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MAYOR'S COLUMN

SPRING IS HERE! The warmer weather coincides nicely with the Town's efforts to renovate the Tot Lot playground between 43rd and 44th Avenues along the park path south of Wells Run. This newly upgraded play space is designed for children between the ages of 2-5 years old and will include ADA-accessible features. While we had hoped for an earlier date construction delays and weather impacts took their toll. We are now planning for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the playground on Sunday, April 16 at 3 pm. Any interested residents are welcome to attend, and of course, we all hope you enjoy this upgraded Town amenity.

Director of Public Works Mickey Beall and I have made progress on the Stormwater Management Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and Prince

George's County. In the early 1990s, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission gave control of its stormwater infrastructure to local municipalities. A process was developed for municipalities to turn over management and maintenance of the stormwater system to the county if each element of its infrastructure was in working order and designed to meet modern flood standards. The county will fund much of the repair and system updates if the municipality obtains an engineering study detailing any costs and needed upgrades. We have completed this step and Mr. Beall and I are hopeful that the county will adopt the MOU soon. We are also expecting significant county funding to be available beginning July 1.

Mr. Beall and I are identifying recent pedestrian bridges

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	April 3 & 17
Candidate & Voter Registration	April 10
Recycling Event & Drug Takeback	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 video. Agendas are posted at www.upmd.org/agenda center. Please sign up for alerts at www.upmd.org/notifyme

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in the State to serve as exemplars for replacing the two pedestrian bridges at Wells Run and Van Buren Street and Wells and Beechwood Road. This issue has been discussed for years, and many probably wonder if it will ever happen. The Town previously budgeted \$300,000 for these two projects, but I hope to complete them for less than this amount. My goal is to finish these projects in my first term!

Last month I was alerted to legislation in the State Senate that was recently sent to the House of Delegates. Senate Bill 11 (SB 0011) would limit school zones up to no more than 500 FEET from a school and define a school to educational institutions serving students through the 12th grade. Municipalities seeking to enforce the current ½ mile radius would be required to undergo a comprehensive traffic management study. Because our town wide 20 MPH speed limit and speed enforcement cameras are made possible by the current standards, I contacted our legislative delegation and expressed opposition to this legislation. You may do the same, but please note that the legislative session ends on April 10th.



When you read this, the Council will have received the FY2024 proposed budget. Our charter requires the mayor to submit the budget no later than April 1 of each year. The Council will review and vote on the budget by late May for implementation beginning July 1st. This is my first time submitting this document on your behalf, and I hope that it reflects our values and represents a prudent use of our limited resources. As the Council deliberates over the budget throughout April

and May, your input is welcome through letters, email, or public comment at any of our Town Council meetings.

On Saturday, April 22 the Town will host two convenient events for Town residents. We will have a recycling event from 9 AM - 1 PM at the UP Elementary School for residents to responsibly dispose of any electronics, tires, or paint and to offer paper shredding services. The Police Department will accept any prescription and over-the-counter drugs, including expired drugs, for proper disposal from 10 AM - 2 PM at Town Hall.

If you are interested in running for Town Council, submit your candidate packet by **Monday, April 10**. The deadline to register to vote is also April 10. Candidates who run as a write-in candidate will have until Thursday, May 4 to submit required paperwork. More information is available at www.upmd.org.

Warmer weather means more exercise and walks around Town. Consider how much more fun you'd have on those walks with a loyal rescue dog by your side. Or perhaps you're a cat person or into other small animals. The Prince George's County Animal Shelter has many pets waiting for their forever homes. Check them out today!

—*Joel Biermann*

What do you think? I am always interested in your perspectives and viewpoints, especially if they are true, kind, and necessary!



