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GOODBYE SUMMER, HELLO AUTUMN! For many of us, this time of year is especially enjoyable. The cooler weather gives our air conditioners—and electric bills—a much needed break, and the anticipation of the upcoming holidays starts to set in. For our active walkers and bicyclists in the community, the cooler weather also makes our outdoor activities more comfortable. As you spend more time outdoors, I hope you've noticed our latest safety improvements. Upgrading traffic signs with new, color-matched, diamond-grade reflectors increases their visibility from long distances, in poor weather, or when vegetation sometimes obscures the signs. Through coordination with Prince George's County and our County Councilmember Eric Olson, the installation of safer pedestrian crosswalks on Adelphi Road at the intersections of Tennyson and Van Buren have also been moved up. These crosswalks include a much larger pe-

destrian island and robust rectangular rapid flashing-beacons to improve pedestrian safety and help to slow traffic. These enhancements, our town-wide reduced speed limit and traffic cameras on our perimeter roads are making University Park a safer place to live and an exemplar community.



Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	October 2 & 16
Town Holiday	October 9
Recycling Event	October 21
Drug Takeback	October 28

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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As the holidays approach, let's not overlook Halloween, which is especially fun for our younger residents. As usual, the Town will observe on Tuesday, October 31 from 6-8pm. To participate, please leave your porchlight on. Our police department will be out in full force monitoring for unsafe drivers.

Our community takes great pride in its veterans and military service members. With Veterans Day around the corner, we are actively preparing for the event. To help with preparations or setup activities, community members can contact me and Town Administrator Angela Lawrence (alawrence@upmd.org). As a veteran myself, it's easy for me to share my appreciation for fellow veterans, but veterans especially appreciate the outward gratitude of others who have not—or could not—serve. You need not be a veteran to attend and participate in this event.

The Town's biannual recycling event is Saturday, October 21 from 9am-12pm at University Park Elementary School. Old electronics, new or used paint (in their original containers), and tires will be accepted along with papers for shredding. Additional details are available in this newsletter.

Please help spread the word that the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers begins on January 1st, 2024. The Town is offering up to \$100 rebates to all households, pending fund availability, for the purchase of any battery- or electric-powered lawn equipment to help defray the cost of compliance.

The Town will soon release its policy on reimbursements for expenses related to Trap, Neuter and Release programs. Town residents involved in TNR-related activities to humanely control the feral cat population will be

able to apply for reimbursements for spaying, neutering and vaccinating these animals. If you or a neighbor are involved in these activities, please contact me and Administrator Lawrence for information on this policy's timing.

And, as always, if you or your family are considering adding a pet to your family, the Prince George's County Animal Shelter has amazing animals awaiting their forever homes!

—Joel Biermann

What do you think? Did I miss something?

I am always interested in your perspectives and viewpoints.

Email me at mayorbiermann@upmd.org

A promotional poster for 'Movie Night in the Park'. The central image is a large, stylized illustration of Super Mario Bros. wearing his iconic red cap with a white 'M' and blue overalls. The text 'MOVIE NIGHT' is in large, bold, black letters at the top left. 'In the Park' is written in a cursive font to the right. Below that, the date and time 'October 19, 2023 @ 6:30 PM' and location 'at Town Field' are listed. At the bottom, it says 'Super Mario Bros' and lists 'Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets' and 'FOOD VENDORS 5:45 - 8:30 PM'. There is a small icon of a food truck and a circular logo for 'UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE'.

Movie Night in the Park Thursday, October 19, 6:30 PM

Bring the entire family, along with lawn chairs or blankets, to the UP soccer field and enjoy an outdoor showing of the movie *Super Mario Bros*. Food vendors will be available starting at 5:45 PM. Sponsored in partnership with the Maryland-National Capital Park Police and University Park Elementary School.

FROM THE CHIEF

The weather is starting to change and Fall is upon us. It is the perfect time of year to enjoy picturesque foliage and outdoor activities. The cooler weather makes it more comfortable to walk, ride or bike. Some leave windows and doors open to enjoy the cool breeze; however, as the sun begins to set earlier, the darkness offers perfect cover for criminals looking for an opportunity to commit crime.



The University Park Police offer these basic tips to help keep you and your family safe:

Turn on Outdoor Lights Criminals tend to move on when a house is well lit and alarmed. We encourage you to turn on your outdoor lights and activate your alarm. This will help to deter burglars.

Lock your doors Out for a quick walk in the neighborhood? Please lock your house doors. Before going to bed, lock all your house and garage doors, then set your car alarm.

Walk with a friend When you walk as a group you are more visible to vehicle traffic. More eyes watching out for hazards and suspicious behavior keeps everyone safe. It is true that there is safety in numbers.

Keep your valuables in the house If you are away from home and have valuables with you, please follow the simple rule, "keep it safe, keep it with you." Please don't leave valuables inside your vehicle.

Don't be afraid to call We all know what normal behavior is. If you see behavior that is out of the norm and suspicious, please call the University Park Police at the non-emergency number 301-352-1200, and an officer will be dispatched to check it out.

Domestic Assault On August 1 a resident in the 4400 block of East West Hwy reported a domestic assault. The offending partner had left before the officers arrived. A

Domestic Violence Lethality Form was completed and the procedure to obtain a protection order was explained to the victim.

Protection Order On August 9 University Park Police served a protection order on a resident in the 4400 block of Wells Parkway.

Stolen Vehicle On August 13 a visitor in the 4300 block of Woodberry St. reported that someone stole their vehicle the night of August 12. There are no current suspects.

Community Events

- Police Meet and Greet - October 14, Church of the Brethren, 4-5 PM.
- Movie Night in the Park - October 19, Town Field, 7-9 PM.



DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, October 28 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

Second Saturday Lecture Series:

Police Meet and Greet

Saturday, October 14, 4 PM

Our first event since the pandemic will not be a lecture but a Meet and Greet of our police chief, Harvey Baker and the men and women of our small police department. You may have seen them walking the beat, patrolling in their police cars, or at community events but have never had a chance to talk with them. Chief Baker and his officers will review their backgrounds, how they became police officers and what makes them interesting members of our community. They are here every day to protect us and keep University Park safe. Getting to know them better benefits them as they do their job and us as we go about our daily lives in town. Please join us for an interesting afternoon. At Church of the Brethren, corner of Tuckerman Street and Route 1 with ample off-street parking. More info: contact Lecture Series organizer Dave Brosch at davidcbrosch@comcast.net.

Tree Committee News

Bioretention Pond Planting, *Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8, 9AM-3 PM* The Committee for Trees, Parks and Environment will be planting over 600 plants in the large bioretention pond at the corner of Woodberry and College Heights. When completed, the pond will reduce stormwater runoff while establishing valuable habitat for insects, birds and water-loving wildlife. We are looking for assistance with this project. SLOTS ARE LIMITED. If interested, please respond to TreeComm@upmd.org and indicate which day and hours available.



New Threats and Recommended Responses to Crape Myrtles Crape myrtles are popular ornamental trees in UP. They are typically low maintenance and have beautiful showy blossoms in midsummer. Unfortunately, two serious pests from their Asian native range have also arrived in Maryland—crape myrtle aphid (CMA) and crape myrtle bark scale (CMBS). Currently, only CMBS has been observed in University Park, though we can expect CMA to eventually arrive as well. In a survey of 38 trees across town, 29 had some evidence of CMBS. Females of these critters are wingless, but short-distance dispersal happens during their just-hatched crawler stage when they can be moved by animals. This is one of the only life stages they are vulnerable to sprays of soap and oil. If you have a crape myrtle in your yard, it's likely it will eventually be colonized by one or both pests. Both pests are piercing-sucking insects that excrete a clear, sticky liquid called honeydew. Honeydew accumulates on the leaves and bark and is then colonized by airborne fungal spores that turn black, creating a coating called sooty mold. Sooty mold, white egg sacs (CMBS only) and ants scurrying up and down the tree to tend to aphids are often the first signs of infestation a homeowner notices.

