

UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK, MARYLAND

MAY 2022

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

VOL. XLVII, NO. 5

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Once again it is budget season in University Park, coinciding with the return of the Yellow-crowned Night Herons to their nests each spring. On March 31, as required by the Town Charter, I sent to the Council a proposed 2023 fiscal year budget for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The proposed budget, my last as Mayor, addresses the needs of the Town for the next year while committing resources to longer-term initiatives and needed capital improvements. Highlights for Fiscal Year 2023 revenues and expenditures include:

▪The proposed Real Property tax rate is .5167 per \$100 of assessed value. This is the Constant Yield Rate, and a reduction from the .5386 Town rate in Fiscal Year 2022, so the Town real property tax will remain the same. Town of University Park real property taxes usually comprise less than 30% of the total real property tax paid.

▪Anticipated new revenues to the Town include \$1,296,109 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$618,749 from camera enforcement of speed limits on perimeter highways - Baltimore Avenue, East West Highway, and Adelphi Road.

▪In the Police Department, hiring and equipping two new police officers to bolster evening and overnight patrol efforts.

▪In General Government, new stipends of \$1,800 for each of three councilmembers elected or reelected in May 2022, and 6 additional hours/week for the part-time Town Administrator.

▪In Public Works, \$40,000 to evaluate, maintain, and design improvements to the Town maintenance facility in Bladensburg and \$25,000 to improve security and access control there.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	May 2 & 16
Election	May 3
Town Holiday	May 30

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

Contents

3	From the Chief
4	Town News
5	Highlights of March 21 & April 4 Town Council Meeting
9	Town News & Events
13	Town Election Notice

FROM THE MAYOR CONT.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget includes several Capital Improvement Projects which are at least partially funded by grants from the State:

- Renovation and improvement of the Town's well-used Tot Lot playground along Wells Run between 43rd and 44th Avenues, funded with a Maryland Community Parks and Playground Grant for \$225,000. Anticipated updates include a new recycled plastic border, new playground systems and swings, possibly a seating area with tables and shade structure, fresh engineered wood fiber surface, and improved drainage.
- Repair or replacement of the two pedestrian bridges crossing Wells Run at Van Buren Street and Beechwood Road, partially funded with a Maryland State Bond Bill of \$125,000. My thanks to State Senator Paul Pinsky for his support of this infrastructure project.
- Architectural design, including zoning and permit assistance, toward redevelopment of the Town Hall. The Town is soliciting proposals for architectural design services that will largely be funded through a \$200,000 Maryland State Bond Bill received in 2019, with support of Senator Pinsky and the 22nd Legislative District delegation.

The proposed budget is posted on the Town website. The budget is now in the hands of the Council, and since early April has been the main item of Council business. There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget at the May 2 Council Meeting, after which – on May 2 or May 16 – the Council will decide the budget and associated tax rates. These meetings are open, and you are welcome to attend. Please take a few minutes to review the Town budget and consider its goals and discuss with Mayor and Council.

Municipal government works and it is the budget which provides for what gets done. The budget, therefore, is vital stuff for small towns and cities and merits our collective attention.

In University Park, we are fortunate that the Town has historically been fiscally well-managed and remains in sound fiscal condition, with sufficient reserves and a resilient base to our local economy. We have options and how we choose among them is entirely in our own hands.

— Len Carey

Do you agree or disagree? Did I miss something?

Let me know: mayorcarey@upmd.org

Notice of Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

The Town of University Park will hold a public hearing on the Town's fiscal year 2023 Budget. The hearing will be held via phone and video conference on May 2, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. For more information on how to join the meeting or to request a copy of the proposed budget, contact the Town Clerk at townhall@upmd.org or call (301) 927-4262.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 22-O-03

On April 4, 2022, Ordinance 22-O-03 was introduced. This ordinance makes provision for the compensation of Common Council members at \$1,800 per year. The meeting set for May 16, 2022, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 22-O-04

On April 4, 2022, Ordinance 22-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance adopts and levies a tax rate of Fifty-one and 67/100 cents (\$0.5167) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of full value assessment on all taxable real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of University Park, Maryland; a two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of full value assessment on all taxable personal property located within the corporate limits of the Town; and appropriates and adopts the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. The meeting set for May 16, 2022, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 22-O-05

On April 19, 2022, Legislative Resolution 22-O-05 was introduced. This ordinance amends Chapter 16 "Tree Maintenance" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, by repealing and re-enacting § 16-101, "Scope", and § 16-102, "Annual Town Tree Plan required"; by repealing, re-enacting and re-numbering § 16-106, "Municipal infractions" and by enacting §16-106, "Removal of healthy, large trees on private property" and § 16-108, "Reforestation", to require completion of a tree removal form to remove healthy, large trees measuring 50 inches or more in circumference from private property, make available a registered consulting arborist to residents in certain circumstances, require a replacement tree to be planted or a fee to be paid when such a healthy tree is removed, provide for reforestation in areas of the Town that are experiencing tree loss, require the establishment and updating of a tree canopy baseline, and require a periodic tree inventory. The meeting set for May 16, 2022, 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

When to Call 911

Too often community members are reluctant to call 911. Many feel that the police have more serious incidents to address, and they don't want to bother them with suspicious behaviors. Others are concerned with the type of response they will receive from the police after making the call. Calling 911 is a serious decision that can prevent crime and help an accident victim or a lost child. However, making a 911 call can be overwhelming and stressful.



