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MAYOR'S COLUMN

The University Park 9/11 Memorial was created to remember five Town residents of who were killed on September 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. We all remember where we were in those moments and were deeply affected and touched by the day's events .

On the twentieth anniversary, please come to the University Park 9/11 Memorial on Saturday, September 11 at 9 a.m. to join in a *Community Moment of Reflection*.

The Town operates its Public Works maintenance facility/garage at a leased site in an older industrial enclave of Bladensburg. The property is roughly 6,400 square feet of land with a modest building of 5,256 square feet on two levels. The lower level's shop bay is used to service

and repair Town vehicles and other equipment, and a second large bay accommodates frequently accessed public works supplies such as trash and recycling containers, compost buckets and bags, plus street and traffic signs. The second level includes the Mechanic's small office and storage of less-frequently used police and public works supplies. A 2,500 square-foot yard adjacent to the building holds Town trash and leaf trucks, snowplows, temporary speed humps, and other materials. Two wooden pedestrian bridges are stored here as well, awaiting assembly and installation. The maintenance facility is critical to many DPW tasks in Town.

This is where Town Mechanic George Elias works to keep all Town vehicles in good operating condition and to adapt them to seasonal requirements, fitting leaf appa-

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council September 7 & 20

Town Holiday September 6

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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ratus in leaf season and snowplows in winter. The Public Works crew is here occasionally as well, usually to pick up or drop off the large trash packers, which are stored here. Elias has installed air-compressors and power-washers to clean DPW vehicles. Before moving to the Bladensburg site in 2010, the Town leased a much smaller garage space in Hyattsville which was without HVAC. The Town's mechanic often worked on vehicles outside Town Hall. With no vehicle storage, the Town's trash packers were parked inappropriately. Lawnmowers and other equipment were kept outside and exposed to the elements with supplies stashed in the Town Hall basement or shed.



When we approached the owner of the garage in July 2020 about lease renewal, she shared her intent to sell the property and inquired of our interest in purchasing it. Staff reviewed the Town's options and examined several other possible garage properties for lease or purchase within a 3-mile radius of the Town but found no suitable alternative to the existing location. With Council approval, the Town arranged an independent appraisal and a study of any contamination issues of concern. With those reviews completed and with Council support, Town Administrator David Deutsch and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson negotiated the property purchase for \$825,000. The costs are covered by a \$450,000 reserve designated for that purpose in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and \$375,000 from Federal funds coming to the Town through the American Rescue Plan. At its August 16 meeting, the Council approved ordinances to fund and authorize the acquisition. Closing will be scheduled for late August. The Town is acquiring a facility essential to its operations, eliminating an ongoing lease expense without incurring further debt. The result enables effective continuation of vital Town Public Works operations and with significant savings.

—Len Carey

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

UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE
Presents
Movie Night
in the park
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021
6:00 PM @ TOWN FIELD

Bring Your Blankets and Chairs
This community activity is sponsored in partnership with MD National Capital Park Police



UP Helping Paws

UP Helping Paws

Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. Please remember to pick up after your dog and dispose of it in public trash cans or your own trash can. 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?

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 is used to help reunite lost pets with their owners. The UP Helping Paws website is uphelpingpaws.home.blog Thank you for all your efforts.

FROM THE CHIEF

After a well-earned summer break, COVID-19 cases are on the rise again and everyone is preparing for the new normal this fall. The University Park Police Department is similarly preparing for the upcoming school year with new traffic safety precautions. Speeding on roadways can lead to dangerous and often deadly situations. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian hit by a vehicle traveling at 20 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 30 mph. In Maryland, the five-year average crash summary registers 4,551 injuries and 81 fatalities where excessive driver speed was involved. Despite a drop in traffic volume throughout the pandemic, like many places around the country, Maryland witnessed a large increase in excessive speeding. The AAA Mid-Atlantic says speeding citations issued by speed cameras on I-495 grew by 12% in 2020 compared to 2019.

Starting this fall, University Park will implement a secure camera system integrated with violation detection technology in our school zone to decrease instances of speeding and create safer roads in our community. The University Park Police will apply both handheld and portable speed safety programs that will assess driver speed and capture recorded video of speed limit violators. Drivers who receive speed camera citations will be fined \$40 for these violations.



Community safety is our priority. We are committed to enabling safety today to protect the dreamers, leaders and innovators of tomorrow. Please review the following FAQs regarding the new school zone speed safety cameras:

- **When are the school zone speed safety cameras operational?** School zone speed safety cameras will only be captured during school hours and one hour before and after school hours and when the beacons are flashing. Violations will not be captured during summer months.
- **Will points be assessed to my driving record?** A violation for which a civil monetary penalty is imposed pursuant to State Statute, Maryland Transportation Section

21-809 shall be deemed noncriminal, and no points assigned. Drivers who receive speed camera violations are cited for speed violations only.

