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MAYOR'S COLUMN

The Town Election is Tuesday, May 7. In last month's newsletter, I announced that I would withdraw from the mayor's race to focus on those things that matter to me personally. In case you missed it, I'm sharing the news again. Governor Moore appointed me to serve on the Maryland Veteran's Home Commission, and the State Senate confirmed the nomination on March 29. Beginning July 1, I will begin serving Maryland Veterans during a five-year term, ensuring they receive the most passionate advocacy I can give them.

The annual Azalea Classic 5K is this Saturday, May 4. For avid runners who like to compete in races, participating in the Azalea Classic provides an official time for use when signing up for other races. The money raised from this event goes to a good cause—supporting many

of the programs at University Park Elementary School. More information is available at www.AzaleaClassic.com

At the official ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 18 at 10 am, we will celebrate the installation of the two new pedestrian bridges on Wells Parkway at the intersections of Beechwood and Van Buren. We opened the bridges as soon as possible but want to formally recognize this achievement. The ceremony will be at the Beechwood pedestrian bridge. Please join us as we officially celebrate these two monuments to progress and getting things done.

University Park will recognize the week of May 19 as VegWeek. Councilmember Gathercole (Ward 2) recommended this to promote plant-based eating and the posi-

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	May 6 & 20
Town Election	May 7
Town Holiday	May 27

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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tive effects it may have on our individual health, life expectancy, animal welfare, sustainability, the environment and more. For additional information, please see page 5 of this newsletter. You may also reach out directly to Ms. Gathercole if you are interested in learning more about local offerings during this time (mgathercole@upmd.org).

Finally, as you know, I am passionate about the welfare of animals. I am happy to announce that the Council recently approved a \$4,000 grant to A Cat's Life Rescue (www.acatsliferescue.org or 202-431-0788). This money comes from our current operating budget's line item for Trap, Neuter, and Release programs. Residents who would like help with trapping, spaying/neutering, and vaccinating feral cats in town should contact A Cat's Life Rescue for assistance made possible by this grant. And, as always, if you are looking for another pet in your family, please do not overlook the many animals at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter anxiously 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

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 24-O-04

On April 15, 2024, Ordinance 24-O-04 was introduced. This ordinance would adopt and levy a tax rate of Forty-seven and 63/100 cents (\$0.4763) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of full value assessment on all taxable real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of University Park, Maryland and a two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of full value assessment on all taxable personal property located within the corporate limits of the Town; and would appropriate and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

The meeting set for May 6, 2024, is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. The Council is required to adopt the budget for the coming fiscal year on or before May 31, 2024. For more information or copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.



GRAND OPENING

Mayor Joel Biermann & the Town Council cordially invite you to a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the newly installed pedestrian bridges

Saturday, May 18, 10 AM
Wells Parkway &

THE UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
MAY 31 @ 6:30 PM
MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK
TROLLS BAND TOGETHER
FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
UPMD.ORG/POLICE
UNIVERSITY PARK TOWN FIELD
6520 QUEENS CHAPEL ROAD

FROM THE CHIEF

Finding parking in the Town of University Park can be challenging, especially if you are attempting to find parking on one of the narrower streets and off-street parking for residents is not available. This can be more difficult when vehicles are parked long-term or when vehicle owners park on a street in University Park and walk off or commute to their destination. Well-meaning drivers may unintentionally aggravate the issue by parking too close to a stop sign or partially blocking a driveway. Another issue arises when drivers park hastily, leaving their vehicle parked left to curb (facing against the flow of traffic).

The University Park Police recognize the importance of parking management and thus provide three areas of service: parking control, ticketing/written warnings, and impoundment of abandoned vehicles without current registration that have been parked on a town street for more than 72 hours. The goal is to ensure available parking is accessible to all and to enhance safety on the town's roadways.

Recognizing that selective enforcement of parking regulations has proven ineffective and hindered accessibility to parking, the decision has been made to enforce all parking violations effective July 1, 2024. This includes violations such as parking:

- against traffic with driver's side against the curb
- within any intersection
- on any Town roadway that obstructs passage along that roadway
- at the entrance of a private drive that prevents the passage of vehicles along it.
- within 30 feet on the approach to a stop sign
- within 3 feet of a stopped vehicle or the entrance to a private driveway
- within 15 feet of a fire hydrant



Residents are encouraged to review the town's parking ordinance, www.upmd.org/ParkingCode, in its entirety and to encourage family and friends to do the same. Effective parking management necessitates the cooperation, participation, and collaboration of all stakeholders.

