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MAYOR'S COLUMN

BUDGET SEASON and TAX SEASON ARE HERE, and SO ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED! As each of you work through completing your taxes this year, I am hard at working on a draft budget for April presentation to the Town Council. This budget is for the Town's fiscal year July 2023 to July 2024. Each time I've spoken with residents about the budget, I've been reminded that you are closely watching how our town's government is using our limited tax dollars. Rest assured that I am working closely with staff to ensure that this budget reflects a wise and prudent use of our limited resources, but feel free to send me a note if you have any thoughts on this matter.

Municipal elections are on the horizon and we have committee vacancies. Are you interested in serving our

community? There are a variety of ways to make our town a better place to live. The next town election will take place on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023. Current registered voters will receive a mail-in ballot prior to the election and voting in person will take place on May 9th. This year, the Councilmembers for Wards 2, 4, 5, and 6 will be up for election, and due to term limits, there will be a vacancy in Ward 6. Anyone interested in running for public office should visit the Town Elections page at www.upmd.org in the Government section.

There are opportunities to serve on various town committees. Currently, I am considering a special committee to examine the Town's use of American Rescue Act Plan funds, especially with respect to improving stormwater management efforts. If that is something you

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council March 6 & 20

Recycling Event April 22

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/agenda center. Please sign up for alerts at www.upmd.org/notifyme

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would be interested in, please let me know. There will be many opportunities to serve on a variety of Town committees after the next council is seated in June. Those opportunities include serving on the following:

- Sustainability Committee: this committee advises and encourages the Council on sustainable practices by the Town and its residents. The committee helps manage the town's meadow and stream clean-up efforts.
- Trees, Parks, & Environment Committee: this committee reviews all matters concerning public trees in Town and sponsors educational activities, including tree plantings, to increase residents' appreciation of our tree canopy.
- Helping Hands University Park (HHUP): this committee helps residents age in place. The committee provides volunteer services to older and disabled residents, presents educational programs and social activities, and partners with other organizations that complement HHUP's mission. The goal of this committee is to enhance the quality of life for residents.
- Ethics Commission: this commission provides the Mayor, Council, appointees, and Town employees with advisory opinions on ethics matters; receives, reviews and resolves complaints; and advises the Mayor and Council on State ethics requirements.
- Development Overview Committee: this committee reviews all planning, zoning, and development matters within one mile of the Town and provides recommendations, as necessary, to the Council.

We are also in need of a Supervisor of Elections for the Town. This person supports the Town Clerk, the Town Attorney, and the other Elections Supervisor to ensure our municipal elections are conducted in an ethical,

timely, and secure manner. If you are interested in serving, please submit a letter expressing your interest to townhall@upmd.org. The nominated candidate requires Council appointment.

Please consider adopting a rescue pet from the many cats, dogs, and other little animals available at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter. Any of them would be great additions to your family and our community. And, if you do adopt one of these animals, please let me know. I would be excited to highlight your new pet in this newsletter!

—*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

Notice of Introduction of Legislative Resolution 23-O-02

On February 21, 2023, Legislative Resolution 23-O-02 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", by enacting Article 4, "Traffic Calming Devices", §§ 9-401, "Purpose", 9-402, "Definitions", 9-403, "Request for installation of traffic calming device by petition", 9-404, "Review of petition by Town Traffic Engineer", 9-405, "Public hearing; criteria for evaluating requests", 9-406, "Follow up evaluation; removal or alteration of devices" and 9-407 "Authority of the Town" to enable a uniform petition procedure for installation, alteration and removal of traffic calming devices on Town streets.

The meeting set for March 6, 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.

