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MAYOR'S COLUMN

The Town Election is around the corner. I will not be running for reelection so that I can focus more time on the things that matter to me personally. Many of you are involved in various town activities and are passionate about community issues, and I know there will always be someone ready to take over this role. Anyone who thinks they could serve the town well as mayor or councilmember in Wards 1, 3, and 7 has until April 8 to submit their nomination papers. Visit the town website at <https://upmd.org/184/Town-Elections> for more information.

The draft budget has been sent to the Council as of April 1. I have included a provision to restart the town transit program, but the ultimate decision belongs to the Council. The town solicited public input via a survey,

but if you have any additional comments to share, please leverage the public comment period at council meetings or email your thoughts to the Town Clerk to have them read into the record.

Recently, the Town Council voted to make this month "No Mow April" to promote the health and population of various pollinators, and residents are encouraged to participate. We know that by the end of the month, our good intentions can also promote weeds spreading around town. Ticks also thrive in the longer grass thus the Public Works Department will be mowing the grass near our public trails, and if the Town Hall grass gets too long, they will tend to it. We will deliberately leave patches of longer grass in our parks and public spaces to promote pollinators.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	April 1 & 15
Recycling Event	April 20, 9 AM-Noon
Town Election	May 7

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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On Saturday, April 20, from 9am - 12pm, we are hosting the next twice-annual Town Recycling event. This is your opportunity to dispose of electronics, tires, paint (in their original containers), and EPS Styrofoam in a responsible manner. There will also be an onsite paper-shredding service. This same day, there will be a townwide yard sale from 9am - 2pm. This will be a great day to declutter!

The Azalea Classic 5K is also coming up on May 4. For avid runners who like to compete in races, participating in the Azalea Classic will get you an official time to use when signing up for other races. The money raised from this event supports many of the programs at University Park Elementary School. More information is available at www.AzaleaClassic.com

In closing, please keep the many animals at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter in mind, especially if you are looking for a new addition to your family!

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

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



Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 24-O-3

On April 1, 2024, Ordinance 24-O-03 was introduced. This Ordinance would amend the FY 2024 Budget Ordinance, Legislative Resolution 23-O-03, to transfer funds from the Police and Public Safety Salaries and Payroll, Taxes and Benefits line items, and from the Unreserved, Reserved and Service Funds line item to the P27 – Police Vehicles line item to enable purchase of a police cruiser in the amount of \$65,000 and to transfer funds from Public Works Snow Removal and Consulting Arborist line items, and from Unreserved / Undesignated funds, to the S-3 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance line item to pay for several Department of Public Works projects.

The meeting set for April 15, 2024, 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.



Free Tax Advice

AARP Tax Assistance Though designed for low and moderate income seniors, anyone who needs to file a federal and Maryland tax return can make use of the Tax Aide service. Certain tax situations are not eligible (like rental income or extensive self-employment). By appointment only. To find a convenient location, use https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations/

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is designed for people who make less than \$64,000. Volunteers are certified by IRS and the state. To locate a site: irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/ Locations are by appointment.

FROM THE CHIEF

Daylight saving time signals the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Warmer weather is on its way. It also indicates the loss of an extra hour of sleep for those who like to sleep in. More evening daylight encourages us to increase our outdoor activities. These activities may include yard work, auto repairs, riding a bike or taking a long walk with a friend. Springtime in University Park is exciting, with residents and visitors active throughout the Town. Typically, crime decreases when we move the clock ahead one hour.

The University Park Police understand crime is cyclical and patterns can change. As such we are seeking residents to partner with us to keep the Town safe and are looking for volunteers to join our Civilian Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT Team is an active group of volunteers trained in basic disaster response skills, such as:

- Fire safety
- Light search and rescue
- Team organization
- Disaster medical operations

The CERT Team also plays a pivotal role in the safety of community members during various events in town, including the Azalea Classic, DEA Drug Take Back, and the town-wide halloween celebration. In addition, we're looking to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program, which relies on the vigilance and dedication of residents to keep our community safe. While law enforcement works tirelessly, they cannot be everywhere at all times. By joining the Neighborhood Watch Program, residents become extra eyes and ears for law enforcement, contributing to the overall safety of University Park.

