

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

**THANK YOU, VETERANS!** Each November 11<sup>th</sup>, we observe the sacrifices of our Nation's veterans whose service and commitment have contributed to our democracy's longevity. This year, I invite you to attend the town's Veterans Day observance at 11am at Veterans Memorial Park located at the corner of Wells Parkway and Eversfield Drive (more information later in this newsletter).

Together, we will "pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all [this Nation's] wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of our Nation," and we will "remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores to preserve our heritage of freedom...and reconsecrate our-

selves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts [will] not have been in vain."—*President Eisenhower, 1954 Veterans Day Proclamation*

As we contemplate our veterans' service, I am reminded of how we have been frequently told that our democracy is never certain and we must struggle to maintain it. So, I would be remiss if I did not encourage each of you to vote on or before this upcoming Tuesday, November 8. Our veterans fought to preserve your Constitutional rights and your vote~only you can exercise it!

The Town Council is considering the adoption of an Ordinance for a 20mph speed limit on interior roads. The council initially considered the matter in

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council                      November 7 & 21

Town Holidays                      November 11 & 24

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

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September, but the final vote will be in November. Under state law, the town does not retain any portion of a speeding ticket issued via an officer's traffic stop, and it is highly unlikely that speed cameras will ever be used to monitor our interior streets. But, while this Ordinance has no bearing on local revenue, it may contribute to a culture of enhanced safety where motorists drive more cautiously and have a higher regard for pedestrians and cyclists. In the future, the council will continue to evaluate ways to enhance the safety, walkability and bikeability of our town.

I am excited about the redo of the town's Tot Lot between 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenues on the south side of Wells Run, largely funded through a State of Maryland grant. In early October, the town's Tot Lot Advisory Committee, comprised of residents with young children, provided their final recommendations, including color scheme, to me, town staff, and the vendor, and in late October, the town submitted payment for the playground equipment. The playground will feature a pollinator theme, will have handicap-accessible features, and will include swings that ease parents' interactions with their children. While we had hoped to break ground soon, it now looks like construction will begin in early 2023. Interested town residents can view diagrams of the new design posted on the community news board at the current Tot Lot.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving holiday later this month! The time you spend with your friends and family is especially invigorating this time of year and I hope it is especially memorable for you. And, as I have closed in the past, please explore the many cats, dogs and other animals available for adoption at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter and consider adding a special little animal to your family this holiday season.

—Joel Biermann

*What do you think? I am always interested in your perspectives and viewpoints, especially if they are true, kind, and necessary!*  
Email me at [mayorbiermann@upmd.org](mailto:mayorbiermann@upmd.org)



**Veterans Day Observance**  
**Thursday, November 11, 11 AM**

On the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month we take pause and give thanks to the men and women that have served and continue to serve our great Nation. The Town of University Park is pleased to invite you to a Celebration of Veterans at the corner of Wells Parkway and Eversfield Drive. MAJ Anthony Woods will speak at the event, Lee Tate will play bagpipes, the Maryland National Capital Park Police will attend with their equestrian unit, a JROTC color guard from Northwestern High School will participate, and—pending availability—the United States Air Force will conduct a flyover. A small reception will follow. Interested volunteers should contact the mayor at [mayorbiermann@upmd.org](mailto:mayorbiermann@upmd.org).

**Notice of Introduction of  
Legislative Resolution 22-O-08**



On October 3, 2022, Legislative Resolution 22-O-08 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 1, "Traffic", Section 9-103, "Speed limits" to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour in the Town on streets located in a school zone for which the speed limit is currently 25 miles per hour. The meeting set for November 7, 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

### **New Traffic Safety Laws Effective October 1, 2022**

Did you know that proper car seat and booster use is one of the easiest ways to keep children safe? When used correctly, car seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury in a crash by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. In April 2022, Maryland lawmakers passed SB 176, a bill that will upgrade the state's law that protects children traveling on our roadways. The new law went into effect on October 1, 2022, and states that children must be kept rear-facing until at least two years of age, unless the child meets or exceeds the height and weight on the seat's guidelines. Having a seat that properly fits the child is also another important consideration. SB 176 brought Maryland in line with laws in 16 other states and the District of Columbia.



Additionally, the “move over” law in Maryland was expanded effective October 1, 2022. Under the expanded law motorists must change lanes or slow down when approaching any vehicle stopped on a highway with hazard lights flashing or with flares out. The expanded move over law will improve roadside safety, reduce accidents and save lives.

**Theft** On September 9 a resident in the 4000 block of Tennyson Rd. reported the catalytic converter was taken from her parked 2002 Honda Accord. The vehicle was last driven on September 6. No cameras, witnesses or known suspects.

**Car Accident** On September 11 University Park responded to the 6900 Block of Adelphi Road for an accident with injuries. The driver of a red Lexus was standing outside of his crashed vehicle bleeding from his nose. Two witnesses observed the accident and provided statements. Due to extensive damage, the Lexus had to be towed. During the inventory of the vehicle a handgun

and 6 pounds of marijuana were recovered in the vehicle. The operator was issued several traffic citations and placed under arrest and transported to Department of Corrections for processing.

