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MAYOR'S COLUMN

UNIVERSITY PARK GOES PURPLE! In September, for the second year, the Town observes National Recovery Month to educate and increase awareness of substance abuse treatment and suicide prevention. None of us are immune to the negative consequences when a family member or friend succumbs to their addictions or thoughts of self-harm, but a supportive community can help at-risk people through crises. Town Hall will be illuminated in purple each night during September, and the Town will post banners and signs to promote awareness of this effort. Showing your support is easy. Simply swap out a porch light with a purple light and consider hanging decorative purple lights outside your home. When people ask about your lights, tell them about the campaign!

Anyone contemplating self-harm, experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis can connect with a local

behavioral health crisis specialist through the 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Call or text 9-8-8 or chat online at [988Lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org). The crisis line provides services in English and Spanish and can provide translation in over 150 additional languages. Targeted support is available for Veterans (press #1), Spanish-speakers (press #2), and LGBTQ+ people under the age of 25 (press #3).

You may have noticed traffic signs being upgraded with new, diamond-grade post reflectors. Our FY2024 budget enhances our safety by improving all street signage with color-matched reflectors: stop signs, speed limit signs, and signs marking pedestrian crossings, school zones, warning signs, etc. These changes should make nighttime driving in our community much safer!

For the second consecutive year, our Police Department is working with the University Park Elementary School,

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council September 5 & 18

Town Holiday September 4

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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neighboring community schools, and nearby police departments to conduct active-shooter response drills this Fall. I am requiring our police department to participate in this training every year on school property to strengthen our police officers' response capabilities and keep our community safe.

Please welcome our Interim Town Administrator Angela Lawrence who joined our team in July. Ms. Lawrence has extensive municipal and executive branch experience and is helping us move many projects forward. In Virginia, she served as mayor and in town manager positions. You will likely see her at our events and walking around Town. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, including four grandchildren, hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities.



In closing, as we head into Fall, you will undoubtedly take longer walks around Town. Imagine how much more fun you would have with a grateful rescue dog accompanying you or with a rescue cat or small animal waiting for your return. The Prince George's County Animal Shelter limited their public services in August to contain a canine influenza outbreak, so I recommend calling them at 301-780-7200 before you visit. Alternatively, you can search available pets online at 24Petconnect.com, select "Filter", enter zip code 20772, and under "specific shelters" select Prince Georges County Animal Services Division, to view animals available for adoption from the facility.

—Joel Biermann

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 23-O-06

On August 21, 2023, Ordinance 23-O-06 was introduced. This ordinance amends Chapter 9, "Traffic and Vehicles", Section 9-104, "Parking", to:

- (1) prohibit parking on the west side of the eastern leg of Wells Parkway between Beechwood Road and the dead end at the School grounds,
- (2) restrict parking on the east side of the eastern leg of Wells Parkway between Beechwood Road and the dead end at the School grounds to parking by permit only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.,
- (3) prohibit parking at an electric vehicle charging station parking space when the vehicle is not actively

charging;

- (4) recognize that the Town follows State parking fine amounts; and
- (5) make certain corrections.

The meeting set for September 5, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 23-O-07

On August 21, 2023, Ordinance 23-O-07 was introduced. This ordinance amends Chapter 5, "Parks and Recreation", §§5-101 through 5-105 and §5-107 to change the hours during which the park use is allowed, to update the process for tennis court reservations and allow the tennis courts to be used for pickle ball, to prohibit smoking, flying drones, and car service, repairs, cleaning or washing in the park, to apply the penalty for violations to park rules and regulations and to include the Town playground as part of the facilities regulated.

The meeting set for September 5, 2023, is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. If adopted, the ordinance will become effective immediately. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

Notice of Introduction of Emergency Ordinance 23-O-08

On August 21, 2023, Ordinance 23-O-08 was introduced. This ordinance authorizes the amendment of the FY 2024 budget, LR 23-O-04, to transfer of \$10,000 from the AI Salary line item to the A/C 7050-00 - Reserves - Bridges - Revenue line item and the increase of the A/C 7133-00 - Park Bridge Replace - Beechwood & Van Buren - Expenditure line item by \$10,000.00, in order to fund a change in the scope of work for installation of the Beechwood Road pedestrian bridge.

The meeting set for September 5, 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. If adopted, the emergency ordinance will become effective immediately. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

FROM THE CHIEF

Are you being filmed? Have you ever walked to your local grocery store and, while at the self-checkout machine, noticed your face on the screen? Perhaps you went to the new public library to marvel at the grandness of it all, only to see video cameras pointed in your direction. The presence of security cameras makes some people feel safe and others uncomfortable. Do security cameras protect you or invade your privacy?

