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MAYOR'S COLUMN

On June 15, Governor Larry Hogan announced a phased end to the Statewide COVID-19 State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency that was first proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed 18 times since. On July 1 emergency and mask mandates end and suspended state regulations are again effective. There is a 45-day grace period, until August 15, allowing an administrative transition out of the pandemic-related operations and other relaxed regulations. We made great strides in the past 15 months, please go forward thoughtfully. Follow the science. Look to the long term and think of others. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, this is a good time to do so. Don't throw away your shot.

The Independence Day parade this year will begin on Sunday, July 4 at 1 p.m. at the top of Queens Chapel Road adjacent to the Town Hall. By tradition, the children's parade includes decorated bicycles, wagons, pets,

parents and more. To watch, line Queens Chapel Road at 1 p.m. as we parade to Underwood Street and University Park Elementary School. This year the parade will include fire apparatus and personnel from the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, horse-mounted officers from the M-NCPPC Police and possibly more. Many thanks to Police Chief Harvey Baker and the University Park Police Department for pulling this together. Please come, just show up and join in; all are welcome to participate. Especially this year, let's celebrate our liberties.

At the July 19 Town Council meeting, District 3 County Council Member Dannielle Glaros and a panel of engineers from the Department of Environment present on Guilford Run and Wells Run watersheds and their effects on stormwater management in Town. Guilford Run, to our north, rises in the unincorporated areas near College Heights Estates and flows through College Park

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council July 6 & 19

Town Holiday July 5

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

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and the University of Maryland. Stormwater from much of the northern part of University Park, including Clagett Road, Pineway, Clagett-Pineway, Oakridge, Beechwood, Holly Hill, and Woodberry Street, drains into Guilford Run before entering Paint Branch Creek and the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. Guilford Run has flooded several times in recent years, backing up to Clagett-Pineway in University Park. Council Member Glaros and her panel will describe Guilford Run watershed-level discussions she has led involving the Town of University Park, City of College Park, Town of Riverdale Park, University of Maryland, County Department of Environment and others.

Across Town, Wells Run begins in Hyattsville and flows through University Park and Riverdale Park before entering the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. For more than 10 years planning has been underway for a regional stormwater retention pond, referred to locally as the "9 Pond Project," to improve water quality and mitigate flooding downstream in University Park and Riverdale Park. Construction of the project is expected to begin as soon as this fall. Council Member Glaros and her panel will provide an update on the project and its possible effects in University Park. The panel presentation, as well as the Council meeting, will be entirely virtual. Please plan to attend.

On Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. until noon, join us at the first University Park Meadow Day. Mary Sue Twohy of the Town's Sustainability Committee and a team of meadow and pollinator aficionados have planned quite the event. Please see page 5 for more information. I'll see you there.

The idea of creating a pollinator meadow in what had been a highly visible vacant field on the western edge of Town, came to several residents who shared it with Town officials. They discussed it with Andy Fellows of the University of Maryland, who brought in the University's vanEngelsdorp Bee Lab, which conveniently had received a grant to establish wildflower meadows in Maryland. The Bee Lab team met with the Town and was interested. Town Public Works Director Mickey Beall also approached Ariel Trahan of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), who suggested including an educational interpretive pathway. Council approved the broadened concept and the Town worked with the Bee Lab and the AWS to establish the meadow beginning in March 2019, seeding it with 25 species of wildflowers

and little bluestem bunchgrass. A Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant provided partial funding to construct the interpretive path, including informative signs and benches. The meadow path is an accessible connection to the amenities beyond the signalized crossing of Adelphi Road at Toledo Drive. In the two years since, volunteers from the Town's Sustainability Committee and the partners have tended the meadow, weeding it of invasives and seeding with additional native plants. Two years later, AWS Natural Resources Specialist Jorge Bogantes Montero says the meadow is already showing great structure and is excited about the rushes and mosses coming in on the side closest to Wells Run.



Come down to the Adelphi pollinator meadow anytime soon or on July 24 to see it in bloom -with bluestem grass, asters, partridge pea, purple coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, and more -and abuzz or aflutter with bees and butterflies, pollinators of many kinds. Walk to the edge of the meadow -not in, please - to see how University Park collaborates with our talented residents and partnering organizations.