**Theft** On September 13 a resident in the 6700 Block of 40th Avenue reported that between September 4-13 someone broke into his locked shed and stole tools valued at \$14,615. There was no video footage and no current suspects.

**Fraud** On September 27 a resident in the 6700 Block of Baltimore Avenue reported someone made two unauthorized transactions on her food stamp card. The transactions were made on September 17 in Dallas, TX.

### **Tree Committee News**

University Park's tree canopy is its most valuable resource—providing physical, emotional and financial benefit to all of us. Show your canopy gratitude by selecting one or more of these meaningful branches:

**Branch One: Plant a tree this November.** The window between Halloween and December 10 (as long as the ground is not frozen below 8 inches) is the single best time of year to plant woody plants, as they will be in place when root generation begins in late February/early March. Reimbursement covers the cost of the tree and associated costs—labor, soil, mulch, etc. You will be approved for up to \$300 for each shade tree and \$100 dollars for each understory tree. For approved species, please see the consolidated list that includes both shade and understory. Participants must follow the protocols of our Shade Tree Reimbursement program. Minimal documentation is required. All details can be found at [upmd.org/169/Shade-Trees-Compost-Programs](http://upmd.org/169/Shade-Trees-Compost-Programs).

**Branch Two: Leave your leaves.** Your leaves provide important winter habitat for moths, butterflies, bees and



other creatures. They encourage healthy soil dynamics in the upper soil levels by feeding earthworms and microbes, which lighten soils and nourish root growth and the tree as a whole. The carbon in leaves will balance the nitrogen in your compost and insulate succulents and other more tender-footed plants. Rake whole leaves directly into your shrub or tree beds or use your mower as a vacuum then distribute. For the grass, you may mow the leaves.

**Branch Three: Volunteer by maintaining the town's trees.** Join the Ivy League and help remove ivy from the town's trees on Saturday, 12 November, 10 AM-12 PM, or any portion thereof. We'll meet at the 9/11 Memorial at the foot of Wells Parkway by the new playground. Please bring a pair of hand pruners and a small prying tool, such as a dandelion weeder or old screwdriver. Dress for the weather and brambles. If you arrive late, you will find us off the trail that leads from the 9/11 Memorial to the Pollinator Meadow.

### Helping Hands University Park



Helping Hands University Park held its annual Fall gathering last month and would like to thank our chairperson Linda Verrill for hosting in her home and all the volunteers who

helped with the festivities. We are all looking forward to another year of expanding social activities and services as life slowly begins to feel more normal. As we enter the winter season, it is a good time to review your Covid and flu vaccine needs. Members can let us know if they need assistance with those. Please stay safe during the upcoming holidays!

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

**Route 1 Corridor Conversations: What's Music Good For? A Cognitive Scientist's Perspective, Saturday, November 12, 2-3:30 PM** Join Dr. Robert Slevic via Zoom for a discussion of how music can help our brains. Dr. Slevic teaches in the UMD Department of Psychology. His research focuses on the cognitive mechanisms involved in the processing of language and of music in both normal and brain-damaged populations. Info online at: [hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/](http://hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/)

**Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, November 16, 12-1 PM** Become a member and join us!

**Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 22, 5:30-6:30 PM** HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to attend. Contact us by phone or email for the Zoom link.

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

### HHUP Poetry Gathering

The poetry group meets about every six weeks on Sundays. All residents are welcome, whether a poet,



poetry lover, or just poetry curious. Contact Gerry Hendershot, [ghendershot@earthlink.net](mailto:ghendershot@earthlink.net); Loretta Saks, [lorettahup@gmail.com](mailto:lorettahup@gmail.com), or Deborah Rosenfelt, [dsr@umd.edu](mailto:dsr@umd.edu).

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

### Sustainability Committee News

#### Pepco's Residential Energy Efficiency Programs

The Sustainability Committee would like to encourage town residents to take advantage of several current Pepco programs that provide energy savings and increase comfort levels through rebates or other financial incentives. They are the Home Performance with Energy Star program (HPwES) and the Quick Home Energy Check-Up Program (QHEC). Through HPwES you can receive a subsidized energy audit for the cost of \$100; market-rate is \$400-\$500. The participating contractor will follow up with an energy report and proposal for efficiency improvements, along with associated rebates of up to \$7,500 for energy saving measures such as air sealing, insulation, HVAC replacements, water heater replacements, duct improvements and more. HPwES customers will receive their rebate checks within 6-8 weeks of project completion/test-out. Alternatively, they may have the rebate applied as an instant discount with the check sent to the contractor, but must make the initial investment.



On average, homeowners are saving 20% on their utility bills after having this energy work done.

QHEC is a free service including a less in-depth energy

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assessment but offering no-cost installs including but not limited to LED bulb replacements, faucet aerators, high-efficiency showerheads, Smart Strips, ShowerStart adapters, hot water pipe insulation, and even Google Nest E thermostats.