Aphid and bark scale damage is aesthetic rather than severely harmful to the tree. It is imperative that you avoid treating with chemicals, as the trees we've examined have all had active lady beetle nymphs feeding on the scale. Spraying insecticide or dormant oil for CMA or CMBS would also kill the lady beetle nymphs, thus impacting the adult population. Natural predation on CMBS has been observed and the homeowner can further remediate by the following mechanical methods:

- Avoid planting new crape myrtles. Keep those you do have watered during intense drought periods, mulched with organic material and fertilized if a soil test suggests it is needed.
- Encourage beneficial enemies by avoiding insecticide treatments and mosquito treatments that fog vegetation and kill beneficial insects. While CMBS is not a native insect to Maryland, some predators are eating this pest. We are seeing many lady beetle and nerve wing larvae feeding on these insects, and over time, they may be able to decrease the pest to a lower level.
- Practice mechanical approaches like scrubbing off sooty mold from trunks or using medium-pressure spray to dislodge egg masses over the winter.
- The only low environmental-impact chemical approach shown to be effective is applying a dormant rate of hor-

ticultural oil to the trunk and twigs over the winter when the tree does not have leaves. This will kill overwintering insects. Since the oil is not long lasting, it is less harmful to beneficial insects like ladybeetles.

We do not recommend soil drenches of systemic insecticides such as neonicotinoids. These high environmental impact pesticides are taken up by crape myrtle tree roots and expressed in all the plant tissues. All parts of the plant are then poisonous, sometimes for over a year, and can poison pollinators, beneficial insects and other non-target herbivores that visit the flowers and feed on pollen and nectar. For more information, visit the University of Maryland Extension at <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/crapemyrtle-bark-scale>

If you'd like a visit from the Tree Committee members, please contact us at TreeComm@upmd.org

Helping Hands University Park



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University Park**

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

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, October 18, 12-1 PM In person.

Members and volunteers

social gathering. Location changes every month. Become a member and join us!

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 25, 5:30-6:30 PM HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to attend. Contact us by phone or email for the Zoom link.

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 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, lorettahup@gmail.com, or Deborah Rosenfelt, dsr@umd.edu.

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



Proposed Changes to the Compost and Yard Waste Program

The compost program may be expanding this spring. The program began with 50 households in November 2011. Participation steadily increased over the years but the 2020 expansion to include meat and dairy products created significantly greater interest in the program. There are now nearly 400 participating households. We would like to see all households participate. By composting food waste and other organics, methane (greenhouse gas) emissions are significantly reduced. The proposed changes are intended to make composting yard and food waste more efficient and effective. The Town will be providing 35-gallon wheeled carts, about half the size of your trash toter, to allow combined yard and food waste collection. Carts were budgeted for current participants this year; however, the Sustainability Committee has recommended that compost carts be provided to each household utilizing ARPA funds the Town has available. The Council will consider the issue of the program expansion at the October 16, 2023 meeting. We would love to hear from you. Contact Director of Public Works Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org.

University Park Expands Online Presence



We just expanded our communication outreach at facebook.com/people/Town-of-University-Park-Maryland/100095369493177/

We are on Instagram at [university_park_md](https://www.instagram.com/university_park_md) 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 at thegeman@upmd.org with a request.

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July 17 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Approval of the Agenda

CM Gathercole moved to amend two parts of the agenda, (1) combining the first part of E and put it with F, stormwater management. There was extensive discussion among the Council Members about this amendment. It was ultimately voted on, and the motion read:

Amended Motion: (1) In Ward 2, Tennyson Road stormwater management motion is to allocate up to \$50,000 from the FY24 budget line item G-32 Stormwater Management Design Engineering and Construction to install a valley gutter on western side of Tennyson Road at the intersection of 41st Avenue and to install infiltration trenches on either side of the road at 40th Avenue at Tennyson Road as per RK&K stormwater management plan in order to reduce ponding along the alley way and to convey the water downstream to Tennyson Road.

(2) The second part of E is to construct a stormwater retention rain garden at the culdesac at the northern end of Tennyson Road in front of the stormwater collection pipe in order to reduce runoff into Wells Run and that it be listed under Item G to be considered along with other stormwater construction as noted in the item. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

■ A resident reported the Town of Riverdale Park is attempting to have the Army Reserve building turned over to the Town of Riverdale Park. Potentially, they will put in Riverdale Park headquarters, as well as stormwater management, and part may be developed. We will need to pay close attention to this. It could be an opportunity to gain access to some public meeting space. The Sustainability Committee identified many green infrastructure ideas in town that were not in the RK&K plan, such as the parking lots at the two churches. The Park Plan needs to be considered ASAP. Please consider green infrastructure issues when considering the stormwater management plan.

■ A resident stated she was here once again about the same issue of the alley way (on Tennyson Road between 40th and 41st Avenues). The Town has repeatedly added gravel layers to fix potholes. The result is that the alley way is now higher than surrounding roads and causes

flooding in residents' homes and yards. The Town has caused this problem, and the Town needs to fix it. We have the funds to fix it. What is the delay? The alley cannot be paved nor fixed by our Public Works Department and needs to be fixed by engineers.

■ A resident noted we talked about this issue of the alley way in February; thanked the Public Works and Services Committee in using RK&K to resolve some of the stormwater issues. She stated that this is the Town's responsibility to fix the problem. The problem is exacerbated in winter with snow and ice. Please fix it. Thank you.

■ A resident reported on three items: 1. Projects in public spaces that reduce water run into Wells and Guilford Run need to have a priority. Prince George's County has a fund that gives assistance to homeowners for rain barrels, rain gardens, rain cisterns. 2. Town efforts for compost collection should be paused. It is still only getting 40% participation. 3. A small change to FY24 budget should be made by renaming Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization to Route 1 Community Cares under new business 7A.

CM Sweet read a report from Ms. Twohey about UP Meadow Day that thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. It garnered press attention and major social media attention. There was a lot of teen participation with 39 volunteers. Total expenses were \$487. Next year's UP Meadow Day will be June 13, 2024.

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Development Overview Committee Will not meet in July. They invited Joe Thompson and the Town of Riverdale Park to attend the next meeting.

Police, Traffic & Public Safety Had a meeting scheduled for July 12 but it lacked a quorum. The Zoom link did not get posted correctly. The guest speaker had an emergency and could not attend. The next meeting will be August 8.

Public Facilities and Services Committee Met on July 13. They would like to have installed a flashing stop sign near 40th Avenue and Tennyson Road. They talked about stormwater management. The architect discussed numerous options for the Town Hall redevelopment plans. There is no perfect solution. The committee recommends a new and updated study by Frederick Ward Associates. The basic plan included an addition but did not solve basic problems. The current study is outdated,

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a new study not to exceed \$50,000 would give us several options. CM Morgan requested this item to be on the next meeting agenda.

Policy Rules and Municipal Structure Committee Met on July 10. They discussed establishing the stray domestic animal care fund. They discussed the leaf blower ban that goes into effect on January 1. They discussed the council meeting rules (we've not had these in some time). CM Morrissey requested we move the Tree Committee report here.

Sustainability Committee Met last week; it was very lively. They had a report on the wildly successful Meadow Day. They discussed stormwater management. Consensus was to do whatever we can by adding more bio-retention systems, not harming houses, and not adding water to Wells Run. Mr. Brosch talked about their stormwater workshop they attended. Most of the experts said keeping water out of the streams but away from houses should be the priority.

Mayor Biermann He reiterated the point that putting out an RFP requires time; we have the money; we have the study; we need to make sure we are legitimately expending the money. He talked about his conversation with Riverdale Park Mayor; they do have a plan that would give that facility to Riverdale Park; half of that property would be designated for stormwater retention. We will be very supportive of this idea.