- **Who receives the Notice of Violation?** Notices of Violation are mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.
- **Can I receive violations for other offenses because of the Speed Safety Camera violation?** No. Drivers who receive speed safety camera violations are cited for speed violations only.
- **How do I pay the fine?** *Pay online:* there is an additional convenience fee for online payments. *Payment by mail:* Send bottom portion of your violation along with a check or money order payable to the following address. Be sure to include the license plate and notice number on the face of your payment. Please do not mail cash. *Pay by phone:* Call 1-866-790-4111. There is an additional convenience fee for phone payments. *Pay in-person:* You may pay in person at the University Park Police Department. Your payment must be received on or before the due date shown on the front of your Notice of Violation.

University Park Police Department
6724 Baltimore Avenue
University Park, MD 20782
Hours of operation:
Monday–Friday 9 AM - 5 PM
301-277-0050

The use of school zone speed safety cameras in the Town of University Park was authorized under the State Statute, Maryland Transportation Section 21-809, enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images and TA 21-809—exceeding speed limit.

Theft On July 29 a resident in the 4300 Clagett Road reported someone stole jewelry and currency during an estate sale. Apparently, the suspect entered an upstairs bedroom and stole the items valued at \$1,480.00. There are no suspects currently.

Theft On August 4 a resident in the 6700 block of 40th Avenue reported someone stole the front car license plate from her parked vehicle. The resident last noticed the license plate on June 15, 2021 and believes that it was stolen between July 2 and August 4. There are no suspects currently.



Helping Hands University Park



Helping Hands University Park

Bob Saks for their years of hard work and dedication to the mission of this committee. *Thank you, Loretta and Bob!* The new chair Linda Verrill and the rest of the committee would like to encourage UP residents to visit our web page, contact a committee member for questions, or attend a committee meeting to learn more about the work of HHUP. If you are interested in becoming a member, it involves nothing more than filling out a form—no obligation, financial or otherwise. You do not have to be in need of a “helping hand” to be a member.

HHUP Members Lunch Club, Wednesday, September 15, 12-1:30 PM Become a member and join us for lunch! Sign up by contacting us at the phone number or email below.

HHUP Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 14th 5:30-6:30 PM

HHUP phone, 301-892-6636; HHUniversity-Park@gmail.com; helpinghandsup.org; Facebook page, facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP

Tree Committee News

2021 Planting Season Imminent

The best time to plant woody plants is October 15 through early December. If you’d like to plant a tree, now is the time to start planning, as with a little paperwork, you can take advantage of UP’s Tree Reimbursement Program and have the town cover the costs (\$300 for a shade tree, \$150 for an understory tree). Contact

DPW for assurance funds are available, select a tree from the lists, purchase and plant, then get reimbursed upon providing documentation. The paperwork process is at most 15 minutes, so that's either \$1,200 or \$600 per hour for your troubles. See upmd.org/tree-reimbursement for details. We hope this successful program can be complemented with a Legacy Tree Program through which you can



select trees to be planted in your own yard at Town effort and expense.

Meanwhile, dream and scheme with a visit to Chesapeake Bay Foundation's website describing the attributes of 17 favored trees native to the Chesapeake Bay area at <https://www.cbf.org/join-us/more-things-you-can-do/in-your-yard/17-native-trees-for-your-yard.html>. Attributes include gallons of stormwater intercepted, pounds of CO2 sequestered, annual environmental economic value and lifespan. All trees described are appropriate for UP yards. Please plan ahead and get ready to plant during 10/15-12/5 window. TPE is happy to assist with site visits. Contact TreeComm@UPMD.org.

Ivy League, Saturday, September 11, 9AM UP’s longest running volunteer opportunity meets the second Saturday of most months to remove ivy from the town’s trees. Light exercise and esprit de corps! Open air and the common good! What could be more satisfying? Please meet at the little library on Queens Chapel Road, across from the Baptist church. Dress as you would for gardening. Please bring a pair of hand clippers and a prying tool.



UP Meadow Day

UP Meadow Day was a success! Thank you to all our attendees who came to enjoy our town pollinator meadow. Special thank you to those who came in costume—a true delight to behold! We have a lot of people to thank—we will start with the mighty band of volunteers who hosted UP Meadow Day: Lindsay Miller Barranco, Ruby Jin Yu Yang Carlucci, Melissa Floyd, Rob Floyd,

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Verna Gerhing, Matt Jasinki, Kimberly Nugent, Larry Pirkockis, Abby Pirkockis, Liam Pirkockis. This is the team that made for a peaceful and engaging learning experience at UP Meadow Day. The event included a scavenger hunt, meadow tours, a selfie station, bee displays and meadow seed packets prizes.

Thanks to these organizations and individuals for their support of UP Meadow Day: UP Sustainability Committee, Town of University Park, Bowie Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association, UMD Entomology Native Bee Lab, Anacostia Watershed Society, Joe Schultz, former chair of the Sustainability Committee, Leslie Jenkins, former member of the Sustainability Committee. Photos can be found on Facebook at #UPMeadowDay—feel free to post yours with this hashtag or email them to mstwohy@gmail.com. All Meadow Seed packet winners—best to sow them in full sun in fall or spring in lightly tilled soil and cover lightly with straw.