—Len Carey

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

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 21-O-04

On June 7, 2021, Ordinance 21-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 7 "Public Health and Sanitation", by repealing and reenacting §7-104 "Noise" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to prohibit use of gas-powered leaf blowers beginning January 1, 2023. The meeting set for July 6, 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

Thankfully, the pandemic seems to be coming to an end and more drivers are flooding the roadways. In the United States there are more than 200 million licensed drivers. At times it appears many have forgotten what they learned in driver's education and have thrown caution to the wind, exceeding posted speed limits, driving distracted and taking other unnecessary risks while behind the wheel. These are unsafe driving habits for anyone, but especially for young inexperienced teens and early twenties drivers. The University Park Police realizes the safety of your young, driving-age family member is of utmost concern. This group is excited about summertime activities with friends and the independence of driving a car. Often, they are not thinking about the serious responsibility that comes with driving an automobile. Nor do they realize that risky behavior behind the wheel can lead to catastrophic consequences. The 100 most dangerous days for young drivers are Memorial Day through Labor Day.

That is why the University Park Police believe it is very important that parents, family members and friends review these safe driving tips with their young driver and their friends:



Obey all traffic rules There is a reason the driving exam includes both a road test and a written one. From road signs to right-of-way, there are a whole bunch of rules that drivers are required to understand and follow. Review them, apply them and do not forget them.

Slow down! Speeding is one of the leading factors in fatal crashes involving young drivers. The higher your speed, the less time you have to stop your car and the worse any impact—and subsequent injuries—that may likely occur.

Keep your car in good running shape Take care of your car and it will take care of you. It will help avoid breakdowns and other potential accidents. This includes regular oil changes and tune-ups, checking tire pressure (do not forget the spare!), regular tire rotation, checking brake fluid and coolant levels, and filling the gas tank before it hovers too close to empty.

Wear your seat belt Always wear your seat belt and do not start your car until all passengers have their seat belts fastened as well. In fatal car accidents, more than half of teens (56%) were found to have been unbuckled. Save a life (maybe your own) and buckle up.

Avoid distractions Keep your eyes on the road. That means no horseplaying, no texting, no calling, no eating, no channel surfing on the radio and no turning around to chat with friends in the backseat. Accidents can happen in a split second, but if you are paying attention, you will have a better chance of avoiding one.

Adjust your accessories Before starting the car make sure your seat is in a comfortable position and check all mirrors to make sure you have the best view possible.

Don't tailgate Following too closely is one of the leading causes of rear-end accidents. Just remember the 3-second rule: Pick an object on the road ahead (like a sign, tree, or overpass) and when the vehicle in front of you passes the object slowly count "one-one thousand, two-one thousand, three-one thousand." If you reach the object before completing the count, you are following too closely.

Be prepared In case of accidents, breakdowns or other emergencies, your car should always contain important driving documents and an emergency kit with everything you need for an extended time in your vehicle. Explain to your young driver what to do if their vehicle breaks down. Call the police, call your parents, stay with the vehicle and call for a tow truck. Do not try to repair the vehicle on the side of a busy highway. If you are away from Town and you are not sure what to do call the University Park Police.

Watch the weather Rain, wind and snow can all make driving more difficult and dangerous. If it is wet out, make sure your headlights are on, slow down and increase your following distance (braking takes longer when roads are slick). Most importantly, if the conditions are too treacherous, it is better to just stay off the roads.

Don't drive under the influence Just don't do it! This includes being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or lack of sleep. Nobody should have to tell you how severe the consequences can be.

June Crime Report

Theft from Auto On June 5 a resident in the 6900 block of 40th Avenue reported that someone broke into her locked vehicle a stole her sunglasses and assorted

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items of clothing. The stolen property was valued at \$150. The cost estimate to repair the damaged passenger side window was \$500. There are no suspects.

Vandalism to Auto On June 5 a resident in the 7000 block of 40th Avenue reported that someone broke into her locked vehicle but did not steal anything. The cost estimate to repair the damaged driver side window was \$400. There are no suspects.

Theft On June 8 a resident in the 7000 block of 40th Avenue reported that someone stole several pieces of jewelry from her residence. According to the resident someone acquaintances had access to where the jewelry was stored inside the master bedroom. The stolen jewelry was valued at approximately \$9,500. There are no suspects.