The University Park Police understand how community members can become confused and unsure what to do when they see suspicious behavior unfolding in their presence. But what if you're unsure if its suspicious behavior? Some argue suspicious behavior is subjective and what's suspicious to one might be normal to someone else. A good rule to follow is, if the behavior is suspicious to you, it's worth reporting it to 911. Examples include:

- Unusual noises, including screaming, sounds of fighting, breaking glass.
- People in or around a home who do not appear to be conducting legitimate business.
- Unauthorized people in your neighbor's backyard.
- Vehicles driving slowly and aimlessly through neighborhoods, around schools or parking lots.
- People peering into parked vehicles that are not their own.
- Someone follows you into the neighborhood.
- People who change their behavior when they notice they have been seen.
- Abandoned parcels or other items in unusual locations.

When to report suspicious behavior?

- You believe you or someone else is in physical danger.
- You believe a specific crime is happening.
- You believe something is suspicious.

When making the call:

- Be able to explain the behavior.
- Be patient and listen to the 911 call taker and answer their questions.
- Remain calm. Callers often give incorrect information because they are stressed about the situation.
- Don't doubt your instincts—if you see something suspicious, please call 911.

For Walking Wednesday University Park Police Officers park their cruisers and walk each ward to simply meet community members outdoors and listen to their concerns. We hope that you will join us for a walk and chat.

Ward 1, May 11, 6 PM – 8 PM

Ward 2, May 18, 6 PM – 8 PM

Ward 3, May 25, 6 PM – 8 PM

Ward 4, June 8, 6 PM – 8 PM

Ward 5, June 15, 6 PM – 8 PM

Ward 6, June 22, 6 PM – 8 PM

Ward 7, June 29, 6 PM – 8 PM

Suspicious Vehicle On March 4 a resident reported a suspicious vehicle parked in the 6900 block of Pineway. A check revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen to Hyattsville PD. The recovered stolen vehicle was impounded, and the registered owner was notified.

Theft On March 11 at 5 AM a University Park Police officer observed an unoccupied vehicle parked on crates with all four tires missing in the 6800 block of Wells Pkwy. The owner of the vehicle stated the vehicle was parked with four tires at 6 PM, on March 10. Apparently, the suspects stole the tires overnight. There are no active suspects.

Armed Robbery On March 14 at 11:15 PM a resident in the 4000 block of Underwood St., reported being followed to her residence and robbed at gunpoint by two suspects. The suspects took the resident's backpack that contained assorted papers, a bank card and \$20 in cash. The incident is actively being investigated.

Fraud On March 16 a resident in the 6700 block of Baltimore Avenue reported they were the victim of a fraud scheme. Earlier that day the suspect called the resident posing as a relative and indicated they were in an acci-

TOWN NEWS

dent in Mexico and needed \$1,100 to pay for damages of the other vehicle. The resident sent the suspect the money via money order. After doing so, the resident realized the suspect was not a cousin and notified the University Park Police. The incident was reported to Prince George's Financial Crimes and the incident is being investigated.

Attempted Theft On March 17 at 4 PM a suspect dressed all in black entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the 4300 block of Sheridan St. A teen resident saw the suspect in the family car and screamed to her parent, who went outside to confront the suspect. A brief struggle ensued, and the suspect fled with the parent chasing her. The parent called out to his neighbor for assistance and they both attempted to locate the suspect on 44th Ave. near Sheridan. A passerby alerted them the suspect had run behind a garage. Once the suspect was located prone on the ground she jumped up with a brick and threatened the resident, telling them not to touch her. The neighbor struggled with the suspect and disarmed her until University Park Police arrived. The suspect was arrested and transported to Prince Georges Department of Corrections. No property was stolen during this incident.



Police Movie Night in the Park & Pickleball Demo

Friday, May 6, demo 5 PM, 6:30-9:30 PM

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us under the stars at the town field for a showing Disney's *Encanto*. The movie will be preceded by a pickleball demonstration at 5 PM at the courts on Queens Chapel Rd. All ages welcome.