Tree Committee Mr. Aubry presented the annual report summarizing last year's achievements and next year's goals. They want to help with the bio-retention pond at College Heights Drive and Woodberry Street. It will have about 300 plants going in during late September. They are advising the Council when doing construction such as heavy trenching around trees to take extreme care. There was heavy equipment on the site of the bio-retention pond without a timber mat. Tree reimbursement program is continuing. They are looking at private residences that have very heavy ivy on trees. These are a safety hazard. Urged support of the Riverdale Park effort, as we really need a place to meet. CM Morrissey noted she will share the advisory letter from the Tree Committee with appropriate people. She thoroughly enjoys her role as council liaison with the Tree Committee.

Ms. Ferguson: The Town attorney asked commenters not to cite the individual address when making these reports;

it is not appropriate.

Mayor: When people are looking for people to trim their trees, a good service would be someone who can scale trees and remove ivy. This could be good in the resident guide.

Ms. Ferguson: The Town does not generally recommend one company over another due to liability issues.

CM Godfrey: Thanked Mr. Aubry for his service. In response to the Mayor's question that you don't need to climb up into the tree to remove ivy, he said ivy can be cut at about a 5 foot height to starve the ivy higher up.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt Ordinance 23-O-24, 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 for installation of the two pedestrian bridges.

Motion approved 7 to 0. The timing is dependent on the permitting process with the county and scheduling. Ms. Lawrence: Regrading permits, staff communicated with the contractor today; pre-construction meeting with the county soon, and start work.

Motion: To readopt 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. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To authorize staff to apply for a community parks and playground grant of up to \$100,000 to install upgrades to the Wells Parkway playground and tot lot. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To split the current full-time position into two part-time positions that will include the current temporary summer position. The employee is a 3 days-per-week employee, and we are adding a part-time 2 days-per-week mechanics helper. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To approve payment of \$15,000 to Kenil-

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worth Avenue Revitalization CDC to be used to fund the food program authorized by the Council in the fiscal FY24 budget nonprofit funding Route One Cares.

The Mayor clarified what is being done here and explained the part-time and full-time positions. Mr. Baden stated that Mickey Beall has a plan regarding these positions.

Motion: Reallocate \$25,000 from the FY24 budget line item W-17 Parking Garage- Parking Lot line item W-11 Town Maintenance to replace a non-function bay door.

Mayor: In Mr. Beall's absence, he explained they want to move money around in the PW budget. The garage door is not working at the garage. We are separating the two items for paving and repair of garage door to handle this more expeditiously. Motion approved 7 to 0.

After extensive earlier discussion, this item should be revised as stated below.

Mayor: In everything we do we need to keep all the residents in mind as many are crippled by the amount of water they get in and on their property. We do not need to deliberate further on this item, but just get it done.

Motion: To allocate up to \$30,000 from line-item G-32 and to expedite construction of stormwater retention rain garden or other recommended device at the cul-de-sac at the northern end of Tennyson Road in front of the stormwater collection pipe in order to reduce runoff into Wells Run.

There was some productive discussion of these issues. Attorney Ferguson said yes, you can say expedite and can go back to RK&K to get some advice. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To develop and advertise a scope of work for an RFP and to confer with counsel for the construction of micro-bio retention facilities and other stormwater construction townwide from the FY24 budget, line item G-32 Stormwater Retention and Management. The scope of work will receive input from the Public Facilities and Sustainability Committees before it is advertised. Motion approved 7 to 0. There was a lot of discussion on this topic.

Mayor: The MOUs are a source of funding; we acknowledge the RK&K study is not complete. The intent of this line item is to get the ball moving with the Town Administrator, Mickey Beall and myself so we can write an RFP and obligate what is in line-item G-32. We have over \$1 million in this line item; we need to put out an RFP.

Ms. Ferguson: With an RFP we'd need a good scope of work; we'll need to talk to engineers. The way it is written now there wouldn't be anything to bid on.

Mayor: We are not trying to come up with a scope of work tonight. This is to authorize our staff and town administrator to initiate something. It will be done in coordination with the Public Facilities Committee. We've got to get beyond the minutia of talking and actually do something. Let's begin its development by authorizing an RFP.

Ms. Ferguson: The prior RK&K study was not focused on this at the time. We can simply ask them to add this. We get the scope of work from outside—RK&K does a lot of work in stormwater management. They weren't given this task before. You will see the scope of work before it goes out. RK&K does a lot of work in stormwater management but were not previously given this task.

The motion was amended to ensure the Council sees the scope of work and RFP before it goes out. CM Gathercole is OK with the amendment.

Motion: Per Section 2-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Chairs and Members of Standing Committees.

Motion approved 7 to 0.

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee: CM Gathercole (Chair), CM Sweet, CM Godfrey, CM McGaughey, and CM Morgan.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee: CM Morrissey (Chair), CM Dubayah, CM Godfrey, and CM Morgan.

Public Facilities and Services Committee: CM Morgan (Chair), CM Gathercole, CM McGaughey, CM Morrissey, and CM Sweet.

Development Overview Committee: CM McGaughey (Chair), CM Sweet (Co-Chair), Mayor Biermann (Ex-officio), Mr. Carey, Mr. Caskey, Attorney Ferguson (staff liaison), Ms. Hart, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Tabori, Mr. Thompson, and Ms. Wells.

Helping Hands University Park: Ms. Verrill (Chair), CM Gathercole, Ms. Rosenfelt, Ms. Shenassa, and Ms. Smith.

Sustainability Committee: CM Dubayah (Chair), Mr. Brosch, Ms. Glenn, Mr. Hurtt, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Twohy, and Ms. Williams.

Trees, Parks, and Environment Committee: Mr. Aubry (Chair), CM Morrissey, Ms. Alvarez, Mr. Alvarez, Ms. Burghardt, Mr. Ericson, Mr. Jasinski, Ms. Sondak, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Young.

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Motion: Per Section 12-103 of the Town Ordinances, to appoint Ethics Commission members. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Ethics Commission: Ms. Belfiore (Chair), Ms. Aclander, and Mr. Crocker.

Motion: Per Section 307 of the Town Charter, to appoint Laurie Morrissey as Mayor pro tempore authorized (1) to perform the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence, and (2) to perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Mayor, without further action by Council, during an emergency when the Mayor is absent. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department Reports

Interim Town Administrator Angela Lawrence

- On duty since the end of June.
- Went to MML.
- Has met with numerous committees.
- Has reached out to council retreat facilitators.
- Wants to look at ways to improve efficiency of assembling the packet.
- Move the Park Master Plan and New Town Hall Plan forward.
- Wants Council feedback on social media presence; we need a social media policy.
- Reminder: No council meeting on August 7.

CM Gathercole: Would like the town resource guide printed in hard copy to take to new residents.

CM Morrissey: Asked if we've ever considered putting the new resident guide in Spanish as well as English.

Mayor: Asked Ms. Lawrence to look into this; was curious as to the demographics in University Park who would value this resource in Spanish.

Ms. Ferguson: Has worked on a number of social media policies for other municipalities. You can provide infor-

mation but do not receive comments. Once you receive comments from one person, we would have to receive comments from everyone. She will share these example policies with Ms. Lawrence.

CM Godfrey: Said social media is a great way to connect; there may also be some existing accounts. He thinks there is a Twitter account that has not been used in some time. We should do an inventory of random social media accounts.

Town Clerk TC Hegeman Only one permit, which was in the packet.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- Reported two thefts of stolen autos.
- Had some community activities this month; National Night Out is August 1. There will be food and activities for children.
- Investigation on the hit and run is going well. Victim is home and doing better but has a long way to go.
- Had six people at the Neighborhood Watch first meeting. Will publicize better.

CM Gathercole Reminded colleagues that Dick Groppe is doing Arts in the Park this year in September. Please remind your constituents to participate.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden

- Presented June treasurer's report.
- There will still be some accruals received in July/August for FY 23.
- Received larger than expected distribution from state income tax.
- Revenue side is at or higher than budgeted; the expenditure side is OK.
- Cash on hand is \$6.1 million.