If you're interested in volunteering for these community service opportunities and making a difference in our town, please reach out to Ned Goldberg at ned.goldberg@gmail.com for CERT or email me, Chief Harvey Baker, at hbaker@upmd.org for the Neighborhood Watch Program. Participating in these initiatives not only enhances community safety but also provides an excellent opportunity to forge connections with your neighbors and strengthen your bond with the police department through meaningful community service. We look forward to your participation and collaboration in making University Park a safe and vibrant place for all residents and visitors alike.

Crime Report

Attempted Auto Theft On February 17 at 9:21 PM, a resident in the 4200 Block of Sheridan St., reported that he heard his vehicle alarm sounding. When he checked on his parked vehicle, he noticed it had damage consistent with an attempted theft. There are no suspects currently.

Assault On March 8 at 6:48 PM, University Park Police received a complaint of a serious assault involving two females on Underwood Street at Baltimore Avenue. When the officer arrived, he found the victim injured and speaking with a resident who called 911. Cpl. Shepherd noticed the suspect drive off as he checked on Ms. Guerra's welfare. Ms. Guerra had a cut on her leg and indicated the suspect kicked her out of the vehicle and hit her on the back of the head with a bottle of beer and continued to strike her until she lost consciousness. Due to her injuries Ms. Guerra was transported by Prince George's Emergency Services Ambulance to Capital Regional Medical Center, where she was admitted for treatment. On March 9 P/O Chase obtained an adult arrest warrant charging Yansi M. Mejia-Guerra, with First-Degree Assault and Second-Degree Assault. Prince George's County Sheriff Department will serve the open arrest warrant.



DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27, 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. UP 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.

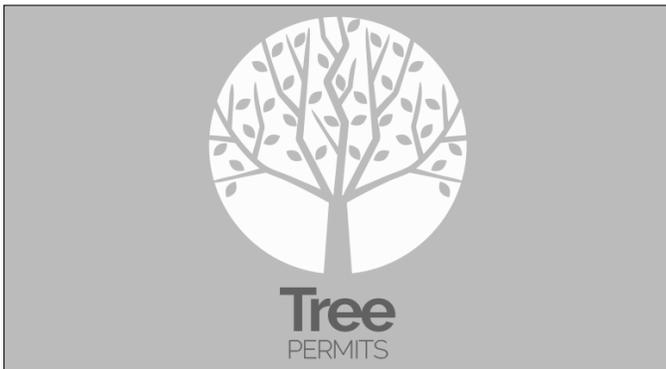
If you are unable stop by Town Hall during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please follow these

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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



Public Works News

Private Property Tree Removal Ordinance

The Town Council passed legislation in June of 2022 which requires property owners who wish to take down a tree to submit a removal permit application if the tree is greater than 50" in circumference. The request includes a removal request application and an arborist consultation release. Property owners who are considering removing a tree should visit the "How Do I" page of the Town website to find the Tree Removal Permit Request. Once received, staff will coordinate with the property owner and arborist as necessary to issue the permit. For more info: upmd.org/373/Tree-Reimbursements-Tree-Removal-Permits

Tree Committee News

Small Habitats for Sunny and Shady Yards

If you want to establish additional habitat for pollinators, birds, and toads, you might consider one of these two strategies, dependent on the amount of sunlight in your yard.

Shady Yards: Mini Fern Grove The Sustainability Committee has pioneered this concept in University Park, just north of the water catchment in the parkland adjacent to the western spur of Wells Parkway. Basically, all you

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need do is plant a grouping of native ferns at minimum spacing. The Wells Parkway Fern Grove can be emulated and achieved by two people in one afternoon. You can get further ambitious and work in some dead wood and call your grove a stumpery (for further on stumperies, see gardenmyths.com/stumpery-garden-ferns).