Sustainability Committee News

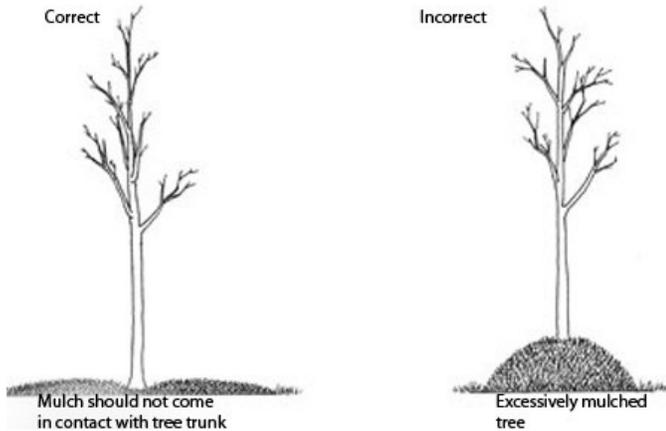
Pollinator Meadow Seeding Meadow Seeding was a success! Many thanks to Sarah Combs, Master Naturalist Jenny Glenn, Tiegh Thompson, Yulia Argustinovich and Nick Angelo and their two daughters, Emily Alvarez and daughter Alice, local beekeeper Verna Gehring, Sarah Mosely, Martha and Ed Wells, Grant Godfrey and Mary-Sue Twohy. Council Member and Sustainability Committee chair Joel Biermann stopped by and UP Police Officers Govan and People gently tossed meadow seed and talked with residents. Reminder—Meadow Day is Saturday, June 25 at the Meadow on Adelphi Road from 10 AM-12 PM as part of National Pollinator Week.

Native Plant Consultations Interested in adding native plants to your yard or garden? The Meadow Day Committee is offering 30-minute native plant home visits to help you decide what natives might grow best in your yard. Experienced gardeners and naturalists will visit your yard, evaluate the conditions and talk to you about your goals. We have set aside 20 first-come, first-served native plant home visit sessions from May 13-27. If interested, please email Melissa Floyd at wakerglass@gmail.com.

University Park's Composting Program Since 2013 the town's composting collection program has grown from an initial group of about 50 households to more than 370 today or about 40% of town households. Like the town's recycling program, which now has nearly universal participation, all town residents should consider separating their food and yard waste from the regular trash and putting it out at the curb on Monday mornings. This is an important action each of us can take to help mitigate climate change. Methane, a potent greenhouse gas, is produced by food and yard waste that gets land-filled. Joining the composting program is easy and something we can all do for the environment. If you want more details about how to participate, contact Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org.

Tree Committee News

Volcanoes Still Erupting Trees are the town’s most valuable resource. The breadth and health of a neighborhood’s tree canopy greatly influences desirability. Improper mulching techniques persist in University Park, undermining of our tree canopy’s health. Mulch is heaped 6-12” directly against the tree’s trunk, creating a



“mulch volcano.” The correct practice is for the mulch to look more like a donut, avoiding the trunk by 3” and applying mulch about 2” deep. Whether the tree is on your property or on the town’s curb strip, the end result is the same—death to the tree, immediate financial loss and ultimately loss to your property value if an established tree dies. Many landscapers do this—if you have employed one and they are sculpting volcanoes, please share this with them. After mulching, pull the mulch away from the tree trunk by five to six inches. The tree trunk and flare at the base should all be visible. The outer edge of the mulch donut should extend to the drip line of the canopy. Banking mulch too high results in a compost pile dynamic; the heat kills the inner bark of young trees, not allowing hardening off for winter. The volcano also promotes growth of roots in the mulch vs the soil, which will eventually choke off the tree’s primary roots. A single heavy rain can cause your tree to drown or rot from the moisture trapped in the giant sponge of mulch.

Ivy League, Saturday, May 14, 9-11 AM The Ivy League will be in session as usual on the second Saturday of the month. Volunteers work for two hours (or any portion thereof) with Tree Committee members to remove English ivy from the town’s trees in our parks and public right of ways. No experience is needed. We will meet at the 911 Memorial, at the terminus of Wells, near the new playground. If you arrive late, you will find us in the wooded area to the right of the trail heading toward the

pollinator meadow. Volunteers should bring a pair of basic hand pruners and a prying tool of their choice—a dandelion weeder, large sturdy screwdriver, or miniature pry bar are all good choices. Volunteers will receive credit for two sessions for this one session—only five sessions needed to earn a custom-made, limited edition Ivy League bandana. Community Service forms will be signed if provided on site.

Helping Hands University Park



Helping Hands University Park

In April HHUP began scheduling more in-person events for our members. First, we participated in the wonderful UP Civic Association Egg Hunt. We enjoyed the opportunity to

spend time outdoors and socialize with our neighbors of all ages! We also held the monthly lunch again. We are hopeful that this is our new normal but will continue to assess on a month-to-month basis.

HHUP Calendar—All events are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, May 18, 12-1 PM Become a member and join us!

Route 1 Corridor Conversations—Hunt, Gather, & Make, Saturday, May 21, 2-3:30 PM Join multidisciplinary artist Racquel Keller for a virtual hands-on art-making session designed to put creativity at your fingertips. Find your inspiration in everyday items and transform the things found around your house into art supplies. See more info online at hyattsville-aginginplace.org.

Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 24, 5-6:30 PM All UP residents welcome to attend. Email for Zoom link.

Conversational Spanish, Wednesdays, 3-4 PM Members meet to practice with instructor Edda Osborne.

HHUP Poetry Gathering The poetry group meets about every six weeks on Sundays, all are welcome. Contact Gerry Hendershot, ghendershot@earthlink.net; Loretta Saks, lorettahhup@gmail.com, or Deborah Rosenfelt, dsr@umd.edu.

HHUP Contact Info: [hhuniversitypark@gmail.com](mailto:huniversitypark@gmail.com); 301-892-6636; helpinghandsup.org; [facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP).



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 21 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

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

To install a 2nd floor addition with balcony over an existing porch at 4101 Van Buren Street.

Mayor's Report

- In reference to the Town receiving a Maryland State Bond Bill of \$125,000, Mayor Carey said that he had heard through Senator Pinsky that this was likely a done deal.
- The Town is in the Governor's budget to receive a \$225,000 Community Parks and Playground Grant which it had applied for to update the Tot Lot.
- The Mayor has permitted the DeMatha High School Tennis Team to use the Town's tennis and pickleball courts from March 28 to May 5, Monday-Thursday between 3:30-5:30 PM. The Courts will be reserved for that purpose.
- We are looking at possible locations within the Town for VeoRide parking. A new contract will soon be brought to the Council between VeoRide, the City of College Park, the University of Maryland and the Town. This will necessitate parking of scooters and ebikes in designated places.
- County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros will present at the April 4 Council meeting at the request of the Town, to discuss sediment control, erosion control, the condition of Wells Run, local development, traffic on boundary roads and stormwater issues.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee The Committee drafted a three-page Traffic Calming Ordinance and recommended that Mayor Carey forward this to the Town Attorney for review.

Development Overview Committee

- There was a presentation and discussion on the reconstruction of JC Penney and three upcoming local developments/projects.
- After the recent rainstorm, CM Wells said that the

stream was full of mud and confirmed that it came from the Landy project. This incident was reported to the County.

CM Roland Stephen, Ward 7 Asked that a stipend for Councilmembers of \$1,800 be included in the budget. Mayor Carey informed him that a proposed Ordinance for introduction will be presented to the Council at the April 4 Council Meeting.

Transit Task Force II The Committee met on March 8 and discussed COVID concerns pertaining to future Town bus service.

Sustainability Committee

- The Seeding and Weeding event at the Pollinator Meadow on Saturday, March 19 was successful with a good turnout.
- The Committee is asking those to support the No-Mow May event by not mowing their lawns; details can be found in the Newsletter. Mr. Deutsch was asked to inform the Town Code Enforcement officer not to ticket any residents who are participating in No-Mow May.
- After some discussion, Councilmembers agreed to change the No-Mow May event to No-Mow April. Mayor Carey agreed to put this change in the next Newsletter.
- The Town Stream Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 at 10 AM. The sign-up sheet will be located at the Town field on that day.
- Meadow Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 10 AM- 12 PM. Native plants will be available for the public along with displays from the Anacostia Watershed Society, UMD B-Lab, University Park Trees, Parks and Environment Committee.
- Draft legislation will soon be presented to the Council regarding the Sustainability Committee joining the Bee City USA network.

New Business

Motion: To extend ARPA Premium Pay to employees previously not included, retroactive to January 2022. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To approve the reappointment of Stephanie Herold and Heidi Bulich as Supervisors of Elections for another two-year term beginning March 1, 2022, and appoint Ms. Herold as Chairman, per Section 502 of the Town Charter. Motion approved 6 to 0.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Codes, to appoint Linda Verrill as a new Member of the Transit Task Force II. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2022-R-02, adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate Friday, April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day in University Park. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

Town Clerk TC Hegeman

- Summary of permits issued in the month of March: 2 building; 2 dumpster and 0 vendor.
- In reference to the upcoming Town election, the deadline for submitting paperwork to be considered for candidacy is April 4.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Crime report: A total of five incidents in the following Wards: 1, 3, 5 and 7.
- The multi-jurisdictional traffic detail is scheduled for March 25.
- On February 10, 2022 the University Park Police Department passed the NCIC Audit.
- The DEA Drug Take Back event is Saturday, April 30 from 10 AM- 2 PM at Town Hall.
- Movie Night in the Park is Friday, May 6 from 6:30-9:30 PM at the Town field.
- Residents should contact the police department if they witness an unfamiliar occupied car parked in front of their property late at night as well as illegally parked vehicles.
- Signs have been posted for the new speed camera along Baltimore Avenue and the camera is expected to be installed this week.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The February 2022 Treasurer's Report was distributed and explained.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- A pickleball demonstration is scheduled for May 6 at 5 PM prior to Movie Night at 6:30.
- Phase 2B of the Infrastructure Project is still waiting for permits.
- Soltesz Engineering will soon provide an estimate on evaluation, design and construction costs for various stormwater systems in Town. This estimate will be submitted to the County as the basis of an MOU whereby

the County will reimburse the Town under the Stormwater Acceptance Program.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:43 PM.