Motion: To move to a closed session immediately following this meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluations of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned by consent 10:01 PM.



UP Helping Paws

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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.

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August 21 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Approval Of Minutes

Several Councilmembers had questions about the minutes and the Mayor suggested allowing time to review these minutes and approve them at the September 5 meeting.

Motion: To delay approval of the July 17, 2023 minutes until the September 5, 2023 meeting, after Council Members have had a chance to review them.
Motion approved 7 to 0.

Public Comment

- A resident reported on a great breakthrough on the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Beall attended and made a detailed presentation about the Town recycling and compost collection programs. Someone suggested purchasing containers for all homes in Town, which would help to increase the Town's participation rate. Mr. Beall supported this idea. We can put information on buckets themselves; someone lived in three different neighborhoods prior to coming to University Park, and in all of them the composting program was for every house, and they were surprised UP didn't do that. Infrastructure money can be used to buy these buckets. There was a lot of discussion about this idea.
- A resident commented about the proposal for park hours. She understands the need to have signage with accurate hours; generally opposed to not being allowed to go through the park at night; it should not be closed to Town residents.
- A resident expressed concerns about enforcement of the park hours. Within the last year or year and a half there have been at least two times when something has occurred in the park in the middle of the night—there were strong spotlights that shown into bedrooms—never saw anything on the listserv that there was an incident in the park. The last time was in last six months; before was between 6 months and a year or 18 months ago. Mayor Biermann advised the resident to let him and/or the Police Chief know if it happens again, ideally as soon as possible so that the police department can determine the source of the problem.
- A resident asked that the Council not change the hours to be closed at "dark." If the park is closed people will move to the streets. She is a member of a running club.

Runners fear being hit by a car when running in the street. She noted the lack of sidewalks on some roads in Town. When leaves are raked to curb in October/November people are running in the middle of the street in the evening hours when it is dark to avoid slipping on leaves. She doesn't see the justification for closing the park at dark. She feels this creates more of a problem rather than solving the problem.

- A resident supports keeping the park open longer and is concerned about early closing in the winter. Her Councilperson sent a questionnaire about the security camera proposal. She may be too unconcerned about personal freedom, but the use of cameras throughout town is an excellent idea. The cameras should be throughout town and not just at the entrances and exits of Town. Miscreants are not coming from only outside UP. Cameras need to look at a reasonable slice of Town and not just the edges.
- An email from a resident was read about the closing of the park following a survey from her Councilperson. She strongly opposes this idea. Sundown on 12/21 will be at 4:49 PM; her son gets off the school bus across town and he should be able to walk through the park and not on Adelphi Road; Grant's email was the first she'd heard about it. The Council needs to seek a wider collection of opinions before making a change to the park hours.
- A resident who lives on Pineway between the north and south end thanked the UPPD for enforcing traffic on Pineway. He supports traffic calming devices being added.
- A resident briefly noted that we need to talk more about the park hours and being closed at night. It is problematic for many reasons. She feels it is the safest way to get across town.
- CM McGaughey asked his resident about the signs at 44th Ave/Sheridan and Rt. 1. There are signs across from 7-11 pointing the way to the development. They are on the public grass on the UP side. The Mayor referred this item to Ms. Lawrence.

Mayor Biermann, Council and Committee Reports

Development Oversight Committee

- Did not meet in August but will meet in September. Has been in contact with DPIE about the cleanliness of the water in town, which is quite bad. There are two construction sites—9 ponds and another development next to it causing this problem; the contractors have done a lot of work but not enough. If residents are near

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Adelphi Road/Toledo Terrace, which is where the brown water is coming from, please take a picture and send it to him.

■Mayor Biermann thanked CM McGaughey for taking the time to visit the site. He asked if Mr. Brosch or Mr. Tabori had reached out about visiting the site.

Sustainability Committee

■Met last week, and the entire meeting was on composting. We previously approved \$29,000 for new composting bins. Residents already in the program could get one of the new totes. Mr. Hurtt explained the program. We would contact participants to alert them to the change in this program; they could get one of the new 35-gallon totes which can be used for both compost and yard waste. They had a long discussion with Mr. Beall who wants to move this forward. If we want to encourage composting in town, why don't we just give everyone a tote? The increased cost per Mr. Beall would go from \$28,000 to \$58,000. We should brand the totes, which would raise the cost to \$65,000. He recommends to the Council that we change the line item and amend the budget to include more funding, so every house has a tote. There is a 4-month lag time between approval and tote arrival. He would leave it up to the Mayor on how to handle this. He won't be at the next meeting. It is a mixed stream recycling program—so you could put a turkey carcass in with yard waste, for example. Residents are not currently required to use them. Some people want them just for the yard waste. Some Councilmembers are meeting with Town residents about desires for pavers and other stormwater solutions.

■Mayor Biermann: We will put this on the agenda for next month to consider as a motion. With respect to pavers and rain gardens we did vote to move forward at the last meeting to address these issues. The Mayor called on Ms. Ferguson to comment on this issue.

■Ms. Ferguson: We would have to pass a law if we plan to require composting across the Town. Why would we give residents a tote unless they are expected to use it? The Mayor noted that the suggestion was to provide totes to everyone irrespective of their participation in the program because the bins are dual-purpose and be used for yard debris as well. She asked for clarification on whether the single stream program was already in force, as she thought composting was being picked up separately from yard waste. If the county is accepting together, then that is new. Mr. Beall noted the Town has been collecting composting and yard waste together for several years.

■Ms. Lawrence: If you want us to come back with a motion, they need more information. The Sustainability Committee will not meet before the next Council meeting.

Public Facilities and Services

■Met July 13. Regarding the Town Hall site, we have re-engaged Frederick Ward Associates who will meet with the committee this week. They will use the existing report to help create several design options. The existing report is out of date. Several residents have requested additional seating in the shade at the Tot Lot; Mr. Beall is handling this. CM Morgan thanked the Sustainability Committee as they've been doing so much work in stormwater management.

■Mayor Biermann: We submitted a grant application for the Tot Lot and hope to receive grant for over \$100,000 that will be used to add new amenities such as shade areas and seating. He will attend the meeting on Thursday and asked for a 3-way call with Ms. Lawrence and CM Morgan (30 min) to work on boosting public participation.

Police, Traffic and Safety Committee

■Met August 9. There was carryover from the spring discussion regarding lights in the park and she referenced that the Mayor had reported suspicious people in the park at night. CM Gathercole noted that the Chief would like the park closed at night; numerous residents spoke tonight about their opposition to this plan.

■Residents from Wells Parkway East—people are parking in front of their homes. Some do not have driveways. These people are likely going to the park or dropping off children at school. Residents would like permit parking—pilot project. Talked about having smart cameras at entry points of town. Crime around town is worse; Ward 2 had a lot of vandalism. Criminals could get caught if we have cameras. The Police Chief will reapply for another grant.

■She noted she had two Ward 2 residents who were concerned about response time. When people call PGC dispatchers there is a lag time to get UP police. The Chief explained if it's a 911 emergency it gets top priority. If not 911 it may be a while before UP officer gets the call. Can calls piggyback with Riverdale Park and Hyattsville dispatchers? Will defer to Chief Baker on this. Flashing stop signs are not flashing at proper flashes per minute. Additional power boxes would be needed to get them to the right number of flashes per mi-

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nute; as a result, they will discontinue flashing stop signs.

Policy Rules and Municipal Structure Committee will meet in the middle of September.