June 21 Council Meeting Highlights

A closed session was called to begin at 7 PM.

Motion: *To discuss (i) 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; to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters related thereto; and to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

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

Presentation

The 22nd District Senator and Delegates—Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegate Anne Healey, Delegate Alonzo Washington, and Delegate Nicole Williams—briefed Council on the 2021 General Assembly Session and legislative issues of interest.

▪ Senator Pinsky updated on the following local issues: 1) the culvert along route 410 has been cleaned out; 2) State Highway Administration is working with the County to consider installing a left-hand arrow on Adelphi Road turning onto Wells Parkway in University Park; 3) the delegation is ready to help with any further financial assistance for what is decided with the Town Hall; and

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4) the Purple Line is currently a mess but the project will eventually get done. He continued briefing on state issues such as, Covid, police reform, education and environment.

- Delegate Anne Healey gave an update on the following: Census numbers, voting rights, and the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Women’s Caucus in the Maryland General Assembly.
- Delegate Alonzo Washington gave an update on police/Mobile Crisis Unit, equality in education and the National Strategic Economic Development Fund.
- Delegate Nicole Williams gave an update on police accountability. She said that at the next session they will discuss Qualified Immunity.

Consent Agenda

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

To install a 4’ fence at 4302 East West Highway.

To install two retaining walls—a 4’x 37’ retaining wall in front of the house and a 34” (maximum height) x 28’4” retaining wall on one side of the driveway, located at 6804 40th Avenue.

Public Comment

A resident supports the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers.

Mayor’s Report

- Mayor Carey officially swore in Mr. McGaughey on June 18. Ms. Gathercole, Mr. Morgan, and Ms. Wells were sworn in at the Town Hall on June 21 at 6 PM.
- The Town Clerk is relocating to Connecticut at the end of June but will continue to work for the Town remotely while working on transitioning the position.
- The Maryland Municipal League is meeting on June 27-30 in Ocean City and the virtual session is scheduled for July 19-20.
- A walk-through site visit for Phase 2B of the infrastructure project along Underwood Street, College Heights Drive, Woodberry Street and Clagett-Pineway is scheduled for June 30. Town residents on those nearby areas affected are receiving flyers to invite them.
- Governor Hogan has removed the State of Emergency beginning July 1.
- Mayor Carey is working on plans to eventually have the Council meet again in person.

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- Lines for pickleball will be painted on the tennis courts.
- The Independence Day parade is scheduled to begin at 1 PM on July 4. Participants include a float by Helping Hands, a mounted unit from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Police, and personnel from the Hyattsville Volunteer Department.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Public Facilities and Services Committee The Committee did not meet last week.

New Business

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2021-R-04, proclaiming gratitude to resident Sarah Elder for service to our community. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Carey and Councilmembers recognized departing Councilmembers Schultz, Verrill and Caskey for their years of volunteer work on the Council.

Motion: To approve amending the current garage lease as recommended in the June 18, 2021 memo from the Town Administrator. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

Town Administrator David Deutsch Participated in a webinar sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and learned that a consultant was hired in managing the American Rescue Plan Funds Program at the State level. University Park is due for approximately 1.1 million dollars by July 15. A series of recommendations will be presented to the Council next month regarding proposals for how the funds will be allocated.

Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch Summary of permits issued in the month of June: 4 building; 2 POD/dumpster and 0 vendor.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- June crime report—3 incidents.
- A new program in Town called 9 PM Routine campaign began this month. This consists of all residents remembering at 9 PM to lock your car and home doors and leave the exterior lights on.
- Recent community activities: assisted with 6th grade promotion at UPES and the parade on Queens Chapel Road; conducted Walking Wednesday in ward 4 on June 16; and organized and partnered with Maryland-National Capital Park Police to host Movie Night in the

Park on June 17.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden May 2021 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Flyers were delivered by Public Works related to the Phase 2 Site walk-through.
- Mr. Beall thanked Councilmembers for the Town having joined the State Pension Plan in 2009, as it has changed the lives of his staff and they are very grateful.
- Mr. Beall was asked when the sidewalk on 44th between 410 and Sheridan Street will be addressed. He said the highest priorities are the sidewalks that provide direct access for students to get to school. Mayor Carey said that the intent of the Infrastructure Plan was to eliminate the backlog of needed sidewalk repairs. Accordingly, the priority list will be reviewed to see if that is being done.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:46 PM.

July 6 Council Meeting Highlights

A closed session was called at 6:30 PM.

Motion: To close the public meeting and move to a closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters related thereto; and to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Gathercole, Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells, Stephen (arrived at 6:35 PM).

Consent Agenda

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

To install a 6' fence in the rear yard at 4004 Van Buren Street.