April 4 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation

District 3 County Council Member

Dannielle M. Glaros

CM Wells welcomed Councilmember Dannielle Glaros and asked her to address the following issues:

1) stormwater; 2) adequacy of public facilities to cope with development; and 3) bike lanes and pedestrian connections.

Responses by Council Member Dannielle Glaros:

- An event on the new Zoning Ordinance is scheduled for Thursday, April 7. All are encouraged to attend this presentation.
- Suggested asking Mary Giles from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) to give a presentation on stormwater management.
- There may be an opportunity for University Park to work in conjunction with the City of College Park and their stormwater management consultant.
- In reference to over-crowded schools, not every project/development brings children.
- Suggested strengthening relationships and having conversations several times a year with local municipalities on issues like traffic, bike/pedestrian connectors, etc.
- Mayor Carey asked about County police accountability. Councilmember Glaros said that four public safety bills are on the agenda scheduled for April 5, which includes police accountability.

Consent Agenda

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

To replace existing covered front entry porch with wood, brick, and shingles at 6701 Wells Parkway.

To install 6' vinyl fence in rear yard, 14'x38' in ground pool, and 13' 2-level garage with dormers at 6500 Queens Chapel Road.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Permits

Public Hearing

Section 4-113. 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 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:

- (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.

A request has been made for a building permit to install a 4' fence in front of the front building restriction line located at 4004 Beechwood Road. This requires a Special Exception per Section 4-113 Sub-sections A and B of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, Council must make the requisite findings.

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to install a 4' fence in front of the front building restriction line located at 4004 Beechwood Road requires a Special Exception per Section 4-113 Sub-sections A and B of the Town Code showing that there is unique topography, unusual circumstances and a safety consideration of small children being able to walk into the road, all demonstrated by the materials presented. Council approved the request for a building permit, with findings required by Section 4-113 Sub-sections A and B of the Town Code having been met by the documents provided. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Public Comment

Via email, from a household in Ward 4: they strongly support the Ordinance providing for Council compensation for \$1,800.00 per year.

Mayor's Report

■ It is nice to see the activity of the University Park Civic Association, as evidenced by two sponsored events in the previous weekend.

- The Community Yard Sale event on Saturday, April 2 was a huge success.
- The Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 3 was very well organized and a great turn-out.
- Mayor Carey recently attended the Maryland Mayor's Association meeting in Annapolis. Discussion included Highway User Revenues, which has been a Maryland Municipal League priority issue for many years. During the meeting, the Governor announced an agreement with the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate which would increase Highway User Revenues paid to the municipalities and eliminate the "sunset" to the provision. This should make a large difference for University Park Highway User Revenues beginning in the next Fiscal Year.
- On March 31, a Request for Proposals was sent out soliciting proposals for design of Town Hall redevelopment. There is a mandatory pre-bid meeting on April 25 and bids are due by May 6.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13.

Development Overview Committee The April meeting is to be determined.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 PM. Discussion will include rebates for the replacement of gas-powered leaf blowers.

Sustainability Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 at 7 PM. This will be a joint meeting with the Trees, Parks, and Environment Committee.

Transit Task Force II Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5.

Helping Hands Helping Hands joined the University Park Civic Association in the Easter Egg Hunt. The volunteers handed out eggs, masks and test kits.

New Business

Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 22-O-03: To provide for Council Compensation in the amount of \$1800 per year. Motion approved 6 to 0. *The earliest date this motion will be considered for passage is May 16, 2023.*

Motion: To approve the introduction of *Legislative Resolution 22-O-04: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget*. Motion approved 6 to 0. The earliest date this motion will be considered for passage is May 16, 2022. Presentation (Revenues) by Mayor Carey, Town Administrator Deutsch and Treasurer Dan Baden.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:05 PM.



UPCA

University Park Civic Association

UPCA News

The University Park Civic Association (UPCA) is gearing up to bring community events back to our neighborhood in 2022. The goal of the UPCA is to make the neighborhood a friendly, fun and engaging place. Our goal is to bring neighbors together through events like the town-wide yard sale, spring egg hunt, PorchFest, and chili cook-off. We want to organize other events in the coming months, but we need neighbors to volunteer to organize events and to pay dues to fund them. Visit our website at upcamd.com to find out more about these events and how you can get involved in the UPCA. We welcome all to join in because we believe our strong sense of community is what sets our neighborhood apart from the rest!