Mayor Biermann

- Regarding Ms. Gathercole's constituent concern about the flashing stop signs, he said that without being an expert on traffic regulations, it's possible that there are exceptions for standards on these flashing signs when they are in a residential community. Regardless, he believes that the flashing signs may not be necessary now that we are installing color-matched, diamond grade post reflectors on all of our traffic signs. He discussed this with Ms. Gathercole and Mr. Beall. The plan is to prioritize installing these reflectors at intersections that are equipped with the flashing signs, turn off the flashing signs, and give nearby residents an opportunity to assess whether the flashing signs are no longer necessary. Mr. Beall said these signs have not been turned off as of Friday, but staff would make this a priority. If the diamond grade reflectors are effective, then, flashers won't be needed.
- Mr. Beall talked about the pedestrian bridges and noted construction should start next month.
- With respect to Ms. Gathercole's question regarding lag time, he refrains from telling the Police Chief to do something. He supports seeing some of the data. He has seen delays from police; calls get triaged by Prince George's County. Constituents have seen delays in response time but have waited a significant amount of time to report it. Please let the Police Chief know about this. We have three police positions to be filled.
- Some may recall we wanted to appropriate money to do a history of UP. He has been scanning old minutes into PDF. Old minutes back to 1936 will be scanned along with newsletters and permits. The old minutes are illuminating, as he saw Ms. Gathercole's name in minutes of 1990. Even though there is not money allocated for the Town history at this point, he thinks Town residents will find this project interesting.
- CM McGaughey asked if he had commented on Claggett Pineway stormwater MOU?
- Mr. Beall: He said he was not sure what has been discussed since he's been gone. Resubmitted MOU application to DOE; waiting for approval. Where are we; how do we get movement? They provided some comments. We are still in the process of getting the MOU.

New Business

The Mayor stated that we are trying a new process tonight with motions and background information and staff recommendations in the packet that was distributed to Councilmembers.

Motion: To authorize staff to selectively bid an RFP for feasibility and engineering and construction cost estimate for a combined project to include the alley, the 41st Avenue - Tennyson Road valley gutter and the Tennyson cul-de-sac Stormwater Management project to CPJ, Soltesz and RK&K. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Ms. Lawrence: There might be some added changes due to the size and weight of the trash trucks.

Ms. Ferguson: Because this is a new process, the Councilmember making the motion should not use the heading in this agenda; there is a motion in the report that should be read. The Interim Administrator will be putting together a motions sheet. Three firms have abilities in this area and have contracts upon which you can ride; so, no bids are necessary but you can add an alternate. What you are being asked to do now is to approve the motion that is in the report.

Mayor Biermann: The Council needs to approve contracts over \$10,000. We need to put out an RFP; any RFP is going to ask for engineering plans. There is no faster way to do this. Mr. Beall's comments are in the staff summary. The RK&K report was merely a concept, and we will be going back to these three construction firms fairly quickly.

Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of University Park, the City of College Park, and the University of Maryland in substantially the form attached, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion: To introduce Legislative Resolution 23-O-06 Resolution and ordinance of the Town of University Park to amend chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", article 1, "Traffic", § 9-104, "Parking" to prohibit parking on the west side of Wells Parkway East between Beechwood Road and the dead-end at the school grounds, restrict parking on the east side of Wells Parkway East between Beechwood Road and the dead-end at the school grounds to parking by permit only between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM, prohibit parking at an electric vehicle charging station parking space when the vehicle is not plugged into the charging equipment;

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recognize that the Town follows state parking fine amounts; and make certain corrections. Motion approved 7 to 0.

CM Godfrey: Asked if this is a pilot program, what makes it different from those in other parts of town?

Ms. Ferguson: This is a limited area. The blue UP stickers are not parking permits, they merely indicate that the vehicle owner is a UP resident. There would be special permits for the residents on the affected streets. Said there is no charge for the UP sticker.

Discussion of Amendment to Chapter 5 “Parks And Recreation”

CM Godfrey: The residents of Ward 6 would be most impacted as they need to go through the park to get to other areas of town, and so they were the most disturbed. We should not reduce park access hours without seeking the input of park users. He feels we should refer to the Parks Committee.

Motion: To approve the attached ordinance but without the provisions in section 5-101 on the park hours and keep what is there currently and that we refer a discussion on changes to the Parks Committee to be taken up as part of the planning process. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Chief Baker: He recommends signage for park hours should state the parks are closed at dark, which would cover concerns in the morning and at night. That is consistent with M-NCPPC park hours. There will be a lot of traffic in a few years because of the development of the multi-generational facility on Adelphi Road, and it is important to have correct and enforceable signage as to when the park is closed. There are currently a lot of people from outside UP who are walking through the park. It is important to make the language clear, so it is enforceable by the officers.

Mayor Biermann: Favors path lighting and other ways to enhance safety, one of which is cameras. He agrees with a lot of comments from the community, such as people walking home from the Metro at night.

Ms. Ferguson: Regardless of what the Council does tonight, we would like to use the words sunrise and sunset because it is definitive. You can always amend what you introduced.

CM Godfrey amended his original motion.

Motion: To amend any usage of the word dark to be sunset. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Ms. Lawrence relayed information from the Director of

Public Works stating that the playgrounds were not in existence when this ordinance was first written and should include the tennis courts with the playgrounds; if hours are extended, the playground hours remain the same.

Motion: To authorize an increase in the pedestrian bridge contract price to \$329,825.00, an increase of \$9,825.00. Motion approved 7 to 0. Mr. Beall commented that there are some engineering changes due to the slope and the bridges now need handrails.

Motion: To introduce an emergency ordinance to transfer \$9,825.00 from DPW Salaries (Line item A1) from the general fund to revenue account 7052-00 Reserves-Bridges and to expenditure account 7133-00 Park Bridge Replace-Beechwood & Van Buren both in the Capital Projects Fund. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Biermann: The purpose is to bring attention to substance addiction and suicide prevention and to bring attention to the mental health services that are available. The Town Hall will have purple lights during the month of September, and he encouraged residents to do the same. The Newsletter will also have some modifications for September to bring this to residents' attention.

Motion: To approve Resolution 23-R-09 “UP Goes Purple” as presented. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Department Reports

Interim Town Administrator Angela Lawrence

- The report is in the packet.
- We have redone the way the agenda is worded; she is seeking feedback.
- The Council retreat is on Saturday, October 21.

Town Clerk TC Hegeman The report is in the packet.

Chief of Police Harvey Baker

- The report is in the packet. He made a few remarks about earlier comments by residents.
- Please report any disturbances such as bright lights in windows to the Police as soon as possible after the occurrence.
- We plan to hire two lateral officers assuming their background checks go through.
- We cannot piggyback with Riverdale Park or Hyattsville

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dispatchers because it would be an officer safety issue as both agencies are short-staffed. If we are busy with a traffic stop Riverdale Park or Hyattsville will respond.

- Regarding lag time and a non-emergency number is used, it goes to the PG County call center and is triaged. Our officers typically respond very quickly. He can provide data, but he needs to verify it.
- Chief Baker would like to move forward with seeking grants regarding security cameras in town.
 - ◇ CM Godfrey would like to see policies for use in place before cameras are deployed.
 - ◇ The Chief stated our neighboring towns have multiple cameras throughout their towns.
 - ◇ CM Gathercole said that these cameras are definitely needed; video is kept for 30 days. If they are not needed to track a crime, the file goes away.
 - ◇ CM Morgan asked the Chief to confirm whether these cameras would make our Town safer.
 - ◇ The Chief said officers on patrol would get an alert on their system in their cars of people entering Town at certain locations and would determine if any action is needed. These cameras would allow the police force to be more efficient.
 - ◇ CM Dubayah noted we chose not to fund these cameras some time ago. He would like to see a clear plan as to where cameras would go before funding is approved. He disagrees with CM Gathercole's comments. He does not want to feel like he can't go somewhere in Town without being watched. He felt it is a 4th Amendment issue.
 - ◇ CM Gathercole clarified that the reason we didn't get cameras before is because we didn't get the grant. This most recent time it is because the line item in the budget was cut.
 - ◇ The Mayor said he would support cameras if we received grant funding.
 - ◇ CM Morrissey asked if CMs can see the proposed locations.

The Mayor stated we are trying to be inclusive with police hiring, and we have reached out to various diverse law enforcement groups. He also commended Chief Baker for working third shift lately, providing extra police coverage in Town.

Town Treasurer Dan Baden The July 2023 Treasure report was distributed and discussed.

