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MAYOR'S COLUMN

In my first column as mayor of University Park, I congratulate outgoing Mayor Len Carey who devoted countless hours to the Town over his eight-year tenure. Like mayors before him, he leaves behind a legacy that does not go unnoticed. Mayor Carey presided over a major infrastructure project to refurbish town roadways and repave sidewalks that needed repair. He obtained state grants that assisted in the installation of the Wells Playground and began upgrading the Tot Lot playground. He led the acquisition of the Public Works Garage in Bladensburg with ARPA funds, eliminating approximately \$40,000 in annual rent payments. He professionalized town administration by hiring a part-time town administrator. He hired our current police chief who has been instrumental in modernizing our town's police force. These are some of the tangible accomplishments

of Mayor Carey's legacy.

Thank you also to our councilmembers who devote their time to the Town. Thank you to outgoing Councilmember Roland Stephen (Ward 7) for consistently and passionately advocating for our environment and for wisely managing our limited financial resources. To our newest councilmembers, Ralph Dubayah (Ward 1) and William Sweet (Ward 7), I look forward to working with you and helping you serve your constituents.

As I begin this term, teamwork is on my mind. No leader succeeds without the support of a well-functioning team. As the Ward 1 councilmember for the past two years, I have seen firsthand the expertise, dedication, and professionalism of our Town's staff. They are a critical element of our team, and I will rely heavily on each of

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council July 5, 18 & August 15

Town Holiday July 5

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, meeting and service information.

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them to provide the services residents expect. I will be open to their suggestions on how we can improve town administration and delivery of services. I will work closely with each of our councilmembers and do my best to ensure that our council sessions meet their residents' needs. I will support our volunteer groups like the Helping Hands Committee and the University Park Civic Association. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any community, and our town has always benefited from their activities.

As residents and taxpayers, you are vital members of this team. I want your ideas and input and will do my best to deliver quality services in a fiscally prudent manner.

In closing, please join me at the University Park Independence Day Parade on July 4th at 11 AM, which will feature the children's bicycle decorating, the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, and an equestrian unit from the Maryland-National Capital Park Police. The University Park Civic Association is working diligently to prepare for this classic annual event. More details are available in this newsletter.

I look forward to the next two years and the exciting things to come!

Joel Biermann



Independence Day Parade on July 4

The Independence Day parade this year will begin on Monday, July 4 at 11 a.m. at the top of Queens Chapel Road adjacent to the Town Hall. By tradition, the children's parade includes decorated bicycles, wagons, pets, parents and more. All are welcome to participate.

To watch, line Queens Chapel Road at 11 a.m. as we parade to Underwood Street and University Park Elementary School. This year the parade will include fire apparatus and personnel from the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, horse-mounted officers from the M-NCPPC Police and possibly more. Many thanks to the University Park Civic Association and to Police Chief Harvey Baker and the University Park Police Department for pulling this together.

Please come, just show up and join in. Especially this year, let's celebrate our liberties.



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FROM THE CHIEF

Active Shooter Preparedness

The University Park Police Department wants you to be prepared in the event of an active shooter incident in your house of worship, workplace, or any public environment. These situations are occurring more frequently. They're unpredictable and evolve very quickly. Because active shooter situations are often over within a few minutes, even before law enforcement can arrive on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with this kind of emergency. *You* may be your own first-responder until help can arrive. Be prepared. Be smart. Be safe. Use the following information to learn more about the best ways to protect yourself and others.

Run: Get away as fast as you can.

Hide: If you can't get away, learn the best ways to conceal and protect yourself.

Fight: If you are confronted and have no other options, fight for your life as your last resort.



Being Prepared for an Active Shooter or Other Emergency This checklist is a good starting point for an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) to prepare for an active shooter or other emergency by responding effectively and helping minimize loss of life. For more detailed information, visit dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness.