While the debate rages on, video surveillance systems continue being installed in businesses, government buildings, cities, and homes with the goal to keep people



safe and to help deter and catch individuals involved in criminal activity. From 2018-2021, security camera installations across the United States grew to 85 million. For small and large jurisdictions, security cameras help keep families safe in their homes and stakeholders protected when they are used in the community.

Security cameras enhance public safety by serving as a force multiplier for local law enforcement agencies and assist with the proactive prevention of crime and by identifying and/or corroborating evidence to help solve crime. This is especially important at a time when it is a challenge to hire and retain qualified police officers. Security cameras have evolved over the years, and some are equipped with integrated smart technology features that send alerts based on established rules (time of day, location of vehicle or person) and activity observed by the camera.

For example, an officer out patrolling could receive these alerts on their laptop and assess the situation to determine the level of response required to deter crime or render aid. This level of enhanced officer situational awareness helps keep the town safe and reduces the opportunity for crime to be committed. In University Park, we have a security rebate program to encourage residents to install cameras or other security apparatus at

their home. There are pros and cons of installing security cameras in public spaces. Here a few to consider:

Pros

- Increase public safety.
- Reduce crime rate. Studies show the presence of security cameras reduce crime.
- Helps catch and/or deter criminals.
- Provide evidence and gather clues.
- Convenience. Security cameras can be installed on existing infrastructure (i.e., red lights, power poles).

Cons

- Expensive to purchase.
- Doubts about effectiveness.
- Privacy concerns. Homeowners could opt out and request virtual privacy screening of their residence.
- Most are not vandal proof. Someone determined to commit a crime could damage them.
- Potential for abuse. Strict rules must be put in place for the use of public security cameras.

Both sides have valid points; however, the benefit of having security cameras in public spaces does enhance public safety and help maintain a quality of life.

Auto Theft On August 13 a visitor in the 4300 block of Woodberry St. reported that someone stole his 2013 Hyundai. At the time it was stolen the vehicle was parked overnight.

Theft On July 24 a resident in the 6400 Block of 40th Ave. reported someone entered their parked vehicle and stole their registration card during the night.

Theft On July 24 a resident in the 7000 Block of 40th Ave. reported someone stole their rear license plate from their parked vehicle. The theft occurred sometime between July 22-24.

Auto Theft On July 20 a resident in the 4000 Block of Tennyson Rd. reported someone stole their 2021 Kia from their driveway.

Auto Theft On July 7 a resident in the 4000 Block of Tennyson Rd. reported someone stole their 2016 Hyundai while the vehicle was parked overnight.

Auto Theft On July 5 a resident in the 6900 Block of Adelphi Rd. reported someone stole their locked 2016 Kia while parked in their driveway. The theft occurred sometime between July 1-5, 2023.

Help the University Park Police keep your vehicle safe. Stop by Town hall and see Ms. Gilead to pick up a free

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steering wheel lock, while supplies last. The steering wheel locks work well with Hyundai and Kias but will also fit most vehicles.



Call 911 when necessary. When you speak to the 911 call taker, please do not minimize the incident. Report the behaviors that you observe. These are some examples of emergencies that the 911 line is designed for, including all crimes in progress such as:

- Assault
- Breaking and entering
- Destruction of property
- Domestic disputes
- Illicit drug use
- Robbery
- Theft
- Threatening weapons in use
- Occupied vehicle parked at night in your cul-de-sac.

The phone number for Prince George's County Public Safety Communications is 301-352-1200. This is also a non-emergency number for reporting criminal activity. This number will put you in touch with a Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) operator that will forward your information to the dispatch center for the radio call assignment. You may ask for a University Park Police Department (UPPD) officer to respond, and they will if they are not handling another call. If the UPPD officer is not available a PGPD officer will respond. PGPD serves as back up officers to the UPPD and assist in many emergency situations.

The UPPD phone number is 301-277-0050. This is a number made available for:

- Administrative Functions
- Contact With Staff During Working Hours
- General Business

- General Information From the UPPD
- House Check Information
- Leaving Non-Emergency Messages
- Parking Issues
- Notary Services
- Child Safety Seat Installation/Inspection
- Safety Equipment Repair Order Inspection/Sign Off
- Speaking With the Chief

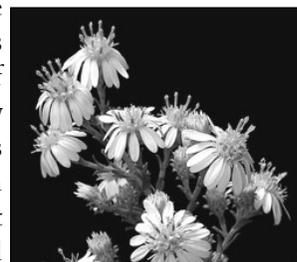
University Park Expands Online Presence— Follow, Like, and Share!