Join the University Park Police in reducing the opportunity for crime by participating in the **#9PM Routine**. It is easy and a very simple way to prevent theft. Each night at 9 PM, do the following:

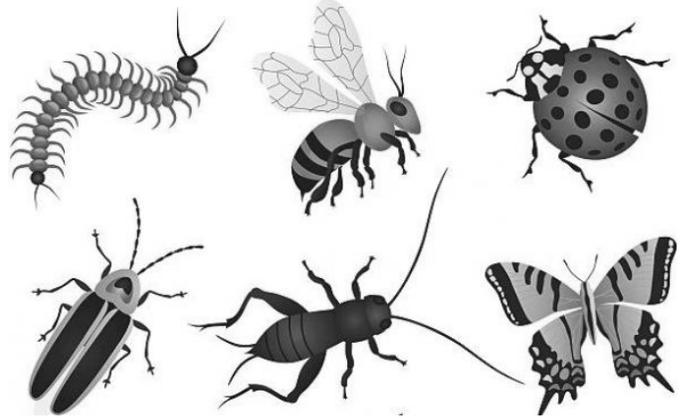
- Take your valuables out of your car.
- Lock your car.
- Lock your home.
- Leave an outside light on.



Tree Committee News

Dog Days of August A regular program of watering your vegetation is preferable to after your plants have started wilting. For established, woody plants, water once weekly in the morning, soaking the soil to a depth of 8 inches. A sprinkler is okay; soaker hoses are more frugal and effective. Try to avoid watering the leaves of deciduous trees. You can also berm smaller trees and shrubs and provide 3-5 gallons weekly or deploy Treegator watering bags. For trees and shrubs planted this year or last, water every few days at minimum, without over watering.

Ivy League, Saturdays, July 10 and August 14, 9-11 AM
Join us for the full two hours or any portion thereof. We'll be meeting at the intersection of Wells Parkway and Clagett Road, at the Veterans Park. Please bring a set of garden pruning clippers and a large screwdriver, small pry bar, or dandelion weeder. Long sleeve shirts and pants are recommended. Attendance at five sessions will earn volunteers a custom, limited edition, University Park Ivy League bandana.



Sustainability Committee News

Believe it or not, stink bugs are beneficial in the garden. Beetles eat slugs. Ladybugs eat aphids. Before reaching for pesticides, consider the option of planning your garden to bloom through the growing season—spring, summer and fall—providing pollen and nectar to beneficial bugs to help keep destructive ones at bay. Keep a section of leaf litter in the garden and provide a water source (treated with mosquito dunk). Then have patience and tolerate a few pests, while your beneficial bugs establish themselves. Resist the urge to spray when you first see damage and consider using safer pesticides.

Healthy plants stand a better chance, so fortify your plants with regular doses of compost tea (compost soaked in water overnight). Make a plan to attract bees (flowers like aster, goldenrod and more), lacewings (nectar flowers), praying mantis (flower and veg garden), ground beetles (stone pathways, compost pile), assassin bugs (sunflower), predatory wasps (pollen plants like fennel), damsel bugs (clover), dragon and damsel flies (small ponds) and you will start to see more balance in the garden. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has useful information on beneficial insects (dnr.maryland.gov). Planning a garden that sustains blooms over three seasons and provides a habitat for beneficial bugs to overwinter is a nice rainy-day family project that also minimizes pesticides and encourages needed local biodiversity.

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Meadow Day

Saturday, July 24, 10 AM-12 PM

Hosted by the UP Sustainability Committee, Meadow Day will feature perimeter meadow tour guides, a scavenger hunt with meadow seed packet prizes, a BUMBA Bowie/Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association display, a UP Meadow Day Selfie Station and a group photo of all dressed in meadow costume attire—birds, flowers, bees, butterflies etc. Please feel free to bring your own binoculars, magnifying glass and guidebooks. Six stepping stools will be available to see into the meadow from the perimeter (we encourage walking around the meadow restoration area but not in it). Feel free to bring your own step stool, as well. Please leave your dog at home. Extra credit for bringing a reusable water bottle! For more information, contact MarySue at mstwwhy@gmail.com. Location: Pollinator Meadow in the town park on Adelphi Road. Rain date: Saturday, August 7.

May 17 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Schultz, Morrissey (arrived at 7:35 PM), Verrill, Caskey, Wells, Stephen.