- Know your Emergency Action Plan.
- Take immediate action.
- In any emergency, call 911.
- Lock and barricade doors, pull alarms if available.
- Evacuate people to a pre-planned emergency route to safe area.
- Have an emergency notification system, perhaps via text message, to alert anyone who may be elsewhere on the premises.
- Have an evacuation policy, with at least two evacuation routes, posted in your facility.
- Prepare information for individuals to be contacted.

- Know how to contact and drive to local area hospitals.
- Supply your facility with first aid kits.
- Be mindful of possible behavioral warning signs from members or visitors.
- Consider a mock training exercise with law enforcement.
- Recognize the sound of gunshots and react quickly.
- Know what to expect and how to react when law enforcement arrives.
- Adopt a “survival mind-set” during times of crisis.
- Remain calm.

Advance preparation can help avoid panic in emergency situations. Be prepared, be ready and take action to protect yourself and those around you.

Theft On May 23 a resident in the 4300 Block of Clagett Road reported a personal check for \$3,200.00 was stolen and cashed by an unknown suspect. Prince George's County Police Department Financial Crime Unit is following up with this incident.

Theft On May 13 a resident in the 4300 Block of Woodberry St. reported that one of two packages delivered to her residence by Amazon had been stolen. Currently there are no suspects.

Theft On May 13 a resident in the 4200 Block of Woodberry St. reported that a suspect stole a personal check for \$19,550.00 from the U.S.P.S. mailbox at Clagett Rd & Clagett-Pineway. The suspect scrubbed the check, endorsed it to themselves, and cashed it. U.S. Postmaster and Prince George's County Police Financial Crime Unit are conducting the follow up investigation.

Theft On May 11 a resident in the 4200 Block of Underwood St. reported that back on January 15, 2022, someone stole a personal check for \$44,700.00 from the USPS mailbox located at 44th Ave. & Underwood St. The U.S. Postmaster and Prince George's County Police Financial Crime Unit are conducting the follow up investigation.

Theft On May 4 a resident in the 6700 Block of Queen Chapel Rd. reported that back on February 28, 2022, someone stole a personal check for \$2,025.54 from the USPS mailbox on 44th Ave. & Van Buren St. The unknown suspect cashed the stolen check in North Carolina on March 10, 2022. The U.S. Postmaster and Prince George's County Police Financial Crime Unit are conducting the follow up investigation.

To stay informed regarding public safety related issues please sign up for the Chief's Blog.



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Monday, July 4, 11 AM

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Helping Hands University Park



**Helping Hands
University Park**

In addition to our regular activities listed below, the HHUP Committee is planning a free in-person event for those of us who have spent decades accumulating stuff! A professional downsizing service provider will present tips and strategies for organizing and downsizing our homes. Members, watch your email for more-detailed information.

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

Route 1 Corridor Conversations, Puppet Theatre Then and Now, Saturday, July 16, 2-2:30 PM Join Michael Cayo Cotter, founder and director of University Park-based Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, for a historical look at how and why he started Blue Sky Puppet Theatre in 1974 and its transition from an adult experimental company and political satire street theatre to a full time, fine art educational touring company for young audiences by 1980. The discussion will also include a review and demonstration of the five popular forms of puppetry—hand, rod, marionette, shadow and tabletop—and how Zoom has transformed puppetry performances.

Sign up and check for August information at hyattsville-aginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, July 20 and August 17, 12-1 PM Become a member and join us!
Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 25 and August 25, 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 Contact Info: hhhuniversitypark@gmail.com; 301-892-6636; helpinghandsup.org; [facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP).

HHUP Poetry Gathering

The poetry group meets about every six weeks on Sundays. All



UP residents are welcome, whether a poet, poetry lover, or just poetry curious. Gerry Hendershot, ghendershot@earthlink.net; Loretta Saks, lorettahhup@gmail.com, or Deborah Rosenfelt, dsr@umd.edu.

