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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Greetings, neighbors and friends,
I am profoundly honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as your mayor. I will always keep your best interests at heart and will regularly share with you what the Council, Town staff, and I are doing to enhance the lives of our residents and to address the Town's challenges.

As your Mayor, I pledge to work collaboratively with the seven Councilmembers elected by you to champion solutions they initiate on your behalf. The Council allocates funding for all Town projects and initiatives; they have ideas and I want to hear them. All current Councilmembers serve on at least two Council committees and these Committees are where their ideas are discussed and debated. Their initiatives and solutions are then brought to

the full Council for consideration, possible passage, funding, and implementation.

My goals for the next several months include:

- Scheduling ward-by-ward listening sessions to hear your questions, comments, and concerns.
- Returning to in-person Council meetings, while still offering Zoom as an accessible way for residents to participate.
- Creating a hiring panel of residents and other experts to recruit a new police chief.
- Building a successful working relationship with the new, permanent Town Administrator.

Working with our Director of Public Works, Town Attorney, and Town Administrator on stormwater management solutions. This includes communicating with

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council July 15 & August 19

Town Holiday July 4

Town Hall is open Mon.- Fri., 9 AM to 5 PM. Residents must ring the call button for service. Council meetings are at 7:30 PM and currently conducted by video. Agendas are posted at www.upmd.org/agenda center. Please sign up for alerts at www.upmd.org/notifyme

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Prince George's County officials to fund and complete the transfer of remaining stormwater infrastructure to the County.

- Solidifying plans to renovate our town hall, making it fully accessible to all residents with the help of Town staff and the Committee on Public Facilities and Services.
- Implementing traffic calming and traffic control solutions to alleviate speeding and the running of stop signs by working with our police department and the Committee on Police, Traffic, and Public Safety.

Other long-range plans and goals include:

- Building relationships and open communication with officials in local, County, and State government.
- Establishing a day of volunteer service during which residents help their neighbors with home projects.
- Shoring up civic education and active participation in our Town government.

You can contact me at mayormorrissey@upmd.org or my official Town cell phone at 240-688-9534 with your questions, comments, or concerns.

I hope you'll join me on Thursday, July 4 at 11:00 a.m. for our Town's beloved Fourth of July Parade. The Town will provide a table of bicycle decorations for children at 10:30 a.m. at the top of Queens Chapel Road.

UP Meadow Day will take place on Saturday, July 13 (rain date: July 14) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at our pollinator meadow on Adelphi Road. This event will include

a native plant giveaway, information about bees and local biodiversity, and much more.

I look forward to seeing you at these and other events this summer.

With appreciation,

Laurie K. Morrissey

JOIN US FOR A PARADE!

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 11 AM
QUEENS CHAPEL ROAD NEXT TO TOWN HALL

To participate: Bring your decorated bike, wagon, or other nonmotorized vehicle and line up before 11 AM or come at 10:30 AM and decorate on-site.
To watch: Line up on Queens Chapel between 44th & Underwood by 11 AM.
Free popsicles at the park afterward.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Today we celebrate the birth of a nation and the freedom we enjoy.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 24-O-05

On June 17, 2024, Ordinance 24-O-05 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 2 "Administration", by repealing and re-enacting §2-203, "Personnel Actions", of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park to reflect current state law with respect to police officer discipline, entitled the "Police Accountability and Discipline Act", §3-101 et seq., Title 3, "Law Enforcement", Public Safety Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The meeting set for July 15, 2023, is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted. For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

FROM THE CHIEF

Community Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as Chief of Police, effective June 29, 2024. After thoughtful consideration and discussion with my wife and family, I have decided that it is time for me to move on and embrace the next chapter of my life.

Serving as your Chief has been one of the greatest honors of my career. Together, we have faced challenges and celebrated successes. Our shared commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive community has always been my guiding light.

I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made in strengthening community trust, enhancing public safety, and building meaningful relationships between the police department and you. Your support and collaboration have been invaluable, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside such a resolute and engaged community.

As I move to new endeavors, I am confident that the department will continue to uphold the values and principles that we have worked so hard to establish. The dedicated officers and staff of the University Park Police Department will remain committed to serving and protecting University Park with integrity and professionalism.

Thank you for your trust, support, and partnership throughout my tenure. It has been a privilege to serve in University Park.