Consent Agenda

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

To extend and bury downspouts to outfall into a rain garden at 6709 40th Avenue.

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To add a 1-story 16'x20' addition with a 6'x 8' porch and 3' 8" stoop and renovations on cover sheet at 4323 Tuckerman Street.

Public Comment

- A resident strongly supports the proposed FY2022 budget and encourages Council to pass the budget with the proposed amendments.
- A resident requested that the Town Administrator and Town History line items be removed from the FY2022 budget.
- A resident stated that the hiring of the Town Administrator was not a unanimous vote.
- A resident suggested ways to make the Town Government more open during virtual Council meetings.
- A resident asked Councilmembers not to vote to enlarge the Town Administrator position until a majority of residents approve.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carey read Section 304(A) of the Town Charter regarding Public Comment at Council Meetings.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Sustainability Committee The Tree Inventory Report from the students at the University of Maryland School of Information Science is complete and information on obtaining this report will be available soon.

CM Morrissey, Ward 3 The Town must submit the FY2022 budget to the State of Maryland by the end of the month. Anyone who wants to discuss the Town Administrator's salary line item should email Ms. Morrissey at lmorrissey@upmd.org.

Public Facility and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 PM. Discussion will include the items associated with Town Hall.

CM Biermann, Ward 1 In reference to "transparency" CM Biermann encourages residents to be added to his mailing list. He lets people know what is coming up at Council meetings and is always available for those who have comments.

Development Overview Committee The minutes from the May 13 meeting are on the website. Topics of discussion: the rezoning of the Landy Property and the Adelphi Road Sector Plan.

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Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 7 PM.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2021 as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the April 29, 2021 memo to the Mayor and Council in the total amount of \$65,420.00, as reflected below.

Account Name	Transfer from	Transfer to
General Government		
Transit	7,070.00	
Employee Awards & Events		70.00
Administration (Town Administrator)		7,000.00
Police		
Transit Cost (GG)	13,350.00	
Supplies and Manuals		1,000.00
Medical Exams		350.00
Mobile Data Terminals		12,000.00
Public Works		
Landfill	9,000.00	
Bridge Repairs	26,000.00	
Transit Cost	10,000.00	
Salaries		10,000.00
Work Storage		9,000.00
Fuel		4,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance		5,000.00
Street Tree Maintenance		5,000.00
Recycling		2,000.00
Town Hall Bathroom Renovations		10,000.00

The earliest this may be considered is at the May 17, 2021 Council meeting, as the total exceeds \$2,500.00.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 21-O-02: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is May 17, 2021.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve an amendment that incorporates the recommendations from the Town Administrator's Memorandum on May 14, 2021 on the Public Works pay plan adjustment to the FY2022 budget.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend the Town History line item to add back \$5,000 and to reduce the line item for Public Works Salaries by the same \$5,000.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

Town Administrator David Deutsch

The staff discussed possible uses of the American Rescue Plan dollars that the Town of University Park will receive from the Federal Government. A series of recommendations on how the funds ought to be used will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch

■ On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, the Town held an election for Wards 2, 4, 5 and 6 with 1,258 registered voters in these Wards, 454 ballots were returned. The results of the election are as follows:

- ◇ Ward 2 - Mary F. Gathercole (89), Joseph M. Schultz (49)
- ◇ Ward 4 - Nathaniel I. Morgan, III (86), None of the Above (1), Void (30)
- ◇ Ward 5 - David M. McGaughey (71), John R. Tabori (69), None of the Above (3), Void (1)
- ◇ Ward 6 - Martha Wells (54), Void (1).

■ Summary of permits issued in the month of May: 5 building; 0 dumpster/POD and 0 vendor.

■ Anyone who needs a University Park sticker and/or a parking permit should email Ms. Marcavitch or leave a voicemail message and arrangements will be made for a pick-up.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

■ No crime report.

■ Training: Avoiding a Media Firestorm: Crisis Communication

■ On Wednesday, May 19 at 7 PM, officers will be in ward 7 to continue with the "Walking Wednesday" event.

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▪Movie Night is scheduled for June 17 at 7 PM on the Town Field. There is more information on the Town website at www.upmd.org/news

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The April 2021 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Director Of Public Works Michael Beall Sidewalks will be marked in ward 2 for removal and replacement.