**Reminder:
Please use University Park
as your address on your
Maryland tax forms.**



FROM THE CHIEF

On July 1, 2023, recreational marijuana use will become legal in Maryland. However, it is illegal to operate a vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol. Three University Park police officers recently completed the Montgomery County Police Department's Cannabis Intoxication Impaired Driving Labs. This innovative training promotes community engagement, increases citizen participation in understanding police activity, and works to enhance traffic safety while aiming to deter impaired driving. Cannabis Intoxication Impaired Driving Labs are the first law enforcement-hosted training that address cannabis impaired driving behavior and recognition of cannabis abuse by partnering with medically certified cannabis patients. Volunteer patients will consume cannabis and members of law enforcement will be able to observe real-time impairment. During the training, University Park Police personnel had the opportunity to explain how cannabis consumption can negatively affect a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Cannabis use effects include alterations in reaction time, perception, short-term memory, attention, motor skills, tracking and skilled activities—all of which can impair a driver's ability to operate a vehicle safely.

The Cannabis Intoxication Impaired Driving Lab training provides an added tool to assist University Park Police in identifying impaired/drugged drivers and enhancing traffic safety in and around the Town. Congratulations to Cpl. Dan People, Pfc. Peter Shepard and Pfc. Lamont Deshields!



Theft On January 4 a resident in the 6900 block of Wells Pkwy reported that on December 15, 2022, he placed a sealed envelope containing two personal checks into the USPS blue mailbox at Wells Pkwy and Eversfield Drive. The resident's credit union notified him the checks had been forged for the total amount of \$12,450.50. The resident was not certain if the checks

were stolen from the mailbox or in process. There are no suspects currently.



DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, April 22, 10 AM-2 PM

This is an opportunity to protect families from potential misuse and abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, as well as protect the environment. University Park Police supports the DEA's safe disposal of drugs and will participate. University Park residents are encouraged to drop off prescription and over-the-counter drugs during the event. The University Park Police will take the drugs to DEA for proper disposal.

If you are unable to stop by Town Hall during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please follow these simple steps for easy, responsible disposal (also applicable for liquid medication) of drugs:

- Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original prescription bottles.
- Crush medication and put it in a container such as an empty can or sealable bag.
- Mix with coffee grounds, dirt or kitty litter.
- Discard with regular trash.

For more information about the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please go to takebackday.dea.gov

VeoRide Scooter Parking

As of February 1, all of the VeroRide parking stations in UP have been geofenced and "forced parking" is now live in town. In order to turn off the meter and end a ride, a user must park within the geofenced area of the parking station. If any resident observes a scooter parked outside the boundary of these parking stations they should report it to VeroRide by emailing hello@veoride.com or calling 1.800.VEO.2256. The vendor has a contractual obligation to recover the scooter within a few hours from the time of notification.

TOWN NEWS



Tree Committee News

Tree Canopy Could Save Your Life As our planet's temperatures increase ever more rapidly, small but significant strategies can mitigate the trend locally. University Park now has a tree ordinance that protects all large, healthy trees—be they public or private. The tree canopy is a shared resource from which we all benefit. There are many benefits derived from a healthy tree canopy—environmental, health, financial, sociological. Street trees keep us cool when walking through town and our neighbors' trees keep us cool. Keeping cool is a health benefit. A recent European study correlates tree canopy with mortality—more extensive tree canopies result in reduced summer death rates: [bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-01-31/hot-weather-deaths-can-be-cut-by-green-city-planning](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-01-31/hot-weather-deaths-can-be-cut-by-green-city-planning) You can help the planet and your neighbors by planting a tree this March and be reimbursed for the expense. See [upmd.org/194/Trees-Parks-Environment-Committee](https://www.upmd.org/194/Trees-Parks-Environment-Committee). We'd be glad to assist with selection and siting. Please contact us at TreeComm@UPMD.org. Think globally, act locally.

Ivy League, Saturday, March 11, 10 AM-12 PM Consider joining us for 2023's inaugural Ivy League session. We'll meet in front of UPES, Queen's Chapel Road. Volunteers should bring a pair of basic hand pruners and a prying tool of their choice—dandelion weeder, large sturdy screwdriver, or miniature pry bar are all good choices. Volunteers receive credit for two sessions for this one session—only five sessions needed to earn a custom-made, limited edition Ivy League bandana. Community service forms will be signed if provided on site.