Orderly and organized parking is an essential aspect of everyday living, and it significantly impacts various facets of daily life. Whether you are a University Park resident or a frequent visitor, proper parking is crucial to ensure smooth traffic flow, safety and accessibility. Legally parked vehicles, arranged in an orderly manner, help prevent accidents and promote safety by reducing the number of vehicles parked in the travel portion of the roadway. Orderly parking also ensures available parking spaces are accessible to residents and visitors alike.

University Park has only two parking lots on its property: one at Town Hall (for use during business hours) and the other near the tot lot, both of which offer limited parking for residents, employees and visitors. The remaining parking options consist of street parking and off street parking on private property. Given this situation, effective parking management becomes the responsibility of all community stakeholders.

Crime Report

Attempted Auto Theft On March 31 a resident in the 4100 Block of East West Hwy reported that her vehicle rear passenger side window and steering column were damaged overnight. The vehicle was locked and parked in her driveway. There are no suspects.

Breaking & Entering On March 22 a resident in the 4300 block of Underwood St. reported that her ex-husband had broken into her home. The ex-husband forced his way into the home by shattering two windows. Nothing was stolen during the incident. The ex-husband sent the resident a text message confirming that he had been inside the house. The case is being investigated.

Community Events

Come Out and Play, May 17, 5-7 PM, Queens Chapel Road at Underwood St., to 6512 Queens Chapel Rd. Come Out and Play is a family fun activity for ages, co-sponsored by Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation, who agreed to provide recreational activities for all ages. The goal of Come Out and Play is to increase community engagement with the University Park Police and the community it serves.

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Movie Night in the Park, May 31, 6:30 to 9 PM Town Field, 6512 Queens Chapel Rd.



Sustainability Committee News

Recommended Native Plants

Many UP gardeners want to plant natives but are challenged by shade. Here are some shade-loving native plants to consider for your garden: Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*), Bluestem Goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*), Mist Flower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*), White Wood Aster (*Euribia divaricatus*), Woodland Sunflower (*Helianthus divaricatus*) and Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum incanum*).

Try these ferns native to Maryland: Northern Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), Hay-Scented Fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*), Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*), Wood Fern (*Dryopteris marginalis*). For reference visit dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Documents/NativePlantList-Shade-Perennials.pdf

Meadow Restoration, Saturday May 11, 10 AM-12 PM
Wear outdoor clothes, and bring garden gloves a bucket and trowel.

Save the date: UP Meadow Day, Saturday, July 13, 9-11 AM An educational, family friendly morning with plant giveaways, butterfly displays and enjoy the Town of University Park Native Pollinator Wildflower Meadow in full bloom! (Rain date July 14.) For more information on these events please email mstwwhy@gmail.com.

Helping Hands University Park

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



Helping Hands University Park

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, May 15, 12-1 PM In person. Members and volunteers social gathering. Location changes every month. Become a member and join us!

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 5:30-6:30 PM HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to attend. Contact us by phone or email for the Zoom link.

Conversational Spanish, Wednesdays, 3-4 PM Members meet weekly to practice with instructor Edda Osborne. 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](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP).



Tree Committee News

Prune Now for the Future

If properly cared for, most trees and shrubs will outlive us, providing shade, clean air and healthy soil long into the future. The plants in our yards should be considered an important asset that requires our attention, care and maintenance. By now all deciduous trees and shrubs have leafed out and you can easily identify the dead wood by lack of leaves or needles. Now is the time to prune all dead wood to safeguard your valuable plants. Dead wood facilitates entry for insects and bacterial organisms that will eventually harm the health of or kill the plant. With the right tools, patience and coordina-

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tion, most deadwood can be pruned by the homeowner. While you have your pruning saw out, you should also remove any English ivy that is on your tree trunks. Cutting a one-foot swath around the circumference will disrupt even seemingly invincible infestations. There are many web-based articles on pruning—the Committee for Trees, Parks, and Environment recommends the University of Maryland’s Extension Service, for this and all gardening questions: extension.umd.edu/resource/