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Tree Committee News

The Town of University Park safeguards its most precious infrastructure resource—its trees—as evidenced by recent enhancements to Chapter 16 of the Town Code. Enhancements include tools to better measure, manage and grow our urban canopy largely through incentives. Forests (including urban forests) manifest above ground as trees and we claim ownership to those in our individual yards. But when neighbors water their trees or apply fertilizer, the trees in our yard are impacted, as they are all connected underground via mycelium. This spirit of collectivism is well expressed in the seminal environmental work *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. There is much wisdom in the old ways, much benefit from collectivism. If we individually embrace the principles, the benefits will manifest by a factor of 923—the number of houses in UP. It's not too early to start thinking of planting a tree or two this October/November. The Town's Reimbursement program makes it easy on the budget.

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Ivy League, *Saturdays, July 9 and August 13, 9-11 AM*
We'll meet at the 9/11 Memorial. Long pants and shirts are recommended for this two-hour (or any portion thereof) volunteer opportunity where we'll remove ivy from the town's trees along the path leading to the Pollinator Meadow.



May 16 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Consent Agenda

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

To install a basement gutter at 3905 Beechwood Road.

Permits

Building Permit Application with Special Exception to Install a 6' Fence in the Front Yard

A request has been made for a building permit to install a 6' fence in the side yard located at 6708 40th Avenue. This requires a Special Exception per Section 4-113 Sub-sections A and B of the Town Code. To approve a Special Exception, the Council must make the requisite findings.

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to install a 6' fence in the side yard located on at 6708 40th Avenue that requires a Special Exception per Section 4-113 Sub-sections A and B of the Town Code showing that there is unique topography and safety consideration of small children being able to walk into

he road. 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 7 to 0.

Public Comment

- A resident supports the Tree Ordinance and looks forward to working with the Mayor and Councilmembers on addressing some concerns before the next Council meeting.
- A resident supports the budget request for two additional officers given current events and the additional money from the traffic cameras.
- A resident said that the majority of local municipalities have a Tree Ordinance, yet University Park which has more trees per acre than these municipalities does not. He urged Council to pass the Tree Ordinance that has been proposed by the Trees, Parks and Environment Committee.

Mayor's Report

- A recent meeting took place with County to discuss improving pedestrian safety at the intersections of Toledo Road/ Adelphi Road and Tennyson Road/Adelphi Road. The discussion included a no right turn on red at Toledo and the possibility of installing red light cameras. The signal timing at Toledo Road has been fixed. The County agreed to study the concerns at the intersection and they will get back with options.
- Will be out of the office from May 26-June 1. In case of emergency contact Councilmember Biermann as he is mayor *pro tem*.
- Expressed frustration at the lack of answers regarding solutions to the problems of siltation and sedimentation coming from the Landy property off Belcrest Road. He has escalated to the Maryland Department of the Environment regarding this issue and is waiting to hear back from them.
- Would like Councilmembers to consider returning to in-person council meetings. The University Park Elementary School is available although this location lacks hybrid meeting capabilities. The community room at the City of College Park may be an option. Councilmembers provided comments and thoughts on this matter.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The committee met on Wednesday, May 11.

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Development Overview Committee

- Regarding the Terrapin House development in College Park, the committee recommends that the council send a letter to the County Planning Board showing that University Park supports the City of College Park's report and the committee also requests the Town's letter specify that the recommendation of support is subject to the approval of the developers stormwater management report.
- The committee discussed the Adelphi Road Sector Plan, and strongly recommended that the Town Council send a letter expressing concern that many of the impacts of the plan were not addressed, including re-configuration and improvements to the intersection of Adelphi Road, University Boulevard and Campus Drive.

Motion: The Council to authorize the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft and send a letter to the County Council and County Planning Board supporting the Terrapin House Project in College Park subject to the recommendations of the City of College Park and the approval and acceptance by College Park of the stormwater management plan for the property. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: The Council authorizes the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft and send a letter to the County Council recommending that they delay the adoption of the Adelphi Road Purple Line Sector Plan expressing the concerns in the memo sent to the Council and Mayor and ask them to set up additional public hearings to discuss the issues that were raised. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Trees, Parks and Environment Committee The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 via Zoom and in-person at the public library. The agenda is on the town website.