**Helping Hands
University Park**

Helping Hands University Park

Spring is just around the corner! The Helping Hands of University Park executive committee is looking forward to planning more social activities during the com-

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ing warmer months, and we would love to have new members join us. Becoming a member is simple. It entails completing and submitting an HHUP membership form (visit our website or call), and a meeting with an HHUP committee member, who will answer questions and review HHUP benefits and guidelines.

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

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, March 15, 12-1 PM Become a member and join us!

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 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.

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/

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

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

Public Record of January 17 Closed Session

Present (via video and audio conference): Mayor Biermann, Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells, Sweet (at 7 PM), Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson.

Authority For Closing Session

The Council voted to meet in closed session under the following part(s) of section 10-508 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.

List Of Topics Discussed: Hiring process for Town Administrator and Treasurer.

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Actions Taken: Motion to allocate up to \$2,000 from the Town Administrator salary line item for the purpose of paying expenses for advertising for candidates for the position. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Closed session ended at 7:28 PM.

January 17 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

- A resident spoke about the need for a Town Administrator and the hopes that everyone can work together to facilitate filling the position. He elaborated on why the Town Hall needs to be renovated.
- The Town Clerk read a resident comment for the request of a mirror to be installed at the corner of the 4100 block of Woodberry Street and Wells Parkway.

Mayor, Council and Committee Comments and Reports

- Mayor Biermann stated the issue of Town Hall is definitely on our radar. The Council is aware that we are going to have to talk soon about what we want to do especially with the state grant money because time is running out on appropriating those funds.
- CM Morrissey will lead the Town Administrator process, working with CM Morgan and CM Gathercole and bring the results to him for review.
- Next month, we are hoping that we will break ground on the Tot Lot.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee

The next meeting is February 2. There is an ad hoc committee formed that will start a new process for the Town Administrator search.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee

- The next meeting is February 8.
- The Chief asked people to follow his blog because he has information on how to stay safe.
- There are over 11,880,000 cars that passed through our 3 automated speed camera locations.

Development Overview Committee

The committee met last week and had a presentation on

a project to take down about half of the parking garage between the new library and across from the area that is being developed. They will replace it with 210 apartments, raising the height of that side of the building by 2 stories.

Sustainability Committee

The Bee City Resolution will be submitted to the Town this week. It can be voted on at the next Council meeting. There is a \$100 annual membership fee.

Transit Task Force Committee

Currently looking at the environmental impact of running the shuttle instead of having everyone drive their cars to the Metro.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt the emergency parking ordinance 23-001. The ordinance prohibits parking on the south side of Claggett Pineway from Woodberry Street to Claggett Road. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To approve the introduction of the budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023 in the total amount of \$78,500 as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the December 22, 2022 memo to the Mayor and Council. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve the May 9, 2023 election hours as 1 PM to 8 PM and that further we permit the ballots to be mailed to the registered voters of the Town for the municipal election. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department Reports

Town Clerk TC Hegeman There were 2 Building permits issued administratively and the supporting documentation is in the packet. There were 0 pod/dumpster permits.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Crime Report on January 4—one incident.
- The Police Clerk and Town Clerk attended Adult Mental Health training.
- Three officers will attend training on January 26 offered through the Montgomery County Police Department called “Cannabis Green Lab”. This training will enable officers to identify someone who is under the influence of marijuana.

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- First Amendment Audit training is February 2.
- There will be a 5-day Instructor training class on February 6.

Director of Public Works Mickey Beall

- There is a meeting scheduled with Prince George's County Department of Environment to discuss our MOU Proposal.
- Will meet with the Town's Arborist and the PEPCO planner next week regarding vegetation management.
- There is a preconstruction meeting regarding the Tot Lot Playground the beginning of February.
- Contacted VeoRide regarding the scooters that are being left all over Town. VeoRide needs to execute the geofencing as discussed.
- Phase 2B, all of the concrete work that can be completed at this time, has been completed. Our goal is to remove the temporary speed humps on Clagett Road and Pineway and install new speed humps on Pineway and a raised crosswalk on Clagett. We will install a speed hump on the 4000 block of Van Buren Street.