Honeybee Swarms

Around this time of year, mature colonies of honeybees sometimes decide it's time to expand and the queen, along with many of her workers will leave their hive in search of a new home. The resulting swarm will often



rest temporarily on a tree or porch, or hang under a grill...or any number of other places that can be a bit intimidating. If you happen across a huge ball of honeybees, remember these two things: in this state, honeybees are actually very docile—they don't have a home to defend, so they have little interest in stinging anyone; and it's important to contact a local beekeeper who can safely relocate the swarm to a managed colony. Left on their own, the swarm might move into a place that ultimately isn't good for the bees or a homeowner. If you see a swarm in town, you can call either of us to help and/or advise.—Larry Prikockis, 703-981-1796 and Ellen Whitaker, 202-288-9008

Community Mosquito Control Program



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

reminders:

- Dump, drain. If it holds standing water for longer than a few days, flip it over or drain it out.
- Dunk. If you can't dump it or drain it (birdbaths, fishponds, persistent puddles) put mosquito dunks or mosquito bits in the water. They kill the mosquito larva and do no harm to other species.
- Screen. Corrugated drainpipe is mosquito paradise! Replace it with straight sided pipe if you can. Otherwise, screen it. Tie stretchable nylon (panty hose) around the aboveground joints. Put screen or mesh in or around the ends of the pipes.
- Deploy. Make sure your traps are clean and set them up in your yard. The traps provide the habitat that attracts the mosquitoes and traps them so they can't escape, eliminating the adult and future generations.

Need to order traps or replacement parts? Go to the Biogents US website: us-shop.biogents.com to order the BG GAT Double Set, which is what we recommend. You can order sticky cards and replacement nets on this site. If you don't see the replacement part you're looking for, send an email to Biogents webshop@biogents-usa.com and ask them to create a special order for you. Mosquito control works only if we work together as a community. Talk to your neighbors about removing standing water, putting their traps out, or getting traps. If you have new neighbors, let them know about our program and how they can participate. Check out this link to our web page upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. Please

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

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



PorchFest

Sunday, May 1, 2-6 PM

What is PorchFest? PorchFest is a family-friendly community music event, appropriate for all ages. The focal point is a variety of musical acts ranging from acoustic to electric, solo to ensemble. We are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon of music! Visit upcamd.com for more information. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/porchfestUP. Rain date TBD.

University Park Woman's Club

Monday, May 2, 11:30 AM

UPWC welcomes Prince George's County Memorial Library System's (PGCMLS) Digital Program Coordinator Angela Brown as guest speaker when the club meets in the newly built Hyattsville Branch Library. As the Digital Program Coordinator, Ms. Brown supports the library's digital literacy and digital equity initiative through such activities as public demonstrations and workshops. Ms. Brown will demonstrate the Chromebook and other borrowable technology. PGCMLS's Borrowable Technology program comprises five devices available for check-out to adult cardholders ages 18 and up. The devices include educational Wi-Fi hotspots (Kajeet); electricity usage monitors; thermal cameras, Playaway Launchpad tablets and Online2Go Chromebooks. Online2Go Chromebooks feature built-in internet service! Using



Online2Go Chromebooks, all Prince Georgians can borrow a laptop for work, education and entertainment while also having reliable access to the internet—all for free to adult library cardholders! For more information about the library's borrowing technology program, please visit pgcmls.info/borrow-technology. PGCMLS has an extensive collection of digital products available for download. Be sure to check out the Libby app today to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and more for free! For details, visit: pgcmls.overdrive.com. Please join us on the main floor of the Hyattsville Library in the large meeting room at 11:30 AM for this informative and important program. The new library will enrich our community and aid in our goal of lifelong learning. RSVP to Pat Myers at 301-439-6813 or email patmyers2@verizon.net.

Thank you! University Park Woman's Club extends sincere thanks to those in the community who purchased items at the town-wide yard sale in April. The Woman's Club had a site on Tuckerman Street and with the help of members, neighbors and friends raised \$1,092 to be used to assist people in the Ukraine, shelters for women and children who are victims of abuse or human trafficking, and feeding those in need as part of UPWC's Second Tuesday program.



20th Annual Azalea Classic

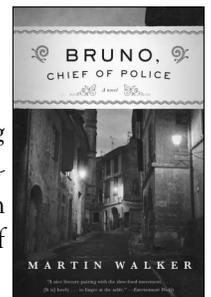
Saturday, May 7, 8:30 AM

Race day is here! Join the University Park community for a morning of family-friendly fun and fitness. At this year's annual Azalea Classic—our 20th—we have options for everyone: 5K, 1-mile and 1K races in both in-person and virtual formats. You can even register on race-day morning, until 8 AM, near the starting line at the elementary school. All proceeds from the race go to the University Park Elementary School PTA to provide much-needed supplies to the school community. Registration is now open at azaleaclassic.com.

After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, May 17, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book Group is meeting virtually this month. May's book is *Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker. On June 28, we plan to meet in person (if vaccinated) to discuss Marlen Hausho-



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

fer's *The Wall*. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



Attention: Teen Workers

A Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year in the Newsletter. University Park teens aged 13-19 with services to offer Town residents (raking, shoveling, car washing, pet care, etc.) should email their name, age, phone number, street name, email address and type of service(s) to univparknews@gmail.com before May 6 for publication in the June Newsletter.