Additional Comments Mayor Carey reports that Councilmembers will be sworn-in on the following dates:

- Mr. David McGaughey of ward 5 on June 18 outside his home at 3 PM.
- Ms. Mary Gathercole of ward 2, Mr. Nathaniel Morgan of ward 4 and Ms. Martha Wells of ward 6 on June 21 at Town Hall at 6 PM.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:08 PM.

June 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Schultz, Morrissey, Verrill, Caskey (arrived at 7:32), Wells, Stephen.

Consent Agenda

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

To repair and replace existing 10'x 53' driveway at 4106 Van Buren Street.

To install a 14'x 21' (14'8" high) screen porch, a 10'x 25'4" patio, and to alter existing breezeway's roofline to match up with the new porch at 4402 Beechwood Road. Note: County permit has been applied for but has not been issued. Approval of this application would be with the condition that the Town would not issue a Town building permit until a copy of County permit is obtained and the permit fee is collected.

Permits

Zoning Ordinance Section 27-442(c)(Table II) prescribes that not more than 30% of the net lot area shall be covered by buildings and off-street parking. Therefore, a variance of 1.5% net lot coverage is requested at 7008 40th Avenue.

An application by Susan Dorn and Roman Lesiw has been made for a variance to validate an existing condition (lot coverage) and obtain a building permit to enclose an existing breezeway in front of the house on R-55 zone (One-Family Detached Residential) property located at 7008 40th Avenue. 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: To support the application by Susan Dorn and Roman Lesiw for a variance to validate an existing condition (lot coverage) and obtain a building permit to enclose an existing breezeway and authorize the Mayor and the Town Attorney to send a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals stating the Council's position. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor's Report

▪At the June 21 Council meeting, the 22nd District Legislative Delegation will give a summary of the legislative session.

▪Mayor Carey has asked Councilmember Dannielle Glaros to spearhead a panel for a future Council meeting which includes engineers for the Nine-Pond Project and the Guilford Run Watershed including the Calvert Hills Drainage Project. A date for the presentation is not available at this time.

▪In reference to the American Rescue Plan Funding, staff will bring to the Council a proposed plan for how the money will be used.

▪Swearing-in of Councilmembers:

- ◇ On June 18 at 3 PM, Mr. McGaughey of Ward 5 will be sworn-in at his home, and
- ◇ On June 21 at 6 PM, Ms. Wells of Ward 6, Ms. Gathercole of Ward 2, and Mr. Morgan of Ward 4 will be sworn-in at Town Hall (parking lot).

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021. The Committee met on

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May 20. The minutes of the meeting are available on the Town's website.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met on June 3. Discussion included Chapter 5 of the Town Code, Town history, and policy governing employee awards.

Development Overview Committee CM Wells circulated a memo to the Council in reference to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) presentation of the Adelphi Road Sector Plan. CM Wells was disappointed with the outcome of the meeting and asked that the Council be ready to take some action in sending a written response to this matter. Councilmembers had a discussion on the concerns.

Motion: To approve the general approach and ask the Development Overview Committee (DOC) to draft a memo which addresses the concerns discussed and circulate it to Council for edits prior to sending it in final form. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt emergency Legislative Resolution 21-O-03, to amend the Personnel Manual by enacting Section 1.9, "Required vaccination and inoculations", to authorize the Mayor to determine that certain vaccinations and inoculations are required in order for employees to be fit to perform the essential duties of their positions and/or to not endanger the health and safety of themselves or others.

The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is June 7, 2021. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To introduce Legislative Resolution 21-O-04 to amend chapter 7 by repealing and reenacting §7-104 "Noise" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to prohibit use of gas-powered leaf blowers by January 1, 2023. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is July 6, 2021. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend the Town Administrator's Employment Agreement between the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park by modifying Section 2 (Term) by deleting the termination date of June 30, 2021, and to further modify Section 2 (Term) and Section 10 (Termination) to require a thirty (30) day notice by either party prior to termination of the

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Agreement. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Town Administrator's Report

- The main reason for inviting the 22nd District Legislative Delegation is to talk about possible state legislation regarding noise along state highways.
- The automated speed camera for Adelphi Road is expected to move forward soon. Chief Baker is working with the vendor and state highway to secure approvals for speed cameras on East West Highway and Baltimore Avenue.