- For information about these programs and more, go to [homeenergysavings.Pepco.com](http://homeenergysavings.Pepco.com).
- For more residential programs including rewards, rebates and credits, visit [Pepco.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/Maryland.aspx](http://Pepco.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/Maryland.aspx)
- Energy Coach information is at [homeenergysavings.Pepco.com/md/residential/home-performance-with-energy-star-program/ask-energy-coach](http://homeenergysavings.Pepco.com/md/residential/home-performance-with-energy-star-program/ask-energy-coach); or call 443-718-4860.

The Sustainability Committee can assist you, call David Brosch at 240-888-1225.

### **Town Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday, December 3, 6-8 PM**

The Town of University Park invites you to come greet your neighbors and meet Santa. The lighting takes place at Henson Green, 6401 Queens Chapel Road.

### **September 14 Council Special Session Highlights**

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

#### **Council Discussion**

Regarding pending County Zoning Ordinance legislation and decision on sending a formal response to the Prince George's County Council documenting the University Park Town Council's position on this legislation.

- On Friday, September 9, County Councilmember Glaros informed University Park of approximately 10 Bills that make changes to the new Zoning Ordinance which was adopted in 2018 but due to COVID the process was not completed until April 2022.
- The combined effect of the amendments is to make it virtually impossible to ever change whatever is amended into this Ordinance ever again because it requires a super majority or eight votes out of eleven to make any kind of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. It allows landowners in a number of categories to go back and use the old permitted uses.
- Two bills of concern: Council Bill 91-2022—requires

the super-majority to make any kind of amendment; Council Bill 92-2022—takes away the County Council's ability to call up a project for review after it has been approved by the Planning Board.

- The strategy is to say that the procedure is flawed and that this information has been given to the community at large with only five days to respond.
- The Zoning Hearing Examiner has provided a memorandum to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee raising concerns about the process and the lack of due process in the way in which these Bills are moving forward.

#### **Public Comment**

The Washington Post is interested in this issue and they are going to cover it.

Mayor Biermann thanked everyone who joined the discussion, and he encouraged the public to reach out to the County Councilmembers with their concerns. He noted that the letters that will be sent to the County Councilmembers will be available for the community.

*Motion: To authorize that a formal response regarding the County Zoning Ordinance legislation be sent to the Prince George's County Council.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

CM Wells wanted to formally ask everyone's permission to read into the record the letters on Council Bills 91 and 92 and the letter of support on the bill providing for increased fines for violations of stormwater regulations. Council unanimously approved the recommended actions.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 7 PM.

### **September 19 Council Meeting Highlights**

Present (via video and audio conference) were Mayor Biermann; Councilmembers Dubayah (arrived at 7:36), Gathercole, McGaughey, Wells, Sweet. Excused: Morrissey, Morgan.

#### **Consent Agenda**

*Motion: To approve the following consent agenda items.* Motion approved 4 to 0.

*To install a 7'x7' shed in rear yard at 4001 Beechwood Road.*

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*To install a patio with steps and three window wells at 4209 Woodberry Street.*

*Block party street closure for Woodberry Street between College Heights Drive and Wells Parkway Saturday, September 24 from 4-11 PM.* The police department has been notified and supports this request.

### Mayor, Council, and Committee

#### Comments and Reports

##### *Development Overview Committee*

- CM Wells reported on the Economic Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting that she attended. Council Bill 91 was withdrawn and tabled indefinitely. Council Bill 92 was voted forward by a 3-2 vote and will go to the full Council in October. The bill on additional fines for stormwater violations was deferred until Wednesday, September 21.
- Construction has begun on the Nine-Pond project.

*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee Discussion at the September 14 meeting included: a parking/permitting system where there is abuse of nonresidential parking; car-free day; policy for traffic calming devices; and problems with speed on Van Buren Street.*

##### *Mayor Biermann*

- Is aware of stormwater management concerns expressed by residents. He is working with the Public Works Director and the Town Administrator, exploring the possibility of transferring ownership of the stormwater management infrastructure to the County and potentially getting the County to pay for it. This process with the County has existed since the 1990s.
- The tot lot project is moving forward and he hopes that this will be completed by the end of the year.
- Councilmember Gathercole asked for an explanation regarding the engineer who was recently hired to evaluate the stormwater issues in Ward 2. The Town Administrator explained that the smaller stormwater issues would not be part of the County program. He also noted that a report from the engineer will be available within the next ten days.
- The Town Administrator explained that the process with the County would be for them to assume responsibility for all major drainage systems, large stormwater areas and facilities.

### New Business

*Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative*

*Resolution 22-O-07: Amending Section 4-104, Permit applications.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

### Administrator and Department Reports

#### *Town Administrator David Deutsch*

- Mr. Deutsch and Mr. Beall will attend the four virtual meetings that Pepco is hosting regarding the potential for municipalities to purchase their streetlight infrastructure.
- The rebate program to eliminate gas powered leaf blowers is off to a good start. There is \$10,000 allocated for this program and approximately \$1,500 will be distributed by the end of the week. Details on this program can be found on the Town website.
- Interviews for the Code Compliance Officer are scheduled this Wednesday, September 21.
- An update will be given on the Stanley-Martin project located on Belcrest Road as soon as we receive more information.

