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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** During this festive time of year, whatever your background, religion, or circumstances may be, I hope each of you and your families are finding the time to relax and reflect on the things that matter most. Perhaps you are beginning new traditions as you start or grow your family or enjoying old ones. Here in Town, the University Park Civic Association is hard at work creating activities that will turn into fond memories for all who participate. This Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Civic Association will host the annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Henson Green (intersection of Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road). Santa Claus informed us he'll stop by around 6 p.m. As he is on a tight schedule this time of year, grab your children, and come early to see him!

This month brings change to Town Hall. Our current, and first, Town Administrator, David Deutsch, is leaving us in mid-December after two and a half years of service to our community. Towns our size rarely have an administrator with the depth of experience that Mr. Deutsch brought to this position. During his nearly 45 years of experience in municipal government, he served 23 years as the Bowie city manager, served as the chairman of the board of trustees for the Maryland Local Government Insurance Trust, and worked as interim manager in towns and cities across Maryland to help them navigate change. He leaves us on a positive note to pursue a rewarding retirement with his wife. As he begins this new journey, I and the Town staff extend our heartfelt gratitude to him for his service and wish him the best in any future endeavors.

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council                      December 5 & 19  
Town Holidays                    December 26 & January 2

Town Hall is open Mon.- Fri., 9 AM to 5 PM. Residents must ring the call button for service. 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). Please sign up for alerts at [www.upmd.org/notifyme](http://www.upmd.org/notifyme)

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Over the past month, I and the members of the Town Council set in motion a search for a replacement. Our desire is to fill the position expeditiously to allow the incoming administrator a transition period alongside Mr. Deutsch. This timing permits a smooth mid-year review of our Town's budget and development of the next fiscal year's budget which is due to the Town Council no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. I am responsible for appointing a candidate to fill this vacancy, and the Council will vote on the appointment. The job has been announced via the Maryland Municipal League, and I have aggressively queried my personal network for viable candidates. As we go through this process, I pledge that I will only nominate someone that shares our Town's values; possesses the ability to provide exceptional, uninterrupted service to you; and has the curiosity to seek out problems, the motivation to recommend solutions, and the skills to implement and bring to conclusion any projects and programs necessary to address our challenges.

In closing, relax and enjoy the Holiday Season! The last few years presented us with numerous challenges, but hopefully we emerged stronger and more grateful for what we have. And, as always, as you communicate with your loved ones and share holiday photos, imagine how nice they would look with the addition of a grateful rescue pet. There are many cats, dogs and other animals available for adoption at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter! Consider adopting one (or more) and sharing the holidays with them!

—*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)*

### **Notice of Introduction of Legislative Resolution 22-O-09**

On November 7, 2022, Legislative Resolution 22-O-09 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 12, "Public Ethics", of the Code of the Town of University Park, § 12-102 "Definitions", § 12-104 "Conflicts Of Interest", and § 12-105 "Financial Disclosures By Elected Town Officials And Candidates To Be Elected Town Officials" to conform to recent changes to the Maryland public ethics law. The meeting set for December 5, 2022, is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

### **Notice of Introduction of Legislative Resolution 22-O-10**

On November 21, 2022, Legislative Resolution 22-O-10 was introduced. This ordinance would approve the renewal of the Comcast franchise for a period of ten years and approve the Cable Television Franchise Agreement between Comcast of Maryland, LLC and the Town. The meeting set for December 5, 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.



### **University Park Holiday Fund**

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

To contribute, checks should be made payable to "Town of University Park" and marked on the memo line of your check for the "Holiday Funds." You may also indicate whether your contribution is intended for Public Works, Police Department and/or for General Administrative Staff and the respective amount you wish to donate to each. Contributions should be mailed or dropped off in the mail slot at Town Hall by Monday, December 19.



## FROM THE CHIEF

The University Park Code Compliance Program strives to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living environment throughout the Town. Residents of University Park value a community that is clean, safe and well maintained. The town code provides guidelines for maintaining property standards while achieving these goals. The Code Compliance Program consists of a part-time officer who is charged with ensuring compliance of the Town's property standards. He is available to answer any questions about the code and to mitigate any neighborhood concerns related to quality of life.