Sunny yards Long practiced in Japan and more recently on the west coast, the Miyawaki Method microforest is an emerging concept in urban settings on the east coast. This requires an available 130 square feet in full sun. It is quite an undertaking but worth the return. Consult the details at architecturaldigest.in/content/how-to-use-miyawaki-method-grow-mini-forest-minimal-space-home-garden. If you'd like to see this done on town land, please contact TPE at TreeComm@upmd.org

Ivy League, Saturday, 13 April, 10 AM- 12 PM The Ivy League meets most months, offering a volunteer opportunity to remove English ivy from the town's trees. All that's required is a pair of hand pruners and a prying tool (mini breaker bar, dandelion weeder, large screwdriver etc.), which we will provide if you don't have one. Receive a custom Ivy League bandana after only five sessions. This is a wonderfully organic way to give back to the town, meet some neighbors, and enjoy the outdoors. Meet at the end of Tennyson Ave, in the park at end of soccer field. Community Service vouchers will be signed on site.

Sustainability Committee News

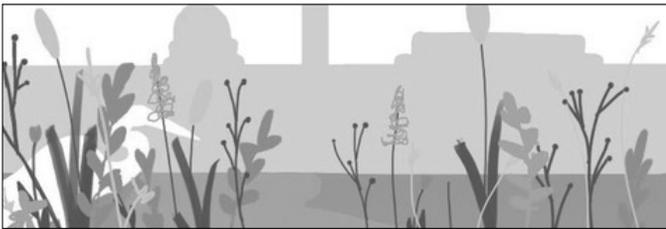
No Mow April, Low Mow April

How exactly will allowing my lawn to grow benefit pollinators? Mowing your lawn less allows flowering plants to bloom, providing bees and other pollinators with the nectar and pollen that they rely on to feed themselves as

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well as their offspring. Longer grass can also provide other benefits to invertebrates including shelter. The more varied structure created by longer grass will support more than just bees, including ground beetles as well as some species of butterflies that use grasses as host plants. The fiery skipper and sagemore are two examples of butterflies whose caterpillars utilize lawn grasses. Keep an eye out for the hairy bittercress weed and remove on sight—it's highly invasive. Also, if you saw multiple ticks on your property during No Mow April last year, please mow for resident and pet health and wellbeing. More info here: beecityusa.org/no-mow-may-low-mow-spring-faqs/

Meadow Restoration and Seeding, Saturday, April 6, 10 AM at the UP Pollinator Meadow on Adelphi Road. Please wear work gloves and outdoor clothes. Bring a bucket!



UP Stream Clean Up with Anacostia Watershed Society, Saturday, April 20, 10 AM Happy Earth Day! UP Sustainability has partnered with Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) for our Stream Clean Up at the Town Park on Queens Chapel Road next to the Elementary school. AWS needs all volunteers to sign a release to participate. Please wear outdoor, water resistant clothes. Rain or shine. Families are welcome! Here is the link to sign up: anacostiaws.salsalabs.org/earthday2024-universityparkwellstrun

Helping Hands University Park



**Helping Hands
University Park**

Notice to all HHUP members and volunteers: HHUP will be holding a business meeting/social gathering on Saturday, April 27 from 2:00-3:30 PM. We will meet at the PG Plaza Community Center on Adelphi

Rd. to share ideas, afternoon tea, and good company. Check your email for the official invitation.

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

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, April 17, 12-1 PM In person. Members and volunteers social gathering. Location changes every month. Become a member and join us!

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 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.

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.

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.

February 20 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

A resident asked the Council to consider dedicating the bridge at Van Buren Street and Wells Parkway to Jim and Joanne Fletcher, who lived across the street from the bridge since the 1930s.

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee CM Gathercole reported that the Committee met on February 14, 2024. The Committee discussed speed cameras on Queens Chapel Road and Wells Parkway. A speed camera was recently placed on College Heights Drive. There were 47,000 automated speed enforcement citations issued in 2023 and 49,000 in 2022. The Committee also discussed whether there should be a town-wide traffic study or a case-by-case traffic study in troubled areas; it was decided that more traffic counts should be done to determine how to proceed.

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Sustainability Committee CM Dubayah reported that the Sustainability Committee met on February 13, 2024. There was an update on the capstone projects that Andy Fellows is running at the University of Maryland. His team has been working on a tool that will help the Town interact better with the community about residential sustainability. Also, a project involving monitoring stormwater was in the works. Meadow restoration and seeding were planned for March 16, 2024. He noted that the Sustainability Committee should weigh in on next year's budget spending regarding the Town Climate Plan.

