

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

On November 22, Town Administrator David Deutsch and I welcomed Alicandra Hegeman on her first day as University Park Town Clerk. Ms. Hegeman (she prefers simply "TC") is a Prince George's County resident and has most recently been Town Clerk for the Town of Cheverly, so is familiar with the requirements of municipal work. She brings 18 years of administrative and customer service experience in hospitality, retail business, and corporate settings. The Town Clerk manages permit-



ting and other customer services, provides administrative and communications support to the Mayor, Town Administrator and Council; updates and edits the Town website; and is an integral part of

Town operations. Ms. Hegeman takes over the Town Clerk role from Andrea Marcavitch who worked for the Town for the last decade before relocating to Connecticut when her husband took a new job. Ms. Marcavitch will continue to work for the Town for the next few weeks and assist in the transition. Ms. Hegeman can be emailed at [thegeman@upmd.org](mailto:thegeman@upmd.org). Please join us in welcoming her to University Park.

In previous holiday seasons we have often found ourselves together at one or more events in Town. My favorites through our years here have included the UPCA holiday potluck followed by lighting of the Town holiday tree, the annual holiday homes tour organized by the University Park Woman's Club, and the inflatable displays at Wells Parkway and College Heights Drive.

## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council                      December 6 & 20

Town Holidays                  December 24 & 31

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

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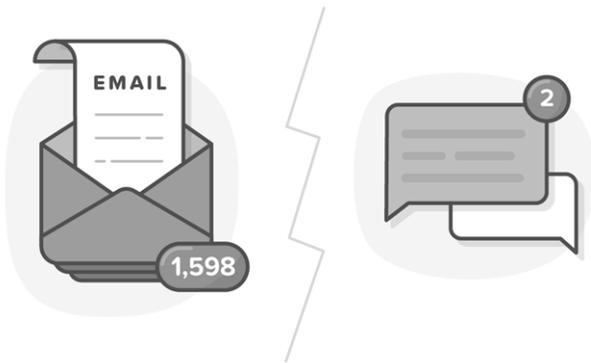
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While the potluck and holiday homes tour aren't in the works this year, the Town's holiday tree will be lit Saturday, December 4 at 6 p.m. and Santa will arrive with the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department to help. Please join the festivities. I will get out and about to admire the decorations, consider the possibilities for snow, and see those inflatables. I hope to see you around the Town as well. I wish you the continued comforts of home and community, and peace.

— Len Carey

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



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- Town's Events
- Election Information

Explore the website for more information on town operations.



### Town Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 4, 6 PM

Come join the festivities as we light the Town's holiday tree. We hear that Santa will arrive with the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department to help! Henson Green, Queen's Chapel and Sheridan Street.

### University Park Holiday Fund

Please consider contributing to the University Park Holiday Funds for Town employees. These funds offer a way for residents to express their



appreciation for the exemplary work done by the Town's dedicated employees throughout the year. We are very fortunate that much of our staff has been with the Town for more than five years, some for more than 15 years. The winter holidays afford a chance for residents to show their appreciation for the continued conscientious service to our community given by these very dedicated Town employees through pandemic and foul or fair weather.

To contribute, checks should be made payable to "Town of University Park" and marked on the memo line of your check for the "Holiday Funds." You may also indicate whether your contribution is intended for Public Works, Police Department and/or for General Administrative Staff and the respective amount you wish to donate to each. Contributions should be mailed or dropped off in the mail slot at Town Hall by Monday, December 20.

## FROM THE CHIEF

### Fall Weather Driving Tips for Teens

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) per miles driven, drivers ages 16-19 have crash rates approximately four times greater than those of drivers ages 20 and older. In 2019, automobile crashes involving young drivers resulted in 205,000 injuries to teens. While teens are very excited about obtaining their driver's license and driving the family car alone or with friends, it is important to know there are risks associated with being an inexperienced driver. The state of Maryland has laws to protect young drivers but unfortunately, all too often these laws fall short.

Fall is a beautiful time of year, but this seasonal change brings cooler weather, rain and leaf covered roads along with an increase in after school activities. The number of cars, buses and pedestrians increases while the amount of daylight decreases. These driving conditions could make it hazardous for an inexperienced teen driver and the University Park Police encourages parents and caretakers to discuss safe driving habits with your teen. Proactively preparing your teen driver to operate a vehicle in colder weather increases their safety.