Transit Task Force At the recent meeting, the committee worked on finalizing the poll that allows residents to give their opinions on the shuttle program.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 22-O-4: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget as amended. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend the budget to increase the funding in line item W17 to \$45,000 to allow the Public Works

Director to purchase a plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle. Staff will come back to Council prior to purchasing the vehicle. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Stephen abstains).

Motion: To amend the budget by creating a new line item W20 to include \$10,000.00 for installation of an electric vehicle charging facility at Town Hall. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: The vehicle proposed for the Public Works Director be postponed until FY2024 and be considered by the Council at that time. (Line-item W-17). Moved by: CM Stephen. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion: To amend the budget by creating a new line item to include \$10,000 to fund the battery powered lawn equipment rebate program. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend the budget to increase line item W6 Tools and Supplies by \$2,000.00 for a battery-operated leaf blower for Town staff. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend the budget by changing line item G33 Premium Pay from \$2.50 to \$1.25 per hour, per employee beginning July 1, 2022. Motion approved 5 to 2 (Wells and McGaughey opposed).

Motion: To amend the budget by retaining G1B to keep the Town Administrator's salary separate. Motion fails 3 to 4 (Wells, Biermann, Gathercole, Morrissey opposed).

Motion: To amend the budget by changing line item 7133-00 for the replacement of two pedestrian bridges to the replacement of one pedestrian bridge. Moved by: CM McGaughey. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion: To amend the budget by changing line item P1 from hiring two full-time police officers to hiring one full-time police officer. Motion fails 3 to 4 (Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells opposed).

Motion: To adopt Legislative Resolution 22-O-03: To provide for Council Compensation in the amount of \$1800 per year. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Administrator and Department Reports

Town Administrator David Deutsch Delegate Alonzo Wash

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ington will be conducting a walk on East West Highway on Tuesday, May 24 starting at 5:30. Council and staff are welcome to attend. Details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Town Clerk TC Hegeman Summary of permits issued in the month of April: 4 building; 1 dumpster; 1 pod and 0 vendor. Ms. Hegeman thanked the supervisors of elections and the judges for their time. The election was very successful and uneventful with a total of 365 votes.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Crime report: A total of four incidents in the following wards: 3, 4 and 5.
- Walking Wednesday took place on May 11. The officers will be out again on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM in Ward 2.
- Azalea Classic took place with no incidents.
- The police department completed their training audit.
- An officer completed the FBI Leadership training.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The March 2022 Treasurer's Report was distributed. Mr. Baden noted that the FY2023 budget, after all the amendments, ends up with a \$7,442.00 surplus (this amount does not include the unspent ARPA funds).

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- The composting program reached a 40% participation mark (370 households).
- The Hyattsville street sweeper will soon begin cleaning the Town's streets per arrangement with the Town.
- The permit process for the Phase 2B Infrastructure Project is in the final stages.
- The rain garden project on the corner of Woodberry and College Heights Dr. is moving forward.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:03 PM.

May 23 Council Special Meeting Highlights

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

Motion: To Introduce Legislative Resolution 22-O-06: To amend the FY 2023 Budget Ordinance, Legislative Resolution 22-O-04, to transfer \$72,178 from line item G36 "ARPA Expenditures FY22" to line item G33

"Premium Pay - ARPA" to increase premium payments to Town employees from \$1.25 per hour to \$2.50 per hour, as amended. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Stephen abstains). *The earliest date this motion will be considered for passage is June 6, 2022.*

Motion: To amend the motion to continue the \$2.50 per hour premium from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 to reduce it to \$1.25 beginning January 1, 2023 through the end of the FY2023. The staff will prepare a report on compensation, cost of living and other policies prior to Council consideration of the FY2024 budget. Motion approved 6 to 0 (Stephen abstains). *Note: The motion for Legislation Resolution 22-O-04 would then need to change the amount by half.*

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:15 PM.