To install a 3' fence at 4312 Sheridan Street.

Special Utility Permit for Washington Gas SP-2021-04 to install 515' of main, abandon 514' of main and replace 7 services, and change over 3 services in the 4100 block of Van Buren Street with conditions as stated in the July 2, 2021 Memo from Public Works Director Mickey Beall.

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Public Comment

- A resident urged the Council to not delay the vote on banning gas-powered leaf blowers in University Park, and to vote yes on the ban.
- A resident asked Council to vote against passing the ordinance as introduced and to continue studying the proposal.
- A resident opposed banning gas-powered leaf blowers since the company he hires uses gas-powered blowers.
- A resident opposed banning gas-powered leaf blowers. The resident asked Council to wait until most people go back to their workplaces and see if the noise complaints continue to be an issue.

Mayor's Report

- The Independence Day parade was a big hit.
- County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros will be at the July 19 Council meeting to discuss stormwater management at Nine Pond and Guilford Run.
- There was a dog-on-dog attack in University Park where two people were bitten. Prince George's County Animal Control are taking action on this matter.
- The Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City was very productive.
- University Park's first ever "Meadow Day" is scheduled for July 24 at the Pollinator Meadow on Adelphi Road.
- CM Stephen reported that a resident of College Heights Estates allows their unleashed dog to bother University Park residents who are walking.
- CM Biermann asked if the police department could look into the status of a vehicle along Adelphi Road that was rear-ended several weeks ago and is still parked on the street.

Appointments—Council Standing Committees

(Established by Town Code and appointed by the Council, per Section 2-103)

Current committee appointments are listed in *italics*; new members are listed in **bold**.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Chairs and Members of Standing Committees.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee

Ms. Wells (Chair), *Mr. Biermann*, **Ms. Gathercole**, **Mr. McGaughey**, and **Mr. Morgan**

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee

Ms. Morrissey (Chair), *Mr. Biermann*, and *Mr. Stephen*

Public Facilities and Services Committee

Mr. Stephen (Chair), **Ms. Gathercole**, **Mr. McGaughey**, *Ms. Morrissey*, and *Ms. Wells*

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Appointments—Special Committees

(Established by Town Code and appointed by the Council, per Section 2-103)

Current committee appointments are listed in *italics*; new members are listed in **bold**.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Chairs/Co-chairs and Members of Special Committees.

Development Overview Committee

Ms. Wells (Co-chair), *Mr. Biermann (Co-chair)*, *Mr. Caskey*, *Mr. Deutsch (staff liaison)*, *Mr. Hess*, **Mr. (Nathaniel) Morgan**, **Ms. (Stephanie) Simpson**, *Mr. Tabori*, and *Mr. Thompson*

Trees, Parks, and Environment Committee

Mr. Aubry (Chair), *Ms. Morrissey*, *Ms. Alvarez*, *Mr. Alvarez*, *Mr. Ericson*, *Mr. Matt Jasinski*, *Ms. Sondak*, *Mr. Thompson*, and *Mr. Young*

Helping Hands University Park

Ms. Verrill (Chair), **Ms. Gathercole**, **Ms. Rosenfelt**, and *Ms. Smith*

Sustainability Committee

Mr. Biermann (Chair), *Roy Alvarez*, *David Brosch*, *Steve Hurr*, *Joe Thompson*, *Mary Sue Twohy*, and **Ms. Randolph Williams**

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Appointments—Mayor Pro Tempore To Serve in Absence of Mayor

Motion: Per Section 307 of the Town Charter, to appoint Joel Biermann as Mayor pro tempore authorized (1) to perform the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence, and (2) to perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Mayor, without further action by Council, during an emergency when the Mayor is absent. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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Committee Reports and Council Comments

Development Overview Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 8 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Discussion will include a mixed-use project at the intersection of American Boulevard/East West Highway; storage space under the Mall at Prince George's; and the Adelphi Road Sector Plan.

Trees, Parks and the Environment Committee The wording for the tree ordinance has been revised and will be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee

- The Committee is taking into consideration the concerns about the proposed gas-powered leaf blower ban.
- The Committee has drafted a document on "Awards Policy" and will send this to the Town Attorney and Town Administrator for review.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15.

CM McGaughey - Ward 5 CM McGaughey reported on the recent walk-through event on June 30 with town staff and Soltesz Engineers regarding phase 2B of the Infrastructure Project where new sidewalks that will be added in wards 4 and 5.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt 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.

Motion: To continue to the September 7 Council meeting. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2021-R-05, proclaiming gratitude to resident Loretta Vitale Saks for her service to our community. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Town Code Revision

Discussion of proposed changes to chapters 1-4 of the Town Code.

Town Administrator's Report

The plan is to present Council with some preliminary

recommendations for the use of the funds that will be received under the American Rescue Plan at the next Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:34 PM.

July 19 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Gathercole, Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells, Stephen (arrived at 7:32 PM).