Director of Public Works Michael Beall Not present but his report is in the packet. Please direct any concerns to Ms.

Lawrence in his absence.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 10:15 PM.

September 5 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Resolutions

Mayor: There was a major house fire on Underwood Street last week near College Heights Drive. Mr. Greenspan was on a morning run and saw the fire; he was there and very alert. Without his quick action it might have spread to adjacent properties.

CM Morgan read the resolution.

Motion: To approve the resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of University Park to recognize heroic actions of resident Adam Greenspan as presented. Motion approved 5 to 0.

CM McGaughey read the resolution thanking Mr. Garroway for his dedication in serving as a crossing guard at UPES helping children to cross the street safely. Chief Baker said Mr. Garroway has served for four years as a "safe route to school" team member.

Motion: To approve the resolution and proclamation of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park in recognition of Art Garroway for his dedicated service to the children and families of the town and the University Park Elementary School Community. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Public Comment

▪ A resident has seen the bad pollution for more than a year and has documented some of the episodes with notes and photos. At least since the Stanley Development Project has started, we've had ongoing problems with the pollution in the stream. The Town should take the initiative to get the County Council to take action with stricter laws and better enforcement. Our neighbors in Riverdale Park are affected by pollution coming from the stream in University Park. The Town can use ARPA money to create some rain gardens and retention areas. He met with some other residents about things we can do along the creek to retain water in rain gar-

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dens or create a paved drain system; build rain gardens along Queens Chapel Road in a dozen places (near the Green Line); WMATA is now looking at the resident's suggestions. The final item would be to build something in Ward 5 near Mr. McGaughey's house, in a low spot, to retain some of the water from going into Guilford Run. These items are not shovel ready yet but are not too far off.

■A resident stated that they are going purple to help raise awareness of suicide prevention. The Mayor thanked the resident. All you need to do is put out a purple or black light to help raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention during UP Goes Purple Month.

■The Mayor stated that the chat would be disabled during public comments as they are not part of the official record.

■A resident of College Heights Estates and working parent of a UPES student and a PTA member. There is some parking enforcement at UPES at Underwood and Queens Chapel Road that is a problem. Many children now stay in car seats for a number of years. Many parents have been told by the Prince George's County buses to drive their children to school. Chief Baker spoke with her this morning. She was in the drop-off zone and was helping her daughter get out of the car. She received a \$50 ticket and had never received a warning. She saw numerous other parents also receive tickets. Many of the parents at UPES are on free and reduced lunch and cannot afford a \$50 ticket. She wanted to bring this to the Town's attention as a problem.

■The Mayor responded that he cannot compel the UPPD to void a ticket; he wants us, and the police as well, to greet people in a manner that is respectful; we expect the police to extend a hand and ask how they can help.

■A resident (CM Sweet) also dropped off his daughter at UPES. He noted parents acknowledging warnings from the UPPD that they cannot drop off children there and proceeded to say OK and walk away from their car; other times people have blocked driveways and responded to the UPPD "well they're not there now." The UPPD are dealing with a lot of bad behavior from people who are not respecting their authority during this 30-minute period.

■A resident commented that the school community is broader than the people who get our newsletter or the Chief's communication. The school grew by about 100 students this year, and not all students are within the Town's borders. All the parents need to have an equal

opportunity to understand what is expected of them.

■A resident asked about the proposed parking ordinance and the plan to have limited parking time and restrictions on the other time. She felt the houses are going to experience congestion. She expressed concern about those walking children in strollers and dogs. When the parking lot for the playground is full, they park in front of the homes on Wells Parkway, preventing residents from getting to their driveways. They had a fire at their house in 2016, and the numerous fire trucks that responded could not turn around due to the playground. They would also like signs for parking on just one side of the street.

■The Mayor responded that this is part of a multi-phased parking ordinance in town, and we want to accommodate residents in the short and long run. The resident can also participate in the committee meetings that oversee parking issues.

■A resident said there are three houses on Wells Parkway West, in front of the drain project and the playground, and they have observed that due to the park and when people park on Wells Parkway West (Adelphi part of Wells), there are problems. A number of people have been blocked in. There are also significant risks when the leaves are being collected. When just one car parks incorrectly there is no access for emergency vehicles. All three residents on that street agree this needs to be addressed.

■The Town Clerk read public comment received from a resident: "The resident has noticed people climbing into the Wells Parkway gorge to cross the stream to get to the other side of Wells Parkway. This is at the stream and Van Buren Street, where there used to be a bridge."

■The Mayor reported the bridges are coming.

Mayor, Council, and Committee

Comments and Reports

Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee CM Gathercole addressed the residents talking about the parking issue on Wells Parkway and noted they had discussed this situation in their committee meetings. There will be a pilot project to have no parking. Not having a sidewalk at the end is also a problem. CM Gathercole then reported that she is the liaison for Helping Hands University Park, and there is a new newsletter. HHUP is able to help residents in need both in services and with limited financial help from the temporary assistance fund. They also have some classes on Zoom, such as intermediate Spanish, poetry readings and conversations. They have

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monthly luncheons. She would like to get the word out about this group. She has talked to Ms. Lawrence about getting this one-page newsletter into the Town newsletter. The Mayor said they can use the Mayor's email list, with over 500 names, as well as the Facebook page to promote this group and the activities.

Public Facilities and Services Committee They met on August 24. It was a recap of the discussions with the low bid architect, who was in attendance; he will give a report in the new business section.

Development Oversight Committee They will meet next week. They will discuss Eric Olson's recommendation that University Park write a letter of support for his efforts to make the county more pleasant for people not in a car (i.e., pedestrians).

Continuing Business

Motion: To approve Legislative resolution 23-0-06 Resolution and Ordinance of the Town of University Park to amend chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 1, "Traffic", § 9-104, "Parking" to prohibit parking on the west side of Wells Parkway East between Beechwood Road and the dead end at the school grounds and the east side of Wells Parkway West between Beechwood Road and the turnaround at the park, restrict parking on the east side of Wells Parkway East and between Beechwood Road and the dead end at the school grounds to parking by permit only between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM, prohibit parking at an electric vehicle charging station parking space when the vehicle is not plugged into the charging equipment; recognize that the town follows state parking fine amounts; and make certain corrections.

The Mayor and Ms. Lawrence noted that with the new packet process staff recommendations are included, and the suggested motion is there in red text. It can always be amended. CM Godfrey said he is looking forward to how the pilot project will work; he doesn't feel it is appropriate to expand the pilot project without more input; he offered an amendment which was incorporated into the motion as presented. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: To approve amended Legislative Resolution 23-0-07—Resolution and Ordinance of the Town of University Park to amend chapter 5 "Parks and Recreation", by repealing and reenacting §5-101, "Hours", §5-102, "Rules and Regulations for Park Usage", §5-103, "Tennis Courts", §5-104, "Picnicking and Use of Tot

Lot" §5-105, "Prohibitions on Park Usage", and §5-107, "Penalties", to change the hours during which 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 prohibit amplified music without a permit, to apply the penalty for violations to park rules and regulations and to include the town playground as part of the facilities regulated. CM McGaughey noted that we did not change the hours the park is open but clarified them to be more precise. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: To adopt Emergency Legislative Resolution 23-0-08 to transfer \$9,825 from DPW Salaries (Line item A1) from the general fund to revenue account 7052-00 Reserves-Bridges and to increase the expenditure line item 7133-00 Park Bridge Replace-Beechwood & Van Buren by \$9,825, in the Capital Projects Fund. Motion approved 5 to 0.