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



FROM THE CHIEF

Ridesharing has become an increasingly popular mode of transportation for many. Since 2015, more than 36% of Americans have used ridesharing apps; it's also lucrative for drivers, as it's flexible, convenient, reliable and provides a steady stream of income. Riders make transportation arrangements using their smartphone and once confirmed the vehicle arrives and the rider gets in and drives off with very little concern for their personal safety. Ridesharing companies conduct annual driver's license and criminal history checks of their drivers; however, sometimes criminals slip through the cracks and pretend to be ridesharing drivers. These imposters often make their vehicle look official by applying fake stickers from the ridesharing company and then drive around late-night gathering spots or airports looking for riders. Fake rideshare drivers have committed robberies, rapes, and serious assaults. In 2020, one ridesharing company reported 998 sexual assaults.

Rideshare crime has been down since the pandemic but there is an inherent risk with getting in a car with a stranger. The University Park Police understands this risk and offers these basic safety tips to keep you or a loved one safe while using ridesharing apps:

- Confirm the driver's information matches the reservation on the app.
- Check your driver's rating. If no or low ratings, pick another driver.
- Verify the vehicle's license plate from your reservation on the app.
- Verify the make and model of the vehicle from your reservation on the app.
- Ask the driver your name—if they don't know it, they are a fake driver. Don't accept the ride.
- Take a rideshare with a friend.
- If you must take a rideshare alone, take a picture of the rear license plate, and send it to a friend or family member.
- Don't accept a rideshare with a driver you have not confirmed using the app.
- Use your personal tracking app on your smartphone so family members know when you arrive home.
- Sit in the back seat. Distance can provide a defense barrier and exit in case of an emergency.
- If you ever feel unsafe while using a rideshare service, it is best to trust your instincts. Please don't accept the ride.

Hit and Run On March 8 two electric bike operators were struck by a blue Honda in the 6700 block of Baltimore Avenue. The bike operators were transported and treated for minor injuries. The blue Honda left the scene of the accident. A short time later Hyattsville Police located the blue Honda and conducted a traffic stop at Queens Chapel Road and Chillum Rd. Cpl. Jones responded to the location and placed the vehicle operator under arrest. The vehicle operator was taken to Prince George's County Department of Corrections where he is being detained.



Community Policing Forum Saturday, April 22, 2-3 PM

Meet with the University Park Police in the lower Fellowship Hall at the Word of God Baptist Church. We'll be discussing ways we can work together to strengthen our partnership and keep the community safe. During the forum, we will review the 2022 UP Police Annual Report and discuss developing a Neighborhood Watch, recruitment for the Community Emergency Response Team and community policing activities for 2023. John Rogers, our new Code Compliance Officer, will also be available to answer any questions. Please grab a neighbor and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 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:

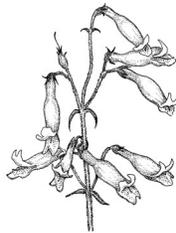
- Take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original prescription bottles.
- Crush medication and put it in a container such as an empty can or sealable bag.
- Mix with coffee grounds, dirt or kitty litter.
- Discard with regular trash.

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

Sustainability Committee News

5 Maryland Native Plants to Feed Pollinators Late Spring Through Fall

Here are a few native plants with bloom times spring through fall. They will feed native pollinators through three seasons and bloom in the Pollinator Meadow. When plant shopping, be sure the plants are not invasive. You can purchase native plants at Chesapeake Natives and other native nurseries. Black-eyed Susan is a great starter native if you are beginning and it is the Maryland state flower! For more information, visit National Wildlife Federation Keystone Plant Guide or UMD Extension.



- Foxglove Beardtongue blooms May-June, full sun to light shade.
- Black-eyed Susan blooms June- October, full to part sun.
- Butterfly Weed blooms June-September, full to part sun, hosts the Monarch Butterfly caterpillar.
- Wild Bergamot, July-August, full to partial sun .
- Blue Wood Aster blooms June-September, full to part sun.

Meadow Restoration and Meadow Seeding, Saturday, April 15, 10 AM Learn about invasives, remove them with neighbors and plant meadow seeds—always a nice gathering.