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 8:11 PM.

February 6 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Presentation From VeoRide

Mr. Jeff Hoover, Director of Government Partnerships, explained geofencing, the charge associated with scooters parked outside of the designated areas, and how to contact the company should a resident need to report a scooter. VeoRide was able to implement town-wide forced parking so a rider cannot end their trip unless they are at an approved location. You may email hello@veoride.com if you see an abandoned scooter. Every scooter has a sticker with the customer service phone number and email.

Public Comment

- A resident stated that he is glad to see that the Council is considering a pending policy on traffic calming devices and wished for the policy to be implemented immediately. He also spoke against the installation of the temporary speed humps on Van Buren Street.
- Two residents discussed the storm management problem that they have experienced for several years. They

asked Council to set aside resources and funds needed for the placement of infiltration trenches that will, hopefully, mitigate the situation.

- A resident spoke in favor of the Bee City USA Resolution. There is more information at beecityusa.org.

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Public Facilities Services Committee

- The Committee met on January 19 and discussed stormwater issues. The County will send a recommendation requesting that this be done with money left in this year's budget or from next year's budget. They estimate the cost to be \$28,000.
- The possible use of dry wells as flash storage and gradual release mechanisms in various parts of the town.
- The next meeting is February 16.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee

- The Committee met on January 11 and the Chief reported on crime in Hyattsville. He also reported on the automated speed enforcement program in 2022.
- A discussion on a policy for traffic calming devices as drafted resulted in a motion and approval by all attendees.
- The next meeting is February 8, 2023.

Development Overview Committee

- The Committee met on January 12 and had a presentation from the developer who is planning to reconfigure the library side on Toledo Road. There are a lot of stormwater concerns with regard to this project.
- The next meeting is February 9.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee

- The February meeting is rescheduled to March.
- The Ad Hoc Committee is continuing its work on hiring a new Town Administrator and they met with the Mayor. They will submit any edits to him and the rest of the Council shortly, along with a progress report to hire an interim while they continue their search for a permanent person.

Transit Task Force Committee

- The Committee will meet on February 15.
- Met with an electric manufacturer received the cost for a 12-person electric shuttle with an ADA lift is in the range of \$170,000. They are looking into some grants that may fund up to 85% of the cost.

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Mayor Biermann

- Contacted CivicPlus regarding a feature that can be implemented on our Town website that will improve the way the community engages with staff and elected officials. People are able to inform us of issues which need immediate attention and there is an app residents can use. You can view more information at SeeClickFix.com
- Spoke to the Van Buren Street residents, along with Council Member Sweet, Chief of Police and our Captain and plans to help residents as he promised while running for office.

Continuing Business

Motion: To approve the budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2023 in the total amount of \$78,500 as recommended by the Town Treasurer in the December 22, 2022 memo to the Mayor and Council. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To approve the PEPCO Vegetation Management Permits to prune and remove trees in the Town right-of-way subject to the conditions of the permit. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2023-R-01 adopting a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in University Park. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2023-R-02 designating University Park as a Bee City USA affiliate. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2023-R-03 designating the month of April as "No Mow Month" to support a pollinator-friendly habitat. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To consider a procedure for placing traffic calming devices and authorize the Town Attorney to adopt the procedure if approved. Motion approved 6 to 1.

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 9:24 PM.



TOWN NEWS & EVENTS



UP Civic Association News

We are excited to be planning events for 2023 and already have a few in the works. While we were able to bring back many events in 2022, we still need additional event chairs to organize and facilitate some of the town's marquee events such as the 4th of July Parade & BBQ and the Mutt Strut. Please reach out to us if you would be interested in chairing these events!



