

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK, MARYLAND  
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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

**HAPPY 2023!** As we begin the new year, I am reflecting on the reasons I ran to serve our community and the goals in mind for the year ahead. So, for those of you making resolutions for the new year, I offer you the goals and resolutions from the Mayor's office.

*Town Administrator Replacement* As many of you know, our former Town Administrator David Deutsch recently retired. Over the past few months, I advertised the position, accepted resumes, conducted interviews, and submitted my nomination to the Council for approval. The Council will vote at the first January meeting, and I look forward to their full support. As many of you know, this position was created to support the mayor, and because we are not a council-manager form of government, this position reports to and derives its authority from me. I am excited for us to hire someone that shares my vision for our town's future and will have the energy and sense of urgency to partner with me on each of my remaining

goals for the new year.

*Stormwater Management* Climate change has led to significant stormwater management issues in our town. Some residents, especially those in lower elevation areas, commonly experience recurring flooding costing them thousands of dollars in repairs every year. To the extent the town has jurisdiction over any aspect of this problem, I am committed to addressing it. Specifically, the town is working to develop a memorandum of understanding with Prince George's County to upgrade sections of the town's stormwater infrastructure and transfer maintenance responsibility to the County. If necessary, we will commit funds from the town's ARPA allotment to address this issue.

*Tot Lot* The town received a significant State of Maryland grant to help us upgrade our Tot Lot playground, and we are getting closer to breaking ground. For par-

### Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council                      January 3 & 17

Town Holidays                      January 2 & 16

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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ents with children 5 years old and under, I am confident you will love the new play space. With a pollinator theme, the tot lot provides an opportunity for parents to educate their children on the importance of pollinators to our economy and food sources. Also, this playground will be ADA-accessible to promote inclusivity.

*Phase 2B Infrastructure* The town continues to make progress on the Phase 2B portion of the infrastructure project begun under the last administration. Our contractors are steadily expanding our town's sidewalk infrastructure, and our town will be a safer community for pedestrians.

*Town Transportation* Many of you participated in a community survey on the future of the town's bus transportation to and from the PG Metro. We had excellent participation, and the results will help me and the Council make an informed decision on the way forward.

*Pedestrian Bridges* We have talked about these for a very long time. With the help of a new town administrator, I expect to make progress on this issue. I've explored other completed Maryland pedestrian bridges that were less expensive than our town's quote that could potentially serve as examples for our own projects.

*Town Hall RFP* I recently met with the low bidder to the Town Hall RFP issued by the last administration. I clarified the scope of work that is supported by town residents and encouraged other low-cost alternatives to address ADA issues, create meeting space, and work spaces for our Public Work crew without a complete renovation. I will keep residents informed of our progress, and I commit to moving forward in a fiscally-prudent manner.

*Town Park Plan RFP* Several budget cycles ago, the Mayor and Council committed funds to develop a Town Park Plan. This year we must complete it. Our Park Plan will encompass all town green spaces, to include Henson Green and Veteran's Memorial Park, which both could use additional attention. This will be an excellent opportunity to identify enhanced uses of our park spaces, and with a formal plan in place, our town will be in a better position to request State grants to make additional improvements.

*Protecting Our Environment* Many town residents recall the fight over protecting Guilford Woods. That fight caused me to look at our own park space and consider what more we can do to protect it. In 2023, expect the

Council to consider adopting a rule that would automatically force a referendum if any future Council were to consider selling or repurposing any of our valuable town green space. This year, I also expect our town to become a "Bee City". Our efforts to promote and maintain our Pollinator Meadow and biodiversity in town syncs with the goals of Bee City-member municipalities. Joining this organization is a natural next step in our town residents' efforts to promote pollination.

*Enhancing Town Safety* We recently adopted a town-wide 20 MPH speed limit. While this action alone will not drive an immediate impact to pedestrian and bicyclist safety, it is a step toward a culture of enhanced safety. I am also working closely with Chief Baker to obtain State of Maryland grants that will improve safety in our community. For example, we are exploring adding safety call boxes and enhanced illumination in our town parks and along pedestrian paths, among other technological public safety tools.

*Supporting Volunteer Organizations* The lifeblood of any community is its volunteers. The University Park Helping Hands Committee, University Park Civic Association, and the Route 1 Cares group are some examples of local groups working hard to make our community a better place. To the degree our town can support these organizations, we will.

*Promoting Inclusivity* We are a Welcoming Town and will continue to be. No matter your background, religion, sexuality, or any other immutable characteristic, this town will be a place that promotes diversity, shows respect for our inherent differences, and finds strength in our unique backgrounds and perspectives.