# STUDENT DRIVER

We encourage parents and caretakers to establish household rules about passengers, nighttime driving and cellphone use to fill in the gaps in state law. No matter the season, it is always a good time to discuss safety tips and reinforce safe driving habits with your teen driver.

These discussions are very important because inexperience is a leading factor in most automobile crashes involving teen drivers. Here are some helpful tips to review with your teen driver:

- On occasion ride with your inexperienced teen driver to see how they are navigating the rigors of driving.
- No cellphones while driving.
- No extra passengers.
- No horseplay.
- No speeding.
- No drugs or alcohol.
- No driving or riding without a seat belt.
- Stay alert for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Stay alert for deer and other wildlife.
- Check and regulate tire pressure.
- Clear windshields of dirt and debris inside, and frost and ice outside.
- Keep a safe distance between you and the car in front of you to allow reaction time.
- Limit nighttime driving.
- Plan so you don't have to rush.

We hope these tips will assist you in keeping your teen driver safe when operating an automobile.

**Vandalism** On November 2 a staff person at University Park Elementary School reported someone threw a rock through the window to one of the temporary classrooms. There is no video footage available and there are no suspects currently.

### Helping Hands University Park



**Helping Hands  
University Park**

HHUP membership is open to individuals who consider themselves seniors and who live in the Town of University Park. Because we are a UP Town Committee with a small annual budget and because we are

an all-volunteer organization, we do not charge annual membership fees, nor do you have to demonstrate a specific need to become a member. Complete a brief HHUP membership form online at our website or request a paper copy.

The HHUP Committee wants everyone to know we have a Temporary Assistance Fund (TAF), funded solely by donations and grants, which provides limited financial assistance to HHUP members. Per the rules governing this money, funds disbursed from the HHUP TAF Fund

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shall be used for the following purposes: in-kind or monetary assistance, food and nutrition, housing (temporary emergency assistance or crisis situations to avoid foreclosure or eviction), medical (small copays, urgent care visit, services such as short-term health care aide assistance). For more information on eligibility and the application process please visit the HHUP TAF page on our website, [helpinghandsup.org/taf](http://helpinghandsup.org/taf), or call or write HHUP.

**HHUP Poetry Gathering, Sunday, December 5, 4:5:30 PM** The poetry group meets about every six weeks on Sundays via Zoom. All are welcome (not only HHUP members), whether a poet, poetry lover, or just poetry curious. For more information contact Gerry Hendershot, [gendershot@earthlink.net](mailto:gendershot@earthlink.net); Loretta Saks, [lorettahup@gmail.com](mailto:lorettahup@gmail.com), or Deborah Rosenfelt, [dsr@umd.edu](mailto:dsr@umd.edu).

**Conversational Spanish with Edda, Wednesdays, 3–4 PM** Contact HHUP for more information.

**Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday December 28, 5:30-6:45 PM** UP residents are welcome to attend. Request the Zoom link at the email below.

HHUP phone 301-892-6636; website [helpinghandsup.org](http://helpinghandsup.org); Facebook page [facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP)



### UP Sustainability Committee

Not all butterflies migrate like the great monarch. Many are nestled in the leaves, soil and dried stems of native plants in your backyard. You may see goldfinches lunching on dried echinacea coneflowers. Leave some leaf piles in your yard and keep some dried flower stems in your flower beds—you will see more biodiversity in your native plants and flowers next year. If you need to trim some dried flowers back, keep the trimmings tucked in the corner of your yard and dispose of them in the first

week of May 2022. It is important to plant native flowers to nourish pollinators in the spring, summer and fall. Arguably the most important step these plants provide are winter homes to foster the next generation. Leave the leaves and keep stems this winter.



### Compost Program 10th Anniversary

November 1, 2021 marked the 10th anniversary of the compost pilot program. On Tuesday, November 1, 2011 (we collected on Tuesday then) the first 50 compost buckets were delivered to UP residents. 33 of those original households are still participating—the other 17 have moved away. Recently, we signed up the Town's 360th currently participating household—welcome to our newest composters on Sheridan Street in Ward 1. The UP program has been a model for several other municipal programs in the area. *Congrats to all!!*



### 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 waste in public trash cans or your own trash can. Please sign up your animal(s) in the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for University Park residents. Committee members can view the information to help reunite lost pets with their owners.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### October 18 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Carey; Councilmembers (CM) Biermann, Gathercole, Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells, Stephen.