Presentation

Prince George's County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros and Soltesz Engineer Ken Dunn presented on local stormwater management efforts at Nine Pond and Guilford Run.

- Prince George's County residents receive a 25% reduction in flood insurance.
- University Park did an amazing job hosting a local Rain-check Rebate program. This program can be helpful for homeowners to invest in techniques that can help manage water on their property.
- The Prince George's County Clean Water Partnership Program is highly successful. Information on the projects in the County can be found at <https://thecleanwaterpartnership.com/>.
- The County plans to use a large portion of the money from American Rescue Plan for stormwater management.
- The Nine Pond project is likely to begin in early winter.
- The County is limited to what it can do about the Guilford Run project so additional solutions along the Guilford Run Watershed are going to need to be explored.
- The Calvert Hills Stormwater Management project is obtaining various easements required to move forward on the project.

Consent Agenda

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

To install a 4' fence on Lot 12 and part of lot 13 and Block 16 at 6705 Queens Chapel Road.

Block party/street closure for Clagett Road (from Queens Chapel Road to Clagett Pineway) (Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 4–8:30 PM). The

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police department has been notified and supports this request.

A dumpster permit at 4209 Van Buren Street has been issued for 30 days and extended by the Mayor for an additional 60 days. Per Town Code Section 7-107, Mr. and Mrs. Rooney are asking Council to extend the dumpster permit until November 18, 2021.

Mayor's Report

- The first Meadow Day event in University Park is scheduled for Saturday, July 24 on Adelphi Road from 10-12.
- The Maryland Department of Agriculture informed University Park that they will be spraying for mosquitoes on July 19, approximately 1 mile from the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and East West Highway.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Public Facilities and Services Committee The Committee met on July 15. The meeting notes will be available on the website soon.

Development Overview Committee At the July Committee meeting discussion included the proposed site at the intersection of East West Highway and America Boulevard, and the University of Maryland Golf Course.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson Due to a recent development with the negotiations for the Public Works maintenance facility (garage), Ms. Ferguson recommended that the Council take a few minutes in a closed session to discuss this matter prior to agenda items 11A-C.

New Business

Motion: To approve the Agreement of Sale in substantially the form attached to purchase the real property located at 4201 48th Street, Bladensburg, Maryland 20710 for a public purpose for the sum of \$825,000.00 with the other minor amendments as outlined by the Town attorney. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To introduce Legislative Resolution 21-O-05 to authorize the acquisition of certain real property located at 4201 48th Street, Bladensburg, Maryland 20710 for a public purpose of acquiring the Property for Town vehicle repair, maintenance and storage, and the

use of funds in the "Public Works Garage" line item in the FY22 Budget for that purpose as minorly amended by the Town attorney to conform with the Agreement of Purchase.

The earliest date this Ordinance may be considered for passage is August 16, 2021. Adoption as an emergency measure requires at least four votes. If adopted as an emergency measure it will be effective upon adoption. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To introduce Legislative Resolution 21-O-06 to approve the budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2022 to recognize American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds as a revenue line item and a new expenditure line item, and to allocate \$375,000 of ARP funds to the Public Works Garage line item for use toward acquisition of 4201 48th Street, Bladensburg, Maryland 20710.

The earliest date this Ordinance may be considered for passage is August 16, 2021. Approval requires a two-thirds vote of Council to amend the budget. If adopted as an emergency measure it will be effective upon adoption. Motion approved 7 to 0.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Mr. Deutsch discussed uses for the \$2.1 million for ARPA funds.

- The funds are required to be committed by December 31, 2024, and totally spent by December 31, 2026.
- One half of the funds have not yet been received but expected to be deposited soon. The balance (one-half) is expected twelve months later.
- A strong recommendation is to use a portion of the funds for the purchase of a Public Works maintenance facility.
- Other recommendations for the ARPA funds but still need more consideration are: 1) local stormwater management projects; give to the local food banks, and broadband.
- It was suggested by a Councilmember to use the Committee structures to help prepare the plan on what the money will be used for and to make some strong recommendations.

Motion: To extend current mobility share agreement between College Park, University Park and VeoRide, Inc. until September 30, 2021. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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A closed session was called at 9:18 PM before agenda items 11 A-C were taken up by Council.

Motion: *To close the public meeting and move to a closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters related thereto and to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

- *Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch*
- Summary of permits issued in the month of July: 3 building; 2 dumpster/POD and 0 vendor.
- Working to increase the number of residents that sign up to receive notices and alerts from the Town's website. Residents can be notified of the latest information, announcements, the Chief's blog, Council and Committee agendas and minutes, and more. Notifications are sent via email or text. Visit www.upmd.org/notifyme to sign up.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- No crime to report.
- On June 30, a traffic detail took place on Baltimore Avenue, East West Highway and Adelphi Road. As a result, the following were issued: 20 citations; 28 written warnings; 13 repair orders, and 5 parking tickets.
- The 4th of July parade was very successful.
- National Night Out is scheduled for August 3 from 6-9 PM.
- On July 22, a new officer will join the police department with one vacancy remaining.
- VerraMobility Automated Speed Enforcement training is scheduled for July 21.
- Additional training is planned using the Police One Online Academy: Workplace Bullying; Advanced Defensive Driving Techniques; Community Policing Strategies; Crisis of Leadership and Accident Reconstruction.
- Data will be retrieved from the automated speed cameras on Adelphi Road and East West Highway and this information will be available for the Committee.