We just expanded our communication outreach with an facebook.com/people/Town-of-University-Park-Maryland/100095369493177/ We will be on Instagram soon and will regularly assess additional platforms to expand our outreach to Town residents and neighboring communities. If you are active on social media, please follow us, like our posts and share them with your family and friends! If you are part of a community group that would like to leverage our platforms to reach a larger audience, please contact Town Clerk TC Hegeman with a request at thegeman@upmd.org.

Sustainability Committee News

Introducing the UP Native Plant Consult program! This program is an extension of Meadow Day—a Sustainability Committee event. Our goal is to support residents with an onsite consultation on what native plants may thrive and what invasive plants are present



with a native plant enthusiast volunteer. This program will run July through October 31 for up to 20 properties in a year. The site visit should take 30-45 minutes. After the visit, the volunteer will provide you with a written report including recommendations. The report also includes resources for native plant vendors and landscapers. We have a limited number of openings at present. If you are a UP resident and are interested in this program, please email Melissa Floyd at wakerglass@gmail.com.

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UP Meadow Day

Many thanks to our town, mighty crew of volunteers, fabulous attendees and Mother Nature for not raining on Meadow Day! Twelve tables buzzed with activity, approximately 200 people attended and at least 200 native plants found new homes. Thanks to all who attended. Thanks to all accommodating Meadow Day parking on Beechwood and 40th during the event. Thanks to the University Christian Church for overflow parking during the event.

Our town has supported the creation and educational efforts of the UP Pollinator Meadow. Our volunteers defined community spirit with generous hospitality—thank you so very much for all your efforts and generous spirit.

Our secret sauce was the team of native plant growers for our plant giveaway. Kelsey Bryant Star, Jan Townshend, Sandy Schultz, Laurel Lukaszewski, Kathy Estes, Amanda Pike McCrudden, Lynne Davidson, Hannah Weigle, Dawn Taft, Marlene Smith, Rob and Melissa Floyd, and Martha Wells. This was an amazing success. Attendees walked around with their plants and a big smile!

Helping Hands University Park



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HHUP Calendar—All events are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.
HHUP Poetry Gathering, Sundays approximately every six weeks at 4pm. All UP residents are welcome, whether a poet, poetry lover, or just poetry curious. Contact Gerry Hendershot, ghendershot@earthlink.net; Loretta Saks, lorettahhup@gmail.com, or Deborah Rosenfelt, dsr@umd.edu.

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, September 20, 12-1 PM In person. Members and volunteers social gathering. Become a member and join us!

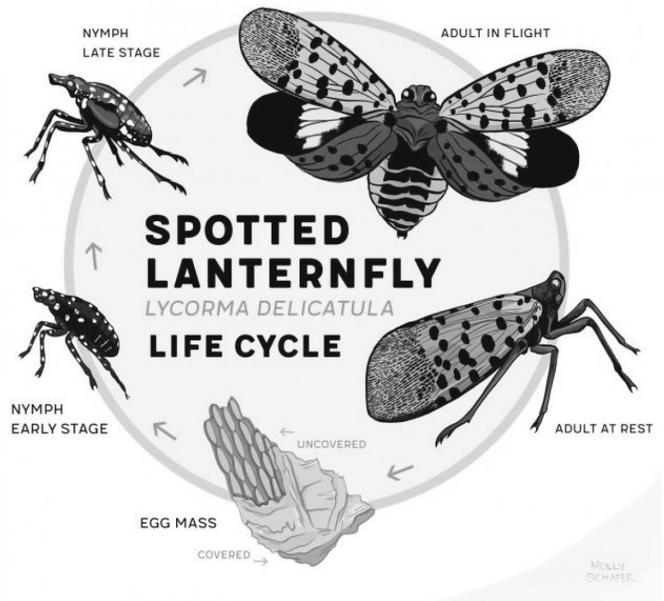
Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 27, 5:30-6:30 PM HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to attend. Contact us by phone or email for the Zoom link.

Conversational Spanish, Wednesdays, 3-4 PM Members meet weekly to practice with instructor Edda Osborne. Skill level: intermediate and up.