Happy Hour at Denizens Brewing Thursday, March 2, 4-6 PM

Come mix & mingle with neighbors, take a brewery tour and enjoy appetizers on the UPCA. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. While Denizens Brewing is child friendly (and now features a kid's menu) this event is for adults only. RSVP not required, but it is helpful for planning: [RSVP at https://bit.ly/UPCAHH23](https://bit.ly/UPCAHH23)



Spring Egg Hunt Sunday, March 26, 3 PM

Get your baskets and bunny ears ready! The UPCA's annual Spring Egg Hunt will be held in the Tot Lot Woods (rain date April 2). Children as young as infants through grade 6 are welcome to participate. Wear warm clothes and shoes appropriate for walking in the park, and please bring your own basket and drinks. After the egg hunt, stick around for games, arts and crafts, and a visit from a very special bunny!

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Porchfest

PorchFest is a family-friendly community music event, appropriate for all ages. The focal points will be a variety of musical acts ranging from acoustic to electric, and solo to ensemble. Registration is now open! To participate as a performer or host, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/6zGsfbq1hZCPJV18>. Registration will remain open until April 29. We will need a couple participants with porches/hosts by that date. We are looking forward to another wonderful afternoon of music!

Save the Dates for:

- UP Town Yard Sale, May 6
- Porchfest, Saturday, May 13
- UP Playground Meet & Greet, Sunday, May 21

We appreciate everyone who paid dues in 2022! We could not do it without you! To join for 2023 visit www.upcamd.com.



Your Tiny Art Gallery Opening

**Travails of the Traveling Hats
from the Congo to the Met
Making History**
Sunday, March 12, 4 PM

Join us for a mini sneak preview of art historian Wendy Grossman's museum exhibition in progress. This project features exquisite headdresses from the Congo

that tell a fascinating story, tracing the trajectory of a unique collection of prestige caps and royal crowns from the Congo to objects of art and fashion in Europe and the United States. After being showcased in a 1937 exhibition in Paris called *Mode au Congo* (Fashion of the Congo) and photographed by Man Ray on the head of his muse and romantic partner, the Guadeloupean dancer and model Adrienne Fidelin, these headdresses played an important role in shaping fashion history. Come see the mini-installation and hear Dr. Grossman share the fascinating story revealing how these objects ended up in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and their ongoing journey to making history. 4301 Van Buren St. Rain date TBD.

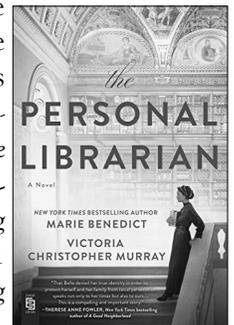


UP Woman's Club Penny Project Friday, March 17

University Park Woman's Club will again collect coins for the Penny Project. The Spring Penny Project focuses on charities aiding women and children. The collection site is in front of 6832 Pineway. Only U.S. coins (and green paper money) will be collected. Thank you to all who contributed to the Fall Penny Project and made it a wonderful success. Because of your generosity, the Woman's Club donated \$550 to HIAS, a humanitarian organization based in Silver Spring. The proceeds will be used for refugee assistance.

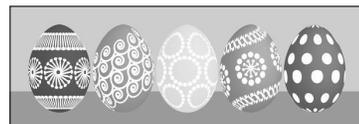
After Eight Book Group Tuesday, March 21, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. Our March title is Marie Benedict's *The Personal Librarian*. For April, we will be reading *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocomb. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. Please come and bring your suggestions for future reading.



Church of the Brethren Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9, 9:30 AM

Enjoy Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt at the University Park Church of the Brethren! We'll have a pancake breakfast, followed by an egg hunt. Join us! RSVP beginning on April 1 at www.upcob.org. Corner of Route 1 and Tuckerman St.



UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, March 6, 11:30 AM

Please join the University Park Woman's Club as we welcome our guest speaker, author Stephanie Miller. Stephanie will share actions to address the climate and waste crises through easy steps. You will leave the conversation feeling empowered to act today and help others around you do the same. Stephanie Miller is the former Director of Climate Business at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. She led global teams to find innovative solutions to climate change. She is the author of *Zero Waste Living, the 80/20 Way: The Busy Person's Guide to a Lighter Footprint* and is passionate about helping people understand the profound difference they can make. Using the simplicity of the 80/20 rule, she shows us those things (the 20%) that we can do to make the biggest (80%) difference. Books will be available for sale at \$12 each. The program will be in-person at the University Christian Church at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads in Hyattsville. Sign-in begins at 11:30 AM. Bring your lunch and please RSVP to Carol D'Antuono at cmd9514@gmail.com.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarships



The University Park Woman's Club will again be awarding scholarships in 2022. The scholarship application is now on the club's website, womensclubUP.com/scholarships.