If you’d like a free pruning consultation, please contact a member of the Committee for Trees, Parks, and Environment at TreeComm@upmd.org

Ivy League, Saturday, May 11, 9-11 AM This is a wonderful way to give back to the town, meet some neighbors and enjoy the outdoors. All that is required is a pair of hand pruners and a prying tool (mini breaker bar, dandelion weeder, large screwdriver etc.) both of which we will provide if you don’t have one. Receive a custom Ivy League bandana after only five sessions. Meet on Queen’s Chapel Road, Wells Creek Bridge, across from UP Elementary School. Community Service vouchers will be signed on site.

First University Park VegWeek

At the March 28 Council Meeting, Council voted to adopt a proclamation dedicating the Week of May 19, 2024 to be the first University Park VegWeek. VegWeek is designed to support University Park's efforts to promote sustainability and public health.

The United Nations has formally recognized that “climate change is the defining issue of our time and we are at a defining moment,” and that “livestock are one of the most significant contributors to today’s most serious environmental problems.” In addition, recent studies and reports have demonstrated that we can lower our carbon footprint simply by reducing the amount of animal-based foods we eat. A whole-food, plant-based diet has been shown to use fewer resources and cause less pollution than diets incorporating animal products.

More than two-thirds of the adult population in the United States and nearly a third of children and teens are overweight or obese, and obesity is associated with a higher risk of various health ailments including heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, and type-2 diabetes. Research from the National Institutes of Health recognizes “the health risks of eating high

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amounts of red meat, which has been associated with type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, stroke and certain cancers in other studies.” As a result, a growing number of people are reducing their consumption of animal products to help prevent animal cruelty.

VegWeek can support local businesses which promote plant-based eating in the area and stimulate the local economy. There are many vegetarian and plant-based dining options in the University Park area. The Mayor and Council want to join the growing number of municipalities in recognizing VegWeek to encourage residents, restaurants, schools, grocery stores, organizations and other institutions to promote plant-based eating.

For more information on VegWeek and/or a listing of local restaurants that are supporting VegWeek and/or plant-based eating, contact Councilmember Mary Gathercole, mgathercole@upmd.org.

March 18 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 about the undeveloped lot on Queens Chapel Road, which was previously for sale but has since had activity without a sold sign being put up. The Council members were unsure of what was happening with the lot and would continue to monitor it if it came up for sale again.
- A resident sought the Council's approval to allow the police chief to experiment with traffic-curtailling methods.
- A resident spoke about road construction and access to Rivertech Court and River Road. The work will commence in the summer of 2024 and will take about eight weeks, during which time there will not be access to River Road. Therefore, people need to go around College Park.
- The town clerk read a letter from a resident expressing concern about free EV charging stations and suggested users should bear the costs.
- The town clerk read a letter from another resident questioning the lack of in-person Town meetings despite previous promises.

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Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Mayor Biermann Councilmembers were encouraged to discuss their priorities via email for budget considerations. Mayor Biermann addressed logistical issues with charging for electric chargers by exploring alternative options. Ms. Lawrence is in the process of working to create a hybrid option for meetings. CM Sweet addressed concerns about car chargers and traffic count method and requested to lead the task regarding an EV charging station proposal with Ms. Lawrence. Counting cars is a method to help identify the current difference in the amount of traffic compared to the past.

Public Facilities Services Committee CM Morgan reported that the committee will meet on March 20, 2024 to discuss the stormwater issues in Ward 5.

Sustainability Committee CM Dubayah discussed the meeting on March 11, 2024, highlighting a presentation from the University of Maryland about human-computer interfaces and a project for a home sustainability scorecard. CM Dubayah raised concerns about parking issues on 43rd and 44th Avenues, with cars parked too close to the curb and ignoring traffic laws.

Development Committee CM McGaughey said the Development Committee was planning to meet in April. CM McGaughey mentioned a rezoning change for a 12-acre property in University Hills, with no explicit notification to the Town.