*Town Clerk TC Hegeman Summary of permits issued in the month of September: 4 building; 2 block parties.*

#### *Chief Of Police Harvey Baker*

- Crime Report from September 2-13—six incidents.
- Movie Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 from 6:30-9:30 PM at the Town field. A food truck will be available.
- The Multi-Jurisdictional Traffic Detail event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28. Police officers from University Park, Maryland State Police, and Riverdale Park will participate.
- Training for the police department included: Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, Maryland Chief of Police Aspiring Leader Program, In-Service Training, Field Training Officer Refresher, and Maryland Chief of Police Professional Development Seminar.

*Town Treasurer Dan Baden The August 2022 Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed.*

#### *Director Of Public Works Michael Beall*

- A programmable pedestrian beacon was installed at the mid-block crosswalk near the school.
- The drop-off zone on Underwood Street was extended to accommodate more cars.
- We will provide logistic support for the following

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events: three block parties, Arts in the Park, Movie Night, and tree planting.

- Notifications will be sent to residents regarding proposed location of future tree planting.
- Mr. Beall hopes the Phase 2B of the Infrastructure Project begin by the end of October. The delay is due to the pricing agreement between the County and the contractor.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:31 PM.

### October 3 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Mayor, Council and Committee Comments and Reports

*Transit Task Force* The next meeting is Tuesday, October 11. Residents who receive a survey are encouraged to submit the completed survey by October 15. The draft report from the Transit Task Force will be distributed in October.

*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee* The next meeting is Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 PM.

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* The next meeting is Thursday, October 6.

*Trees, Parks and Environment Committee* The Tree Removal form can be found on the website.

#### Mayor Biermann

- The state gave the town a \$225,000 grant to upgrade the tot lot.
- Wells Run is a lot cleaner with the help of the flocculants.
- Is exploring the possibility of County reimbursement for stormwater system upgrades.
- Those interested in volunteering or speaking at the Veterans Day event should contact the Mayor.

CM McGaughey, *Ward 5* Movie Night was a great success. He thanked the town police for helping put this event together. Chief Baker responded by saying that event was a good partnership with the Maryland National Capital Park Police along with Dr. Davis and her staff from University Park Elementary School.

#### New Business

*Motion: To adopt Resolution 2022-R-03, proclaiming gratitude to Michael and Laura Donnelly for their service to the community.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

*Motion: To approve the introduction of Legislative Resolution 22-O-08: Amending Chapter 9, "Traffic and Vehicles" Section 9 103, "Speed limits", to authorize the Council to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour on streets located in a designated school zone for which the speed limit is currently 25 miles per hour between the hours of 6 AM and 8 PM, Monday through Friday.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

*Motion: To approve the introduction of budget adjustments in the amount of \$124,410 for Fiscal Year 2022 as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the September 29, 2022 memo to Mayor and Council.* Motion approved 5 to 0.

#### Town Administrator's Report

- The town hired a new Code Compliance Officer, Mr. John Rogers.
- He will participate in the University of Maryland's Update to its Tenor Facilities Plan. He will report to Council once the process begins.
- The Wells Run stream has been running clear and he hopes it will continue.
- He will contact the engineer about the report on the water issues in the alleys. Chief Baker will contact the vendor on the status of the proposed red-light camera on East West Highway.

Chief Baker reminded residents to stop using the blue mailboxes in town due to thefts from the boxes. Please take your mail to the local post office as there is not a way for them to control this problem.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:23 PM.

### Community Mosquito Control Program



November's cooler weather brings mosquito season to an end. If you deployed mosquito traps, it's time to gather them from your yard and prepare them for storage. Clean them out and store them in an enclosed space, away from winter weather.

All plastic parts can be put in the dishwasher, but don't use heat to dry them. Traps left exposed to winter cold

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can become brittle and crack, making them unusable for next year. It's best to store them in a conditioned space, rather than in a shed or unheated garage.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the UP Community Mosquito Control Program this year. We hope you'll participate again next year. To be effective, our program requires a strong community effort. Every neighbor who participates makes a difference in helping to keep the mosquitoes at bay. If you did not participate this year, we hope you will join us in 2023. The program will start gearing up for the 2023 mosquito season in early spring. Questions or comments? Please send us an email at [upcmosquitoc@gmail.com](mailto:upcmosquitoc@gmail.com).

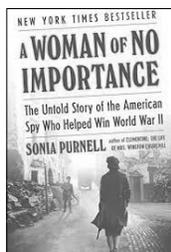
### **UP Woman's Club Meeting** **Monday, November 7, 11:30 AM**

Our guest speaker, Anthony Stahl, is currently the president of Adventist Healthcare White Oak Medical Center and has an extensive background in healthcare administration, leadership, organizational development and growing talent. Throughout his 29 years of leadership, he worked and or lived in 60 countries and five continents spearheading the growth of organizations and leaders. He worked as an executive in international development for 14 years and then as a hospital executive for the past 15 years. Anthony is passionate about helping others realize their full potential. He finds joy in helping leaders create meaning in their own lives and in their organizations, which results in motivated employees, customer commitment and improved bottom line. We will be meeting in-person at the University Christian Church at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads in Hyattsville. You are invited to bring your own lunch and beverage. We appreciate RSVPs as it will help us determine seating. Our email is [upwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:upwomensclub@gmail.com).