The applicant may complete the form online and either mail or email the form. Directions are on the forms. We are also working with local high school counselors to develop a process for obtaining and completing the application. The two scholarships offered are listed below. ***The deadline for applying is April 4, 2022.***

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship This one-time financial need-based award of \$1500 is available to a graduating senior of Northwestern High School. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership and service. The applicant needs to complete Parts A, B and C of the application, which includes writing an essay, providing two teacher recommendations and submitting the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship This one-time \$1,500 merit-based, need-blind scholarship is available to a graduating high school student who is a resident of Maryland and:

- Who resides in the Town of University Park, or
- Whose parent is a current member of University Park Woman's Club of at least 2 years standing, or
- Whose grandparent is a current member of the University Park Woman's Club who joined prior to 2015.

A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 is required along with evidence of leadership, service and scholarship. Applicants for this scholarship need to complete Parts A and B of the application, which includes writing an essay and providing two teacher recommendations.



Volunteer Accountants Needed Community Legal Services is a nonprofit organization in Greenbelt that provides free legal services to income-eligible residents in a variety of civil matters. We need accountants to assist clients in the Family Law Clinic with reconciling assets in divorce and custody cases. If you have a background in accounting and time to volunteer from your own home, please contact Executive Director Jessica Quincosa at quincosa@clspg.org or 240-391-6370. Your efforts will be deeply appreciated by those who need them the most! Questions? Contact UP resident Connie Belfiore at connie.belfiore@gmail.com. Website: www.clspgc.org.

Student Intern Opportunities Offered Community CLS is offering interesting, valuable community service internships to students during the school year and the summer. CLS has served our community for almost 40 years, and several CLS Board Members and volunteers are long-time residents of UP and CHE. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Executive Director Jessica Quincosa or UP resident Connie Belfiore via the contact info above.



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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Azalea Classic

Sponsors & Volunteers Needed



The Azalea Classic is one of the UPES PTA's biggest fundraisers and registration is open at AzaleaClassic.com. With just over a month until this year's Azalea Classic on April 29, consider showing your support:

▪ **Volunteer** to make the Azalea Classic a success. Email upesazaleaclassic5k@gmail.com for more information.

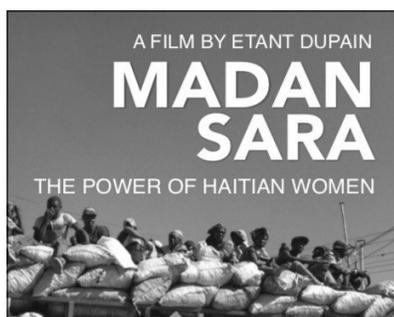
▪ **Become a family sponsor** by contributing \$200. Your name will appear on the back of the youth-sized t-shirts. You can do that on the race registration website, accessible from AzaleaClassic.com.

▪ **Become a corporate sponsor**. There are various sponsorship tiers with different levels of publicity that reach race participants and community members with your business name on the back of shirts (that are worn long after race day).

Please contact jatteniese@gmail.com if you would like more information on how you can help make this event a success.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series: Madan Sara Screening and Discussion, Monday, March 13, 7-8:30 PM The women known as Madan Sara in Haiti work tirelessly to buy, distribute and sell food and other essentials in markets throughout the country. This documentary tells the stories of these indefatigable

women who work at the margins to make Haiti's economy run, despite the obstacles they face. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with the film's creator and executive director, Etant Dupain.