Stream Cleanup on Earth Day! Saturday, April 22, 10 AM Wear outdoor clothes. Help clean up the stream. Sign in at town field and pick up trash bags. You may get a little muddy—it's okay, especially on Earth Day!

Tree Committee News

What is Marcescence? Instead of falling in autumn, marcescent trees hold their leaves until the new emerging leaves push them off the following spring. Specimens include some oaks, beech, hornbeams, witch hazel and buckeyes. Marcescent trees will soon drop the last of 2022's leaves as new leaves sprout. Explore this phenomenon as presented by our fantastic University Maryland Extension service by searching for "marcescence" at extension.umd.edu. UME includes the "Master Gardeners," an excellent online resource for the budding horticulturist.

Arbor Day, 2023

Arbor Day falls on April 28, an excellent prompt to plant a tree, provided you can water it in before the end of May. Certain trees qualify for a rebate under UP's Tree Reimbursement program. If you're looking for something edible, consider planting a peach tree—you only need one tree to bear fruit; they can bear fruit within two years; and they like Maryland's climate.



Ivy League, Saturday, April 8, 10 AM-12 PM Celebrate Arbor Day by helping UP's trees prosper—remove some ivy from a tree in your yard or join the Ivy League for two hours (or any portion thereof) to remove ivy from UP's trees. We'll meet up at the end of 41st Avenue, at Wells Run. Bring a pair of hand pruners and a prying tool, such as a dandelion weeder, large screwdriver, or small pry bar. Whether in your yard or in public spaces, every little bit we can do to help the town's most important resource will help us all. Community Service vouchers will be signed on site. Please complete name/address, etc. prior to presenting.

Community Emergency Response Team

The Town of University Park has an active Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Members of CERT are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, traffic control and disaster medical operation in order to respond in emergencies. CERT is a formal nation-wide program under the auspices of FEMA. We assist and

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support local first responders and support community functions like the Azalea Classic, Halloween and DEA Drug Take Back Day, with first aid and traffic control.



How Can I Join? To become a CERT member, you must be at least 18 years of age. Basic Training: FEMA IS-317: Introduction to CERT (16 hours online) is the required course to become a CERT member. You determine your individual level of involvement and training. Volunteer occasionally in town or participate in disaster training drills with Metro, Reagan National Airport or the renowned Fairfax County search and rescue team. CERT is about readiness, people helping people and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Get involved and be a part of this incredible team. Volunteer your services and become trained to protect yourself and others from disasters, natural or manmade. For more information, please contact Ned Goldberg at ned.goldberg@gmail.com or Tom Stickles at tstickle1@verizon.net

Helping Hands University Park



Helping Hands University Park

The HHUP committee has created a listserv specifically for volunteers and members of Helping Hands University Park. We encourage our group to use this listserv for connecting socially with one another through friendly, stimulating and informative conversation. Any member or volunteer who hasn't received notification about helpinghands@gaggle.email and wishes to join can contact us to be added (see below). *Note:* Because we need to track services and hours, please continue to request volunteer assistance through our regular email and phone number, not via this new listserv. Thanks!

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

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, April 19, 12:00 PM In person. Become a member and join us!

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 26, 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 roughly every six weeks on Sundays. All UP residents are welcome. Contact Gerry Hendershot, ghendershot@earthlink.net; Loretta Saks, lorettahup@gmail.com, or Deborah Rosenfelt, dsr@umd.edu.

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

February 21 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Introduction from United States Representative Glen Ivey's (MD-04) Congressional Staff (Community Liaison Ethan Sweep)

Mr. Sweep spoke about the Grants Newsletter that will be published soon. It will contain information about federal grants that are available as well as webinars on how to write better grants. His office is available and willing to assist University Park and invited the Mayor and Council to contact him with any matters that constituents may have.

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee

- The next meeting is March 8.
- The committee met on February 8 and received a report from Chief Baker with speed radar camera data from Van Buren Street for December 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023. The data shows there is not a lot of speeding on that street.
- It was reported that the Chief recommends a stop sign at the bottom of Van Buren Street on Wells Parkway in addition to adding sidewalks as children currently must walk in the street.