The Code Compliance Officer conducts curbside surveys in the town and responds to concerns brought to his attention. He also inspects rental properties to determine if they conform with the code's health, safety and welfare provisions. The officer works with residents to facilitate voluntary compliance with the code and, if necessary, issues field correction notices. If a violation persists the officer may write a municipal infraction. The Code Compliance Program is a resource to assist residents in maintaining their property consistent with town code.

Please review the list of 10 most common code compliance violations and share with your neighbors:

- Peeling/chipping paint on the exterior trim of houses especially on rake boards, window trim, front doors and front door trim.
- Peeling/chipping paint on the garage doors of detached garages.
- Rotten trim boards.
- Overgrowth in yards or public right of way.
- Open storage on the front porch or in the yard.
- Gutters not properly fastened to the house—usually caused by rotten fascia board.
- Grass, weeds or brush more than 12 inches tall.

- Trash cans or recycling bins stored in front of the house.
- PODs or dumpsters without permits.
- Health, safety and welfare issues on the interior of homes related to rental inspections (e.g., smoke alarms, carbon dioxide detectors, Ground Fault Interrupt (GFI) circuits in kitchen, bathroom, laundry room).

If you have any questions regarding code compliance, please contact John Rogers, Code Compliance Officer at 240-676-4670 or email at [jrogers@upmd.org](mailto:jrogers@upmd.org).

### Crime Report

**Theft** On November 2 a resident in the 4300 block of Van Buren Street reported someone stole the catalytic converter from her parked 2005 white Toyota Prius. During the early morning hours, the resident heard someone working on a car. The stolen catalytic converter is valued at \$2,000. There are no current suspects.

### CORRECTION

The 2022-23 University Park Information Sheet published in the November newsletter contains a typo related to recycling. Recycling is collected on *Friday*. If Friday is a holiday, recycling will be collected on Wednesday of the same week.

### 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.



### Sustainability Committee News

Many thanks to all who supported the Pollinator Meadow this fall! So lovely to see toddlers sowing meadow seed this October. During the cold months the meadow provides habitat for native pollinators to over-winter. With a place to nest in winter, the next generation of spring pollinators are safe. You may notice the meadow is a bit messy in the winter—this is necessary to provide the proper habitat for native pollinators. A little corner of your yard can be a sanctuary, too, like a mini-meadow, as these initiatives are not all or nothing. It is simply making a small step to plant native. Here's how you can support native pollinators this winter:

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- Leave the leaves in an area of your yard to provide habitat for native pollinators.
- Consider adding native plants to your garden and identify invasive plants—try Google Lens, Seek by iNaturalist, or Leaf Snap apps for help in your yard.
- Continue to protect your garden from pesticides.



There is an old adage, “a place for everything and everything in its place.” We’ve had weekly recycling in town for many years and recover items that were once discarded with the trash. But there are other opportunities to reuse or recycle household items you no longer need or want. In Beltsville, Potomac Metals will buy eight major categories of metals, electronics and lead including water heaters, AC units and air handlers, aluminum siding, copper wire, cell phones, auto parts, steel, or 60 other scrap items. They are located at 5215 Holland Drive; 240-297-9148, or [potomacmetals.com](http://potomacmetals.com) and have a pick-up service.

Pepco also buys and picks up some items, primarily large appliances. Visit [PEPCOenergycoach@ICFI.com](mailto:PEPCOenergycoach@ICFI.com) or 443-718-4860 for information. That is also the number if you are interested in a home energy audit or for financial incentives to make your home more energy efficient.

### Tree Committee News

The Committee for Trees, Parks and Environment (TPE) is charged with providing an annual report of our plans and activities to Mayor, Council and the Director of DPW. As a holiday gift to the town, on behalf of TPE I here present an advance draft copy of our major accomplishments for calendar year 2022:

- Worked with Mayor and Town Council to amend Chapter 16 of Town Code, resulting in UP’s first Tree Ordinance.
- Oversaw and assisted with development of processes and associated online forms for the Ordinance.