Riversdale Chamber Music Society, Sunday, March 5, 2-3 PM Join the Riversdale Chamber Music Society for an afternoon of chamber music featuring women composers performed by the Riverdale Woodwind Trio. This concert will feature the beautiful Sequoia Trio for woodwinds by Jennie Brandon and the lovely Trio in C major by Louise-Marie Simon (pen name Claude Arrieu).

Please join us for a Meet-the-Artist reception following the concert. Free. Capacity limited and seating is first come, first served.



Kitchen Guild Open House, Sunday, March 12, 12-3:30 PM

Have you ever wondered what cooking was like for those in the past? Do you enjoy cooking at home? Come cozy up in the dependency kitchen with the Kitchen Guild to learn about 18th

& 19th century open hearth cooking and discover how Federal-era foods compare to today's dishes. Sample food that was made using historic recipes, hear more about what the Guild does throughout the year, and learn about volunteer opportunities. Ages 14 & up. Free; registration required. Register by March 8.

Riversdale House Museum 4811 Riverdale Road; 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544, riversdale@pgparks.com



Whether you call them fireflies or lightning bugs, over 150 different species of these mystical beetles make their home in North America – and every single one of them is declining. You can help these whimsical creatures:

▪ **Create a Space** – Fireflies thrive in secluded, moist, organically rich environments. Set aside a portion of your land for a little bit of wilderness; allow a diverse mixture of native grasses and flowers to grow taller than the manicured lawn. Most female fireflies send their signals from perches, blinking like little lighthouse beacons.

▪ **Don't Use Insecticides** – need we say more?
▪ **Turn Off the Lights** – light pollution is easy to fix and instantly reversible. Keep outdoor lights to a minimum to allow lightning bugs optimal communications with each other. No love language? No new lightning bugs.

▪ **Talk to the Neighbors** – the efforts you make on your property are important - but fireflies are not limited to a single plot. Together, we can bring these nostalgic little beetles back from the brink and enjoy their dazzling performances again!

ELECTRONICS, TIRE & PAINT RECYCLING, PAPER SHREDDING

Saturday, April 22, 9 AM-1 PM

for University Park Residents
UP Elementary School Bus Circle

Bring your electronics to be recycled. Please see the list below for acceptable and prohibited items. Also offered is onsite paper shredding, tire recycling (no rims) and \$5 paint recycling.

Recycle it! Bring your Driver's License as proof of residency. All electronic items collected will be reused, refurbished or recycled through Electronics Value Recovery, in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Please check the Public Works page at upmd.org for a list of other reuse and salvage organizations.

Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them personally at the Prince George's County Landfill.

Acceptable Items

- Desktops
- Laptops
- Cell phones
- Tablets
- MP3 players
- DVD players
- Hard Drives
- Servers & Server racks
- Flat screen monitors
- CRTs
- LCD and plasma televisions
- Keyboards and mice
- Speakers
- Cables (including power supplies)
- Networking supplies
- Circuit boards
- Printers, copiers and fax equipment
- Video cameras and security equipment
- AV equipment
- UPS / Battery Backup
- Plotters
- Batteries
- Toner Cartridges



What items are not acceptable?

- Trash
- Furniture
- Ammunition
- Liquids
- Combustible Materials
- Medical Waste
- Hazardous Materials
- Items Containing Radiological Material
- Christmas Lights
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs



NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

The Offices of
Councilmember Ward 2
Councilmember Ward 4
Councilmember Ward 5
Councilmember Ward 6

on

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

Poll hours will be conducted from 1-8 p.m. at Town Hall (6724 Baltimore Avenue).
You are encouraged to vote by mail or drop box but may vote in person on Election Day.

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

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

Register to vote online at: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

OR

Call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300; Location: 1100 Mercantile Lane Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774; Business hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.4:30 p.m.

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

1. A citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of election day,
3. A resident of University Park, and
4. Registered to vote at least 29 days prior to election day.

CANDIDATES:

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by April 10, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. Packets are available on the Town's website at www.upmd.org/2023CandidateInfo.

DEADLINES:

Monday, April 10, 2023 is the last day to register to vote.