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

Tree Committee News



Spotted Lanternfly Alert

Please be on the lookout for the spotted lanternfly, a serious threat to shade trees. Its preferred host is the Ailanthus, aka tree-of-heaven. Both the insect and preferred host are native to China, though the spotted lanternfly is known to feed on over 100 shade and understory trees of Maryland. To familiarize yourself with this emerging pest, please consult extension.umd.edu/resource/spotted-lanternfly-management-residents Please report any sightings at TreeComm@upmd.org

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Ivy League, Saturday, September 9, 9-11 AM The Ivy League is University Park's premier volunteer opportunity. We help University Park's trees—largely on public land—by removing ivy from their trunks. This practice enables more vigorous growth by reducing potential vectors for disease, insects, and structural damage. All that is needed is proper attire for gardening. You are encouraged to bring your favored secateurs; we will provide a pair if you prefer. September's opportunity is largely in the open parkland adjacent to Wells Run. There is some engagement with sloped terrain along the banks of the run.

Save the Date On Sunday, October 8, 9 AM-2 PM, we'll be hosting UP's annual Community Planting. This year we will not be planting trees but rather establishing an ecosystem in the new stormwater runoff catchment at the corner of Woodberry and College Heights. Volunteers will plant approximately 250 plants (most of these being very small "plugs") in a choreographed process that will take approximately 2- 5 hours. Please join us for all or some of these hours for this historic event.

June 20 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

Mr. Grant Godfrey will be joining the University Park Common Council at the end of the meeting. He expressed gratitude for CM Wells, who consistently had a collaborative, problem-solving approach. University Park is a great place to live because of people like Martha Wells.

CM Morgan raised the issue of stormwater management at the intersection of Tennyson Road and 41st Avenue and wished to add it to the agenda for the next council meeting in July. Attorney Ferguson stated it would be on the agenda after being properly advertised in the Town Newsletter. CM Morgan noted several projects and asked about the funding. CM Morrissey noted we have talked about it previously; an issue is what pot of money funds will come from. CM Gathercole asked if the Council should vote to add it to the agenda in July.

Mayor Biermann facilitated a vote to include a stormwater management discussion regarding the stormwater issues on Tennyson Road and the alleyway near that in-

tersection on the July 17 agenda.

Motion: Add the topic of stormwater management in Ward 2 to the agenda for the July Council meeting.
Motion approved 6 to 0.

- The Mayor noted that the topic of Mayor, Council and Committee Comments and Reports was left off the agenda. We will continue with the public comments and add Council comments at this time.
- CM Morrissey noted that the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee will meet on July 6.
- CM Gathercole said the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee did not meet in June; the next meeting is July 12.
- CM Dubayah said the Sustainability Committee met and that nine people were present; they went on a walking tour of areas of the town. Much of what is being done presently is to get water faster into the creek, but what we really want to do is to slow down the water.
- CM Morgan reported that in Ward 2, the current stormwater infrastructure includes a large drain in the cul-de-sac that sends water directly to Wells Run. He wants to have a joint meeting with the Public Facilities and Sustainability Committees to look at issues holistically rather than looking at getting the biggest bang for the buck.
- CM Dubayah reported that Public Works has put in a ramp to get water over the curb into the retention pond; it was great work and he has heard good comments from residents.
- The Mayor said that he heard from a long time resident who told him that Wells Run is not a natural stream; it was dug out by the Army Corps of Engineers to draw water from other low lying areas. We need to do a better job of limiting the water that enters Wells Run.
- CM Morgan said that the Public Facilities and Services Committee had two meetings in June. They reviewed the town hall drawings.
- CM Morrissey said we need phased in stormwater management. CM Dubayah responded that there is not a lot of green space, pointing to the parking lot at Church of the Brethren as an example, where water pours off the paved lot into Wells Run. We could have less impervious surface there. CM Morgan responded that RK&K did not look at the problem holistically. The Mayor commented that there are recommendations in the RK&K report where we can think beyond that and not have "analysis paralysis." What do we want to get done? We need to communicate that to the public and ensure

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we have the funds for it.

- CM McGaughey noted the RK&K discussed why they recommended so few water holding places. The town is full of clay, which prevents some normal water holding solutions.
- The Mayor asked if you have a preference for committee assignments to let him know. Please let him know if members of your committee will continue.
- CM Dubayah asked for clarification about whether Council members are chairs of committees. Attorney Ferguson stated that in the case of chartered committees, Council members are liaisons. For standing committees, Council members are the chairs.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Ordinance 23-O-04, an amendment of the FY24 Budget to allow for transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund – Unreserved/Undesignated Fund to the following accounts in the Capital Improvement Projects Fund:

A/C 7050-00 – Reserves – Bridges Revenue

*A/C 7133-00 – Park Bridge Replace – Beechwood and Van Buren – Expenditure
to fully fund a contract installation of the two pedestrian bridges.*

The earliest date this ordinance will be considered for passage is July 17, 2023. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To adopt the budget transfers within the police department for expenditures.