Additional Comments

- CM Verrill reported that with the help of Town Attorney Ms. Ferguson and County Councilmember Ms. Glaros, the restrictive language on her home deed was revised. The plan is to outline the process and share it with the public.
- Mayor Carey reported that the Maryland Municipal League is meeting on June 27-30 with several Councilmembers attending.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:05 PM.

Obituary

Longtime resident Alice Varney Leaderman passed away peacefully on May 20, at the Regional Hospice Center in Danbury, CT. Alice was born on August 7, 1946 in Springfield, MA. She graduated from Barnard College and held an MFA from George Mason University. Alice was a writer and technical editor in the Washing-



ton, D.C. area during her working years. She was a volunteer with the University Park Tree, Park and Environment Committee, where she was instrumental in developing a project to plant native wildflowers and milkweed in the town park to attract Monarch butterflies. She and her husband moved to Ridgefield, CT in 2017, where Alice loved hiking and pursued her expert interest in native plant gardening as a member of the Ridgefield Garden Club. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Arthur Leaderman, her daughter Elizabeth Leaderman and partner Thomas Craig, her son Daniel Leaderman and wife Tina of Baltimore, two grandchildren, and brother Frederick Varney Jr.

Independence Day Parade
Sunday, July 4, 1 PM



There will be a July 4 parade this year. Decorate your bicycles and pets and take part in the parade—traditionally a favorite Town event. It will start at the top of Queens Chapel Road adjacent to the Town

Hall. We will have horse-mounted officers from the M-NCPPC Police and possibly more. All are welcome to participate. Join in the parade or line Queens Chapel Road to watch as it proceeds down the hill to end at Underwood Street and University Park Elementary School. Let's enjoy and celebrate our liberties this July 4.

Rain Check Rebate Presentation

Zoom Meeting Thursday, July 15, 7:30 PM
Onsite visit/demo Saturday, July 17, 10 AM



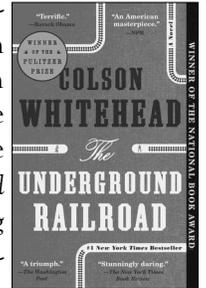
Nguyen Le of the Chesapeake Bay Trust and UP residents Maile Neel and Dave Thulman will host a presentation and demonstration on the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program and how residents can receive financial assistance to reduce

storm water runoff and slow storm surges into Wells Run and the Anacostia River watershed.

After the Thursday evening zoom meeting, we will congregate in Maile and David's yard at 4401 Tuckerman Street on Saturday morning, where we will be shown their stormwater management features. Directly after that we will move across the street to Marc Tartaro's backyard at 4323 Tuckerman Street where he will talk about his new high-efficiency ground source heat pump system that both heats and cools his home. Marc is an architect who practices sustainability both in his business practice and at his home. We will be joined by others on the zoom call as Ms. Le has invited other county residents to participate. She will be setting up the zoom meeting and those interested should forward your email address to David Brosch so the zoom meeting invite can be sent to you. Forward your email address to davidcbrosch@comcast.net. Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/RCR-Webinar>

After Eight Book Group

The After Eight Book Group is on summer hiatus but plans to begin meeting in person again on the third Tuesday in September. The following books have been chosen, with the September title Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*. Spend your summer reading and then join us in the fall. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. Drop-ins welcome if fully vaccinated.



- ◇ *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead
- ◇ *The Indigo Girl*, Natasha Boyd
- ◇ *Hamnet*, Maggie O'Farrell
- ◇ *The Librarian of Auschwitz*, Antonio Iturbe
- ◇ *A Recipe for Daphne*, Nektaria Anastasiadou

UPWC Scholarship Winners 2021

At the June 7 University Park Woman's Club luncheon, three graduating seniors were recognized as winners of the 2021 scholarships:

- ◇ **Colin Horton**, who graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School was awarded a \$1500 University Park Woman's Club Scholarship. Colin will attend St. Mary's College in Maryland as a Pre-Med major and will also play on their lacrosse team.
- ◇ **Alexa Figueroa** and **Dennis Martinez** from Northwestern High School were each awarded a \$1500 Doris McPhee Scholarship. Both students were featured in the March 22, 2021 *Diamondback* for winning a national debate tournament at Harvard. Alexa plans to attend University of Maryland and major in Broadcast Journalism. Dennis will attend Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon and major in Political Science and International Affairs.