New Business

Motion: To declare police vehicles Chevy Impala #26 VIN 2G1WD5E31C1325787 and #28 VIN 2G1WD53E0D1188889 as surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to approve this Town property for disposal. Chief Baker noted that they tried to convert one of the cruisers to a code compliance vehicle, but the maintenance cost was prohibitive. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: To approve a contract with Frederick Ward Associates, dated May 31, 2023 in substantially the form attached, subject to approval by the Town Attorney, to complete programming review and space study and develop the estimated construction costs, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

■CM Morgan presented a recap of the many infrastructure problems in the current Town Hall. The heating and air conditioning systems are insufficient and ultimately expensive to maintain; the phone system is located under a toilet; the back patio is moving away from the building; the external lighting is insufficient. The building has major ADA compliance issues and we cannot hold in-person council meetings; we cannot hold open meetings due to lack of 2nd floor for disabled people. What would we do if we had an employee with a disability? The Town Treasurer works in a conference room, and the Town Administrator shares an office with the Mayor. Zoom works, but it is not what our

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town residents want and need. We have ARPA funds which we didn't have before. To delay action is just to increase the cost.

■The Mayor stated he wants progress. We talk things to death. He is heartened by options that are more reasonable than what the town was quoted several years ago. The last Town Hall study presented four options between \$4.2 million and \$4.9 million. While that study was informative, it was clear town residents prefer a more conservative budget. The current way forward would have a more reasonable budget of \$2.5 million. Our Town Hall is not ADA accessible, and if a resident cannot climb stairs, that should not prevent them from attending a meeting.

Motion approved 5 to 0.

Motion: To approve the Mayor to draft a letter to Prince George's Council Member Eric Olson requesting legislation and enforcement of the runoff problem that is being caused by the construction companies. Motion approved 5 to 0.

■The Mayor noted a lot of runoff and sediment in the creek, as reported by numerous town residents. He wants town employees to officially start monitoring and documenting this problem. The Mayor wants to write a letter, either from himself or the entire Town Council, to Prince George's County Council Member Eric Olson about this problem. We would seek County legislation and subsequent enforcement to put more controls in place about this runoff caused by the different construction companies. Mr. Olson said it never hurts for a community to write a letter to show that he is not the only person doing the pressuring.

■Ms. Lawrence said we do not need a motion to discuss the issue. It should be a vote to have the Mayor draft a letter. We could request Mr. Olson to introduce legislation at the County level.

■CM McGaughey supported a letter from the Council and the Mayor. The Town Attorney has drafted numerous letters like this so she has a model. He also was looking forward to the construction being complete with landscaping in the spring.

■CM Morgan asked if 9 Ponds runoff is coming from their site or from other construction sites. There will be some improvement when that construction is done. The Administrator reminded him earlier that the angles of the wall at 9 Ponds were very steep and also that grass seed has been spread.

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■CM Godfrey stated he is in support of this; this can help to ramp up the pressure on the construction companies. A systematic method to document the problem is very helpful.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:20 PM.

UP Woman's Club Meeting Monday, October 2, 11:30 AM

Our speaker will be Maryland State Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, highest ranking Latina in the history of the Maryland General Assembly, currently serving as chair of the Health and Government Operations Committee. Delegate Peña-Melnyk served as a public defender before being



elected to the College Park City Council in 2003 and then to the General Assembly in 2007. The Delegate's topic will be *Woman of Influence, Championing Women's Health and Empowerment*. Location: University Christian Church, Adelphi Road at Belcrest Road. Doors open at 11:30. Program begins at noon. Guests are welcome.

After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, October 17, 8-10 PM

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. Our book for October is *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. For November, we are reading *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



We're actively seeking new members. Open invitation to join the After Eight book group! Members have lively and wide-ranging discussions on the book and a variety of town

and local subjects. We read books in all categories, both current and prize-winning. All are welcome and we appreciate residents' suggestions for what we should read.

Movie Night in the Park
Thursday, October 19, 6:30 PM

Bring the entire family, along with lawn chairs or blankets, to the UP soccer field and enjoy an outdoor showing of the movie *Super Mario Bros.* Food vendors will be available starting at 5:45 PM. Sponsored in partnership with the MD National Capital Park Police and University Park Elementary School.



Halloween Trick-or-Treating
Tuesday, October 31, 6-8 PM

Any household wishing to participate in Halloween should keep their porchlight on. UP police will be out monitoring for unsafe drivers and working hard to keep our community safe.

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.



St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry has been operating since 1991 with an all-volunteer team. We provide food at no cost and without any obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens, immigrants and children in need. Since the start of the pandemic, we have served nearly 50,000 families in need and the numbers continue to grow.



We've seen a steady increase in the number of families asking for help this year. At the same time, there's been a steady decrease in food and money donations compared to 2022. We continue to be well over 100 percent above our pre-pandemic levels. Between January and August 2023, we served 5,391 families in need with an overall average of 4.63 per household. Our neighbors are hurting, and they need all the help we can give. Please consider making a donation to feed the poor and less fortunate. Donations are typically 100 percent tax deductible to the extent possible under the law. Please go to [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and search [stmarkfoodpantry](https://www.gofundme.com) to make a donation. Checks are also welcome, made payable to the St. Mark's Food Pantry. Please mail to:

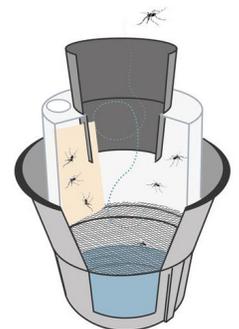
St. Mark's Food Pantry
 7501 Adelphi Road
 Hyattsville, MD 20783

If you need help, our food pantry is open every Tuesday 10 AM-Noon at the above address. All are welcome.

UP Community Mosquito Control Program

Thanks to everyone who participates in our program. Aubrey Tingler, the UMD graduate student who worked in UP during the summer of 2022, will present the findings from her thesis in November. We'll be giving out gift cards to the raffle winners chosen from those who responded to the survey. Stay tuned for details.

Through October, please keep your traps deployed and maintained. In November, clean them (all plastic parts can be put in the dishwasher—don't heat dry) and store them in an enclosed space, away from winter weather. Traps that are exposed to temperatures below freezing for an extended period can shatter, making them unusable for next year. Learn more about the UP Community Mosquito Control Program, including how to remove mos-



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quito habitat from your yard and maintain traps, at upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. Questions or comments? Please send us an email at upcmosquitoc@gmail.com.

HYATTSVILLE ZOMBIE RUN

5K, 1M & 1K Family Fun Run

Hyattsville Zombie Run, Saturday, October 14 Calling all Zombie Runners! This year the run will be held in Driskell Park. There are 1K, 1-mile, and 5K distances to choose from. All proceeds go to supporting the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA, though individual fundraisers can select a different local school (UPES, for example). Register at runsignup.com/HVLZombieRun. Registration for our 5k is \$30 and registration for our 1 mile and 1k is \$15. There is a family discount of \$5 off each race if you register 4 or more runners, as well as a discount if the same person signs up for more than one race. For more info, email hyattsville5k@gmail.com.

Hyattsville Library Coffee and a Classic Film Series, *Woman on the Run*, Wednesday, October 11, 1-3 PM Enjoy coffee and a screening of the 1950 film noir crime drama, *Woman on the Run*, starring Ann Sheridan. Frank Johnson becomes an eyewitness to a murder and is pursued around San Francisco by his wife Eleanor, the police, and the killer.



Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series *Casa Susanna—More Than a Home, a Haven*, Monday, October 16, 7-9 PM Join us for the 2023-2024 Series at the Hyattsville Branch: a screening followed by a community conversation. This month's film celebrates LGBT History Month.



Casa Susanna tells the story of an underground network of transgender women and cross-dressing men who found refuge at a modest house in the Catskills region of New York, where, for a few days, they could express their true selves without being incarcerated or institutionalized for their self-expression.



College Park Arts Exchange

Raq Sharqi Concert, Saturday, October 14, 7:30 PM

An evening of amazing belly dance performances from area teachers and students, open to the whole family.

Workshops and Classes

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

Introduction to Tap, Saturdays, 10 AM with Elizabeth Gardner, by Zoom.

CPAE Book Club: Non-Fiction by Women, Third Tuesdays 7 - 8:30 PM by zoom. For zoom link contact info@cpae.org. New book list coming soon!