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- Would like to schedule a public forum on April 22 so Chief Baker can present the annual report and explain the resources utilized to keep the town safe. Ms. Gathercole is searching for a venue. Chief Baker would also like to discuss Neighborhood Watch.

Development Overview Committee

- The committee met on February 9 and discussed the letter on the agenda for approval that will be sent to the County Planning Board concerning the conversion of a portion of the garage, which is immediately to the west of the new library.
- To view and learn more about rain gardens and their construction and maintenance, there will be a rain garden field trip on February 25 at 10 AM to view neighbors' rain gardens.
- Emailed the County, the Department of Environment, Soil Conservation District and County Councilmember Eric Olson because the creek is muddy again and asked for a meeting to discuss the stormwater issues. Hope to have a meeting with County Councilmember Eric Olson in the next week or so.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The committee met on February 16 and discussed stormwater issues in Ward 2, which should be addressed. Also discussed RK&K's reports detailing recommendations for fixing a number of stormwater issues in town. The committee will organize the stormwater issues by priority and feasibility.

The Transit Task Force Committee The committee met February 15 and have a preliminary draft of a report. There appears to be very generous federal grants to fund the electric shuttle infrastructure. The shuttles are approximately \$180,000 with an ADA lift. The federal government does have grants that can fund up to 85% of the purchase price.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee The next meeting is March 2, and an agenda will be distributed soon. The Ad Hoc Committee formed to hire a new Town Administrator has been working hard and is looking forward to sharing one recommendation with the group later today.

The Sustainability Committee The next meeting is March 7 and will be focused on the renewal for Sustainable Maryland and Mike Hunninghake will attend that meeting.

Mayor's Report

- Items for the agenda must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance for consideration. Please cc Ms. Hege-man on your request.
- The Budget Report will be submitted in early April.
- Suggested the creation of a special committee to discuss allotment of ARPA funds.
- The Town is close to breaking ground on the Tot Lot.

New Business

Motion: To introduce Ordinance 23-O-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the Town to add Article 4, Traffic Calming Devices, §§9-401 through 9-407, to provide a resident petition process for installation and removal of traffic calming devices. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: On the advice of the Town's Development Overview Committee, to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Prince George's County Planning Board addressing the Town's concerns with the proposed Preliminary Plan to develop a portion of land on the south side of Toledo Road that is approximately 265 feet from the intersection of Toledo Road and Adelphi Drive. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor to contract the services of the Mercer Group in order to identify candidates for the position of interim Town Administrator at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To authorize the Mayor to contract with CivicPlus to integrate their SeeClickFix platform into the Town's website at an additional cost of no more than \$5,500 per year to enhance the methods of communications with Town residents and improve the Town staff's ability to accurately and quickly respond to resident concerns. Mayor Biermann withdrew the Motion.

Motion: To approve a stop sign at 6900 Wells Parkway at the intersection of Van Buren Street to control southbound traffic on Wells Parkway.

Amended Motion: To approve two stop signs at 6900 Wells Parkway at the intersection of Van Buren Street to control southbound and well as northbound traffic on Wells Parkway. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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Department Reports

Town Clerk TC Hegeman

- Information about the one building permit is in the agenda packet. There was also one dumpster permit.
- Still need another Supervisor of Elections and Election Judges; this information will be in the March newsletter and is online. If anyone is interested, they should contact Ms. Hegeman.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Crime Report for February: 3 incidents.
- PFC Shepherd will participate in career day at University Park Elementary School on February 24.
- Acting Sergeant Govan and PFC Deshields were both promoted to the rank of Sergeant as a result of their successful interview with the Sergeant Promotion Oral Board.
- One crossing guard has stepped down for the remainder of the school year. We will begin advertising to fill that vacancy.
- On March 14, 2023, there will be a police officer hiring board as we hope to hire one or two new officers.
- The DEA Drug Take Back is April 22 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Town Hall.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall

- Demolition of the Tot Lot began on February 14 with a tentative completion date of March 21.
- Washington Gas and subcontractors had to fix the gas line which was within two feet of the largest Elm tree on public property located at 6500 Queens Chapel Road. They were able to run a new line without damaging the tree.
- On February 15 a speed hump was relocated to the 4000 block of Van Buren Street.
- Pepco Vegetation Management began work on Tuckerman Street and only have about six or seven days of work to do.
- Phase 2B: the stormwater structures have been received by the contractors so they can finish that project.
- Approximately 70% of the miles driven are electric miles on the new Public Works plug-in hybrid vehicle.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:47 PM.

Public Record of March 1 Closed Session

Present (via video and audio conference): Mayor Biermann; Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Morrissey, Morgan, McGaughey, Wells, Sweet; Town Attorney 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: Re-appointment of Dan Baden to the position of Town Treasurer.

Motion to approve the Mayor's nomination of Dan Baden to his previous position of Town Treasurer. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

March 6 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Azalea Classic Update

Jaime McGaughey thanked Mayor, Council and the Town for their support. She gave a brief background about the race and how it's the biggest fundraiser for the University Park Elementary School. The race is on April 29, 2023, rain or shine.

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Mayor Biermann

- Briefly discussed the memo submitted to Council prior to the meeting.
- March 25 is the date for the ribbon cutting for the Tot Lot. I invited Len Carey and County Council Member Eric Olson as well as all the residents that were involved with the process.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee The Committee met on Thursday and will submit minutes to the committee and TC.

- A discussion about updating the racially exclusive language on old deeds and the gas-powered leaf blower policy.
- From the Ad Hoc Committee: an ad for the hiring of an interim Town Administrator will be distributed to

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Mayor and Council and will go to the municipal leagues of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The ad will also be posted on the Town's website.

Development Overview Committee The Committee will meet on Thursday night. Met with County Councilmember Eric Olson last Wednesday to discuss the mud in Wells Run which was the result of an improperly placed siltation device. DPIE came out the next day and the developers were already fixing the problem. Will also discuss in the future the stormwater rules.

The Transit Task Force 2 Committee The Committee will meet a week from tomorrow to discuss a final draft that we will discuss with the Mayor and bring before the public.

The Sustainability Committee The Committee will meet tomorrow night. We will have a presentation by Mike Hunninghake who is the Program Manager for Sustainable Maryland. He will discuss the procedure for recertification. There is a one-hour webinar on the process on April 5 from 2-3 PM.

PFSC Committee The Committee discussed stormwater issues for Ward 2 and currently are in the process of prioritizing and editing suggestions from the RK&K report. The next meeting is March 16.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee The Committee is not meeting this month. The Chief will host his Community Policing forum on April 22 from 2-3 at the Word of God Baptist Church.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Ordinance 23-O-02, an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the Town to add Article 4, Traffic Calming Devices, §§9-401 through 9-407, to provide a resident petition process for installation and removal of traffic calming devices. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To amend 9-403 in item 2, as it states 500 feet; I would like it to read 500 feet along the same street. CM Dubayah withdrew the amended motion.

Motion: To enter into Closed Session to discuss a matter of personnel and employment issues and will return to public session when we are finished with that discussion. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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New Business

Motion: That Dan Baden be hired as the Treasurer, an at will employee, at Grade 18, Step 9 with an annual salary of \$64,116 with other payments as consistent substantially the same as what has been presented by the Mayor in his memorandum this evening and that this agreement be memorialized in a letter to Mr. Baden from the Mayor to be signed by both to be prepared with the assistance of the Town Attorney.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:35 PM.

UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, April 3, 11:30 AM

Our guest speaker this month is Catherine Sorenson. A financial wellness educator with University of Maryland Extension, Ms. Sorenson will speak to members and guests about "Detecting and Avoiding Fraud." She focuses on teaching community members about financial literacy and health insurance literacy. Carrie became an Accredited Financial Counselor in 2021 and has over 1,000 hours of experience providing financial education. The program will be in-person at the University Christian Church, corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads. Sign-in begins at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. RSVP to cmd9514@gmail.com

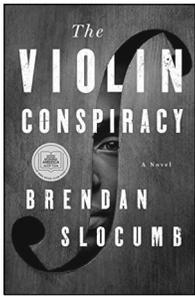
Church of the Brethren

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9, 9:30 AM

Come to the Annual Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt at the University Park Church of the Brethren! We'll have a pancake breakfast starting at 9:30, followed by an egg hunt at 10:15. Join us! RSVP at www.upcob.org. Corner of Route 1 and Tuckerman St.





After Eight Book Group
Tuesday, April 18, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. For April, we are reading *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. In May we will read Arthur Conan Doyle's "A Study in Scarlet" and "The Adventure of the Speckled Band."

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

Azalea Classic
Saturday, April 29



The Azalea Classic is finally here! Please register to participate in this year's 5K, 1-mile, or 1K run at azaleaclassic.com. Registration rates increase on April 10, so this is your chance to get the early-bird price and guarantee your size in this year's stylish black race shirt. Interested in helping out? We need you! Consider volunteering for a wide array of jobs between now and race day. If you or your organization (church, club, etc.) are interested in helping out, email upesazaleaclassic5K@gmail.com and we can find the perfect job for you!

Finally, we need publicity! If you frequent a gym, have a community bulletin board at your place of worship, day-care, etc. please email upesazaleaclassic5K@gmail.com for some flyers or postcards to advertise the race. If you are active on a listserv or social media group, please spread the word there. Thank you. See you at the starting line!



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.

**NOW ACCEPTING
 YARD SALE
 DONATIONS!**



**Donations Needed: Route 1 Communities
 Care "New-To-You" Fundraising Sale**
Saturday, April 29, 11-3PM

Are you clearing out your drawers, basement, cupboards? Did you get a gift you can't use? Route 1 Communities Care (ROCC) needs your donations for its "new-to-you" fundraising sale, on Saturday, April 29, 11-3PM, at Church of the Brethren. All proceeds buy healthy meals from local, family-owned restaurants for neighbors facing hunger in College Park, Hyattsville and Greater Riverdale. We are soliciting donations of new and lightly-used, high-quality items in excellent condition, including clothes, jewelry, household items (electronics must be new), smaller pieces of furniture, toys and games. Drop off items on the back porch of 6900 Forest Hill Drive or call Janet Townshend to arrange drop-off indoors: 301-892-2674. To arrange pick-up, call Debby Rosenfelt, 301-801-8732. Volunteers are needed for sorting, setup, and take down the day before and day of the sale. This is a great chance for teens to get community service credit. If interested, contact Jan or Debby at the numbers above.

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

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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.

UP Community Mosquito Control Program



Hello Neighbors! April is the time to prepare for the summer mosquito season. If you already own mosquito traps, clean and assemble them. The parts can be washed in the dishwasher; just don't use heat to dry. If you need new parts or want to order new traps go to the Biogents website: us.shop.biogents.com/collections/

frontage. Look around your yard for places water can accumulate and empty or dunk or screen. Remember our program is the first line of defense against the nuisance of biting mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases that place residents and our pets at risk. Using this non-chemical approach keeps our local environment safe for bees and other pollinators that support the town's pollinator meadow off Adelphi Road. Visit our page on the town website for more information: upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. Questions? Contact us at upcmosquitoc@gmail.com

Senator Alonzo T. Washington 2023-24 Scholarship Program

The scholarship application is composed of four parts, visit <http://alonzowashington.com/scholarships/> to submit through the linked Google form. In addition to the application, in order to receive the scholarship award, you must complete and submit a Free Application for