- Revised the Tree Reimbursement Program’s approved shade and understory tree lists eligible to include species more appropriate for global climate change.
- Developed list of invasive, inappropriate plants for town residents.
- Our volunteers banked >350 hours on our activities.
- Coordinated the 2022 Community Tree Planting with the Sustainability Committee’s Weed and Seed event. TPE selected, sited, planted and caged 21 shrubs and five trees on the margins of the Pollinator Meadow.
- Selected and sited approximately 40 trees for town rights of way.
- Provided in-person and online tree and environment related consultations.

The committee members all worked very hard on these efforts. A special note of recognition is due Committee Liaison Laurie Morrissey, Ward 3’s councilmember. She has been a tireless advocate for our Town’s environment on many fronts. We could not have accomplished all we did without our volunteers. We invite you to lend a hand when removing ivy from existing trees or digging holes and planting new trees.



### Helping Hands University Park



#### Helping Hands University Park

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank all those who volunteered to support and enrich the lives of our members. We are very grateful, too, for the company of and friendships we have formed with those

members. We hope everyone had a chance to share gratitude over Thanksgiving and we wish everyone a safe and joyous December holiday season!

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

**Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 27, 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.

**Route 1 Corridor Conversations** An online informative series co-sponsored by HHUP to entertain, engage, and educate. Info online at: [hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/](http://hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/)

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**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 UP residents are welcome. Contact Gerry Hendershot, ghendershot@earthlink.net; Loretta Saks, lorettahhup@gmail.com, or Deborah Rosenfelt, dsr@umd.edu.

**HHUP Contact Info:** hhuniversitypark@gmail.com; 301-892-6636; helpinghandsup.org; facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP.

### October 17 Council Meeting Highlights

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

#### Consent Agenda

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

*To install 2 window wells with covers and waterproofing of the foundation of the house at 4308 Van Buren Street.*

*To install a screened-in porch in the rear of the home at 4107 Tennyson Road.* Note: A notation should be added to the current building permit that references the fact that a tree over a certain size cannot be removed without permission. Mr. Deutsch was asked to follow-up on this issue.

*To install an 8' x 10' wooden shed in the rear yard at 3904 Beechwood Road.*

*To install an egress window and window well at 6419 Adelphi Road.*

#### Public Comment

- A resident involved with the tot lot process said that he is available for anyone who has any questions or comments. He also referenced the Town's Climate-Action Framework and encouraged Council to refer to the six questions when making purchases or renovations.
- A resident asked that the Town adopt a coherent park plan with public input to get some guidance from residents about how to invest the budgeted funds.
- A resident asked if a third speed hump will be installed on Pineway. Mr. Beall stated that the Phase 2B Plan does not include a third speed hump.

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

*Mayor Biermann*

- The mayor noted that the Pledge of Allegiance will not be officiated by town officials at future council meetings. He stated that the decision has no bearing on anyone's patriotism and provided some rationale for the change, noting that council members are patriotic and committed to their oaths to defend the Constitution. The mayor spoke about his 25 years of service in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve, including 3 years in combat zones, and he stated that he served his country because of an oath he made to the United States Constitution, which is what matters most. The Mayor spoke about the 1943 Supreme Court case, *West Virginia State Board of Education vs. Barnette*, which says "if there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion, or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein" and also says that compelling the pledge "invades the sphere of intellect and spirit which it is the purpose of the First Amendment to our Constitution to reserve from all official control". The mayor said that while the pledge may be a long tradition in the town, the First Amendment has been ingrained in our society for much longer. He further stated that he is not comfortable pressuring anyone to recite the pledge, especially when it may violate their deeply held religious beliefs to do so. He stated that everyone is welcome to join the Veterans Day Observance at Veterans Memorial Park where the pledge will be a part of the ceremony. He noted that the event is a voluntary event vs. an official government event.
- The Veterans Day Observance is Friday, November 11 at 11 AM. Mayor Biermann asked for volunteers to help prepare for this event. He has arranged for a combat veteran to speak at the ceremony, a musician to play the bagpipes, and a United States Air Force flyover with F-16s, pending availability. He noted that he filed a formal request for the flyover with the Department of the Air Force and obtained a flyover clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration. He noted the Chief of Police also arranged for an equestrian unit from the Maryland National Capital Park Police and a Junior ROTC Color Guard to pay respects to the flag.
- The Paint/Electronics/Paper Recycling event is Saturday, October 22.