June 6 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 install two egress windows, rear 1 story kitchen addition, roof to existing front porch at 6707 Wells Parkway.

Public Comment

▪ A resident congratulated the Mayor Elect and new Councilmembers; she and her puppy appreciates the water fountain at the playground; she is in support of the Tree Ordinance, and she asked if Council would consider installing pervious pads for the e-bike stations throughout University Park.

▪ A resident who supports the Tree Ordinance asked that the Mayor and Council keep track over the next year and consider taking additional action if the tree canopy begins to dissipate. This resident would like to know if the Chief has a plan of action if there is ever an emergency at the University Park Elementary School. Mr. Deutsch responded by saying that this is a high priority for the police department and the Chief is fully engaged in a plan along with the partner agencies including the County.

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Mayor's Report

- Mayor Carey thanked CM Wells and Mr. Brosch for their "eyes on the stream" regarding the Wells Run stream. Discussions are ongoing with County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros who is proposing legislation which will heighten the penalties and strengthen the County's ability to respond to erosion and storm-water issues in the future.
- The Maryland Municipal League Conference is June 12-15 in Ocean City, Maryland.

Committee Reports and Council Comments

CM Martha Wells, Ward 6

- The Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee and the Development Overview Committee will not meet during the month of June.
- The standards for Wells Run stream are old and the Town needs to lobby at the State level to get the standards adjusted to make them more realistic.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is scheduled for July 7. An update will be provided at the July meeting on how to change the discriminatory wording in original house deeds.

Continuing Business

Motion: *To amend the previously submitted proposed Tree Ordinance in its entirety.* Motion approved 6 to 0.
Note: The Town Attorney noted that the Key at the bottom of the first page of the Ordinance shows the changes and the amendments to the original Ordinance that was introduced.

Public Comments

- A member of the Tree Committee said that the Committee has listened to the public and addressed concerns about private property owners having choices on their property. The Ordinance preserves choices while also providing the right incentives to keep large trees.
- A resident expressed support of the Tree Ordinance.
- A resident asked about a multi-stemmed tree (two 35" stems together is going to be bigger than 50").
- A resident and Committee member said that having some tools to both monitor and preserve the old trees is what is important.

Motion: *To Adopt Legislative Resolution 22-O-05, repealing and re-enacting § 16-101, "Scope" and § 16-102, "Annual Town Tree Plan required"; repealing, re-*

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enacting and re-numbering § 16-106, "Municipal infractions" and enacting §16-106, "Removal of healthy, large trees on private property" and § 16-108, "Reforestation" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, to require completion of a tree removal form to remove healthy, large trees measuring 50 inches or more in circumference from private property, require a replacement tree to be planted or a fee to be paid when 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, as amended. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: *To approve the 3-year Mobility Share Agreement between the Town and VEORide, Inc. in substantially the form provided, providing for a shared mobility system in collaboration with the City of College Park and the University of Maryland.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To Adopt Legislative Resolution 22-O-06: To amend the FY 2023 Budget Ordinance, Legislative Resolution 22-O-04, to transfer \$39,089 from line item G36 "ARPA Expenditures FY22" to line item G33 "Premium Pay - ARPA" to increase premium payments to Town employees from \$1.25 per hour to \$2.50 per hour. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Town Administrator's Report

In reference to the memorandum/email sent to Council regarding the RFP for the Town Hall project, Mr. Deutsch will put together a small group to help reach a recommendation.

Mayor Carey reminded everyone that the swearing-in of Mayor and Councilmembers will take place on June 21 beginning at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:16 PM.

University Park Woman's Club

At the May end-of-year meeting of the University Park Woman's Club (UPWC), members voted for the recipient of the Penny Project funds collected from January to May. The club voted for The University of Maryland SAFE (Support, Advocacy, Freedom and Empowerment) Center for Human Trafficking Survivors. UPWC will donate \$500 from donated and matching club funds to the SAFE Center which serves survivors of all nationalities, ages and genders. The University Park Woman's

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Club extends sincere thanks to all those who donated to the Penny Project at in-person meetings and at the outdoor collection in front of Jacquie Groppe's house in March.