Respectfully,
Chief Harvey R. Baker

Emergency Preparedness Planning

The Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management urges all residents to prepare their families, homes and businesses for hurricanes, tropical storms and associated impacts. Hurricanes rank among nature's most potent and devastating forces that can result in loss of life and damaged or destroyed infrastructure. The time to prepare your home or business for severe weather is now. Preparedness can begin with staying informed through the website alert.mypgc.us.

Complete a Family Communication Plan Plan how you will assemble your family and loved ones and anticipate where you will go for different situations. Get together with your family and agree on the ways to contact one another in an emergency, identify meeting locations and

make a family emergency communication plan.

Check Personal Insurance Coverage Many states have increased deductibles for hurricanes and not all hurricane-related losses are covered under traditional policies. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage or losses from flooding. Review your policy, ensure you're adequately covered, and understand exclusions. Contact your agent for any changes. If you're not insured against flooding, talk to your agent, or visit www.floodsmart.gov. Renter's insurance policies are also available and should be considered as a way of protecting your belongings.

Stay Informed Know where to go for trusted sources of information during a hurricane event. Sign up for alerts from Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management. Monitor local news for hurricane watches and warnings in your area and follow directions of local officials. Make sure you have a battery-operated or hand-crank radio available should the power go out.

Have a Preparedness Kit Ready During hurricane season, it's crucial to have a preparedness kit ready to ensure your safety. Your kit should include essentials such as water, non-perishable food, medications, a first aid kit, important documents and personal hygiene items. Your preparedness kit should have enough supplies for three days. For a comprehensive list of what to include in your emergency kit, visit ready.gov/kit

Remember to Include Pets During a hurricane, ensure your pets' safety by keeping them indoors and in a secure, familiar room. Prepare an emergency kit that includes pet food, water, medications, identification and comfort items. Make sure to have a sturdy carrier or crate ready in case of evacuation and always keep a collar with up-to-date ID tags on your pet. Plan by identifying pet-friendly shelters or hotels. If you need to evacuate, take your pets with you.



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The University Park Police encourages residents to stay informed with the latest information by signing up for the following tools:

<https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/g/82117>

www.upmd.org/notifyme

<http://alert.mypgc.us>

For more information on being prepared and developing a plan for your family, check out the information found at the Maryland Department of Emergency Management website at mdem.maryland.gov

FEMA's hurricane preparedness site: ready.gov/hurricanes

Crime Report

On May 30 a resident in the 4200 block of Van Buren St. reported a break in of her residence while she was at home. Several police officers responded and determined it was a family member who had returned early from a trip.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 6, 6-8 PM



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to

live. Gather with the University Park Police and community partners at the Town Field to demonstrate our unity toward community wellbeing and crime prevention.

From the Town Administrator

Serving as the Interim Town Administrator for the past year has been my pleasure. I originally signed on for a six-month term, extended for another six months, and likely will stay another month after that to ensure a smooth transition for the permanent Town Administrator. I appreciate the warm welcome I received and the support I have had during my tenure. University Park is indeed a wonderful place to live and I will hold fond memories.

I was the first full-time Town Administrator in University Park and helped the Town with many transitions and projects. Perhaps most importantly, during my tenure the Mayor and Council have participated in two retreats

focused on the appropriate roles and responsibilities for the Mayor and Town Administrator, Council and Committees, and staff and elected official roles. The Council will soon consider Charter, Code and Policy changes to better define different roles. The plan is that the Mayor will continue to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and the Town Administrator will serve as the Chief Administrative Officer. The Mayor and Administrator will work closely together.

The Administrator will directly supervise the Department Heads and will direct and oversee much of the day-to-day operations. We have a professional staff in place whose role is to implement the goals, policies and directives of the Council as a whole. Council's role is to set policy, approve the budget and monitor progress. If you believe a new policy or initiative is needed, it is best to contact the councilmember of your ward and/or the Mayor. If you have a safety, maintenance or service request or inquiry that will be addressed by staff, it is best to contact staff directly. Contact information is on the back panel of this newsletter.

Changes in the Compost Program

Please note that the Town will no longer distribute compost bags to put into your kitchen compost pail. Bags are not required; however, they will reduce messiness. If you choose to use them, bags must meet County compost requirements which includes using certified compostable bags (available for purchase at almost all grocery and home building supply stores as well as Amazon). Most produce bags do *not* meet the requirements. Those that do (currently Trader Joe's) must be clearly marked. Residents using the new brown cart can use paper lawn &



leaf bags. Other brown paper bags are also acceptable for the pails. It's not too late to sign up for the compost program! More information regarding UP's compost program, forms to sign up, and links to the county requirements, visit our website at: upmd.org/compost.