New Business

Motion: To approve the appointment of Casey Kelby to the Helping Hands Committee effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the Town Administrator Recruitment profile as attached. Motion carried. The Council discussed the changes proposed for the recruitment process to include initial interviews and department head meetings. Ms. Lawrence asked about residency requirements for job applicants. The Council considered changes to the charter but not the form of government. Due to concerns about charter changes, it was suggested that the approval of the town administrator job description be delayed. The Council agreed to approve the town administrator recruitment profile and to approve the packet at the next meeting.

Motion: To direct the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee to develop a draft resolution or resolutions establishing rules of procedure for consideration by the Council, said rules to include procedures for clarifying and structuring the work of Town committees, providing for both efficiency and equity in Town Council and Committee meetings; to facilitate Council and Committee compliance with Open Meetings and Charter requirements; and to facilitate public participation and transparency in Town affairs. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Interim Town Administrator Ms. Lawrence provided a brief overview of her report in the meeting package.

Town Clerk Hegeman reminded everyone that the last day to file as a candidate and register to vote for the upcoming election is April 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Chief of Police Baker reported an attempted auto theft on February 17, 2024. Police conduct traffic enforcement in various locations throughout the Town, including Pineway. Officers actively enforce parking citations and traffic violations in designated areas, including 43rd Avenue and 44th Avenue off East-West Highway. Residents can contact Ms. Lawrence for questions about Airbnb regulations in the Town.

Town Treasurer Baden provided an overview of the February 2024 report. Mr. Baden also mentioned that police public safety and other departments have operating costs and that the town is anticipating a deficit in the speed camera revenue due to lower collection. He provided updates on Public Works, including bridge cost and cash balance.

Director of Public Works Ms. Lawrence gave an update as Mickey Beall was excused. She mentioned that the engineer found collapsed pipes during their inspection of the stormwater MOU, which WSSC's previous work may have caused. Ms. Lawrence remained hopeful and highlighted recent advocacy work that has increased the visibility of the project. Ms. Lawrence explained that the handrails on the Beechwood bridge are designed that way due to engineering requirements and floodplain issues. When questioned about the cost of redoing the handrails if they are not correct, Ms. Lawrence replied that it depends on whether the contractor or engineering firm needs to remove the concrete. She mentioned

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exposed soil on a trail and the project's new completion date.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:52 PM.

April 1 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

▪ A resident expressed ambivalence towards the bus, suggesting it's more of a status symbol for the town than a practical transportation solution. The resident also raised legal concerns about restarting the bus program and the need for on-demand paratransit, as well as the possibility of painting part of the road to make it safer for pedestrians. Finally, the resident expressed skepticism about cameras throughout town, citing concerns about civil liberties.

Mayor, Council, and Committee

Comments and Reports

Public Facilities Services Committee CM Morgan reported that the Public Facilities Services Committee met on March 21, 2024, to discuss the stormwater issue in Ward 5. Plans to prioritize the major issues are being mitigated, as the engineering solutions were not 100% propositioned. The next PFC meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2024.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee CM Morrissey noted that the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee will meet on April 4, 2024.

Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee CM Gathercole reported that the Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee will meet on April 10, 2024.

Development Committee CM McGaughey noted that the Development Committee was planning to meet on April 11, 2024, to discuss the white paper in progress and legislative language regarding the County level. CM McGaughey mentioned a rezoning change for a 12-acre property in University Hills, with no explicit notification to the Town.

Mayor Biermann Mayor Biermann reported that the bridges are finally open after they have been thoroughly in-

spected. There will be a ribbon cutting on May 18, 2024.

Continuing Business

Motion: To approve the Town Administrator job description as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Lawrence updated the Council on the town administrator job description, mentioning six applications received and no requests for the job description.

New Business

Motion: To approve the appointment of Lynne Davidson to the Helping Hands Committee effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the Proclamation declaring the week of May 19, 2024, to be the first "University Park VegWeek." Motion carried. CM Gathercole shared that many municipalities celebrate Vegweek around Earth Day. The Sustainability Committee has many events in April 2024. Therefore, the recommendation is to move the event to May 2024. CM Gathercole read the proclamation.