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

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Basement bathroom renovations at Town Hall are underway and expected to be completed by the end of August.

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- In reference to stormwater management in Phase 2B of the Infrastructure Project, Mr. Beall said that there is potential for the Town to save on engineering and construction costs.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10 PM.

Introducing Pickleball

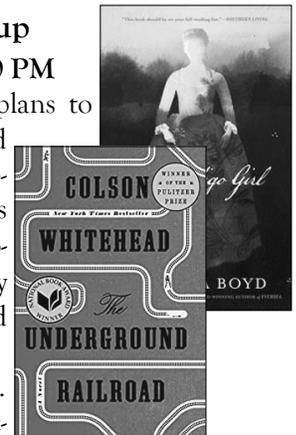
Friday, September 17, 5-6 PM

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines the elements of tennis and ping pong on a badminton size court. Pickleball is easy to learn, has simple rules, and has potential for challenging competition. Join us for this free introduction on the University Park tennis courts. Demo paddles provided.

After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, September 21, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group plans to meet in person on the third Tuesday in September. The September title Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*. October's book is *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. Drop-ins welcome if fully vaccinated.



Arts in the Park

Saturday, September 25, 1-4 PM

Attention town artists! Whether you draw, paint, photograph, carve, stitch, sculpt, quilt or engage in any of the other visual arts, share your art with our community. Set

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up your socially distanced display along the footpath that runs by the town soccer field and offer our friends and neighbors a chance to reconnect with our UP community and celebrate the visual arts. Arts in the Park is designed to be as inclusive as possible. It does not matter if you are young or old, if you are a novice or an accomplished professional. If you have one or more pieces of art you created and would like to share, register to be assigned a space to set up your art display in the park on September 25. The day is about sharing and celebrating our community through visual arts. No judging, no competitions, no prizes—just a fun day in the park. Residents and friends are invited to take a stroll along the footpath, starting by the elementary school and running by the soccer field. Meet the artists and see their work. Enjoy a day in the park.

Registration deadline is September 23. A program will be printed for the event. To register, go to <https://www.surverymonkey.com/r/LJFQWKZ> and complete the brief questionnaire. You are automatically registered and follow-up information will be emailed to you. Having difficulties registering or have other questions or concerns? Please contact Dick Groppe at vawrite20@hotmail.com. *Rain date: Saturday, October 2.*

University Park Woman's Club

Monday, October 4, 11:30 AM

Please join the University Park Woman's Club at University Christian Church at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads for the first in-person meeting for the club in more than a year. UPWC will commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 by hosting author and University Park resident J. Samuel Walker for a presentation on his recently published book *The Day That Shook America: A Concise History of 9/11*. A tribute to the Falkenberg family who lived on Tennyson Street in University Park and died in the plane that crashed into the Pentagon will be included. Mr. Walker researched 9/11 records and will share his analysis of the approaches taken by the Clinton and Bush administrations on terrorism and terrorist organizations such as Al-Qaeda. The book also includes new details on the four hijackings and the collapse of the Twin Towers. Both the human drama and the public policy dimensions of this important event in U.S. history are presented. A business meeting will follow the presentation. Due to continued precautions related to COVID-19 and the Delta variant, lunch will not be served.



UPWC will provide store wrapped snacks and desserts, bottled water and plenty of hand sanitizer! Bring a mask. RSVP to Pat Myers at patmyers2@verizon.net or call 301-439-6813 to reserve a seat.

Community Mosquito Control Program Fight the Bite!



UP's mosquito season extends through the end of October so regular trap maintenance is vital for eliminating future generations of the Asian tiger mosquito. Even if you haven't had a chance to set up your mosquito traps, you can put them out now and effectively reduce the mosquitoes in your yard. Our first line of defense is to eliminate standing water where Asian tiger mosquitoes breed. Even one ounce of water in a bottle cap can attract a female as a good spot to deposit her eggs. Tip or remove water that has collected at least every few days or put mosquito dunks or bits in the water. They kill larvae and do no harm to other species.



Corrugated drainpipe can hold enough water in the grooves to attract females. The open end of the pipe can be closed to mosquitoes and still let water through by placing a knee-high stocking, screen or mesh cloth around the opening. Wrap a plastic bag around the aboveground joints to cover that opening.

You can learn more about the UP Community Mosquito Control Program, including trap ordering information and how to guides, at upmd.org/mosquito. Questions? Send us an email at: upcmosquitoc@gmail.com.