Transfer from line item P27 \$33,700 – Axon In-Car Video to:

P8 \$21,200 – to pay off Axon Tasers and Body Worn Cameras

P26 \$12,500 – to pay for upfitting of the new cruiser.

Motion approved 6 to 0.

New Business

CM Gathercole read the Resolution honoring CM Martha Wells for her six years of service representing Ward 6. Resolution approved 6 to 0.

- The Mayor commented that CM Wells has brought much expert knowledge to issues during the past six years.
- CM Gathercole thanked Ms. Wells for her service to the Town and helping other new councilmembers learn the ins and outs of serving the Town of University Park. She will miss working with Ms. Wells.

▪CM Morrissey searched for different words from Ms. Gathercole but appreciated her “by the book” knowledge and advice.

▪CM McGaughey thanked Ms. Wells for her work with the Guilford Woods development.

▪CM Morgan said “ditto” to what everyone else said.

▪CM Dubayah said he was sorry he was only able to work with Ms. Wells for one year and how she gives so much back to the Town.

▪CM Wells said how much she enjoyed serving on the Council and thanked everyone for their individual contributions. She is not leaving town and will miss the work!

Motion: To introduce Emergency Ordinance 23-O-05 to authorize the transfer of \$270,000 from the General Fund/Unreserved Funds line item to the A/C 7049-00 Reserves – Street Work Project line item in the Capital Improvement Project Fund and the allocation of \$270,000 to the A/C 7111-00 Construction – NZI expense line item in the Capital Improvement Project Fund. Treasurer Baden commented that a memo dated April 19, 2023 from PW Director Beall summarized the situation; the memo is available in the online agenda. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Angela Lawrence as Interim Town Administrator, beginning June 26, 2023, or as soon thereafter as is feasible, on a temporary basis for up to six months, on substantially the same terms as stated in the attached Employment Agreement, subject to review by the Town Attorney. Attorney Ferguson has reviewed the employee agreement and it is acceptable; Chief Baker said the background check should be in this week. CM Wells thanked CMs Morrissey, Gathercole and Morgan for their hard work on this matter. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 23-R-08 to authorize the increase of enforcement hours from between 6 AM and 8 PM on school days to 24 hours per day, seven days per week on Adelphi Road between its intersection with East/West Highway and its intersection with Wells Parkway. Chief Baker reported that two pedestrians have been struck in the last six months and there was a hit-and-run recently. Hyattsville has also modified their speed camera on the southbound side of Adelphi. CM Gathercole commented that Chief Baker had talked about getting a Hawk crosswalk installed. It is frustrating

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getting Prince George's County to take necessary steps on this important matter. Mayor Biermann commented that he reached out to County Councilman Eric Olson about getting the County to install a Hawk crosswalk system on Adelphi at the intersection for Northwestern High School as Adelphi is a county road. The Mayor noted that Chief Baker has repeatedly engaged the County to get permission to increase our automated traffic enforcement hours to 24 hours per day, seven days per week and that these requests were made well before the recent hit-and-run involving a pedestrian. After the County failed to respond to our requests, we were given legal advice that we can now pass a resolution on our own to increase the enforcement hours, which is the reason for this agenda item. The Mayor noted that Chief Baker has been extremely proactive on this matter. CM Gathercole concurred and thanked the Chief for his efforts. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department Reports

Town Clerk TC Hegeman All building permits were approved administratively and are in the packets.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Training has happened and is scheduled in the near future.
- There have been four crime incidents since the last report, especially of catalytic converters from cars (there have been 10 reported thefts since June 2022 in Ward 4). He shared some tips for preventing the theft of this car part.
- The Chief reported 122 traffic stops on Adelphi Road since January, significantly more than on other perimeter roads. The speed camera on Adelphi Road (northbound) is now operational 24 hours a day. A question related to this was should signage be changed to indicate they are active 24 hours a day.
- The Neighborhood Watch program is starting up with an organizational meeting tomorrow.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden Reported state income tax revenue will exceed \$1 million based on the May financials, which is more than we had anticipated.

The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 8:45 PM.