Here's to 2023 being a year of progress in University Park. If you feel I missed anything, please let me know! And while I did not add it to my formal list of goals and resolutions, please consider adopting a rescue pet from the many cats, dogs, and other little animals available at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter. Pets make us happier, and happy people are more likely to achieve their New Year goals!

—*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)*

Town employees would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the residents who so generously contributed to the Holiday Fund. It is very much appreciated.

**Notice of Introduction of  
Emergency Legislative Resolution 23-O-01**

On December 19, 2022, Legislative Resolution 23-O-01 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 9 “Traffic and Vehicles”, Article I “Traffic”, Section 9-104 “Parking”, of the Code of the Town of University Park, to prohibit parking at any time on the south side of Clagett-Pineway from Woodberry Street to Clagett Road. This ordinance would take effect immediately upon adoption. The meeting set for January 3, 2023, 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.

The University Park Police Department would like to take this opportunity to wish the community a safe, happy and healthy new year. As we embark upon a new year, we would like to thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation and support. Last year was a successful year and we look forward to working in partnership with you to build on that success. The University Park Police Department is an agency grounded in the belief that effective community policing promotes healthy police and resident relationships that give rise to proactive problem-solving strategies that result in crime reduction. One way we try to accomplish this is by keeping Town residents informed of the latest crime trends.

To that end we have developed a list of fraud-related new year crime prevention solutions. Please take a moment and read them and share with your family and friends:



▪**When sending mail please take it to the Post Office.** The blue postal mailboxes are not secure. They are often compromised, and the contents stolen.

▪**Beware of Bank Jugging.** Bank Jugging is a term used to describe suspects who sit in bank parking lots watching customers withdraw money from an ATM or go in and out of the financial institution. The suspects then follow the customer and look for an opportunity to rob them of their cash.

▪**Beware of credit card skimming devices.** Inspect ATMs or card readers—look for anything loose, crooked, damaged, or scratched. Don’t use a card reader if you notice anything unusual. Use debit and credit cards with

chip technology. There are fewer devices that steal chip data versus magnetic strip data.

▪**Grandparent scams are on the rise.** In this scam the suspect will call and claim to be a relative in distress who needs money. To make the call seem real the suspect may put someone else on the phone to back up their story. Verify the identity of anyone calling and claiming to be a relative by asking them personal questions only a true relative would know. Obtain a phone number and report them to the local police. Never wire money to someone under uncertain conditions. And never share any bank account information with someone that calls you on the telephone.

▪**Criminals pose as IRS employees.** They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers to gain the taxpayer’s trust. They make threatening phone calls to taxpayers, saying they must pay their tax bill using a specific form of payment. Ask for the caller’s name and number and hang up. Then report the IRS scam at 800-366-4484.

We’d also like to remind you that staying informed (please sign up for the Chief’s blog) and exercising vigilance while out shopping or moving about town are key to a proactive strategy of personal safety and crime prevention. It is through this approach that we can keep University Park a safe place to visit or call home. Have a safe and prosperous 2023.

**Theft from Vehicle** On November 15 a resident in the 4300 block of Tuckerman Street reported someone smashed the back window of their parked vehicle and stole property valued at \$90. There are no suspects currently.

**Theft** On November 21 a resident reported two packages were stolen from a home in the 4400 block of Van Buren St. The resident received a call the items had been delivered earlier in the day. The stolen items had a value of \$360. There are no suspects currently.

**Theft** On November 22 a resident reported their rear license plate was stolen from their vehicle parked in the 4400 East West Hwy. There are no suspects currently.

**Theft** On November 28 a resident reported a package was stolen from 4000 block of Underwood St. The resident received notification the package had been delivered. There are no suspects currently.



**Supervisor of Elections Wanted**

- Candidate should become familiar with the responsibilities and processes outlined in the Town Charter Section 502 <https://ecode360.com/32862455>
- With the support of the Town Clerk, the Town Attorney, and the other Election Supervisor, ensures elections are run ethically, timely, securely, and smoothly, including validating election-related postings, mailings, lists, ballots, absentee voting forms, and other materials. Note: The County Board of Elections maintains the voter list.
- Usually works several hours during the week prior to Election Day in addition to opening and closing the polls on Election Day and tallying the ballots. Election Day is usually the first Tuesday in May and is often a late night.
- Recruits, trains and schedules Election Judges to assist on Election Day.
- Verifies candidate petitions have the required number of registered voter names.
- As needed, answers questions sent to [elections@upmd.org](mailto:elections@upmd.org). The Town Clerk also monitors this email address.