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Hyattsville Porchfest, Sunday, September 12, 2-6 PM
What is Porchfest? It's a family-friendly community music event, sponsored by the Hyattsville Preservation Association, appropriate for all ages. The focal points will be a variety of musical acts ranging from acoustic to electric, solo to ensemble playing on porches and decks throughout Hyattsville. All are welcome to stroll through town to hear the performances.

Library Independent Film Series Virtual Film Discussion, Monday, Sept. 27, 7 PM "People who make beds in hotels also have brains and can make decisions."—Carmen Castillo. Who is qualified to run for public office? Join us for a virtual discussion of *Councilwoman*, the behind-the-scenes story of Carmen Castillo, an immigrant housekeeper who wins a city council seat. We are pleased to welcome the filmmaker of *Councilwoman*, Margo Guernsey, who will join us for the discussion and a Q & A. Watch the film at home on Kanopy, the Library's live streaming service: pgcmls.kanopy.com. Register on the Library website: ww1.pgcmls.info/events. A Zoom link will be sent on the day of the program to join the discussion.



College Park Arts Exchange

College Park Chorale



The Chorale is a fun community choir of about 50 adults. We perform a wide variety of choral music at two concerts per year, as well as in local community events. All voice parts and levels of experience are welcome—no audition required. All singers must be fully vaccinated. Meeting weekly at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, Sundays, 6:30 PM, from Sept. 19-Nov. 14. Fee: \$60. Register your interest

here: <https://forms.gle/mjwzVsso8aNxnuDz9>; an online payment form will be sent in September. collegeparkchorale.org, facebook.com/CPChorale

College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti

The College Park Youth Choir is a group of young talented voices (4-9 years old) who will grow and learn vocal skills and music reading abilities through ensemble singing, individual solos, and fun musical games. Vocetti is a group of auditioned young voices (9-16 years old) who use their skills to learn more about *a capella* techniques, ensemble harmony and basic music analysis through group activities and song. The groups rehearse on Thursdays at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, beginning September 9: CPYC 6:30-7:15 PM until Thanksgiving break, Vocetti 7:30-8:30 PM until Christmas Break. Fee: \$85; pay online at cpae.wufoo.com/forms/college-park-youth-choir-and-vocetti/.

College Park Youth Orchestra

CPYO helps young string players develop their reading and listening skills and introduces them to the joys of ensemble playing. Repertoire is carefully selected to challenge the reading abilities of string players from the advanced beginner level to the advanced level. Rehearsals, beginning Sept. 26, are at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. See full schedule and registration information at cpyo.net. Auditions for Intermediate and Chamber Ensembles are Sunday, Sept. 12.

College Park Youth Band

A community youth band including wind, brass and percussion players, serving students in grades 6-8 with minimum 2 years' playing experience. Rehearsing Monday nights, 6-7:30 PM, Greenbelt Middle School Band Room, beginning September 27. Fee: \$100 per semester, pay online cpae.org/arts/course/college-park-youth-band/. Music will be passed out at rehearsals. Inquiries can be sent to collegeparkyouthband@gmail.com.

College Park Youth Music Traditions

Register today for CPYMT, an exciting bi-weekly gathering where kids learn to play traditional music (Americana, Irish, Blues, Jazz, Bluegrass and beyond) by ear in a group setting. In between our gatherings, kids have access to video and audio of all CPYMT songs to continue their learning. Gatherings and performances are guided by Eric Maring and Ian Riggs and assisted by Nora Strauss-Riggs. Gatherings will take place at the Old

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Parish House, outdoors when possible, inside or on Zoom if needed. We generally meet alternate Mondays. First gathering is Monday, September 13 from 6:15-7:30 PM. Fall session is 10 weeks with tentative date for final performance on Jan. 19, 2022. Musicians (age 6-17) should be taking lessons and proficient on their instrument to participate. We have had fiddles, guitars, bass, piano, mandolin, sax and more! An audition may be requested by the facilitators. Fee: \$175. Checks payable to CPAE due at first class. Questions? Eric Maring at maringmusic@gmail.com.

Fueling Fall Pollinators

While many flowers are finished blooming by the fall, pollinators like bees, butterflies, moths, wasps and flower flies are still out foraging for food. This includes the monarch butterfly, which needs nectar to fuel its southward migration. Feed fall pollinators by planting Maryland natives that are late-blooming nectar resources.

Yellow giant hyssop (*Agastache nepetoides*) Yellow giant hyssop is a tall perennial that can reach up to 7 feet in height. It has pale yellow spikes of flowers that are particularly attractive to bumblebees. It prefers to grow in part shade with well drained soils. A number of pollinators and predators (like parasitic wasps) are attracted to the plant. It is relatively deer resistant.

Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*) Boneset can reach heights up to 5 feet and has clusters of wispy, white flowers that attract many pollinators. It blooms July through October and can withstand full sun or full shade. It thrives in moist-wet soil.