College Park Arts Exchange



College Park Arts Exchange (www.cpae.org) invites you to check out our online calendar for newly scheduled events as we begin to reopen. Tap and Soul Line Dancing, Draw Like an Artist, and Book Club will remain virtual. Groups including Brazilian Dance and Drumming with EducArte, College Park

Chorale, and Youth Orchestra have resumed in person, along with some events at the Old Parish House. Check our website, subscribe to our Constant Contact newsletter, or follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information.

College Park Arts Exchange Book Club meets virtually on third Tuesdays at 7 PM to discuss nonfiction by women. Email info@cpae.org for the Zoom link.

May 17 *Four Lost Cities: A Secret History of the Urban Age*, by Annalee Newitz.

June 21 *Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR*, by Lisa Napoli.

Shopping Locally for Fresh Food

You can eat locally grown produce year-round by shopping at these markets within a 5-mile radius. Note: Markets have adjusted due to the pandemic and information is subject to change. Please check farmers market web

sites and social media pages for updates.

Riverdale Park Farmers Market
4650 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737
Thursday 3-7 PM

College Park Farmers Market
5211 Paint Branch Pkwy.
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 8 AM-Noon

Farmers Market at Maryland
University of Maryland Tawes
Plaza Garden
3900 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20742
www.farmersmarket.umd.edu
Virtual/online ordering only due to pandemic.



Crossroads Farmers Market
Anne Street at University Blvd. East
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912
Wednesday 11 AM-2:30 PM

Hollywood Farmers Market
9801 Rhode Island Ave.
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 9 AM-1 PM

USDA Beltsville Farmers Market
5601 Sunnyside Ave., Parking Lot B
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
Thursday 10 AM-2 PM
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM

Greenbelt Farmers Market
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Sunday 10 AM-2 PM



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.



RAIN CHECK

REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County is committed to improving the quality of life for its communities by promoting green solutions to stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff occurs when rain (or snowmelt) flows over the land picking up pollutants such as oil, grease, sediment, and nutrients which make their way into local streams and rivers. The **Rain Check Rebate Program** allows property owners to receive rebates for installing **Rain Check** approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives and churches) can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program.

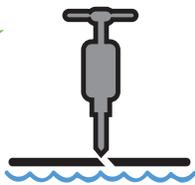
Rebate-Eligible Practices



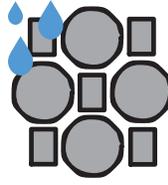
CISTERNS
\$250–\$2,000



GREEN ROOFS
\$2,000–\$20,000



PAVEMENT REMOVAL
\$600–\$5,000



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
\$1,200–\$5,000



RAIN BARRELS
\$50–\$100



RAIN GARDENS
\$1,200–\$2,500

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with Prince George's County on its Rain Check Rebate Program, offering incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce runoff quantity, and improve local streams and rivers.

What This Funds

The Rain Check Rebate Program provides eligible applicants the opportunity to receive a reimbursement for installing approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and nonprofit entities can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program. At this time, Bowie property owners are not eligible to participate in this program.

How Much Can be Awarded

Up to \$4,000 for residential property owners; up to \$20,000 for institutional properties, commercial properties, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit, and not-for-profit organizations, homeowners associations, condominium associations, and civic associations. Projects whose costs exceed the rebate cap must have separate funding to pay for the difference.

Rain Check Rebate Application Process

All Rain Check Rebate applicants must be the property owner and submit an online application. Applications for all projects must be approved by the Trust prior to project installation, with the exception of rain barrel projects. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the Rain Check Coordinator, Hannah Martin, at 410-974-2941 x114 or rebate@cbtrust.org.

<https://cbtrust.org/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/>

Rebate amounts are determined by:

- **Type of practice**
- **Project cost:** The rebate amount cannot exceed the total project cost
- **Applicant type:** Rebate ceilings are set at **\$4,000** for residential practices, and **\$20,000** for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

Need Help?

Find out if a community workshop is planned for your area by visiting the calendar of events on the program website.

You can also learn about certified contractors and where to find supplies you'll need to install the practices.



Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive





NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

**Office of Mayor and
Councilmember
Wards 1, 3, and 7
on
TUESDAY, MAY 3**

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

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

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

MAYOR

Joel T. Biermann

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 1

Ralph O. Dubayah

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 3

Laurie K. Morrissey

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 7

William E. Sweet

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: A Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement form must be filed with the Town Clerk no later than 5 PM on Thursday, April 28 to qualify for the Town election. All forms are available on the Town's website at www.upmd.org/Candidateinfo.