Motion: To defer the Pepco Permit for Feeder 14479 Reliability Improvement Project to the next Council meeting. Motion carried. Ms. Lawrence presented the Pepco Permit for Feeder 14479 Reliability Improvement Project. CM Godfrey raised concerns about the permit timeline, as the project will not take that long. In addition, the question about the sidewalk closure was asked. Ms. Ferguson noted that the timeline could be shortened and that sidewalks would not be disrupted during the project. Council members agreed to delay the permit decision to gather more information.

Motion: To introduce Ordinance 24-O-03, to authorize a budget transfer of \$25,000 from P1 Police Salaries, \$20,000 from P3 Payroll, Taxes, and Benefits and \$20,000 from Unreserved/Designated Funds F1, Vehicle Replacement into P27, Police Vehicle to purchase an unmarked police vehicle not to exceed \$65,000; and for Public Works \$26,000 from Unreserves, \$3,000 from S6 Snow Removal, and \$6,000 from B4 Consulting Arborist-Tree Ordinance to 7110-00 and move them into Street and Sidewalk Maintenance-\$9,000 and then \$26,000 to Capital Projects Fund, \$20,000 to Street Work Project and \$6,000 7133-00 Van Buren Bridge. Motion carried. Mr. Baden explained the budget adjustment that is legislative resolution 2403. This resolution amends the fiscal year 2024 budget to provide for

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the replacement of a police cruiser, which was not previously budgeted for, and to enable some public works projects mainly related to street work.

Introduction of Fiscal Year Budget The Town budget for fiscal year 2025 was proposed, with revenue and expenditure projections compared to actual figures from the prior year. Grant funding for an electric bus and a town-wide camera system was a crucial difference in the proposed budget. There is a \$541,000 operating deficit due to debt service including bonds and loans. The total budget is \$10,170,000 including General Revenue of \$5,365,533, General Expense \$5,536,749, operating deficit \$171,216, debt service \$369,932 and total deficit of \$541,148.

CM Godfrey motioned that staff prepare a list of projects expected to come forward in future years using the criteria in Section 620 of the charter. Ms. Lawrence explained that the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is a five-year planning document that outlines long-term projects, while current-year Capital Fund Projects are included in the current budget. She will distribute the draft CIP in the next couple of weeks. CM Godfrey withdrew his motion.

Mr. Baden outlined various Town capital budget projects and reserves. Reserves total approximately \$4.2 million.

Motion: To move into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Second Saturday Lecture Series

No lecture this month—wander the neighborhood and enjoy PorchFest instead. Look for us in June with a new lecture. **We're looking for presenters.** Have an interesting topic or know of someone who could make an informative presentation? Contact Dave Brosch at davidcbrosch@comcast.net.



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!

UP Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, May 6, 12 PM



This month's University Park Woman's Club program is "Getting it Together," about organizing your important documents. Carrie Sorenson, our guest speaker, is a Financial Wellness Educator with University of Maryland Extension. She focuses on teaching community members about Financial Literacy and Health Insurance Literacy. The meeting will be in-person at the University Christian

Church at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads in Hyattsville. Bring your lunch. Light snacks and water will be provided. Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Carol D'Antuono cmd9514@gmail.com.

UPCA Fundraiser

Monday, May 6, All Day



Join your friends and neighbors all day at Franklin's Restaurant, with 20 percent of what we spend coming back to the amazing University Park Civic Association for continued funding of the many UPCA events! Your job is easy—eat lunch or dinner (or both) and tell the wait staff this is for the UPCA fundraiser. Same in the store! What could be easier? Drink good beer, eat good food and shop, all to support your neighborhood. This deal is good for eat in, take out, the store and gift cards.



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>.

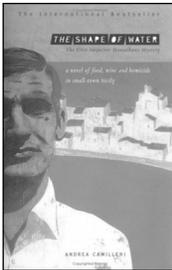
UPCA PorchFest
Saturday, May 11, 2-6 PM

Porch Fest is a grassroots, neighbor-orchestrated day of music and fun. Stroll the streets of University Park and listen to local music! We have a great lineup, and t-shirts with all performers are available this year. Shirts: my-store-caf080-2.creator-spring.com/listing/up-porchfest-2024 Check for the schedule here. facebook.com/porchfestUP



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

The After Eight Book group will be meeting in person. Attendees must be fully vaccinated. May's title is *The Shape of Water: An Inspector Montalbano Mystery* by Andrea Camilleri. 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.