#### Consent Agenda

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

*To install a 11'x 15' deck with steps at 7005 Adelphi Road.*

*To install a 452 square foot patio; replace existing 12'x 108' driveway; and extend downspout drainage pipes on the driveway side of the house to run under the Town sidewalk and through the curb to connect outfall to the gutter on Sheridan Street—this work will require working in the Town's right-of-way and homeowner will be responsible for replacing any sidewalk section(s) which are disturbed at 4305 Sheridan Street.*

#### Public Comment

In reference to #9E Redistricting Letter to County Council, a resident would like to see a strongly worded letter opposing the proposed changes.

#### Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey and CM Wells engaged with Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement; Department of the Environment; and the Department of Public Works and Transportation regarding the murky water in Wells Run. The issue was a ruptured super-silt fence on the Landy project and it has been resolved.
- Attended the press conference at the new City Hall in College Park regarding County Council redistricting.

#### Committee Reports and Council Comments

**Public Facilities and Services Committee** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Note, the meeting was rescheduled to Monday, October 25 at 7:30 PM.

**Trees, Parks and Environment Committee** The revised tree ordinance will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

#### Sustainability Committee

- The seeding and weeding event took place on October 16.

- A memo will be presented to the Council expressing issues with the Guilford Woods project.
- Looking at a potential grant from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to allow municipalities to install green roofs.

**Development Overview Committee** Topics of discussion at the last committee meeting: Guilford Woods project and a new project to the north of Prince George's Mall.

**Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee** Topics of discussion at the last committee meeting: Results of the speed cameras; traffic safety and enforcement.

#### New Business

**Motion:** To adopt Legislative Resolution 2021-R-08 declaring November 2021 as Municipal Government Works Month, which is a prerequisite to be eligible as a Banner City in the Maryland Municipal League. Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Discussion of Uses for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Town Administrator discussed with Council proposed uses of ARPA funds. (A memo was included in the Council packet.)

- Allocate 50% to stormwater management projects and community resilience related to climate change.
- \$200,000 for broadband.
- \$250,000 for non-profit support.
- \$200,000 for reinstatement of premium pay for town employees.
- The funds need to be committed by December 2024 and fully expended by the end of 2026.

**Motion:** As recommended by the Development Overview Committee, to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter to the Board of Public Works regarding a proposed land transfer from the University of Maryland related to "Guilford Woods" and the Western Gateway Project, as amended. Motion approved 7 to 0. Note: CM Wells suggested getting a letter which Senator Pinsky wrote on this matter.

**Motion:** To authorize the Mayor to extend the current mobility share agreement between the city of College Park, University of Maryland, Town of University Park and VeoRide, Inc. until January 14, 2022. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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**Motion:** *To authorize a letter to County Council regarding Prince George's County redistricting.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Administrator and Department Reports

*Town Clerk Andrea Marcavitch*

- Summary of permits issued in the month of October: 2 building; 4 POD/dumpster and 0 vendor.
- Residents can now apply for a parking permit or UP sticker online on the Town's website. To submit a Parking Permit/UP Sticker Request Form, go to [www.upmd.org/Permits-Licenses](http://www.upmd.org/Permits-Licenses).

*Chief of Police Harvey Baker*

- No crime report for October.
- DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 23 from 10 AM- 2 PM at Town Hall.
- Halloween trick-or-treating is scheduled for Sunday, October 31 from 6 - 8 PM.
- Notary service is available Wednesday through Saturday by appointment only.

Training

- Child car seat installation and safety checks. This service is now available to residents by appointment only.
- ABLE (Active Bystanderism for Law Enforcement).

Traffic

- Maryland Chief of Police Professional Development.
- Speed Camera Enforcement Program
- From September 12-October 13, 1,901 speeding citations were issued.

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

*Director of Public Works Michael Beall*

- The Paper Shredding and Electronics & Paint Recycling event will take place on Saturday, October 23 from 9 AM- 1 PM.
- The sidewalk replacement portion of the Infrastructure Project has resumed in ward 2.
- Phase 2B of the project is undergoing permitting.
- All six electric vehicle charging stations (level 2 chargers) on Queens Chapel Road will be operable and available for public use very soon.
- Next month will mark the 10-year anniversary of the Compost Program. We started with 50 participants and the program has grown to 358 participants.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:14 PM.