Please have dogs use the right of way, not private front lawn property. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in public trash cans. Register for the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS



2023 University Park Woman's Club Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2023 University Park Woman's Club scholarship winners! For more than 70 years, the UPWC has provided scholarships to promising local high school seniors. Outstanding academics, service and leadership, combined with excellent recommendations and superb written essays are the selection criteria. At the June 5 UPWC luncheon, the Club recognized the 2023 winners. They are:

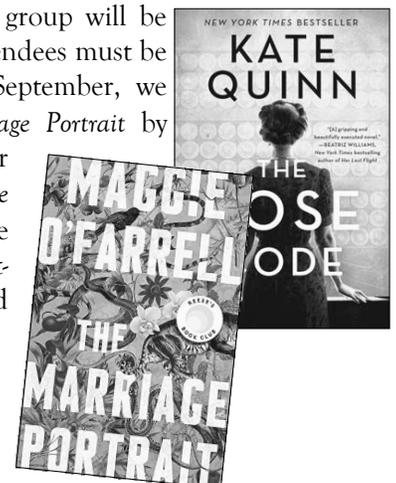
- Ariana Campo Prego, graduated from Washington International High School
- Mia Helfrich, graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The University Park Woman's Club would like to thank all those who participated in club activities and other money raising activities to help support these scholarships. We congratulate the winners and wish the very best for them and all the applicants.

After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, September 26, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. For September, we are reading *The Marriage Portrait* by Lynda Rutledge. Our book for October is *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



After Eight Book Group
 Join Us: Seeking New Members



This is an open invitation to join the After Eight book group! Did you ever read Robert Browning's poem, My Last Duchess and wonder what really was going on? Maggie O'Farrell, the author of the National Book Critics Circle Award winner, *Hamnet*, has written a novel about the murdered heroine, Lucrezia de Medici, titled *The Marriage Portrait*. Satisfy your curiosity by dropping in to our next meeting, Tuesday, September 26. Members have lively and wide-ranging discussions on the book and a variety of town and local subjects. We read a variety of books in all categories, both current and prize-winning. All are welcome and we appreciate residents' suggestions for what we should read.

Arts in the Park Celebration
 Saturday, September 30, 1-4 PM



Please join us to celebrate our third annual Arts in The Park! This fun event takes place along the footpath in the park behind the soccer field towards 41st Street. Meet town artists and enjoy their work. Reconnect with your friends and neighbors. Several local artists will provide free demonstrations. One demonstration will show how linocuts are

made. A second demonstration will be an introduction to acrylic painting. Food trucks will be set up along Queen's Chapel Rd.

Call for Town Artists. Whether you draw, paint, photograph, carve, stitch, sculpt, quilt or engage in any other of the visual arts, please set aside this day to share your art with our town community. Any town resident 10 years of age or older is invited to display their art. The day is about sharing and celebrating our community through its visual arts. No judging, no competitions, no prizes! Just a fun day in the park.

Registration must be completed by September 22. To register simply go to the following link— tinyurl.com/2023-UP-Arts and complete the brief questionnaire and click submit. You are automatically regis-

tered and follow-up information will be emailed to you. If you are having difficulties registering, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please email UPart-sinthepark@gmail.com or call Dick Groppe on 301-864-2096.

Tai Chi Chuan Class
 Saturdays, 8-9 AM



Dancing In Silence, Inc. has been offering free Tai Chi Chuan classes to the general public since 2008. Sponsored by University Park Church of the Brethren, these free classes are an opportunity to learn more about this ancient art form of self-defense & experience the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of Tai Chi Chuan. Students learn the five Organ and Spirit Enlivening Qi Gong exercises as well as Lao (Old) Yang Family Tai Chi Chuan. Beginners are welcome.

UP Community Mosquito Control Program



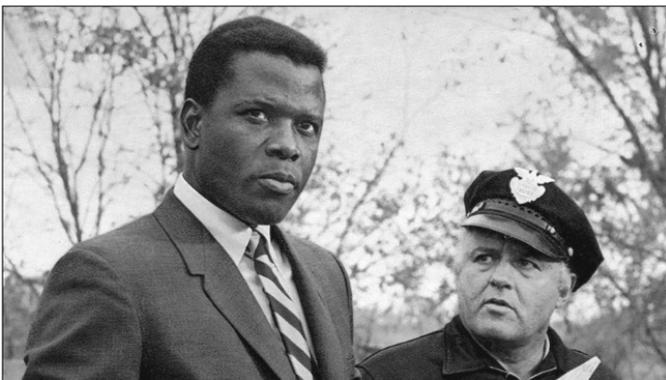
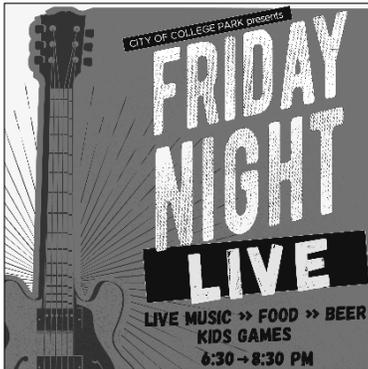
UP's mosquito season extends through the end of October so regular trap maintenance is vital for eliminating future generations of the Asian tiger mosquito. Even if you haven't had a chance to set up your mosquito traps, you can put them out now and effectively reduce the mosquitoes in your yard. Our first line of defense is to eliminate standing water where Asian tiger mosquitoes breed. Even one ounce of water in a bottle cap can attract a female as a good spot to deposit her eggs.