**Helping Hands University Park**

Happy New Year, everyone! Have you made your resolutions yet? If one of them is to be more involved, to contribute to your community, please consider becoming a member of the Helping Hands executive committee. We meet for one hour once a month. All University Park residents are always welcome to attend our Zoom meetings.



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

**Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 25, 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.

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

**Route 1 Corridor Conversations**

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

**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](mailto:ghendershot@earthlink.net); Loretta Saks, [lorettahhup@gmail.com](mailto:lorettahhup@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).

**November 7 Council Meeting Highlights**

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

**Mayor, Council and Committee Comments and Reports**

*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee* A traffic policy for the Town was discussed.

*Development Overview Committee* The next meeting is Thursday, November 10.

*Transit Task Force* The next meeting is Tuesday, November 8. The initial findings of the survey will be discussed.

*Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee* The next meeting is Tuesday, November 8.

*Sustainability Committee* The development of the park plan and renewal for Sustainable Maryland were discussed.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

*Public Facilities and Services Committee* ARPA funds, Town Hall improvement work plan and Town lighting were discussed.

*Mayor Biermann*

- A Closed Session is scheduled tonight to discuss personnel.
- A reaffirmation of the oath to the Constitution is a possibility in the beginning of January and would be open to the public.

**New Business**

*Motion: To introduce 22-O-09, an ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Public Ethics, § 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.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

**Continuing Business**

*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 7 to 0.

*Motion: To adopt 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 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: To close the Council meeting and enter a Closed Session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or (ii) any other personnel matter that effects one or more specific individuals. The Council does not intend to return to Open Session following the closure of the Closed Session.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:01 PM.

### **November 21 Council Meeting Highlights**

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

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

*Transit Task Force* Will provide Ms. Verrill’s presentation to the Councilmembers.

*Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee* The next meeting is December 14, 2022

*Development Overview Committee* The next meeting is December 8, 2022. There is a proposed project in College Park that will be discussed.

*Public Facilities and Services Committee*

- Mr. Deutsch provided an ARPA funds recap.
- Town Hall bid process was discussed.
- Town lighting committee designation was discussed.

**New Business**

*Motion: Introduction of the Audit.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

Presentation by William Seymour, Engagement Partner, SB & Company LLC.

- Completed the audit of the June 30, 2022 Financial Statements
- No instances of fraud were detected
- Will be available to work with management on a year-round basis
- Revenue increased by roughly \$600,000 to about \$5,000,000 from last year, mainly due to speed camera revenue increases. Expenditures increased as well due to additional spending from grants, etc.

*Motion: To introduce the Ordinance to approve the renewal of the Comcast franchise for a period of 10 years and approve the Cable Television franchise agreement between Comcast of Maryland, LLC, and the Town.* Motion approved 7 to 0. Attorney Ferguson—There are a few errors in what was originally sent but will be corrected before adoption. There will also be some additions made to some of the exhibits.

*Motion: To approve the proposed 2023 University Park Council Meeting Schedule.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

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**Motion:** To approve a special 2022 holiday compensation in the amount of \$400 net of deductions for each current employee as of December 1, 2022. Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Administrator and Department Reports

**Town Administrator David Deutsch** A report has been received from RK&K, the engineering firm retained to address various storm water management locations. The consulting engineer from RK&K, Mr. Bob Palmer, has been asked to appear at one of the upcoming Council meetings.

**Town Treasurer Dan Baden** The financial report as of October 31, 2022 was provided.

### Director Of Public Works Michael Beall

- The water main break at the corner of Van Buren and Baltimore Avenue has been repaired. WSSC determined that it was their responsibility as it was a pipe to an abandoned fire hydrant.
- Leaf Season—this time last year, we had not yet hauled any leaves from the leaf pad to College Park. The leaves are falling earlier this year and the volume is above what is typical.
- The VEO Ride Stations—we have created 12 additional stations. They will be striped next Monday and ready for activation by VEO Ride.
- The EV stations at Town Hall—the concrete pad will be poured tomorrow. A total of six stations will be installed but only two will be activated. They will be staff only stations.
- Mold remediation is scheduled for the evidence room at Town Hall.
- Phase 2B—contractors worked on sidewalks on Claggett Road and did some layout on College Heights Drive. They intend to start in Ward 6, work their way towards Ward 4 and finish in Ward 5.
- Soltesz Engineering provided cost estimates for the potential MOU with the County regarding stormwater upgrades.