### November 1 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Consent Agenda

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

*To replace existing porch and deck with steps at 6602 Queens Chapel Road.*

*To install a 12'x 16' shed at 6604 Wells Parkway.*

*To enclose existing 5'10"x 4'8" breezeway and to enclose existing rear 4.5'x 4.5' entry to create a mudroom at 7008 40th Avenue. Note: Prince George's County Board of Appeal approved 1.5% lot overage for this work on June 9, 2021 (V-35-21).*

*To install a 6' rear yard fence at 6605 Wells Parkway.*

#### Permits

**Motion:** *To approve SP-2021-11 to provide various types of sewer rehabilitation work which will occur in the Town's right-of-way on approximately 1.25 miles of town streets and to authorize execution of an MOU subject to review by the Town Attorney with WSSC for compensation in lieu of resurfacing, and the Town will contract with its own contractor to repair all impacted streets.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

#### Public Hearing: Special Exception for a Non-Conforming 6' Side Yard Fence

A request for a building permit for a non-conforming 6' side yard fence, located at 6605 Wells Parkway 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:

#### Section 4-115. Special Exceptions

The Common Council may consider an application for a special exception based upon a particular case or situation, and may approve the application provided that there is a showing of hardship, unique topography, unusual circumstances or safety considerations that warrant an exception. Special exceptions shall be granted by the Council only if it finds that such exception:

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- (a) will not adversely affect the public health, safety, welfare or interest, nor the reasonable use of adjoining properties;
- (b) will not violate any covenants applicable to the property;
- (c) can be granted without substantial impairment of the purpose and intent of the Town building regulations;
- (d) will not interfere with or obstruct the visibility of motorists or cyclists; and
- (e) will not unduly impede the enforcement of any other applicable law. (Revised, effective December 12, 1989, February 28, 1998)

***Motion: To approve the request for a building permit for a non-conforming 6' side yard fence, located at 6605 Wells Parkway, requiring a Special Exception per Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code.***

Council approved the request for a building permit, finding the requirements of Section 4-115 Sub-sections A-E of the Town Code had been met with the basis for approval to be inserted in the minutes as follows:

There are unusual circumstances. There is a 15-foot x 15-foot addition at the rear of the house, constructed by prior owners, that results in the house ending at different locations on the right and left sides. The addition has the effect of pushing the rear lot line further back across the full width of the house and enlarging the "side yard" for an area that is functionally the rear yard. The rear door to the house is located on the side of the addition, and so also in the functional rear yard. Without a special exception, the rear door and a part of the yard, which are not visible from the street, will not be protected by a fence tall enough to provide security.

The special exception will not adversely affect the public health, safety, welfare or interest nor the reasonable use of adjoining properties, as the rear yards of adjoining properties, also fenced, are in line with the original rear line of the applicant's property before the addition was constructed. There are no relevant covenants in effect. The special exception can be granted without substantial impairment of the purpose and intent of the Town building regulations, as it is a technicality that creates the extended side yard, which is functionally the back yard. There is no evidence that the special exception will unduly impede the enforcement of any other law.

Motion approved 6 to 0.

### **Public Comment**

A resident thanked those responsible for the new signage at the Veterans Memorial.

### **Mayor's Report**

- Councilmembers recently received the Financial Statements Audit FY2021 via email. The auditor will be presenting to the Town Council at the November 15 Council meeting.
- A memo from University Park was sent to all members of the County Council regarding redistricting. On October 19, the County Council voted to introduce a revised redistricting map which is still problematic. After a public hearing on November 16, the County Council will vote on whether to adopt the revised map introduced on October 19. Councilmembers agreed that another letter be sent (drafted by CM Wells) to the County with their position on this matter. Those who plan to testify at the public hearing scheduled for November 16 need to sign up by November 15.
- CM Wells took photos of Wells Run after a significant rainfall and the water appeared to look normal. These pictures were sent to County Councilmember Glaros along with a thank you note for making sure there is proper enforcement and inspection to keep the creek clean.

### **Committee Reports and Council Comments**

*Development Overview Committee* The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18. The Adelphi Road Sector Plan is available for review.

