George's County site and did not receive a CDC vaccination card, email COVID19_VaxCard@co.pg.md.us with your name, address, date of birth, contact information and the date and location of your vaccination. The Health Department will process the request and produce a vaccination card. It may take several days to process the request, but staff will follow up via email.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Meals on Wheels of College Park (which also serves Hyattsville) needs 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. To volunteer, visit mealsonwheelsofcollegepark.org and complete the form.



Community Forklift

Donate Unneeded A/C Units Do you have unneeded window or in-room air conditioners? Donate them to Community Forklift! Every year we provide dozens of free and low-cost air conditioning units to neighbors who need one but can't afford it. Our area's hot and humid summers are difficult for seniors and people with asthma or other health conditions and your tax-deductible donation can make a difference. Read more about our A/C unit distribution on our blog at communityforklift.org. Contact the Donations Team at Donations@CommunityForklift.org or call 301-985-5180 with any questions. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need!

Deconstruction Services If you are looking for someone to deconstruct and remove materials from your home or job site, consider Community Forklift. Their staff can uninstall kitchens, bathrooms, doors, windows, hardwood flooring, architectural elements, decks and more. They will remove materials and deliver to their warehouse for reuse. Contact DeconWorks@CommunityForklift.org.



NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

**Office of Councilmember for
Wards 2, 4, 5 and 6
on
TUESDAY, MAY 4**

Poll hours will be conducted from 1-8 p.m. at Town Hall (6724 Baltimore Avenue). Voters will be required to wear a face mask and stay at least 6 feet away from others. For safety reasons, we urge voters to vote by drop box or by mail before Election Day.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, ballot packets have been mailed to every registered Town voter in wards 2, 4, 5 and 6 with instructions. Ballots can be returned during poll hours, or by mail, or by drop box – an exterior, locked drop box will be located at Town Hall. If you do not receive a ballot, lose your ballot, or need help, visit Town Hall during poll hours on Election Day, or contact the Town Clerk before Election Day for assistance. **Votes must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.**

The following candidates have qualified to run for the office of:

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 2

Mary F. Gathercole
Joseph M. Schultz

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 4

~~Renaud F. Beauchard~~ – withdrew from election
Nathaniel I. Morgan, III

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 5

David M. McGaughey
John R. Tabori

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 6

Martha M. Wells

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: A Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement form must be filed with the Town Clerk no later than 5 PM on Thursday, April 29 to qualify for the Town election. All forms are available on the Town's website at www.upmd.org/Candidateinfo.

Andrea D. Marcavitch
Town Clerk
townhall@upmd.org
(301) 927-4262 ext. 101

Stephanie Herold & Heidi Bulich
Supervisors of Elections
elections@upmd.org

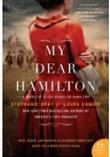
WHAT YOU CAN DO ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED

Activity	
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with other fully vaccinated people of any age	
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness	
Travel domestically without a pre- or post-travel test	
Travel domestically without quarantining after travel	
Travel internationally without a pre-travel test depending on destination	
Travel internationally without quarantining after travel	
Visit indoors, without a mask, with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19	
Attend medium or large gatherings	



cdc.gov/coronavirus

May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><i>Participate in the 19th Annual Azalea Classic from Friday, April 24 to Sunday, May 9.</i></p>					<p>1</p> 
2	<p>3</p> <p>Yard Waste, UP Woman's Club Meeting, Town Council</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Town Election Day Wards 2, 4, 5 and 6 Vote by mail or 1-8 PM at Town Hall Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM Via Zoom</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM Via Zoom</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Recycling</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ivy League, 10 AM-12 PM</p>
9	<p>10</p> <p>Yard Waste</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Trees, Parks, and Environment Committee, 7PM Via Zoom</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM Via Zoom</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Recycling</p>	<p>15</p>
16	<p>17</p> <p>Yard Waste, Town Council</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee, 7:30 PM Via Zoom</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Public Facilities and Services, 7:30 PM Via Zoom</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Recycling</p>	<p>22</p>
23	<p>24</p> <p>Yard Waste</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 Via Zoom</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Recycling</p>	<p>29</p>
30	<p>31</p> <p>Town Holiday</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Yard Waste</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>



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Chief Harvey Baker	301-277-0051

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1	Joel Biermann	202-431-2689
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

The June newsletter deadline is Friday, May 7. 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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