Public Facilities Services Committee CM Morgan reported that the Committee will meet on February 22, 2024, to make up for the missed Committee meeting that was scheduled for February 15, 2024.

Mayor Biermann Mayor Biermann reported that he requested a \$500,000 grant from the state delegation; if granted, the money will go towards Town Hall. He also reported on the status of the bridges, noting that one of the concrete entrance points needs to be replaced due to a minor deficiency found in an inspection; the replacement is likely to be completed before April 2024. A clean inspection is required for opening the bridges. Mayor Biermann informed the Council that there will be a budget meeting in March 2024.

New Business

Motion: To approve food truck sales on Queens Chapel Road near the Town Field in conjunction with the Spring Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 24, 2024 (for up to three hours), and to waive any applicable fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve an increase in the scope of work and related costs to replace three inverters, install touch-safe fuses and provide for as-built drawings. The new contract would total \$40,115. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion: To approve the transfer of additional funds (\$16,561) from G32 – Stormwater Management Design, Engineering and Construction to G24 – Solar Array Maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To direct the Mayor and Town Attorney to draft a letter to the Planning Board in support of the Library Apartments Detailed Site Plan consistent with

the DOC discussion and with the modifications as listed in the Hyattsville letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Interim Town Administrator Ms. Lawrence reported that she has worked on the recruitment materials for the permanent Town Administrator and will circulate them among the subcommittee soon for input. The materials will be included in the next Council meeting packet for review.

Town Clerk Ms. Hegeman noted that she was pleased that residents liked the Resident Guide and pointed out that the guide was a team effort.

Chief of Police Chief Baker reported an attempted auto theft on February 17, 2024. The vehicle's alarm alerted the owner who then saw the thief flee. He reiterated the 9 PM routine that involves residents setting a nightly alarm on their cellphone to remind them to remove their valuables from their vehicles and lock their vehicle doors. Chief Baker noted that a family dance event will take place at University Park Elementary school on March 6, 2024, at 6 PM and Career Day is on March 15, 2024, at the school from 8 AM to 11:30 AM.

Director of Public Works Mr. Beall reported on the stormwater MOU with Prince George's County specific to Pineway, noting that the engineer was revising documents which the Council will receive soon for resubmission to Prince George's County's environment department to move the process forward.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:01 PM.

March 4 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Public Facilities Services Committee CM Morgan reported that the Committee met on February 29, 2024 and discussed the Town Hall site redevelopment with three options from the architect.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee CM Morrissey reported that the subcommittee met with Ms. Lawrence to review and revise the recruitment profile job

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description and expectations for applicants. They also revised the timeline and plan to email those materials to the full council and the mayor during the week of March 11, 2024, for consideration at the March 18, 2024, Council meeting. CM Morrissey added that the work on the policy for stray animal care is in progress.

Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee CM Gathercole reported that the Committee will not meet in March. She reminded people to follow the traffic calming ordinance when they do anything on their streets or blocks.

Development Committee CM McGaughey noted that the Development Committee will not have a meeting in March 2024, as there are no pending developments to discuss.

Mayor Biermann Mayor Biermann mentioned the bridges did not pass an ADA compliance check, and the bridge company's project manager has been on vacation.

New Business

Motion: *To approve the appointment of Carol Bourne Klein to the Helping Hands Committee effectively immediately.* Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Support of or Opposition to State Legislative Agenda – SB 155, HB 282, HB 364, HB 912, and SB 672

SB 155—Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems: CM Godfrey shared that residents reported increased road noise, which can have adverse health impacts. Some modify their vehicles illegally, making it difficult for police to enforce noise standards.

HB 282—Speed Monitoring Systems—Agencies—Statements and Certificates of Violations: It was noted that the police officer must review all the speed monitoring systems to see whether they are working correctly or improperly. Therefore, HB 282 will allow the office to do that instead.

HB 364—Prince George's County—Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems: Prince George's County sought permission to automate the enforcement of vehicles not stopping at stop signs, similar to DC. At this time, the proposal was noted only for Prince George's County.