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You must also be attending a college or university in the State of Maryland to be eligible for funds. Students attending out-of-state schools are welcome to apply, but in order to receive a scholarship award the intended major or program of study must be unique to the out-of-state school and not available at any Maryland institution. Applications are due by Friday, May 19. Our scholarship committee meets in June and funding decisions are usually sent out around mid-July. If you have any questions, please email alonzo.washington@senate.state.md.us

Church of the Brethren Food Pantry

University Park Church of the Brethren, located at the corner of Tuckerman Street and Baltimore Avenue, is delighted to be working with several girls of Girl Scout Troop 23007. The congregation's food pantry, currently located on the north side of Tuckerman, will be relocated to the south side. The girls are working on a new sign for the pantry and will, along with the congregation, keep it stocked. UPCOB is grateful for this opportunity. The pantry and sign will be completed by mid-May.



Prince George's County Offers Free Pet Adoptions Effective immediately and through April 30, the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, Animal Services Facility and Adoption Center (ASFAC) will offer free dog and cat adoptions thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization. Now, adopters can meet and take a pet home the same day. Includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, routine medical testing and microchip fees. ASFAC also seeks qualified foster homes to help control the shelter's pet population. Interested adopters and fosters can view available pets at princegeorgespets4us.com. They can also visit the facility at 3750 Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro, Tuesday-Friday from 10 AM-6 PM and Saturday 10 AM-4 PM or call 301-780-7235 for more information. Standard adoption processes and a \$10 license fee for residents apply. For more information about County pet services, contact PGC311.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Hyattsville Library Coffee and a Classic, *The Philadelphia Story*, Wednesday April 19, 1-3 PM Spend an afternoon at the Hyattsville branch for coffee and tea, and a screening of this classic romantic comedy. Katharine Hepburn portrays a socialite whose wedding plans are complicated by the simultaneous arrival of her ex-husband (Cary Grant) and a tabloid magazine journalist (Jimmy Stewart).

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series: *Fire of Love*, Monday, April 10, 7-9:00 PM Katia and Maurice Krafft loved two things—each other and volcanoes. For two decades, the French volcanologist couple roamed the planet, chasing eruptions and documenting their discoveries. Ultimately, they lost their lives in a 1991 volcanic explosion, leaving a legacy that enriched our knowledge of the natural world. Director Sara Dosa used the Kraffts' spectacular archive to capture the scientists' spirit of adventure. An Academy Award nominee for best documentary feature film.



Riversdale House Museum

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

Archaeology Public Wash Day, Sunday, April 23, 1-3 PM Celebrate Maryland Archaeology Month & hold history in your hands! Join archaeologists as they teach participants how to handle and wash objects that were uncovered on site at Riversdale. Don't miss this opportunity to be the bridge from past to present. Ages 8 and up; children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration required; \$3 Resident; \$4 Non-Resident. Register at web1.myvscloud.com/



College Park Arts Exchange

Workshops and Classes

Felting Workshop with Ingrid Hass, Saturday, April 1, 1-5 PM, \$10, rsvp required.

Acrylic Ink Workshop with Mary Ann Lipovsky, April 15, 1-3 PM, \$10, rsvp required.

Brazilian Dance and Drumming, in person, see our full calendar for schedule, or visit www.educarteinc.org.

CPAE Book Club: Non-Fiction by Women, April 18: *Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America*, by Laila Lalami. May 16: *The Man Who Could Move Clouds: A Memoir*, by Ingrid Rojas Contreras. Meetings by Zoom—email info@cpae.org for link.

Email info@cpae.org if you are interested in leading arts events in College Park! Learn more about by visiting www.cpaee.org, like College Park Arts Exchange on Facebook, or email info@cpae.org.



**PYRAMID ATLANTIC
ART CENTER**

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center

Member MashUp Exhibition, On View April 1-30 We're thrilled to offer another year of the non-juried and unconventional Member MashUp! Pyramid Atlantic's members exhibit works of their choice, creating a mashup of styles, mediums and price points hung riotously throughout the gallery. Modest prizes and bragging rights will be awarded, including a Juror's Award selected by Eric Key (Director, University Arts Program at UMD Global Campus) and a People's Choice Award for which you are invited to cast your ballot!