Tip or remove water that has collected at least every few days or put mosquito dunks or sprinkle mosquito bits in the water. They kill larvae and do no harm to other species. Corrugated drainpipe can hold enough water in the grooves to attract females. And who doesn't use it to help keep water away from the house? The open end of the pipe can be closed to mosquitoes and still let water through by placing a knee-high stocking, screen, or mesh cloth around the opening. Wrap a plastic bag around the aboveground joints to cover that opening.

You can learn more about the UP Community Mosquito Control Program, including trap ordering information and how to guides, at upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. Questions? Send us an email at: upcmosquitoc@gmail.com.

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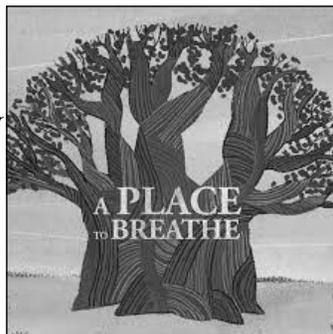
Friday Night Live!, Friday, September 8, 6:30 PM The City of College Park hosts Oktoberfest with the Edelweiss Band. Join us on the plaza at the City Hall building for this event, including something for everyone—music, food, beer and entertainment. There will be children’s performers, a bounce house, kids’ activities and arts and crafts. Parking is free at the Downtown College Park parking garage at the corner of Yale and Knox. Local food and beer will be available for purchase during the event.



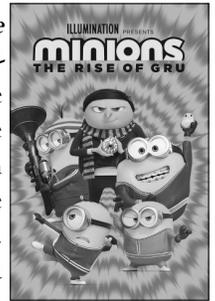
Hyattsville Library Coffee and a Classic Film Series, In the Heat of the Night, Wednesday, September 13, 1-3 PM *In the Heat of the Night* is a mystery thriller set in the deep south. Starring Sidney Poitier, Rod Taylor and Lee Remick, a black homicide detective (Poitier) and the white town sheriff (Taylor) put aside their differences and prejudices to solve the crime.

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series A Place to Breathe, Monday, September 18 7-9:00 PM

Join us for the 2023-2024 Independent Film Series at the Hyattsville Branch: a screening followed by a community conversation. *A Place to Breathe* intertwines the personal journeys of refugees and highlights the creative strategies by which immigrant communities in the U.S. survive and thrive.



Night At the Movies, Minions: The Rise of Gru, Friday, September 22, 8-9:30 PM Come and join us in College Park for a fun and free night at the movies! Bring your picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy a movie with the whole family under the stars. The event features fun activities like a moon bounce, face painting, games and more! There will also be sno-cones and popcorn! Showtime is at sunset. Duvall Field, 9100 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park.



College Park Arts Exchange

Ballet Classes for Children with Berwyn Ballet, see our online calendar at www.cpae.org

Soul Line Dancing with Karen Stewart, Fridays, 10 AM by zoom. Join in this fun and easy to follow dance class! No experience needed. Contact info@cpae.org for zoom link.

CPAE Book Club: Non-Fiction by Women, Third Tuesdays 7 - 8:30 PM by zoom.

Contact info@cpae.org for zoom link!

College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti Starting up in the fall on Thursday after Labor Day, Sept. 7. Rehearsing Thursdays at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. CPYC 6:30-7:15 PM, all singers accepted. Vocetti, 7:30-8:30 PM. Fee: \$85; pay online at cpae.wufoo.com/forms/college-park-youth-choir-and-vocetti/. Scholarships are available.

College Park Youth Orchestra and Youth Band See CPYO.net for more details. Contact info@cpae.org for more information.

College Park Youth Music Traditions Contact info@cpae.org for more information.

College Park Chorale Rehearsing Sundays, 7-9 PM. St.

Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue.

Learn more about CPAE programs by visiting www.cpae.org, like College Park Arts Exchange on Facebook, or email info@cpae.org.

ELECTRONICS, TIRE & PAINT RECYCLING, PAPER SHREDDING

Saturday, October 21, 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

Town of University Park

GET COMPOSTING!