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*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee* Topics of discussion at the last meeting included a traffic calming policy and a car-free day.

*Trees, Parks and Environment Committee* The 2022 Community Tree Planting and Weed/Seed event is Saturday, October 22 at the Pollinator Meadow at 9 AM.

*Sustainability Committee* Topics of discussion at the last meeting included biodegradable doggie bags; the park plan, climate action framework, and a representative from Pepco discussed residential efficiency programs.

CM Sweet, Ward 7 Supports the Mayor's decision with respect to the Pledge of Allegiance. In response, the mayor thanked him and said, "we are all Americans at heart whether we agree or disagree with this decision." The mayor said that, unlike the pledge, the First Amendment is something he was willing to die for.

CM Morrissey, Ward 3 Would like something recited at the beginning of the meeting, maybe a variation of the Oath of Office since the pledge is being removed.

CM Gathercole, Ward 2 Suggested reciting the Oath to the Constitution or nothing at all.

*Transit Task Force* The survey has been sent and a reminder will be sent to the community.

### Continuing Business

**Motion:** To adopt Legislative Resolution 22-O-07: Amending Section 4-104, Permit applications. Motion approved 6 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 6 to 0.

### New Business

**Motion:** To approve Cunningham Recreation contract for Tot Lot. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: This contract is subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney.

**Motion:** To approve NZI contract for Phase 2B project. Motion approved 6 to 0. Note: This contract is subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney.

**Motion:** To move \$10,000 from ARPA Expenditures FY22 in the General Fund to Playground Project CP&P in the Capital Projects Fund. Motion approved 6 to 0.

**Motion:** To direct the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft a letter to the County Council based on the discussion this evening concerning two Bills (Council Bill 97-2022 and Council Bill 105-2022) amending the Zoning Ordinance. Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Council Discussion of a Car-Free Day

■CM Gathercole explained that Chief Baker suggested a car-free day and to make this a police-community event. The suggested location is Wells Parkway between College Heights Drive down to the cul-de-sac by the playground on Sunday, October 30 from 9 AM-4 PM. To have it sooner felt too rushed and she would like to have a discussion with Councilmembers before confirming a place and time.

■Mayor Biermann recommended that the town council and staff should consider the desired outcome of any event when planning it. If the goal of a car-free day is to encourage residents to walk more or bike more, then, rather than closing a street on a specific day, we could promote a car-free day like we promote "bike to work" or "bike to school" days.

■Mayor Biermann proposed planning the car-free day around an Earth Day event to promote the town's values and commitments.

■A suggestion was made to encourage residents to bike or walk instead of completely closing the street. This option would be less intrusive and would not inconvenience those that might not be in favor of a street closure.

■The event would require conversations with councilmembers and residents who live on the proposed closed street. It would also be beneficial to promote it to the community.

### Administrator and Department Reports

*Town Clerk TC Hegeman* Summary of permits issued in the month of October: 4 building; 0 pod/dumpster.

*Chief of Police Harvey Baker*

■Crime report on September—one incident.

■An offer was extended to Lamont Deshields a lateral police officer from Baltimore City.

■The new Code Compliance Officer is almost fully oper-

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ational.

- Training included: National Incident-Based Reporting; Street Crime.
- Communication Events: National Coffee with a Cop; National Family Misdemeanor Warrant Service with the P.G. County Sheriff's Department; UPCA Halloween Costume parade.
- DEA Drug Take Back event is Saturday, October 29 from 10 AM-2 PM.
- Halloween celebration is Monday, October 31 from 6-8 PM. The following roads will be closed: Wells Parkway at Chansory Lane; Van Buren Street at Forest Hill Drive; College Heights Drive at Forest Hill Drive; College Heights Drive at Underwood Street and Wells Parkway at College Heights Drive.
- On November 12 a full report will be available for the Van Buren radar speed sign.
- Residents on Van Buren Street will meet with Mayor Biermann, Chief Baker and Councilmember Sweet on Friday, October 21 to discuss school traffic issues.