### **After Eight Book Group** **Tuesday, November 15, 8-10 PM**

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. Our November title is Sonia Purnell's *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*. For December, we will be reading Ann Patchett's



*The Dutch House*. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. Please come and bring your suggestions for future reading.



### **UP Church of the Brethren** **Christmas Sharing Fair**

**Saturday, December 3, 9:30AM-2 PM**

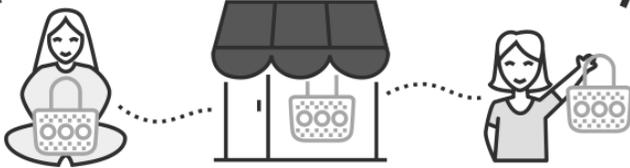
We are looking for local organizations and crafters/artists to be vendors at our event. There is no charge to participate in our fair, just a commitment to donate 10% of sales to our cause this year, Puerto Rican Disaster Relief, or to your own charitable organization. We also welcome any local charities who want to spread the word about their cause. Please contact us if interested and to reserve your spot: [UPCOB2@verizon.net](mailto:UPCOB2@verizon.net), or 301-864-4328.

### **UPWC Holiday House Tour** **Saturday, December 10, 3-7 PM**

Please mark your calendars! Our largest fundraiser of the year is back! This event allows us to support various charities throughout the year. During Covid, we cancelled the event, so we are very excited to be back. We are looking for homeowners who are interested in hosting. The UPWC will provide host/hostesses during the event to collect tickets and manage flow of participants. If you have an interest in showcasing your home, please do not hesitate to contact Jean Bourne Pirovic at 301-520-8420. I am happy to go over the details of what is expected/provided for you. We welcome new homeowners as the tour provides a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors and make new friends. Whatever you celebrate, we would love to have your home be featured.



# MAKER-TO-MARKET



Hyattsville Mennonite Church Ten Thousand Villages Craft Market and Bake Sale, *Saturday, November 19, 9 AM-5 PM* Do your holiday shopping while supporting fair trade incomes for the diverse artisan cultures of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Shop for items not available through the Ten Thousand Villages website, as well as annual sale favorites. A special feature are the hand-knotted rugs crafted by fairly paid adults. There will also be a bake sale where you can buy homemade baked goods, including bread, pies, cupcakes, cookies, and whoopie pies, among other items. Admission is free. 4217 East-West Highway, Hyattsville. For more information: [hyattsvillemennonite.org/ten-thousand-villages-craft-market-bake-sale/](http://hyattsvillemennonite.org/ten-thousand-villages-craft-market-bake-sale/) Online shopping is always available at: [tenthousandvillages.com](http://tenthousandvillages.com).

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Monday, November 21, 7-9 PM* Join us for a screening of *Inhabitants: Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring Our World*, an award-winning feature documentary that follows five Native American Tribes across deserts, coastlines, forests and prairies as they restore their traditional land management practices. Join us at the new Hyattsville Branch for a screening and discussion of *Inhabitants* at 6530 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville. Questions? Contact [susan.misleh@pgcmls.info](mailto:susan.misleh@pgcmls.info)

## Riversdale

Seasonal Selections: Native American Cuisine, *Sunday, November 20, 12-3 PM* Using produce from the garden and orchard, Kitchen Guild members demonstrate foodways in the open-hearth kitchen. Selections are inspired by the traditional seasonal cycles of a 19th century farm. Drop by to watch them cook and pick up some new recipes! Free. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, 301-864-0420.



## Curbside Leaf Vacuuming

November 1, 2022 - January 13, 2023

- Department of Public Works crews will work counter-clockwise through Town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 & Ward 6.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- No rocks, sticks or metal in your leaf piles.
- Crews will not back track to collect leaves once they have passed your home.
- Check the Town website at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) under the Public Works tab for updates and deadlines.

**After January 13** If you miss curbside leaf vacuuming, leaves will need to be collected into paper bags or a durable container and put at the curb. The county does not accept leaves in plastic bags. Leaves will be picked up on Mondays with yard waste.

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



## UP Helping Paws

Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. Please remember to pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in public trash cans or your own trash can. Please sign up your animal(s) in the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for University Park residents. Committee members can view the information to help reunite lost pets with their owners.

# Town of University Park

## GET COMPOSTING!



### WANTED: MORE COMPOSTERS!



In the Fall of 2011, University Park launched its organics compost pilot with 50 volunteers. Now, more than 270 homes participate, but the Town hopes to expand the program to an **additional 250 households** in the next year. The long-term goal is to have every household in town composting.

Not only does composting keep food waste out of the landfill, it saves money. It costs the Town almost 60% less to dispose of compost compared to regular trash.

### HOW TO GET STARTED

Public Works provides everything you need: a collection bin for your kitchen, compostable bags, and an air-tight lidded bucket to keep odors in and critters out. Compost is collected on Mondays.

To sign up, contact Mickey Beall at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org) or (301) 927-4262.

### KNOW BEFORE

### YOU THROW

Americans generate around 14 million tons of food waste each year, or 106 pounds of food waste per person.