UP Community Mosquito Control Program

What do mosquitoes carry? Zika, West Nile, Dengue, Chikungunya, and heartworm in cats and dogs! Help fight the bite by participating in our program. May has arrived and with it more pleasant weather, warmer temperatures...and more mosquitoes. We hope you've removed mosquito habitat from your yard and deployed your traps. Here is a list of reminders:



- Dump, drain. If it holds standing water for longer than a few days, flip it over or drain it out.
- Dunk. If you can't dump it or drain it (birdbaths, fishponds, persistent puddles) put mosquito dunks or mosquito bits in the water. They kill the mosquito larva and do no harm to other species.

▪Screen. Corrugated drainpipe is mosquito paradise! Replace it with straight sided pipe if you can. Otherwise, screen it. Tie stretchable nylon (pantyhose) around the aboveground joints. Put screen or mesh in or around the ends of the pipes.

▪Deploy. Make sure your traps are clean and set them up in your yard. The traps provide the habitat that attracts the mosquitoes and traps them so they can't escape, eliminating the adult and future generations.

Mosquito control works only if we work together as a community. Talk to your neighbors about removing standing water, putting their traps out, or getting traps. If you have new neighbors, let them know about our program and how they can participate. Check out this link to our web page on the University Park website: upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control.

If you need traps or replacement parts? Visit the Biogents website: us-shop.biogents.com/ to order the recommended BG GAT Double Set, sticky cards and replacement nets. If you don't see the replacement part you're looking for, send an email to Biogents webshop@biogents-usa.com and ask them to create a special order for you.

Contact us by email, upmosquitoc@gmail.com if you have questions or comments about our program.

Hyattsville Library Coffee and a Classic, *Bringing Up Baby*, Monday, May 6, 1-3 PM Spend an afternoon at the Hyattsville Library enjoying a cup of coffee and the film *Bringing Up Baby*, a screwball comedy classic about an heiress (Katharine Hepburn) who upsets the staid existence of a rigid zoology professor (Cary Grant).



Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, Monday, May 6, 7-9 PM This month's film is *The Great 14th: Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama in His Own Words* (2022). Come for a screening and discussion of the film that captures the essence of the 14th Dalai Lama—a man whose life has been filled with extraordinary loss, resilience and achievement. All are welcome to the monthly screenings and discussions of independent films at the Hyattsville Library.



NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

The Town of University Park
will hold an election for

Office of Mayor and
Councilmember
Wards 1, 3, and 7
on
TUESDAY, MAY 7

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

The following candidates have qualified to run for the office of:

MAYOR

Laurie K. Morrissey

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 1

(Qualified Write-In)

Ralph O. Dubayah

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 3

Casey M. Kelby

COUNCILMEMBER – WARD 7

William E. Sweet

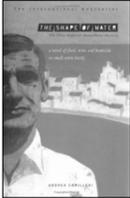
Ballot packets have been mailed to every registered Town voter with instructions. Ballots can be returned during poll hours, or by mail, or by drop box – an exterior, locked drop box will be located at Town Hall. If you do not receive a ballot, lose your ballot, or need help, visit Town Hall during poll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

Votes must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

TC Hegeman
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Stephanie Herold & Michelle Wedge
Supervisors of Elections
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May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Town committees meet regularly, please check the website for current details.			1	2	3	4 Azalea Classic 
5	6 UPCA Fundraiser, All day UPWC Meeting, Noon Town Council, 7:30 Yard Waste & Compost	7 Trash, Bulk Trash Town Election	8	9	10 Recycling	11 Ivy League, 9 AM Meadow Restoration, 10 AM UPCA PorchFest, 2-6 PM 
12	13 Yard Waste & Compost	14 Trash, Bulk Trash	15	16	17 Recycling	18 Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting, 10 AM
19 VegWeek Begins	20 Town Council, 7:30 Yard Waste & Compost	21 Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM 	22	23	24 Recycling	25
26	27 Town Holiday	28 Trash, Bulk Trash	29 Yard Waste & Compost	30	31 Recycling Movie Night, 6:30 PM	



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