UPWC is completing its 81st year of service to the community and looks forward to continuing to raise funds for scholarships and charities through donation drives such as the Penny Project. In January, \$500 was given to an Afghan refugee family sponsored by University Christian Church. The yard sale (thanks to everyone who supported the UPWC yard sale) raised enough money so that UPWC can give \$500 to a charity helping Ukrainian refugees, \$250 for programs to help feed those in need, and \$250 for domestic abuse shelters for women and children.

You are cordially invited to become a member of this incredible group of women. Members have a variety of gifts and talents, hobbies and skills. They are retired, semi-retired, or working. Members are moms, grandmoms, single, married, divorced, or widowed. UPWC welcomes new members from University Park and surrounding communities such as College Park, Hyattsville, Adelphi and Beltsville. Meetings will resume the first Monday in October and hopefully, the Holiday House Tour will again be an in-person event. Wishing all a safe and happy summer. Contact Jeanne Washburn at jeanne.washburn@comcast.net for membership info.



Community Mosquito Control Program

What do you know about Asian tiger mosquitoes? They are the most common mosquito in University Park. Studies show they can carry West Nile virus. They can transmit dog heartworm disease and eastern equine encephalitis in the Eastern US. Many communities are now infested by daytime-biting Asian tiger mosquitoes. They like shade and still air where water-holding containers are common.

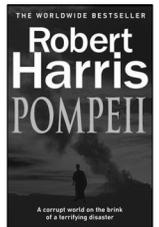


What's your first line of defense? Yard cleanup! Inspect your yard weekly and after it rains to remove potential breeding sites. Simply tip or remove water-holding containers like wading pools and toys, tarps and folds that collect water, and plant pots and saucers. If your traps are deployed, be sure to change the water, grass, dunks and sticky cards about every 4 weeks, or as needed. The traps work best if there are no other sources of standing water (potential breeding sites) in your yard. If you're using canola oil, consider switching to sticky cards and the slotted funnel trap design.

It's never too late to get started! If you haven't set out your traps or haven't purchased traps go to the UP Community Mosquito Control Program website for details on how to order, set up and maintain your traps: www.upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. You can always send us an email at upcmosquitoc@gmail.com, and we'll reply as soon as possible.

After Eight Book Group Tuesday, September 20, 8-10 PM

For September the After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. We will read Robert Harris' novel, *Pompeii*. With all the exploding volcanoes this past year—Canary Islands, Hunga Tonga, Etna, Kiluea—we thought we'd start with a description of the original documented eruption that gave the category name *Plinian* to scale eruption types. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



Arts in the Park Saturday, September 24, 1-4 PM

Attention town artists! The Town Council has designated the last Saturday in September as an Arts in the Park Celebration. Whether you draw, paint, photograph, carve, stitch, sculpt, quilt or engage in any other of the visual arts, share your art with our town community. This day offers our friends and neighbors a chance to reconnect and celebrate the visual arts created by town artists. The day is about sharing and celebrating our community through its visual arts. No judging, no competitions, no prizes—just a fun day in the park.

Arts in the Park is inclusive. Young or old, novice or accomplished professional, if you have one or more pieces of original art you want to share, simply follow the

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registration directions below to be assigned a display space along the Town soccer field. Rain date Saturday, October 1, if needed. This year we're working with the University Park Civic Association on community outreach and to post updates on social media. New this year will be demonstrations by some of our artists—more details will be in the September Town Newsletter. Also, if a town artist—particularly a young artist—would like to display a piece of artwork but does not want to set up a full display, there will be a Community Art Board where single works of art can be shown.