- 570,000 tons is composted for a 4.1% recovery rate;
- the rest, or 13.4 million tons, is incinerated or sent to a landfill.



- Nearly 24% of the garbage at the landfill in Prince George's County is food waste that could have been composted.



### WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR FOOD SCRAPS?



Food waste is NOT garbage. It is a resource that can be turned into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.



It is taken to the County's composting facility in Upper Marlboro - the largest on the East coast!



Materials are placed in a large pile where they eventually break down.



This transforms into a rich soil amendment, marketed and sold in bulk as Leafgro Gold.

For more information on composting in Prince George's Co: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2856/Curbside-Organics-Collection-Composting](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2856/Curbside-Organics-Collection-Composting)



# Town of University Park

## GET COMPOSTING!



University Park's Compost Program is expanding! You can now compost a larger variety of food scraps and paper products.



### PAPER PRODUCTS



Corrugated fruit and vegetable boxes

Paper ice cream containers



Paper towels, napkins

Paper plates (only uncoated or compostable)



Food-soiled newspaper

Pizza boxes



Paper bags (uncoated) with food scraps

Compostable tableware



### FOOD SCRAPS



Fruits and vegetables

Bread, pasta, grains (no raw dough)



Eggs and eggshells

Coffee grounds and filters



Tea bags and loose tea

Meat (including bones)



Dairy - milk, butter cheese

Seafood (including shellfish)



Leftover and spoiled food

### DO NOT COMPOST!

- × Plastic bags, wrappers or film
- × Plastic jugs
- × Aluminum or steel cans, utensils, pans
- × Plastic utensils
- × Facial or toilet tissue
- × Pet waste
- × Kitchen pots or pans
- × Ceramic or plastic dishes



### DO NOT COMPOST!

- × Styrofoam
- × Plastic bottles
- × Aluminum foil, disposable pans
- × Grease or fats
- × Diapers
- × Household trash
- × Foil or plastic backed paper
- × Glass of any kind

For more information on types of acceptable packaging and utensils, visit <https://menv.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/service-86.pdf>



# Town of University Park, Maryland

## 2022-23 Information Sheet

301-927-4262 | 6724 Baltimore Avenue | [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org)

**Town Hall office hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
*Staff can also be reached using the contact information listed below.*

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Fax	301-277-4548
TDD	800-735-2258
Website	<a href="http://www.upmd.org">www.upmd.org</a>
Town Field Status	240-297-8277

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Town Treasurer Daniel Baden <a href="mailto:dbaden@comcast.net">dbaden@comcast.net</a>	Ext 103

### Town Council

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3	Laurie Morrissey <a href="mailto:lmorrissey@upmd.org">lmorrissey@upmd.org</a>	301-906-0276
4	Nathaniel Morgan <a href="mailto:nmorgan@upmd.org">nmorgan@upmd.org</a>	301-850-4249
5	David McGaughey <a href="mailto:dmcgaughey@upmd.org">dmcgaughey@upmd.org</a>	301-664-4030
6	Martha Wells <a href="mailto:mwells@upmd.org">mwells@upmd.org</a>	301-864-1735
7	William Sweet <a href="mailto:wsweet@upmd.org">wsweet@upmd.org</a>	301-541-7642

<b>University Park Police Department</b>	<b>301-277-0050</b>
Office	301-277-0050
Chief Harvey Baker	301-277-0051 301-789-8475c
Code Compliance	Ext. 302
Emergency	911
Prince George's County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency	301-352-1200

### Website Notifications and Alerts

Get connected and be informed! The website is filled with

the latest news and announcements, the Chief's Blog, calendar information, Council and Committee agendas, minutes and more. Sign up online to receive notifications and alerts via email or text by visiting [www.upmd.org/notifyme](http://www.upmd.org/notifyme).

### Town Police Department

The Department is located at Town Hall (6724 Baltimore Avenue). Residents are reminded to call 911 for emergencies or to report suspicious activity and a UP Officer will be dispatched. Residents should report non-emergency requests to Prince George's County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency line. If a resident has a question, please call the office Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### National Prescription Drug Take Back Events

The police department organizes National Prescription Drug Take Back events in April and October every year at Town Hall. University Park residents are encouraged to drop off prescription and over-the-counter drugs that are no longer needed or expired during the event. The University Park Police take the drugs to the DEA for proper disposal. Visit our website's calendar or the Chief's Blog for the date of the next event.

### Reporting Traffic Issues

Residents can report traffic issues online. Visit [www.upmd.org/Traffic](http://www.upmd.org/Traffic) to make a report.

### Leash Law

All dogs must be leashed when not on owner's property. All dog walkers must bag their pet's waste and dispose of the bags in a trash receptacle.

### Building Permits

All UP residents planning any construction projects on their property must contact the Town Clerk's office to determine whether a Town permit is required. Town building permit applications requiring a variance must be received by the Town Clerk's office no later than five (5) days before a Council meeting. Residents requesting a variance must attend the Council meeting. The Town Building Permit Application can be found online at [www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp](http://www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp).

### Rentals Require Permits

Anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park must obtain a rental permit. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$400 per year and requires a yearly inspection. The Rental Property

License Application can be found online at [www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp](http://www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp) under Rentals.