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



Town Leaf Collection Begins in November

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ELECTRONICS, TIRE & PAINT RECYCLING, PAPER SHREDDING

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, Maryland

2023-2024 Information Sheet

301-927-4262 | 6724 Baltimore Avenue | www.upmd.org

Town Hall hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Staff can also be reached using the contact information listed below.

Town Hall 301-927-4262
Fax 301-277-4548
TDD 800-735-2258
Website www.upmd.org

Mayor and Department Heads 301-927-4262

Mayor Joel Biermann Ext. 100
mayorbiermann@upmd.org cell 301-351-0553
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mbeall@upmd.org Ext. 300
Police Chief Harvey Baker
hbaker@upmd.org Ext. 103
Town Treasurer Daniel Baden
dbaden@comcast.net

Town Council

A ward map is available at www.upmd.org/wardmap.

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6 Grant Godfrey 202-486-2436
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University Park Police Department 301-277-0050

Chief Harvey Baker Ext. 300
Code Compliance Ext. 305
Emergency 911
Prince George's County Police
Dispatch Non-Emergency 301-352-1200

Website Notifications and Alerts

Get connected and be informed! The website is filled with the latest news and announcements, the Chief's Blog, calendar information, Council and Committee agendas,

minutes and more. Sign up online to receive notifications and alerts via email or text by visiting www.upmd.org/notifyme.

Town Police Department

The Department is located at Town Hall (6724 Baltimore Avenue). Residents are reminded to call 911 for emergencies or to report suspicious activity and a UP Officer will be dispatched. Residents should report non-emergency requests to Prince George's County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency number listed above. If a resident has a question, please call the office Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Nixle Public Safety Alerts

Residents can receive real-time alerts for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

Notary Services

Residents may receive free notary services at Town Hall. Remote notary services are also available. Please call the Police Department to schedule an appointment.

Home Security Rebate

Residents who have purchased and installed a new home security system costing \$150 or more are eligible for a \$100 rebate. Please contact the Police Department for more information.

Special Services

Please call the Police Department to schedule an appointment for Child Safety Seat Installation or House Security Survey.

Reporting Traffic Issues

Residents can report traffic issues online. Visit www.upmd.org/Traffic to make a report.

Leash Law

All dogs must be leashed when not on owner's property. All dog walkers must bag their pet's waste and dispose of the bags in a trash receptacle.

Building Permits

All UP residents planning any construction projects on their property must contact the Town Clerk's office to determine whether a Town permit is required. Town building permit applications requiring a variance must be received by the Town Clerk's office no later than five (5) days before a Council meeting. Residents requesting a variance must attend the Council meeting. The Town Building Permit Application is online at www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp.

Rentals Require Permits

Anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park must obtain a rental permit. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$400 per year and requires a yearly inspection. The Rental Property License Application can be found online at www.upmd.org/BuildingPermitApp under Rentals.

Parking Permits

Residents who rent may obtain a parking permit from the Town Clerk's office. View the Town Code Section 9-104 at www.upmd.org/Code to learn which streets have restricted parking.

UP Vehicle Stickers

University Park homeowners may obtain one blue and white UP sticker per licensed vehicle for free. Display the sticker on the driver's side of your car's rear bumper or low on the rear window. Contact the Town Clerk's office to obtain a sticker.

Trash & Bulk Trash Collection

Trash is collected from the green cart on Tuesdays. Place the cart outside at the curb by 7 a.m. Visit www.upmd.org/Bulktrash to arrange for a Tuesday bulk trash pick-up. All mattresses and box spring must be bagged for collection. The Town requires a \$20 payment (cash or check only) for each item containing refrigerants or other gases, including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers and refrigerators. Checks should be made out to the Town of University Park and submitted to the Town Clerk prior to scheduling the pick-up. Visit www.upmd.org/trash for a detailed list of unacceptable items that will not be collected. Items such as TVs and electronics will not be collected. Residents can bring these items to the semi-annual electronics recycling events or to the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro.

Trash & Recycling Carts

Do not put trash and recycling carts out earlier than the night before your scheduled pick-up days. It is the resident's responsibility to return the cart from the curb on the same day after pick-up. Carts stored outside must be out of view from the street. If the most convenient place to locate your carts is a visible one, consider installing wooden surrounds, barrier walls or lattice and plants.

Recycling

Recycling is collected from the blue single-stream recycling cart on Thursdays. Place the cart outside at the curb by 7 a.m. Plastic bags and all other sheet-like plastic are prohibited from County and Town recycling. Items for collection:

- many plastics including food containers numbered 1-7, cups and tableware, plant pots and Rx containers

- clothes hangers
- all glass except mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass and windowpanes
- mixed paper including telephone books, magazines, boxes, rinsed milk & juice aseptic cartons, envelopes and newspapers, etc.
- some metal including aerosol cans, aluminum foil, aluminum and metal food & beverage containers

Please rinse all containers so they are free of food and grease. Labels, tabs and lids are allowed. Dry cell batteries weighing less than two pounds may be recycled at the Town Hall. Please pad the positive end of each battery with a strip of tape.

Yard Waste and Compost

Yard waste and compost are collected on Mondays. Yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, so it is important to keep it free of trash, rocks and other debris. **Bamboo is considered trash.** Please put yard waste out only on the evening before collection in a bin or brown paper bag. **Plastic bags are prohibited.** To participate in the compost program, email Public Works Director Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org. For more information visit www.upmd.org/Compost.

Leaf Collection

Town Public Works crews collect leaves by vacuum from November through early January. Residents should rake their leaves up to the curb line for collection. *Do not rake leaves into the gutters or street. Please keep leaf piles free of sticks, stones and other debris, as they can damage the vacuum equipment.*

Snow Removal

All residents are required to remove snow from their public front sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. For more information including snow emergency parking restrictions, visit www.upmd.org/Snow-Winter-Operations.

Electronics, Paint and Tire Recycling, Paper Shredding

Every spring and fall, the Town holds a recycling and paper shredding event at University Park Elementary School. Residents may recycle electronics and shred papers at no cost. Hard drive destruction is available for a nominal fee and paint recycling is available for \$5/container, regardless of size. All paint must be in the original container. Visit www.upmd.org/Recycling-List for a detailed list of acceptable/unacceptable items.

Tax Address

Be sure to use University Park (not Hyattsville) as your address on your Maryland income tax forms. Designating University Park as your address ensures the Town receives its appropriate share of state taxes for Town services.



Please clip & save!

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bioretention Pond Planting, 9 AM-3 PM	Town Holiday	Trash, Bulk Trash	Yard Waste Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	Development Overview Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom	Recycling	Bioretention Pond Planting, 9AM-3 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Trash, Bulk Trash	Yard Waste Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, 7:30 PM via Zoom		Recycling	Second Saturday Lecture: Police Meet & Greet, 4 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Yard Waste, Town Council, 7:30 PM	Trash, Bulk Trash After- Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM		Public Facilities & Services, 7:30 PM via Zoom, Movie Night in the Park, 6:30 PM	Recycling	tronics, Tire & Paint Recycling, Paper Shredding, 9 AM-1 PM Tai Chi Chuan Class, 8-9 AM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Yard Waste	Trash, Bulk Trash	Helping Hands University Park, 5:30 via Zoom		Recycling	Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, 10 AM-2 PM
29	30	31				
	Yard Waste	Trash, Bulk Trash, Halloween Trick-or-Treating, 6-8 PM				Town Leaf Collection Begins in November



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 Chief Harvey Baker 301-277-0051

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3	Laurie Morrissey	301-906-0276
4	Nathaniel Morgan	301-850-4249
5	David McGaughey	301-664-4030
6	Grant Godfrey	202-486-2436
7	William Sweet	301-541-7642

NEWSLETTER

The November newsletter deadline is Friday, October 6. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined November issue. Newsletter submissions, questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org/newsletter. Editors Todd Stewart & Bridget Warren univparknews@gmail.com 301-209-7341

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