Registration must be completed by September 19. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/UP-Arts-2022, complete the brief questionnaire and click submit. Follow-up information will be emailed to you. If you are having difficulties registering, or have other questions or concerns, please email UPartsinthepark@gmail.com or call Dick Groppe, 301-864-2096.

2022 Maryland Primary Election— Make Your Voice Heard

The 2022 Maryland Primary Election will be held on July 19, with early voting from July 7 through July 14. Prince Georgians are encouraged to register to vote by June 28. Residents are also strongly encouraged to apply for a vote by mail ballot. For more information on the primary election, how to register to vote, and the vote by mail process, contact the Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or visit their website princegeorges-countymd.gov/559/Board-of-Elections



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.



Friday Night Live!, Friday, July 15 and August 12, 6:30 PM The City of College Park is hosting a series of concerts this summer. Join us on the plaza at the new City Hall building (7401 Baltimore Avenue) on select Fridays. Events feature a variety of musical genres and performers and include music, food, beer and entertainment. There will be children's performers, activities and arts and crafts available for kids as well. Free parking available at the Downtown College Park parking garage at the corner of Yale and Knox.

July 15 Salsa and Fiesta

August 12 Sing me the Blues

September 9 Oktoberfest!

Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival Exhibitors Applications Now Open For visual artists and artisans throughout the DC, Maryland and Virginia area, exhibitor applications for the Arts Festival are now available online. This juried festival will be held Saturday, September 17, 12–6 PM. Only original artwork, photography, handmade jewelry, handmade crafts and creative literary arts are allowed. No commercial merchandise accepted unless incredibly unique and environmentally friendly in nature. Online applications (hyattsvilleartsfestival.com/

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applications/) must be sent in by 6 PM on Friday, July 15.

Riversdale



A National Historic Landmark, Riversdale is a restored, five-part, stucco-covered brick home built between 1801 and 1807. 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park, 301-864-0420.

Jazz on the Lawn, Wednesdays, 7-8 PM (Free)

July 13: Archie Edwards Acoustic Blues (Blues)

July 27: Downtown Tumbao (Latin Jazz)

Aug 10: Bruce Ewan (Jazz)

Aug 24: Orchester Praževica (Eastern Euro Czardas Swing)

The Garden Harvest Share Bin is back (by the brochure rack at the southwest corner of the garden). Produce from the garden is used in a variety of ways, but when we have extra, we love to share it. Please do not harvest or pick vegetables or flowers directly from the gardens; if we have extra to share, you will find it in the Garden Share Bin. Check back frequently!



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 websites 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.

Prince George's County Board of Elections

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774



2022 PRIMARY ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING

Thurs., July 7, 2022 to Thurs., July 14, 2022
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Deadline to Register to Vote or Change Party Affiliation

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 | 5:00 p.m. (In office) | 11:59 p.m. (online)

Deadline to Request Vote by Mail Ballot

Tuesday, July 12, 2022
8:00 p.m. (mail request)

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
Largo, MD 20774

11:59 p.m. (fax/email request)
301-341-7399 or email
boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us



Text VBM to 77788

Deadline to Request Electronic Vote by Mail Ballot

Friday, July 15, 2022
5:00 p.m. (mail request)

1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
Largo, MD 20774

11:59 p.m. (fax/email request)
301-341-7399 or email
boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us



Requests for vote by mail ballots by mail or fax must be in the Board of Elections Office by the deadline date--not postmarked. Requests for vote by mail ballots may be hand delivered to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office.

Upon delivery of your request, your ballot may be picked up. When picked up, your ballot may be taken with you and returned by mail or you may vote while at the Board of Elections.

Please note: only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote in the primary election unless there is a nonpartisan race in the voter's district.

For more information, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300 or visit the website at: <http://elections.mypgc.us> or email: election@co.pg.md.us

DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?



● Don't begin your next house project until you've reviewed the type of permit the work may require. ●

NO PERMIT

Small repairs such as:

- Replacement shingles or siding.
- Non-structural roof repairs.
- Replacement windows and exterior doors – no size change.
- Tree removal on homeowner's property.
- Replacement gutters and downspouts.
- Exterior painting.
- Landscaping with no grading.