*Traffic, Police and Public Safety Committee* The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10.

*Sustainability Committee* The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3. CM Biermann would like see Councilmembers lead the Veteran's Day event on November 11 to convey to the community and the veterans the importance of this day.

*Helping Hands Committee* Any members of Helping Hands who are interested in removing ivy from their property should contact the Ivy League for assistance.

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4. Topics of discussion will include a policy on implementing the gas-powered leaf blower rebate plan.

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CM McGaughey, Ward 5 In reference to the American Rescue Plan Act and the charitable giving, CM McGaughey said there is need in the local community and he would like to see some money donated before the end of the year. Town Administrator Mr. Deutsch said a report is being prepared that will obtain descriptive information on area nonprofits. This report will be distributed at the December 6 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### New Business

**Motion:** To approve development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit services of an architectural/engineering firm to present the Council with options and laying out plans for desired improvements of the Town Hall property. Motion approved 6 to 0.

**Motion:** To introduce Legislative Resolution 21-O-08 to amend FY22 Budget Ordinance, Legislative Resolution 21-O-02 to establish a new expenditure line item Operating General Government, 6054-01, ARPA Premium Pay, and transfer \$49,400 from Unreserved - Designated Funds line item 6603-08, American Rescue Plan Reserve, to the General Government, 6054-01, ARPA Premium Pay line item, to make provision for premium pay for Town employees from ARPA funds. Motion approved 6 to 0. The earliest date this motion may be considered for passage is December 6, 2021.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:05 PM.



### Don't Forget: Town Tree Lighting Saturday, December 4, 6 PM

Come join the festivities as we light the Town's holiday tree. We hear that Santa will arrive with the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department to help! Henson Green, Queen's Chapel and Sheridan Street.

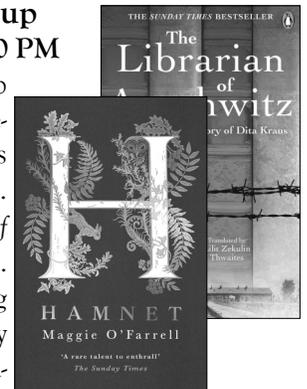


### For All Good Causes Holiday Market and Sharing Fair Saturday, December 4, 10 AM-3 PM

Enjoy shopping close to home and supporting great causes! You'll find free-trade handcrafts from global artisans at Ten Thousand Villages, gifts to help meet the needs of hungry families at Heifer International, local art, fair trade coffee, tea, & chocolate, and much more. Drop by to find some creative gifts and enjoy grilled bratwursts or veggie burgers and fixings. All participants represent nonprofit and fair-trade groups working to make the world a better place. For more information, please call 301-864-4328. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St. (corner of Tuckerman and Route 1).

### After Eight Book Group Tuesday, December 14, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group plans to meet in person in December. December's book is *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. January's title is *The Librarian of Auschwitz* by Antonio Iturbe. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. Drop-ins welcome if fully vaccinated.



### University Park Woman's Club News Holiday House Tour Cancelled

Due to continued concerns about Covid-19 and the Delta Variant, the UPWC Annual Holiday House Tour is once again cancelled. We are saddened to do so but are concerned with keeping everyone safe and healthy. It is our hope to resume this cherished event in 2022. I want to thank all the members of the community who were on board to host and hope that you will consider doing so next year.

The Holiday House Tour has been University Park Women's Club main fundraiser and helps support scholarships and many other community projects. In lieu of touring homes this year, we hope neighbors and friends spend an evening



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together enjoying their own homes and consider supporting us by making a donation to the UPWC at PO Box 222, Riverdale, MD 20737. Please make donation checks payable to UPWC. Any amount, large or small, is welcome and most appreciated. For more information about the UPWC and to use PayPal, log onto womensclubUP.com. Any questions, please contact Jean Pirovic at jean.pirovic@inf.com. UPWC is a 501c3 organization and celebrates 80 years of volunteer service to the community.

### University Park Woman's Club Scholarships, 2021-2022

The University Park Woman's Club will again be awarding scholarships in 2022. The scholarship application is now on the club's website, womensclubUP.com/scholarships. The applicant may complete the form online and either mail or email the form. Directions are on the forms. We are also working with local high school counselors to develop a process for obtaining and completing the application. The two scholarships offered are listed below.