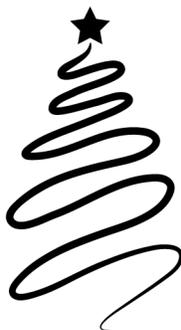
*Director of Public Works Michael Beall*

- The biodegradable doggie bags have been purchased.
- The electronics/paint/tire/paper shredding event will dispose of styrofoam.
- Leaf season begins November 1 and as a result, the parking lot at the playground will be closed.
- The water fountain will be turned off on or about November 1 to prevent freezing in the winter.
- VEO Ride Stations will have six additional locations on line within the next few weeks.
- An estimate from the engineer should be available by the end of the week from the Prince George's County Stormwater Acceptance Program for Clagett/Pineway and Pineway.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:24 PM.

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

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### **Christmas Sharing Fair**

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

Come to see pieces produced by local artists and craftsmen, Fair Trade food and beverage products, a bake sale, our flea market room and other gift-worthy options that are all for a good cause at the annual Christmas Sharing Fair. As always, grab a cup of hot cider and a bite to eat from our collection of authentic German bratwursts. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman St.

### **Church of the Brethren Christmas Play**

If your son or daughter is interested in participating in University Park Church of the Brethren's annual Christmas Play please contact Christy Smith at [cmsmith541@gmail.com](mailto:cmsmith541@gmail.com). Plenty of parts are available, practice will begin soon.



### **Let's Light Up UP!**

**Sunday, December 4, 2 to 4 pm**

Many families in UP are gathering at the cut-through between Clagett and Woodberry streets (between 4315 and 4317 Clagett) to make giant lighted holiday balls that we'll hang from trees in our yards throughout December. You may have seen these lights last year, when several families started a new tradition. The more lights we have, the more magical our neighborhood will look!

The balls are made from chicken wire and 300 mini-LED lights and take about 15 to 30 minutes to make, depending on your dexterity. The UP Civic Association is donating the chicken wire and refreshments. You can bring your own lights, or we will sell them to you at cost (around \$20-30). We may have solar lights as well. To ensure we have enough chicken wire, contact Norma Babington at [Babington.norma@gmail.com](mailto:Babington.norma@gmail.com) or 410-627-9856 or Ellen Whitaker at [ewhittor@aol.com](mailto:ewhittor@aol.com) or 202-288-9008. Rain date Saturday, December 3. We will send an email alert if we change the date.

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

Our largest fundraiser and one of our community's favorite events is back! Tickets available by contacting Jean Pirovic, Holiday House Tour Chair, at 301-520-8420 to arrange for purchase and pickup. Five fabulous homes will be available to tour, so please join us this year.



### After Eight Book Group Tuesday, December 13, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. For December, we will be reading Ann Patchett's *The Dutch House*. Our January title is Cara Black's *Murder in the Marais*. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. Please come and bring your suggestions for future reading.



### Azalea Classic Volunteers Needed



It may be December, but if you are able to contribute your time, we need volunteers throughout the year to make the Azalea Classic a success. This spring's 2023 Azalea Classic will be held on the morning of April 29. Email [upesazaleaclassic5k@gmail.com](mailto:upesazaleaclassic5k@gmail.com) for more information.

Registration is already open at [AzaleaClassic.com](http://AzaleaClassic.com). Register early for a chance to win a free drink at Vigilante.

**Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, Monday, December 5, 7-9 PM** Enjoy a peaceful evening during the holidays! Filmmaker Chris H. Lynn joins us to share *A Season Close to Mountains*, recent landscape films shot in the Alps, the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the south of France. The program will also include two new Super 8 films from the Journal of Drifting Hours series—drifting moments, lyrical passages, memory impulses, landscape studies and visual notations recorded on Super 8 film. Refreshments, conversation, and a Q&A follow the screening. 6530 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville. Questions? Contact [susan.misleh@pgcmls.info](mailto:susan.misleh@pgcmls.info)

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**UMD Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Friday, December 9, 8-9:30 PM** Six choirs, brass quintet and organ bring the joy of the season to life with carols, hymns and spoken word that epitomize hope and goodwill. University of Maryland Memorial Chapel. For tickets call 301-405-ARTS or visit: [theclarice.umd.edu/events/2022/festival-of-nine-lessons-and-carols](http://theclarice.umd.edu/events/2022/festival-of-nine-lessons-and-carols)



**Riversdale by Candlelight, Saturday, December 10, 5:30-8:30 PM** Enjoy self-guided tours of the candlelit museum, a children's craft area, and peek into the open-hearth kitchen. Make memories with family and friends over cozy drinks and peruse the museum shop. Bring a canned good & receive \$1 off an admission (limit to \$1 off per adult). Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com) \$5/adult; children 12 & under free accompanied by adult.

### College Park Arts Exchange

**Indian Classical Music Concert, Friday, December 2, 7:30 PM** Soumya Chakraverty plays a stringed instrument called the sarod, with Devapriya Nayak performing on the tabla.



**Nutcracker Ballet Story Time, Saturday, December 10, 10 AM and 6 PM** at the Old Parish House.

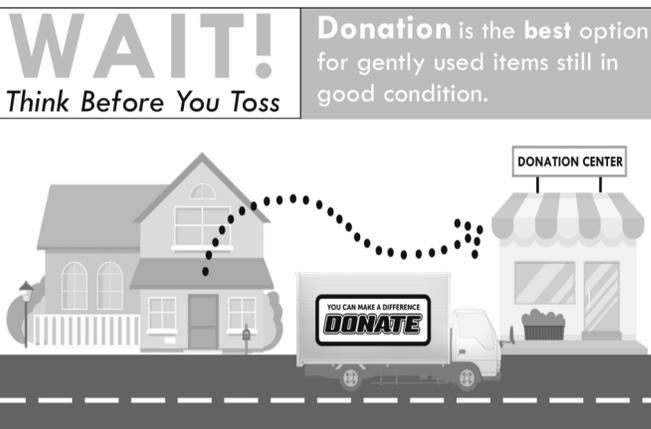
Join The Berwyn Ballet School for this free, family friendly holiday event! Listen to a reading of *The Nutcracker*! Children under age 12 will get to meet and take pictures with their favorite Nutcracker character. Tickets to this event are free to the public and delicious Nutcracker treats will be available for purchase. Doors open 30 minutes early, book free tickets at [berwynballetschool.com](http://berwynballetschool.com).

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### Support St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry has been operating since 1991 to provide food free of cost and obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens and children in need. Since the start of the pandemic the pantry has served over 40,000 families and numbers continue to grow-including over 1,000 children each month. No one should be hungry, especially during the holiday season. Please help our neighbors in need by giving a donation. If you need help, the St. Mark's Food Pantry located at 7501 Adelphi Road is open every Tuesday, 10 AM to noon. To help the pantry continue its fight against hunger in our community, please donate at [www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry](http://www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry).



### Donate, Don't Toss

Consider donating your gently used appliances, clothing, furniture, or other household items to a friend, local charity, or non-profit organization before placing the items at the curb or throwing them away.

*Community Forklift* Appliances, cabinets, carpets, doors, flooring, furniture, glass and mirrors, home decor, light fixtures, lumber, masonry, sinks, toilets, tiles, windows, and others.

*Goodwill* Books, clothing & shoes, games/toys, housewares, and *some* electronics.