TOWN ONLY

Generally, smaller projects affecting only the exterior of a property.

Examples:

- Fences - 4 feet high and under (new or replacement).
- Patios - 500 square feet or less (new or replacement).
- Sheds - 150 square feet or less (new or replacement).
- Drainage systems or structure.
- Any POD or Dumpster (no fee) on public or private property.

COUNTY ONLY

- Certain interior work, including, but not limited to, structural, safety, electrical, plumbing, and sometimes utility work.

Check with the County (see County Resources on page 2).

TOWN AND COUNTY

All exterior, larger projects which involve pouring concrete, grading, structural changes, and those projects which have specific code and safety requirements.

- Fences taller than 4 feet (new or replacement).
Also requires a Variance Request.
- Sheds larger than 150 square feet (new or replacement).
- Driveways or walkways (new, expanded or replacement).
- Decks; privacy walls; garages or carports; stoops, porches or porticos; patios larger than 500 square feet; tubs/spas/pools; fixed standby generators; and exterior stairs and/or steps (new or replacement).
- New addition or exterior alteration.
- New windows and exterior doors or changes to the existing opening.
- Solar panels.
- Grading.
- Exterior waterproofing including installing a sump pump with exterior drainage discharge pipe.

PERMITS CANNOT BE ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Projects that encroach on a neighbor's property, even if a replacement.
- 2 Installing a drainage pipe of any kind that redirects water onto Town sidewalks, streets or neighboring properties.
- 3 Driveways or parking pads constructed in front of the house.
- 4 Outbuildings (sheds, garages, etc.) may not contain living space or be more than one story high.

BUILDING PERMITS THINGS TO CONSIDER



SPECIAL EXCEPTION - VARIANCES REQUIRED

- Fences over 4 feet in height.
Requires County and Town permit.
- Lot coverage exceeding 30 percent.
County variance required.
- Garages more than 15 feet in height.

The list is not exhaustive. Call the Town Hall for more information.

COUNTY RESOURCES

Contact the County's Information and Permits Section at (301) 636-2050 for County permitting questions or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1581/Building-Permits.

For information on zoning and permitted uses, contact Planning Information Services at Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission at (301) 952-3208.



PLAN AHEAD

It can take up to two weeks to receive a Town permit, and longer if a County permit is required.



STOP WORK ORDERS

Failure to obtain a required Town building permit shall be subject to a \$200 penalty. You can avoid Stop Work Orders with a little planning.



QUESTIONS

Call Town Hall about your project if you have any doubt. **DO NOT** rely solely on your contractor for this information, verify their assertion. Read Chapter 4 of Town Code titled "Building and Construction" at upmd.org/Code.

I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT - WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

STEP 01

Obtain a County permit, if needed.

STEP 02

Complete Town building permit application. Visit the Town's website at upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp.

STEP 03

Submit application with supporting documents and fee to the Town Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Council meeting. Applications can be emailed or submitted at Town Hall.

Note: Property owners or their designee should plan to attend the Council meeting and be prepared to discuss their application. If you have any questions or are unable to attend the meeting, contact the Town Clerk.



July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 12 Deadline to Request a Mail-in Ballot.					1 Recycling	2
3 	4 Town Holiday Independence Day Parade, 11 AM	5 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council, 7:30 PM	6 Yard Waste Sustainability Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom	7 Early Voting Begins Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	8 Recycling	9 Ivy League, 9 AM
10	11 Yard Waste	12 Trash, Bulk Trash	13 Trees Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	14 Early Voting Ends Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	15 Recycling	16
17 	18 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	19 Maryland Primary Election Trash, Bulk Trash	20	21 Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	22 Recycling	23
24/31	25 Yard Waste	26 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	27	28	29 Recycling	30



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Police

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

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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	William Sweet	301-541-7642

NEWSLETTER

The September newsletter deadline is Saturday, August 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.

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