#### Doris McPhee

##### Memorial Scholarship

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



##### University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This one-time merit-based need-blind \$1500 award is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park. Applications will also be accepted from children and grandchildren of current UP Woman's Club members. All student applicants must live in Maryland. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service.

### Teen Workers List

The following young residents are interested in finding winter jobs around our Town.

**William Kirk**, 14 and **Ben Kirk**, 13, 574-286-0018 (mom's cell phone number), Queens Chapel Road, kirk-family2004@gmail.com, lawn mowing, weeding, edging, raking, snow shoveling, dog sitting and other chores.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### Route One Communities Care

University Park residents along with Hyattsville, College Park and Riverdale neighbors and Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC are supporting our local restaurants and feeding families in need. We urgently need your help. Go to [feedroutone.org](http://feedroutone.org) for more info and our GoFundMe page at [GreaterRiverdaleCares/RouteOneCommunitiesCare](http://GreaterRiverdaleCares/RouteOneCommunitiesCare) to donate. A tip is not required. For more information call David Brosch at 240-888-1225 or Deborah Rosenfelt at 301-801-8732.

### St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry has been operating since 1991. We provide food at no cost and without obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens and children in need. The pantry is serving around 350 families per week. If you need help, the St. Mark's Food Pantry located at 7501 Adelphi Road is open every Tuesday between 10 AM and 12 PM. If you would like to help the pantry continue its fight against hunger in our community, please donate to [www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry](http://www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry).

**Greenbelt Recreation ARTS Juried Art and Craft Fair, Saturday, December 4, 10 AM-5 PM; Sunday, December 5, 10 AM-4 PM** Housewares, clothing and accessories, books, toys and more, direct from local makers! Greenbelt Community Center and Youth Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD More info: [greenbeltmd.gov/craft](http://greenbeltmd.gov/craft).

**Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Friday December 10, 8-9:30 PM** Celebrate 20 years of Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at the University of Maryland! Five choirs, brass quintet and organ bring the joy of the season to life with carols, hymns and spoken word that epitomize hope and goodwill. University of Maryland Memorial Chapel, College Park. For tickets call 301-405-ARTS More info at [theclarice.umd.edu](http://theclarice.umd.edu).

# Town of University Park

## Fall and Winter Operations

### CURBSIDE LEAF VACUUMING

Continues through January 7, 2022



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

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

Check the Town website at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under the Public Works tab for updates and deadlines.

### LEAF COLLECTION

**After January 7**

*All bagged leaves must be placed in paper bags.*

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

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 22—Recycling

Wednesday, December 29—Recycling

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

### SNOW PLAN

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

### SNOW EVENT PARKING

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

*Both Sides No Parking:*

The Mews

Queens Chapel Rd.—6400-6700 blocks

*Creekside No Parking:*

Wells Pkwy.

*Odd # Side No Parking:*

40th Ave.

41st Ave.

Beechwood Rd.--3900 thru 4300 blocks

Calverton Dr.

Oakridge Rd.

Pineway

Queens Chapel Rd—6300 block

Sheridan St.

Tuckerman St.

Tennyson Rd.

Underwood St.--3900 thru 4300 blocks

*Even # Side No Parking*

42nd Ave.

43rd Ave.

44th Ave.

Beechwood Rd.--4400 block

Chansory Ln.

Clagett Rd.

Clagett-Pineway

College Heights Dr.

Forest Hill Dr.

Holly Hill Rd.

Underwood St.--4400 block

Van Buren St.

Woodberry St.



### QUESTIONS?

Town Hall at 301-927-4262 or email Mickey Beall at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org)

# December 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Leaf Vacuuming Continues through January 7			1 Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	2 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	3 Recycling 	4 For All Good Causes Holiday Market, 10 AM Holiday Tree Lighting, 6 PM
5	6 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	7 Trash, Bulk Trash	8 Trees Committee, 7PM, Police Committee, 7:30 PM, Both via Zoom	9 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	10 Recycling	11
12	13 Yard Waste	14 Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group, 8 PM 	15 Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, 7:30 PM	16 Public Facilities and Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	17 Recycling	18
19	20 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	21 Trash, Bulk Trash	22 Recycling	23	24 Town Holiday	25
26	27 Yard Waste	28 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	29 Recycling	30	31 Town Holiday	January 1 



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