All our winners have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership and community service. It has been a difficult year for everyone so we are especially pleased that we could celebrate their successes in person this year.



**Community Mosquito
Control Program
Fight the Bite!**

Research is continuing this summer. Some UP residents have already met Aubrey Tingler, who is working with the UP CMC coordinators and the Town. Aubrey Tingler and Mary Fritzell, students at the University of Maryland, are researching mosquitoes and community mosquito control efforts in University Park. Here's what they're doing through the summer:

- Surveying a sample of yards in Town. Aubrey and Mary may visit your home and seek permission to check your GAT trap (if you have one) and remove mosquitoes from other water-holding containers (if any) in your yard. They will be wearing University of Maryland t-shirts and displaying University ID cards. Visits will be brief (~ 15 minutes) and not require anything from you, the resident.
- Asking for responses to an online survey. Aubrey and Mary sent postcards to a sample of Town residents to ask for responses to a brief online survey. The sample will include both those who have mosquito traps and those who do not.
- Mosquito population sampling. Aubrey and Mary are sampling mosquito populations at various sites in town. They are in contact with Dina Fonseca and Oswaldo Villena, who researched mosquito control efforts in Town in previous years.
- After field research, Aubrey will write up the results for her Master's thesis, following up on past mosquito control efforts in the Town of University Park. Aubrey is grateful for the wonderful support she has had from the University Park community so far and would be very thankful to anyone willing to have their yard surveyed. If you are willing to have your yard surveyed and want to make an appointment, you can contact Aubrey at atingler@umd.edu.

With all the rain, you may find standing water in your yard. Our first line of defense is to keep our yards free of standing water because female Asian tiger mosquitoes like to lay their eggs just above the water line in anything as small as a bottle cap. Look around and dump standing water if you can. Put mosquito dunks or bits into standing water you can't dump. Remember corrugated drainpipes are mosquito paradise, so tie a stocking around the end or, ideally, replace it with straight sided pipe. Our webpage on the University Park website has lots of helpful information about yard cleanup and purchasing mosquito traps: upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-

Control. Would you like a yard sign to show support for our program? It's a great way to let folks know that UP has a community mosquito control program that is pesticide free. We make it easy by dropping the sign off to you and then picking it up at the end of the season. To get your sign, send an email to upcmosquitoc@gmail.com. Contact us if you have any questions or concerns: upcmosquitoc@gmail.com. Help us "Fight the Bite!" –UP Community Mosquito Control Coordinators:

Lynne Davidson, Julie Ainsworth, Ed Wells



Your Tiny Art Gallery

Come and view a brand-new art exhibition venue here in University Park at the corner of Beechwood and Van Buren St. This project was inspired by artist Stacy Milrany, creator of the first Free Little Art Gallery in Seattle, Washington. Stacy got the idea when museums and art galleries had to close due to covid. We loved the idea and thought it would be fun to have this in our own community.

Michael Cayo Cotter built and painted the gallery space which holds the exhibits. Every two weeks a new artist or creative mind will show their ideas. Work by children and adults is our goal. Judith Cayo Cotter is curating the shows. At times during the year there will also be mini art history exhibits of artists from other parts of the world. If you or someone in your family would like to participate please contact Judith at jcayocotter@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram to keep up to date on new exhibits at: [instagram.com/yourtinyartgallery/](https://www.instagram.com/yourtinyartgallery/)



July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ivy League, August 14, 9-11 AM				1 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	2 Recycling	3
4 Independence Day Parade, 1 PM 	5 Town Holiday	6 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council	7 Yard Waste Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	8 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	9 Recycling	10 Ivy League, 9-11 AM
11	12 Yard Waste,	13 Trash, Bulk Trash	14 Trees, Parks, and Environment Committee, 7PM via Zoom	15 Public Facilities and Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom Rain Check Rebate Presentation via Zoom, 7:30 PM	16 Recycling	17
18	19 Yard Waste, Town Council	20 Trash, Bulk Trash	21 Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	22	23 Recycling	24 Meadow Day, 10 AM- Noon 
25	26 Yard Waste	27 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	28	29	30 Recycling	31



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