**Motion:** To adjourn to a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and that the Council is not expected to return to Open Session following the Closed Session. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

### December 5 Council Meeting Highlights

Present (via video and audio conference) were Laurie Morrissey, Mayor Pro Tem; Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells and Sweet.

### Public Comment

A resident congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Morrissey on the successful holiday tree lighting. He also recommended that the Council implement the same hiring approach that was used for the hiring of the first Town Administrator.

### Mayor, Council and Committee Comments and Reports

**Mayor Pro Tem Morrissey** Stated that the holiday tree lighting was very successful on Saturday and there were approximately 200 people in attendance.

**Transit Task Force** The next meeting is December 13, 2022.

**Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee** The next meeting is December 14, 2022. CM Gathercole will send a traffic calming policy this week.

**Development Overview Committee** The next meeting is December 8, 2022.

### Sustainability Committee

- We will meet on January 3, 2023.
- Discussed the proposal from Mr. Deutsch to make University Park a Bee Town and stated that the proposal looks fantastic. He would like it on the January 17 Council meeting agenda. The Sustainability Committee will review it at their meeting on January 3rd.
- Will review the expansion of the Prince George's County Compost.
- Mr. Deutsch informed Council that there is an effort to create an additional location for compost disposal that may be closer to University Park instead of driving to Upper Marlboro.
- The amount of garbage collected has been reduced by about 40% since the composting program started.

### Continuing Business

**Motion:** To adopt Legislative Resolution 22-O-09, an ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Public Ethics, § 12-102 "Definitions", § 12-104 "Conflicts Of Interest", and § 12-105 "Financial Disclosures by elected Town

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*officials and Candidates to be elected Town officials” to conform to recent changes to the Maryland Public Ethics Law.* Note: The Town Attorney stated that these changes are required by the State because the Town Code must be substantially similar to that at the State level. However, these changes were made in 2021, but no one realized it until recently. She asked that everyone pay attention to the fact that gifts from MML are now listed and must be disclosed. The Town is required to adopt these changes.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

*Motion: To 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.* Motion approved 7 to 0.

### Town Administrator’s Report

- We expect Mr. Robert Palmer of the engineering firm RK&K to present a report on stormwater at the December 19 Council meeting. I asked Mr. Palmer to reformat the report to make it easier to use. Mr. Beall will be available to respond to any questions that Council may have.
- Mayor Pro Tem Morrissey and several other Council members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Deutsch for his service to the Town. This is his last meeting as Town Administrator.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 7:52 PM.

### UP Woman’s Club Meeting Monday, January 9, 11:30 AM

Please join the University Park Woman’s Club as we welcome our guest speaker, Marshall Dunn. Dr. Dunn is currently an elder at University Christian Church, now amid their third refugee sponsorship. Dr. Dunn will speak about the Afghan family of six they have been sponsoring since February 2022. Marshall Dunn went to Hiram College in Ohio where he graduated with honors. He received Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. In 1974 he accepted a call to be the senior minister at University Christian Church near the University of



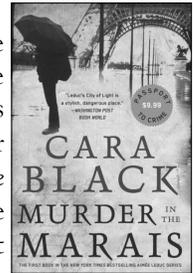
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Maryland, where he served until retiring in 2005. After retiring he was called as the Temporary Associate General Minister and Vice President for his denomination, as Acting Regional Minister for the Christian Church Capital Area and has done numerous interims since then. This program is in-person at the University Christian Church, corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads in Hyattsville.

### After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, January 17, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. Our January title is Cara Black’s *Murder in the Marais*. For February, we will be reading *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. 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 January, but if you are able to contribute your time, we need volunteers throughout the year to make the Azalea Classic a success. Email [upesazaleaclassic5k@gmail.com](mailto:upesazaleaclassic5k@gmail.com) for more information. The date for this spring’s 2023 Azalea Classic will be held on the morning of April 29. 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, January 23, 7-9 PM

The documentary *Blues on Beale* covers 5 days of blues competition at the 36th International Blues Challenge, an annual event organized and staged by The Blues Foundation. It is filmed entirely in the blues clubs on famed Beale Street in Memphis, Tennessee. Local blues musicians Miles Spicer and YaYa Patterson, representing the Hyattsville-based Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, will appear also. On January 24, they will travel to Memphis for this year’s IBC, where they will compete as quarterfinalists for Best Solo/Duo performance. 6530 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville. Questions? Contact [susan.misleh@pgcmls.info](mailto:susan.misleh@pgcmls.info)