HB 912—Public Safety—Safe Neighborhoods Pilot Program: CM Godfrey expressed concern that University Park residents may not be eligible for security devices under the bill. Mayor Biermann explained that the chief would only market and advertise the home security devices to people.

SB 672—Vehicle Laws—Automated Enforcement Cita

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tions and Notices: It was noted that the bill was for administrative efficiency purposes.

Motion: *To approve the Mayor and/or Staff to represent the Town's support of the following legislation during the 2024 session: SB 155, HB 282, HB 364, HB 912, and SB 672.* Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8 PM.



UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, April 8, 12 PM

This month's University Park Woman's Club program is "Hummingbirds in Maryland: Migration and More." Our guest speaker will be Rick Borchelt, recently retired from the US Dept. of Energy Office of Science. Since hummingbird migration starts in April, the talk will feature ruby throated hummingbirds, common in our area. He will also discuss how to make or buy a feeder, what to watch for at the feeder and the little known phenomenon of hummingbirds wintering in Maryland. The meeting will be in-person at the University Christian Church at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads in Hyattsville. Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to cmd9514@gmail.com.

2nd Saturday Lecture Series

Saturday, April 13, 4 PM



The Campus Community Connection encourages students and faculty at the University of Maryland to explore community-based projects with local government jurisdictions. Project goals are aimed at greater sustainability and resiliency for the University and its surrounding communities, strengthening ties between the campus and its neighbors, and fulfilling academic objectives while providing real-world experience and visible results

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for participants. University Park and its neighboring communities have identified 80 projects to collaboratively achieve with the University.

Andrew Fellows, former Mayor of College Park (2009-2015), works to build a model university community that is thriving, diverse, equitable, sustainable, inclusive, and fun. He arrived in College Park as a graduate student at the University of Maryland in 1991, stayed beyond his student years to serve on the city council for six years, then as Mayor for six years. In 2015, he was hired at the University of Maryland and is currently a faculty specialist with the College of Information Studies. Fellows will discuss lessons learned through town gown strategies in the past three decades in College Park.



UPCA Yard Sale

Saturday, April 20, 9 AM-2 PM

To be listed on the yard sale map please fill out the form here: bit.ly/UPYardSale24

Look out for details on BBQ Bill & Ice Cream at the UPES bus circle! If you are interested in setting up in the UPES parking lot list UPES as your location.

Azalea Classic

Saturday, May 4



The Azalea Classic is finally here! Please register to participate in the 5K, 1-mile, or 1K run at www.azaleaclassic.com. Registration rates increase on April 14, so this is your chance to get the early-bird price and guarantee your size in this year's vibrant green race shirt. Interested in helping out? We need you! Consider volunteering for a wide

array of jobs between now and race day. If you or your organization (church, club, etc.) are interested in helping, email upesazaleaclassic5K@gmail.com and we can find the perfect job for you!



University Park Woman's Club Scholarships

For over 75 years, the University Park Women's Club has proudly awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing further education. The information about the scholarships, including the application and instructions, has been updated and is on our website upwomensclub.org. **Please note that the deadline to apply is April 8.** Applications must be received by that date.

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

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

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

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

Community Mosquito Control Program

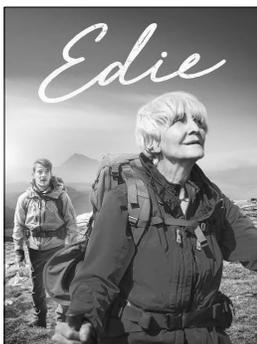


Hello neighbors! April is the time to prepare for summer mosquito season. If you already own mosquito traps, clean and assemble them. The parts can be washed in the dishwasher; just don't use heat to dry. If you need

new parts or want to order new traps go to the Biogents website: us-shop.biogents.com/collections/frontage. Look around your yard for places water can accumulate and empty or dunk or screen.

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

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Monday, April 11, 7-9 PM*



This month's film is *Edie* (2017). 83-year-old Edith Moore had a long-held dream to climb a glacier-carved mountain called Suilven in Scotland. Portrayed by Sheila Hancock, Edie says, "I've wasted so much time doing nothing. I can't give this up now." All are welcome to the monthly screenings and discussions of independent films at the Hyattsville Library.