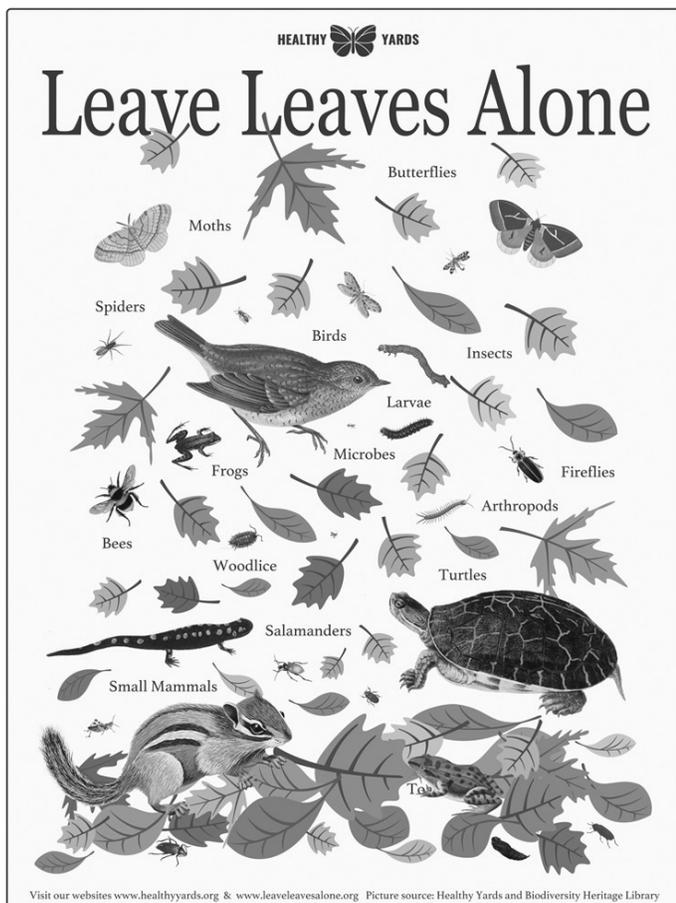
*GreenDrop/Purple Heart* Clothing & shoes, household items, kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances, electronics, books, sporting goods, and small furniture. Running vehicles accepted via [purpleheartcars.org](http://purpleheartcars.org).

*Habitat for Humanity* Appliances, clothing & shoes, furniture, building materials, household goods, kitchenware, and vehicles.

*MOM's Organic Market ONLY* - Batteries, cell phones & tablets, compost, eyeglasses, shoes, oyster shells, natural cork. Annual drives: Denim Drive (typically in spring) and Holiday Lights Recycling Drive (typically in winter).

### UP Helping Paws

Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. 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

## FALL AND WINTER OPERATIONS INFORMATION



### Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Continues Through 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).

### Snow Plan

- When there is a chance of snow, please use driveways or garages to park your vehicles. With fewer vehicles parked on Town streets, our public works crew is able to clear them of ice and snow more effectively.
- For safety reasons, please limit activity in the streets when public works crews are plowing.
- Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. Please clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

### Snow Event Parking

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

#### **Both Sides No Parking:**

The Mews  
Queens Chapel Rd—6400-6700 blocks

#### **Creekside No Parking:**

Wells Pkwy

#### **Odd # Side No Parking:**

40th Ave  
41st Ave  
Beechwood Rd--3900 thru 4300 blocks  
Calverton Dr  
Oakridge Rd  
Pineway  
Queens Chapel Rd—6300 block  
Sheridan St  
Tuckerman St  
Tennyson Rd  
Underwood St--4000 thru 4300 blocks

#### **Even # Side No Parking:**

42nd Ave  
43rd Ave  
44th Ave  
Beechwood Rd--4400 block  
Chansory Ln  
Clagett Rd  
Clagett-Pineway  
College Heights Dr  
Forest Hill Dr  
Holly Hill Rd  
Underwood St—3900 & 4400 blocks  
Van Buren St  
Woodberry St

*Check the Town's website for snow emergency declarations and details at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org)*

# December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Leaf Vacuuming Continues	January 2 is a Town Holiday		1 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	2 Recycling	3 COB Sharing Fair, Tree Lighting 
4 Light Up Event	5 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	6 Trash, Bulk Trash	7 Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	8 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	9 Recycling	10 UPWVC Holiday House Tour 
11	12 Yard Waste 	13 Trash, Bulk Trash Transit Task Force II Meeting, open to public, Time TBD After Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM	14 Trees Committee, 7 PM, Police, Traffic & Public Safety, 7:30 PM Both via Zoom	15 Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	16 Recycling	17
18	19 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	20 Trash, Bulk Trash	21	22	23 Recycling	24
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