## TOWN NEWS & EVENTS



### Route 1 Communities Care Holiday Arts Sale Now through January 4

Benefit from the talent of local artists while easing hunger in our neighborhoods. Purchase enduring works of art by local artists and support our communities at the same time. Monies raised by your purchases support locally owned restaurants to make meals for families in need in our area. It's a triple win and the need has never been greater. Go to <https://go.dojiggy.io/roccholiday2022/Campaign/Details> start shopping. Learn more about Route One Communities Care and Greater Riverdale Cares at [feedrouteone.org](http://feedrouteone.org) or [ckarcdc.org](http://ckarcdc.org). To assure that your donation is tax deductible on the [ckarcdc.org](http://ckarcdc.org) website, press "make a donation" in the upper right-hand corner of the website and add "this donation is for the restaurant meals program" in the Comment Section.

### St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry has been operating since 1991. We provide food at no cost and without obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens and children in need. We have served well over 40,000 families since the start of the pandemic and numbers continue to grow. We are now serving families which



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

include over 1,000 children each month. No family or child should go hungry, especially during the upcoming holiday season. There is much work ahead, so please continue to help our neighbors in need by giving a donation in the fight against hunger. No donation is too small...every dollar counts. If you need help, the St. Mark's Food Pantry located at 7501 Adelphi Road is open every Tuesday between 10 AM and 12 PM. If you would like to help the pantry continue its fight against hunger in our community, please donate to [www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry](http://www.gofundme.com/stmarksfoodpantry).

### College Park Arts Exchange

**Folded Paper Star Crafting, Saturday, January 7, 1-4 PM** Beautiful folded paper stars are a great way to bring color and joy to your winter windows. Learn this simple folded paper craft and begin assembling these gorgeous stars with this class, taught by Ingrid Hass at the Old Parish House, \$10 materials fee.

**Blue Sky Puppets Present Rufus, Saturday, January 14, 11 AM** A lost and lonely dog finds friendship and learns about acceptance and inclusion. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd.



## Donations Needed



### Donate to County Animal Shelter

The animal shelter is running low on toys and treats, critter supplies, kennel supplies and leashes for volunteers and staff. To view what the shelter needs and how to make a monetary donation at [bit.ly/pganimalshelterdonations](http://bit.ly/pganimalshelterdonations). All items can be shipped to the shelter at 3750 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772. Donations can also be dropped off at this address during our regular open hours: Tuesdays - Fridays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. No appointment needed - donation bins are in the front lobby. All help is appreciated!

**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 appropriately. Please sign up your animal at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. Committee members can view the information to help reunite lost pets with their owners.

# Town of University Park

## WINTER OPERATIONS 2023 INFORMATION



### Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Concludes Friday, 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.

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

### 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



**University Park Town Council**  
**2023 Adopted Meeting Schedule**  
*All meetings are open to the public.*

January 3*	July 3
January 17*	July 17
February 6	August 21
February 21*	September 5*
March 6	September 18
March 20	October 2
April 3	October 16
April 17	November 6
May 1	November 20
May 15	December 4
June 5	December 18
June 20*	

**Note: Dates of official Town holidays are below. Town Hall is closed on these dates. A few times a year, a public holiday falls on a Council meeting date in which case the meeting is scheduled the next day. These meetings are indicated above with an asterisk (\*).**

Monday, January 2	New Year's Day Observed
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 20	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Monday, October 9	Indigenous People's Day
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24	Employee Appreciation Day
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day

# January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Town Holiday	3 Town Council, 7:30 PM Trash, Bulk Trash	4 Yard Waste	5	6 Recycling	7
8	9 Yard Waste UPWC Meeting 11:30 AM	10 Transit Task Force II Meeting, 7 PM via Zoom	11 Trees Committee, 6 PM, Hyattsville Library & online, Police, Traffic & Public Safety, 7:30 PM via Zoom	12 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM, Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM, Both via Zoom	13 Leaf Vacuuming Concludes, Recycling	14
15	16 Town Holiday	17 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council, 7:30 PM After Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM	18 Yard Waste	19	20 Recycling	21
22	23 Yard Waste	24 Trash, Bulk Trash Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	25	26	27 Recycling	28
29	30 Yard Waste	31 Trash, Bulk Trash		Leaf Vacuuming Concludes on Jan. 13. Rake your leaves to the curb, not into the street		





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