### **Parking Permits**

Residents who rent may obtain a parking permit from the Town Clerk's office. View the Town Code Section 9-104 at [www.upmd.org/Code](http://www.upmd.org/Code) to learn which streets have restricted parking.

### **UP Vehicle Stickers**

University Park homeowners may obtain one blue and white UP sticker per licensed vehicle for free. Display the sticker on the driver's side of your car's rear bumper or low on the rear window. Contact the Town Clerk's office to obtain a sticker.

### **Town Bus Services**

All Town bus service is suspended. Any changes to service will be posted on our website at [www.upmd.org/bus](http://www.upmd.org/bus).

### **Trash & Bulk Trash Collection**

Trash is collected from the green cart on Tuesdays. Place the cart outside at the curb by 7 a.m. To arrange for a Tuesday bulk trash pick-up, visit [www.upmd.org/Bulktrash](http://www.upmd.org/Bulktrash). All mattresses and box spring must be bagged for collection. The Town requires a \$20 payment (cash or check only) for each item containing refrigerants or other gases, including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers and refrigerators. Checks should be made out to the Town of University Park and submitted to the Town Clerk prior to scheduling the pick-up. Visit [www.upmd.org/trash](http://www.upmd.org/trash) for a detailed list of unacceptable items that will not be collected. Items such as TVs and electronics will not be collected. Residents can bring these items to the semi-annual electronics recycling events or to the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro.

### **Trash & Recycling Carts**

Do not put trash and recycling carts out earlier than the night before your scheduled pick-up days. It is the resident's responsibility to return the cart from the curb on the same day after pick-up. Carts stored outside must be out of view from the street. If the most convenient place to locate your carts is a visible one, consider installing wooden surrounds, barrier walls or lattice and plants.

### **Recycling**

Recycling is collected from the blue single-stream recycling cart on Fridays. Place the cart outside at the curb by 7 a.m. Plastic bags and all other sheet-like plastic are prohibited from County and Town recycling. Items for collection:

- many plastics including food containers numbered 1-7, cups and tableware, flowerpots and Rx containers
- clothes hangers
- all glass except mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass and

windowpanes

- mixed paper including telephone books, magazines, boxes, rinsed milk & juice aseptic cartons, envelopes and newspapers, etc.
- some metal including aerosol cans, aluminum foil, aluminum and metal food & beverage containers

Please rinse all containers so they are free of food and grease. Labels, tabs and lids are allowed. Dry cell batteries weighing less than two pounds may be recycled at the Town Hall. Please pad the positive end of each battery with a strip of tape.

### **Yard Waste and Compost**

Yard waste and compost are collected on Mondays. Yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, so it is important to keep it free of trash, rocks and other debris. Bamboo is considered trash. Please put yard waste out only on the evening before collection in a bin or brown paper bag. **Plastic bags are prohibited.** If you are interested in participating in the compost program, email Public Works Director Mickey Beall at [mbeall@upmd.org](mailto:mbeall@upmd.org). For more information about the Compost Program, visit [www.upmd.org/Compost](http://www.upmd.org/Compost).

### **Leaf Collection**

Town Public Works crews collect leaves by vacuum from November through early January. Residents should rake their leaves up to the curb line for collection. *Do not rake leaves into the gutters or street. Please keep leaf piles free of sticks, stones and other debris, as they can damage the vacuum equipment.*

### **Snow Removal**

All residents are required to remove snow from their public front sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. For more information including snow emergency parking restrictions, visit [www.upmd.org/Snow-Winter-Operations](http://www.upmd.org/Snow-Winter-Operations).

### **Electronics, Paint and Tire Recycling, Paper Shredding**

Every spring and fall, the Town holds a recycling and paper shredding event at the University Park Elementary School. Residents may bring household electronics for recycling and papers for shredding at no cost. Hard drive destruction is available for a nominal fee and paint recycling is available for \$5/can. Visit [www.upmd.org/Recycling-List](http://www.upmd.org/Recycling-List) for a detailed list of acceptable/unacceptable items.

### **Tax Address**

Be sure to use University Park (not Hyattsville) as your address on your Maryland income tax forms. Designating University Park as your residence address helps ensure that the Town receives its appropriate share of state taxes for Town services.