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



PAPER PRODUCTS

- Corrugated fruit and vegetable boxes
- Paper ice cream containers
- Paper towels, napkins
- Paper plates (only uncoated or compostable)
- Food-soiled newspaper
- Pizza boxes
- Paper bags (uncoated) with food scraps
- Compostable tableware

FOOD SCRAPS

- Fruits and vegetables
- Bread, pasta, grains (no raw dough)
- Eggs and eggshells
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags and loose tea
- Meat (including bones)
- Dairy - milk, butter cheese
- Seafood (including shellfish)
- Leftover and spoiled food

DO NOT COMPOST!

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



DO NOT COMPOST!

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

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

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GET COMPOSTING!



WANTED: MORE COMPOSTERS!



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

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

HOW TO GET STARTED

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

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

KNOW BEFORE

YOU THROW

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



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



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



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR FOOD SCRAPS?



For more information on composting in Prince George's Co: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2856/Curb-side-Organics-Collection-Composting



University Park Tree Reimbursement Program

Be an eco-hero at little or no expense by planting one or more trees on your property – University Park will pay the bill.

Fall planting season is nearly here! Mid-October through December 10 is the single best time of the year to plant a tree.

University Park will reimburse up to \$300 for approved shade trees or up to \$100 for an approved understory specimen. Residents may be reimbursed for up to three shade trees and three understory trees every five years.

Reimbursement may be used to cover the cost of the tree, and/or delivery, labor, associated soil amendments, mulch, and stakes.

To view the lists of approved shade and understory trees with associated photos, or to access the Tree Reimbursement Form, please visit <https://www.upmd.org/169/Tree-Reimbursement-Compost-Programs>

To schedule a consultation with a member of the Committee for Trees, Parks, and Environment, please contact us at TreeComm@UPMD.org

Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program

Homeowner Tax Credit

Administered by Maryland Historical Trust

Homeowners can earn a state income tax credit for renovating historic homes. The tax credit offers homeowners of single-family, owner-occupied residences up to 20 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs. Tax credits may be used for repairs such as:

- ❖ Roof repair and replacement
- ❖ Chimney repair and lining
- ❖ Window restoration
- ❖ New storm doors/windows
- ❖ Masonry repointing
- ❖ Floor refinishing

Eligibility

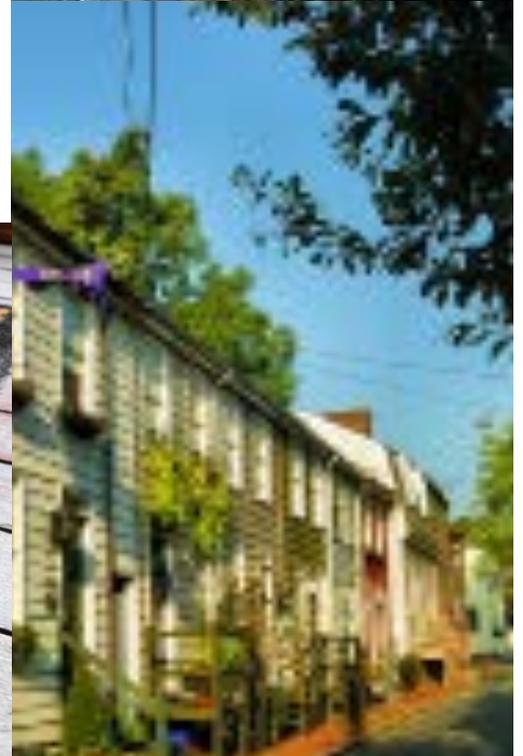
Buildings must be certified as historic, defined as having at least one of the following designations:

- ❖ Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- ❖ A contributing resource within a National Register Historic District
- ❖ A locally designated structure or contributing resource to a local historic district that MHT determines to be eligible for the National Register

The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period and projects must have a minimum of \$5,000 of eligible expenses to qualify. Applications are accepted year round; MHT review runs approximately 30-45 days.

Learn more:

Dana Marks Halpert, dana.halpert@maryland.gov, 410-697-9551
mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml



September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Recycling	2
3	4 Town Holiday	5 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Council, 7:30 PM	6 Yard Waste	7 Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee, 7 PM via Zoom	8 Recycling	9 Tai Chi Chuan Class, 8-9 AM Ivy League, 9 AM
10	11 Yard Waste	12 Trash, Bulk Trash Sustainability Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	13 Trees Committee, 6:30 PM, Hyattsville Library & online, Police, Traffic & Public	14 Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	15 Recycling	16
17	18 Yard Waste Town Council, 7:30 PM	19 Trash, Bulk Trash	20	21 Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom	22 Recycling	23
24	25 Yard Waste	26 Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group Tuesday, 8-10 PM	27 Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom	28	29 Recycling	30 Arts in the Park Celebration



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