Community Prints: Earth Day in the Letterpress Studio w/Sara Blumberg and Elisabeth Boerwinkel, Saturday, April 22, 10 AM-4 PM Join us for a celebration of Earth Day by creating letterpress printed posters around the importance of our planet and in supporting climate legislation. Participants can pull two different prints on our Vandercook presses. Extra posters will be free and available to the public starting on Sunday, April 23. Free; RSVP required at pyramidatlanticartcenter.networkforgood.com/events 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville; 301-608-9101; create@pyramidatlantic.org

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

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BAY-WISE

Most Maryland residents live within a half-mile of a storm drain, stream or river that will drain into the Chesapeake Bay. What we do to maintain our landscapes can affect the health of our local waterways, the Chesapeake Bay, and our environment. By changing a few simple landscape practices, you and your family can help keep Maryland communities healthy. Master Gardeners can help you learn about sustainable landscape practices and conduct one-on-one site visits for the UME Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick Certifications!



Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick



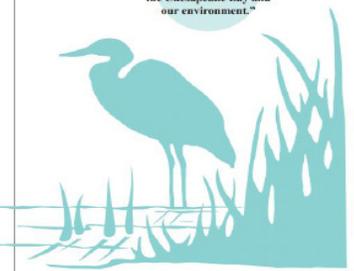
How does your landscape measure up?

The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and a vital part of the state of Maryland. Yet, the health of the Bay is in trouble due to increased development, resulting in pollution and sediment runoff entering local waterways. Most Maryland residents live within a half-mile of a drainage ditch, storm drain, stream or river. These local waterways eventually drain into the Chesapeake Bay. What we do to maintain our own landscapes can affect the health of our local waterways, the Chesapeake Bay and our environment.

The misuse of pesticides and fertilizers, lack of soil management, and poor plant selection can all contribute to the degradation of Maryland's streams, rivers, and the Bay. Maintaining environmentally-sound gardens and yards by using sustainable gardening practices improves water quality, conserves natural resources for future generations, and saves you money. Individual efforts may seem small but they all add up to make a big difference improving the health of our environment.

By changing a few simple landscape practices, you and your family can help keep Maryland communities healthy.

"What we do to maintain our own landscapes can affect the health of our local waterways, the Chesapeake Bay and our environment."



Client: _____
Date: _____ Score: _____

Want Your Home Landscape Certified as Bay-Wise?

1. Download and complete the UME Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick at go.umd.edu/aboutbay-wise.
2. Contact your local Master Gardener program to sign up for a site visit to complete your certification at go.umd.edu/mglocalprograms.

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BAY-WISE

A MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are open to all and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.

April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Are you spring cleaning? Don't forget the April 22 event!</p>	<p>Electronics, Paint, Tire Recycling & Paper Shredding Drop Off Event, April 22, 9 AM-1 PM</p>					<p>1</p> 
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>Yard Waste UPWOC Meeting, 11:30 AM Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Yard Waste Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Trash, Bulk Trash Transit Task Force II Meeting, 7 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Trees Committee, 6 PM, Hyattsville Library & online, Police, Traffic & Public Safety, 7:30 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Recycling</p>	<p>Ivy League, 10 AM-12 PM</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>COB Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt, 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Yard Waste</p>	<p>Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>Trees Committee, 6 PM, Hyattsville Library & online, Police, Traffic & Public Safety, 7:30 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Recycling</p>	<p>Meadow Restoratorion & Meadow Seeding, 10 AM</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<p>Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group Tuesday, 8-10 PM</p>			<p>Recycling</p>	<p>Recycling Event, 9 AM-1 PM Drug Take Back, 10 AM-2 PM Stream Cleanup, 10 AM Community Policing Forum, 2-3 PM</p>
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>Yard Waste</p>	<p>Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom</p>		<p>Recycling</p>	<p>Azalea Classic Route 1 Communities Fundraising Sale, 11-3PM</p>



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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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