**Please clip & save!**

# University Park Veterans Census

*Note: names appear alphabetically with military branch.*

Abell, James -Air Force  
Baker, Michael  
Baugher, Mary-Army  
Baugher, Phineas-Army  
Beaver, Harvey-Army  
Beckmann, Lisa  
Beckmann, Matthew  
Bennington, Robert  
Besley, Robert-Army  
Beveridge, Robert-Army  
Biermann, Joel-Army  
Bigelow, David-Marines  
Bosma, Henry, Jr-Navy  
Bourne, John-Army  
Bowen, George-Air Force  
Bozman, Robert-Navy  
Bozman, William-Army  
Brosch, David-Army Reserve  
Broyles, George-Navy & Air Force  
Burgess, Richard-Air Force  
Bush, John-Army  
Carey, James-Air Force  
Carey, Lenford "Len"-Army  
Carroll, Cameron-Coast Guard  
Charlton, Robert-Air Force  
Cook, James-Army  
Cobey, Elwood-Army  
Cogan, James-Navy  
Cron, Jonathan "Jon"-Army  
David, Anna-Army  
David, Gregory-Army  
Dawson, Matthew-Navy  
Denney, Jason-Army  
Donnelly, Michael-Air Force  
Drake, Robert-Navy  
Drechsler, Charles-Army  
Drechsler Charles E-Air Force  
Eisenhauer, Russell-Air Force  
Eisenhauer, William-Army  
Essex, Paul-Air Force & Army Reserve  
Ferguson, Colin-Air Force  
Fields, David-Marines  
Fletcher, James-Naval Air Reserve  
Floyd, Lewis-Army  
Floyd, Rob-Army  
Fosse, David-Army  
Gaither, Robert-Army  
Gardner, Albert-Army  
Gardner, Casey-Marines  
Gekas, James-Army  
Greathouse, John-Army  
Harrison, John  
Hazlehurst, Harry-Navy  
Headley, Robert-Army  
Hendershot, Gerry-Navy  
Herbert, Robert- Air Nat'l Guard  
Hess, Gabriel-Army  
Hicks, John Gracy-Navy  
Hockersmith, James-Army  
Holland, Charles  
Howard, James-Army  
Hudson, Barry-Army  
Jakub, Michael-Army National Guard &  
Navy Reserve  
Kachinske, Timothy-Army  
Kline, Gary-Air Force  
Korcak, Ronald "Ron"  
Kraft, Ernest-Army  
Kraske, Gary-Army  
Lawson, Lewis -Navy  
Madsen, Arlyn-Coast Guard

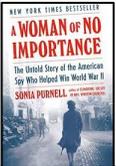
Matthews, Michael H  
McClellan, George-Navy  
McConnell, Harold-Army  
McCormick, Robert A-Public Health Service  
McGehrin, Edward-Navy  
Milbourn, Jerry-Navy  
Miller, James-Army Air Force  
Miller, Peter-Naval Reserve  
Miller, Richard-Army  
More, Andrea-Air Force  
Moore, Lane Jr-Army  
Moore, Melinda-Air Force  
Murray, David  
Nagel, Casey-Air Force  
Nall, Alvin, Jr-Air Force & Air Nat'l Guard  
Naylor, Chester-Army  
Neff, Peg  
Ness, Bernard-Army  
Newberry, William-Merchant Marines/Navy  
Nystrom, Paul-Army  
O'Brien, Patrick-Navy Reserve  
Ormes, Samuel-Navy  
Park, Robert-Air Force  
Park, Robert-Army  
Peterson, Matthew-Coast Guard  
Pichaske, Peter-Army  
Post, Edward-Air Force  
Pounds, Alvin-Marines  
Raabe, Charles-Air Force  
Ricker, Philip-Army  
Ripley, Peter-Army  
Rowe, Peter-Army  
Sargies, Alexander, Jr-Navy  
Schaffer, John-Army  
Schejbal, Dusan-Army  
Scorza, Richard-Air Force  
Shank, George-Navy  
Slack, Robert-Army  
Smith, Frank-Navy  
Smith, Shelby-Navy  
Stark, Robert-Army

Stelzer, John-Navy  
Stickles, Tom-Marines  
Stone, Victor-Army Reserve  
Sullivan, Charles-Air Force  
Summer, Walter-Army Air Force  
Summer, William-Navy  
Tabori, Nicholas-Coast Guard  
Thomas, Dana-Army & Coast Guard  
Thompson, Tiegh-Army  
Thrift, Russell-Army Air Force  
Vartan, Karen-Navy Reserve  
Wachs, Tom-Air Force  
Walls, Henry, Jr-Army  
Warner, Philip-Merchant Marines  
Warner, William-Air Force  
Wedge, Luke  
Werth, Fred-Marines  
Williams, Gary-Army  
Williams, James-Army  
Willoner, Ronald-Army  
Woods, Anthony-Army  
Wright, Rebecca-Army

*We would also like to recognize the following  
Town employees who have served:*

*Sgt Harvey Baker-Air Force  
Sgt Elizabeth Gilead-Marines*

# November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Leaf Vacuuming Begins	2 Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	3 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	4 Recycling	5
6	7 Yard Waste UPWC Meeting 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM	8 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> Trash, Bulk Trash Transit Task Force II Meeting, open to public, Time TBD	9 Recycling Trees Committee, 7 PM, Police, Traffic & Public Safety, 7:30 PM Both via Zoom	10 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	11 Veterans Day Observance 11 AM Town Holiday 	12 Ivy League, 10 AM-Noon
13	14 Yard Waste	15 Trash, Bulk Trash  After Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM	16	17 Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	18 Recycling	19
20	21 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	22 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	23 Recycling	24 Town Holiday	25 Town Holiday	26 
27	28 Yard Waste	29 Trash, Bulk Trash	30	December 1	2 Recycling	3 Town Christmas Tree Lighting, 6-8 PM Christmas Sharing Fair, 9:30 AM-2 PM



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6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	William Sweet	301-541-7642

**NEWSLETTER**

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