Maryland Day, Saturday, April 27, 10 AM-4 PM The University of Maryland campus-wide celebration includes over 300 activities in five "learning neighborhoods" that encourage attendees to tap into our fearless world of discovery and new ideas.

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Riversdale House Museum



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

Historic House Tours, *Fridays and Sundays* Tours depart from the Visitor Center at noon and 2 PM.

An introduction begins 5 minutes prior to departure. Please arrive early to purchase your tickets at the Visitor Center. Pre-registration not required. Adults: \$5; seniors, \$4; ages -18 and students with ID, \$2; 4 & under free.

Kitchen Demonstration, *Sunday, April 7, 12-3:30 PM*

Join the Riversdale Kitchen Guild over the open hearth as they highlight spring-themed recipes using 19th-century techniques.



Kitchen Demonstration, *Sunday, April*

21, 12-3:30 PM Join the Riversdale Kitchen Guild over the open hearth as they highlight recipes using milk or dairy products using 19th-century techniques.



College Park Arts Exchange

All events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted.

Beech Tree Puppets, Saturday, April 13, 11 AM The *Crystal Ball* is a folk tale for all ages. Follow the young prince on his journey to save his brothers who have been transformed into animals by an evil sorceress. He overcomes great challenges, including two giants and a fierce

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dragon, to save his brothers and win the princess. For our production we have adapted the Grimm brothers' text, written songs and hand-crafted the puppets and sets from silk, wool and wood. We guide the multi-cultural marionettes as well as narrate, sing and play instruments during the performance.

CPAE Arts Drop In, *Saturday, April 20* At College Park Community Center, 5101 Pierce Avenue in Lakeland, 9:30-11:30 AM, and at Old Parish House, 12:30-2 PM. Arts Drop In is a fun, materials-based activities for children ages 3-8 with their caregivers, led by Ian Rogers, a local artist and Early Childhood Educator with 30 years' experience.

Shop Locally this Spring at Farmers Markets



You can eat locally grown produce year-round by shopping at these markets within a 5-mile radius. Some markets are open now or are opening soon. Please check farmers market websites and social media pages for updates.

Riverdale Park Farmers Market, open now
4650 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737
Thursday 3-7 PM

College Park Farmers Market opens, 4/27
5211 Paint Branch Pkwy.
College Park, Maryland 20740
Saturday 8 AM-Noon

Farmers Market at Maryland, opens 4/3
University of Maryland Tawes Plaza Garden
3900 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20742
www.farmersmarket.umd.edu
Virtual/online ordering only due to pandemic.

Crossroads Farmers Market, opens 4/24
Anne Street at University Blvd. East
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912
Wednesday 11 AM-2:30 PM



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 well over 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. In 2023, we served over 8,000 families in need with an overall average of 4.6 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 and search stmarkfoodpantry 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 9:30 AM-12 PM at the above address. All are welcome.



Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. Remember to pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in public trash cans or your own trash can. Sign up your animal(s) in the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>.

ELECTRONICS, TIRE, PAINT & EPS (STYROFOAM) RECYCLING AND PAPER SHREDDING

Saturday, April 20, 9 AM-Noon

**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 Electronics 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

Brown compost carts have been delivered to those that ordered them!

What can I compost?

¿Qué se Puede Compostar?



Compost These!
!Esto se Composta!

Yard Trim

Recortes de Jardí

Bread, Pasta and Grains

Pan, Pasta y Granos

Dairy Products

Productos Lácteos

Fruits and Vegetables

Frutas y Vegetales

Meat and Bones

Carne y Huesos



Seafood and Shellfish

Pescados y Mariscos

Uncoated Paper Plate and Bags

Bolsas y Platos de Papel Sin
Recubrimiento

Eggs and Egg Shells

Huevos y Cáscaras de Huevo

Tea Bags and Loose Tea

Bolsas de Té y Té a Granel

Paper Towels and Napkins

Toallitas de Papel y Servilletas

Paper Ice Cream Containers

Contenedor de Helado de Papel

Pizza Boxes

Cajas de Pizza

Coffee Grounds and Filters

Granos de Café y Filtros

Leftovers

Restos de Comida

Food-soiled Paper

Papel Sucio con Restos de
Comida





NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

The Offices of

MAYOR

Councilmember Ward 1

Councilmember Ward 3

Councilmember Ward 7

on

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

Poll hours will be conducted from 1-8 p.m. at Town Hall (6724 Baltimore Avenue).