TC Hegeman
Town Clerk
townhall@upmd.org
(301) 927-4262 ext. 101

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

Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program

Homeowner Tax Credit

Administered by Maryland Historical Trust

Homeowners can earn a state income tax credit for renovating historic homes. The tax credit offers homeowners of single-family, owner-occupied residences up to 20 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs. Tax credits may be used for repairs such as:

- ❖ Roof repair and replacement
- ❖ Chimney repair and lining
- ❖ Window restoration
- ❖ New storm doors/windows
- ❖ Masonry repointing
- ❖ Floor refinishing

Eligibility

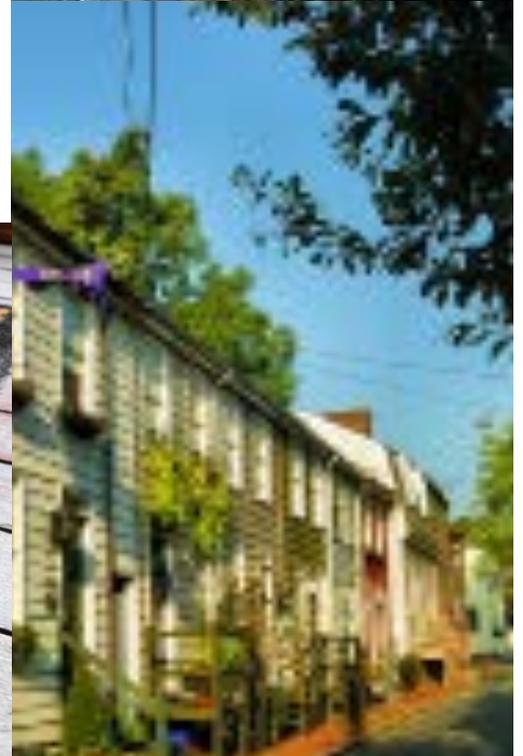
Buildings must be certified as historic, defined as having at least one of the following designations:

- ❖ Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- ❖ A contributing resource within a National Register Historic District
- ❖ A locally designated structure or contributing resource to a local historic district that MHT determines to be eligible for the National Register

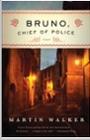
The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period and projects must have a minimum of \$5,000 of eligible expenses to qualify. Applications are accepted year round; MHT review runs approximately 30-45 days.

Learn more:

Dana Marks Halpert, dana.halpert@maryland.gov, 410-697-9551
mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml



May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PorchFest, 2-6 PM	2 Yard Waste UP Woman's Club Meeting, 11:30 AM, Town Council, 7:30 PM	3 Trash, Bulk Trash Election Day 1-8 PM, Town Hall. Ballots due by 8 PM.	4	5 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	6 Recycling, Police Movie Night in the Park 6:30, pickleball demo 5 PM	7
8	9 Yard Waste	10 Trash, Bulk Trash	11 Trees Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	12 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	13 Recycling	14 Ivy League, 9 AM
15	16 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	17 Trash, Bulk Trash Trash, After Eight Book Group, 8 PM	18 	19 Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	20 Recycling	21
22	23 Yard Waste	24 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	25	26	27 Recycling	28
29	30 Town Holiday	31 Trash, Bulk Trash	June 1 Yard Waste		<i>Hold the date: Meadow Day is Saturday, June 25</i>	



TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK
6724 Baltimore Ave.
University Park MD 20782

**Presorted Standard
 US Postage
 PAID
 Hyattsville MD
 Permit No. 2776**

TOWN DIRECTORY

Town Hall

Office Hours M-F 9 AM-5 PM	301-927-4262
Fax	301-277-4548
TDD	800-735-2258
Website	www.upmd.org
Town Field Status	240-297-8277
Town Bus Status Recording	240-297-8287
Mayor Lenford C. Carey	mayorcarey@upmd.org
Cell Phone	240-338-2826
Town Admin. David Deutsch	ddeutsch@upmd.org
Cell Phone	301-343-6033
Town Clerk TC Hegeman	thegeman@upmd.org
Public Works Dir. Mickey Beall	mbeall@upmd.org
Chief Harvey Baker	hbaker@upmd.org
Cell Phone	301-789-8475

Police

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	301-352-1200
Police Dept. Direct	301-277-0050
Chief Harvey Baker	301-277-0051

Town Council

Ward	Council Member	Phone
1	Joel Biermann	202-431-2689
2	Mary Gathercole	301-325-9415
3	Laurie Morrissey	301-906-0276
4	Nathaniel Morgan	301-850-4249
5	David McGaughey	301-664-4030
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	Roland Stephen	919-522-5589

NEWSLETTER

The June newsletter deadline is Friday, May 6. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org/newsletter.

Subscriptions Former residents may subscribe for \$15/year by contacting Town Hall. Subscribers must renew each year before the month that their subscription ends. No reminders are sent. The address label indicates your renewal date.

Editors Todd Stewart & Bridget Warren
univparknews@gmail.com 301-209-7341

Email

jbiermann@upmd.org
mgathercole@upmd.org
lmorrissey@upmd.org
nmorgan@upmd.org
dmcgaughey@upmd.org
mwells@upmd.org
rstephen@upmd.org



Photo by Ross Salawitch.

Printed on recycled paper.