Monday, April 10, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. is the last day to file as a candidate.

Thursday, May 4, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. is the last day to file as a qualified write-in candidate.

If residents have any questions, contact Town Clerk TC Hegeman.

Town Clerk
301-927-4262 ext. 101
townhall@upmd.org

Stephanie Herold
Supervisor of Elections
elections@upmd.org

WAIT!

Think Before You Toss

Donation is the best option for gently used items still in good condition.



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**. Many thrift stores also accept various items for donations. Not only will you be helping divert items from the landfill, but you will also be helping others in our community!

Some organizations offer drop-off services, or you can schedule a pick-up, if in their service area. Please check with the organization's guidelines to see what items are accepted and how to prepare items for proper reuse/donation. Below is a list of some organizations that accept various items for recycling including bulky items, electronics, and more.

Organizations Accepting Donations (in good/working condition)

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.

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

MD Recycles Directory Appliances, baby items, beds, clothing, electronics, food, furniture, hobby items (arts/crafts, camping, gardening, music, sports, etc.), hangers, houseware, office supplies, packaging, paint, pet supplies, rugs, salvage (including scrap metal), tools, vehicles and much more!

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)

The Salvation Army Appliance, clothing & shoes, electronics, furniture, hobby items, household goods, toys, vehicles.

Consider buying secondhand items from reuse stores to reduce manufacturing demand and help keep items out of the landfill. Check at Community Forklift, Goodwill, Habitat Restore or thrift stores before purchasing.



How do I use PGCLitterTRAK?

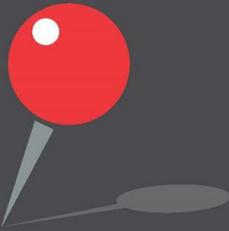
PGCLitterTRAK is a smartphone application (app) that can be used by community groups and individual citizens that are interested in reporting their efforts to reduce litter in their communities.



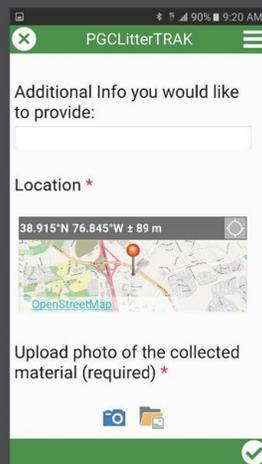
This is the
PGCLitterTRAK app

This easy smartphone app will take you through a series of questions that will allow us to collect data on your contribution towards a cleaner, greener Prince George's County.

Go to www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2607/PGCLitterTRAK to sign up



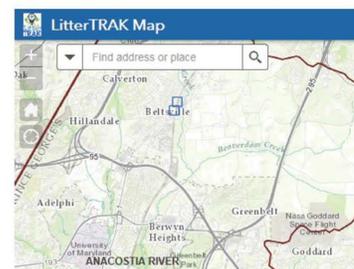
PGCLitterTRAK uses your phone to pinpoint the location of your litter cleanup.



Before you submit your PGCLitterTRAK information, you must upload a picture of your collected material.

Finally...

Data collected from PGCLitterTRAK goes into an online map for reporting and analysis. The County then gets an accurate snapshot of all the work we're doing removing litter from our neighborhoods!



March 2023

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Save the Date Town Recycling Event Saturday, April 22						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	Yard Waste UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM	Trash, Bulk Trash Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	Trees Committee, 6 PM, Hyattsville Library & online, Police, Traffic & Public Safety, 7:30 PM via Zoom	Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	Recycling UPWC Penny Project	Ivy League, 10 AM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Yard Waste	Trash, Bulk Trash Transit Task Force II Meeting, 7 PM via Zoom		Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM	Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom		Recycling		
26	27	28	29	30	31		
	Yard Waste	Trash, Bulk Trash			Recycling		
	Spring Egg Hunt, 3 PM						



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4	Nathaniel Morgan	301-850-4249
5	David McGaughey	301-664-4030
6	Martha Wells	301-864-1735
7	William Sweet	301-541-7642

NEWSLETTER

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