You are encouraged to vote by mail or drop box but may vote in person on Election Day.

Ballot packets will be mailed to every registered Town voter with instructions. Ballots can be returned during poll hours, by mail, or by drop box – an exterior, locked drop box located at Town Hall. If you do not receive a ballot, lose your ballot, or need help, visit Town Hall during poll hours on Election Day, or contact the Town Clerk before Election Day for assistance. **A ballot must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.**

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Residents may register to vote the following ways:

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

OR

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

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

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

CANDIDATES:

Candidate packets (Candidate Petition and Financial Disclosure Statement) must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by April 8, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. Packets are available on the Town's website at www.upmd.org/2024CandidateInfo.

DEADLINES:

Monday, April 8, 2024 is the last day to register to vote.

Monday, April 8, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. is the last day to file as a candidate.

Thursday, May 2, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. is the last day to file as a qualified write-in candidate.

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

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Audubon Native Alternatives to Common Ornamental Plants

Plant THIS

Not THAT



« joe pye weed · *Eupatorium maculatum*
sweet pepperbush · *Clethra alnifolia* »



butterfly bush · *Buddleia davidii*
attracts pollinators, full sun



« Virginia creeper · *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
coral honeysuckle · *Lonicera sempervirens* »



English ivy · *Hedera helix*
shade-tolerant, evergreen



« inkberry · *Ilex glabra*
globe arborvitae · *Thuja occidentalis*
'Fire Chief'



Japanese barberry · *Berberis thunbergii* & boxwood · *Buxus*
deer-resistant, evergreen



« highbush blueberry · *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Arrowwood viburnum · *Viburnum dentatum*
'Red Feather'



burning bush · *Euonymus alatus*
fall foliage



« spicebush · *Lindera benzoin*
witch hazel · *Hamamelis virginiana* »



forsythia · *Forsythia*
yellow flowers, early spring bloomer



« golden ragwort · *Packera aurea*
woodland phlox · *Phlox divaricata* »



Japanese spurge · *Pachysandra terminalis*
shade-tolerant, evergreen, groundcover



« little bluestem · *Schizachyrium scoparium*
switchgrass · *Panicum virgatum* »



fountain grass · *Pennisetum setaceum*
clump-forming, statement grass



« red chokeberry · *Aronia arbutifolia*
winterberry · *Ilex verticillata* »



privet · *Ligustrum*
hedge, berries



« wild ginger · *Asarum canadense*
coralbells · *Heuchera sanguinea* »



hosta · *Hosta*
shade-tolerant, foliage



« field sedge · *Carex praegracilis*
red fescue · *Festuca rubra* »



turf grass · *varied species*
durable, able to mow to desired height



April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Town committees meet regularly, please check the website for current details.	1 Town Council, 7:30 Yard Waste & Compost	2 Trash, Bulk Trash	3	4	5 Recycling	6 Meadow Restoration and Seeding, 10 AM
7	8 Yard Waste & Compost UPWC Meeting, 12 PM	9 Trash, Bulk Trash	10	11	12 Recycling	13 Ivy League, 10AM-12 PM 2nd Saturday Lecture Series, 4-6 PM
14	15 Town Council, 7:30 Yard Waste & Compost	16 Trash, Bulk Trash	17	18	19 Recycling	20 Town Recycling Event, 9 AM-1 PM UPCA Yard Sale, 9 AM-2 PM
21	22 Yard Waste & Compost	23 Trash, Bulk Trash	24	25	26 Recycling Arbor Day Celebration, UPES Cafeteria, 12:45-1:15 PM	27 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 10 AM-2 PM
28	29 Yard Waste & Compost	30 Trash, Bulk Trash		Azalea Classic Saturday, May 4	Town Election, Tuesday, May 7	



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6	Grant Godfrey	202-486-2436
7	William Sweet	301-541-7642

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