White wood aster (*Eurybia divaricata*) White wood aster is a native wildflower that blooms in late August through September. The plants emerge in late spring with heart-shaped leaves and will grow up to 2.5 feet tall. The flowers are loved by late season butterflies and the plant often is not disturbed by deer. It prefers part to full shade and well-drained soils.

Cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*) A 2008 study by Tuell et al. found that cup plant was one of the top three fall plants visited by native and managed bees. Bumblebees and sweat bees were the most attracted to cup plant blooms. Cup plant sports yellow flowers from July to October and grows up to 8 feet tall. It prefers dry to moist soil that is loamy.

Blue-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*) and **zigzag goldenrod** (*Solidago flexicaulis*) Unlike many other goldenrods, these fall blooming goldenrods can tolerate part to full shade. Blue-stemmed



goldenrod tends to prefer dry to mesic soil conditions, while zigzag goldenrod can tolerate more soil moisture. Both can grow up to 3 feet in height. Several species of native bees cannot reproduce without feeding on goldenrod. In addition, many goldenrod species contain high sugar concentrations in their nectar making it good fall fuel for pollinators.

White Heath aster (*Symphotrichum ericoides*) This native aster has tiny white flowers and is often a garden volunteer. It can grow up to 2 feet in height, often clumps and can tolerate poor soil conditions. Interestingly enough, the nectar contains relatively high amino acid concentrations and sugar content which can help migrating monarchs reach their southern destinations.

New England aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*) New England aster has brilliant blooms ranging in color from blue-purple to lavender-pink, with yellow-orange centers. The flowers can reach up to 6 feet in height and are attractive to bees and butterflies alike. The flowers provide sugar-rich nectar and high amino acid content which help with hungry butterflies, as well as those still in need of breeding.

Wrinkle-leaved goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa*) This tall, tough goldenrod spreads in clumps and can be a bit aggressive. However, it's a great plant for otherwise tough-to-grow locations. It has a high wildlife value, attracting bees, butterflies, beetles, lace bugs and more. It also produces flowers through November.

Editor's note: Goldenrods are often blamed for causing allergies, but ragweed, a wind-pollinated plant that flowers at the same time as many goldenrod species, is the true culprit.

—Adapted from HabiChat,
a newsletter of the Maryland
Department of Natural Resources

FREE SHREDDING & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Paint Recycling for \$5 per can for University Park Residents

Saturday, October 23, 9 AM-1 PM

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

Wait, don't put it in the trash. Recycle it! Bring your driver's license for proof of residency. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc., in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Bring paint in original cans for paint recycling, \$5 per can. Cash, check, or charge accepted.

Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.

Acceptable Items

Answering Machines
Ballasts-non PCB
Batteries (see list below)
Cables
Camcorders
CDs/ DVDs
Cell Phones
Circuit Boards
Compact Disc Players
Computer Equipment
Computers
Copiers
Cords
Duplicators
DVD Players
Electric Typewriters
Electronic Games
Fax Machines
Hard Drives
Keyboards / Mice
Household Electronics
Ink / Toner
Lab Equipment
Laptops
Laptop batteries
LCD Monitors
Mainframe Equipment
Media
Metal Scrap
Microwave Ovens
Modems
Monitors
Networking Equipment
Pagers
PDA's
Printers
Printed Circuit Board
Radios
Rechargeable Batteries
Remote Controls
Scanners

Stereo Components
Stereos
Tapes
Tape Players
Telephones
Telecom Equipment
Televisions
Testing Equipment
Toasters
Transparency Makers
Two-Way Radios
UPS - Power Supplies
VCRs
Word Processors
Other Electronics



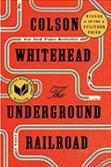
What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners
Broken CRT monitors
Console Televisions
Dishwashers
Dryers
Light bulbs
Medical Waste
Nuclear Waste
PCB Ballasts
Radioactive Waste
Refrigerators
Thermostats
Washers

What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries
Lithium Batteries
Magnesium Batteries
Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries
NiCd Wet Cell Batteries
Nickel Iron Batteries
Nickel Zinc Batteries
Silver Oxide Batteries
Zinc Carbon Batteries

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Yard Waste Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	2 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	3 Recycling	4 
5	6 Town Holiday	7 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council	8 Yard Waste Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, 7:30 PM Trees, Parks & Environment Committee, 7PM Both via Zoom	9 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	10 Recycling	11 Ivy League, 9-11 AM 9/11 Memorial Gathering Community Moment of Reflection, 9 AM
12	13 Yard Waste	14 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	15	16 Public Facilities and Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	17 Recycling Introducing Pickleball, 5-6 PM Movie Night in the Park, 7 PM	18
19	20 Yard Waste, Town Council	21 Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group, 8 PM 	22	23	24 Recycling	25 Arts in the Park, 1-4 PM 
26	27 Yard Waste	28 Trash, Bulk Trash	29	30	<i>Hold the date:</i> University Park Woman's Club Monday, October 4, 11:30 AM	



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