Wondering Why Your Neighbor Has a Brown UP Cart but You Don't? Households participating in the compost program may request a brown cart to use for their compost and yard waste. Compost carts are 35-gallon, wheeled carts which feature a lockable lid to help keep critters out. Join today! Get yours tomorrow! Reduce your footprint!

Tree Committee News

Summer Watering Guidance

Trees and shrubs need our assistance during the summer. Proper watering should be based on soil moisture. Remember, thunderstorms often do not provide as much water as a protracted, soaking rain. The guidance below is from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, extension.umd.edu/resource/watering-trees-and-shrubs/

For recently planted trees and shrubs

- For the first 2 weeks after planting, check the soil moisture daily and water deeply if the top 6 inches of soil feels dry to the touch.
- During the first two years after planting, check the soil moisture at least once a week and water if the soil feels



dry at 6 inches. This is especially important to help the roots of new plants get established in the soil.

- Be careful not to overwater. Many people have inadvertently drowned newly planted trees by watering them too often. Water should soak in quickly; your plants should never sit in a puddle of water for an extended period. This can lead to root damage.

For all trees and shrubs

- Water when the soil feels dry to the touch beneath the surface. Dig into the soil with a trowel, hand shovel, or screwdriver and check your soil at a depth of about 6 inches. Soil that is moist or damp to the touch is fine. If the soil feels dry, water the plant thoroughly. Direct water to the roots, not the leaves of the plant.
- Water in the morning. Watering during the heat of the day increases the amount of water lost to evaporation by as much as 40%. Late-day, overhead watering increases the chances of some plants being infected by diseases.
- Observe how quickly your soil dries out after rain or watering. Clay soil drains slowly, porous sandy soil drains quickly. Adding organic matter to the soil will improve drainage in clay soil and increase water retention in sandy soil.

Ivy League, Saturday, July 13 and August 10, 9 AM The Ivy League meets on the second Saturday of every month to remove ivy from the town's trees. This might serve as a good tutorial on how to remove ivy from trees on your property while you simultaneously help safeguard the town's trees. No tools are required, though if you have a favorite pair of pruning clippers, that will suffice. Bring a friend or relative and celebrate Earth Day once or twice again. Questions? Contact TPE at TreeComm@UPMD.org

Helping Hands University Park



Helping Hands University Park

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

Members Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday, July 17 and August 21, 12-1 PM In person. Members and vol-

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

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, July 24 and August 28, 5:30-6:30 PM HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to

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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. Contact us by phone or email for information.

HHUP Poetry Gathering, Sundays approximately every six weeks at 4 PM. 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).

May 20 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

Development Overview Committee CM McGaughey noted that the Committee met on May 9, 2024, and approved the white paper, which will be circulated among the Council for review and feedback.

Sustainability Committee CM Dubayah reported that the Committee met on May 7, 2024. The Committee received an update on the stream cleanup, which was a great success. The Committee also received an update on the sustainability home portal, which was in progress. Also, the Committee received an update on the fern garden experiment results, which were very positive as 21 plants survived the experiment. The Committee would like Town support for compost information and education at Meadow Day.

Mayor Biermann reported that he and Town Administrator Lawrence attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the pedestrian bridges on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and both the turnout and the event were good. Mayor Biermann added that the bridges look great. Also, Mayor Biermann noted good participation in the Town election.

New Business

Motion: *To approve the Pride Month Proclamation as presented: proclaiming June as Pride Month in University Park and encouraging the community to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists, to celebrate the town's great diversity, and to actively promote principles of equality, liberty, and justice for all.* Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: *To approve the Juneteenth Proclamation as presented: recognizing the importance of Juneteenth and celebrating the emancipation of African Americans from slavery in the United States.* Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Business

Motion: *For Council to readopt Ordinance 24-O-03, to authorize a budget transfer of \$20,000 from P1 Police Salaries and \$25,000 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 \$26,000 from Unreserved/Undesignated, \$3,000 from S6 Snow Removal, and \$6,000 from B4 Consulting Arborist-Tree Ordinance to 7110-00 Street Work Project-\$20,000, and 7133-00 Bridge-Van Buren/Beechwood-\$6,000, in the Capital Project Budget and S3 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance - \$9,000 in the General Fund.* Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: *To approve voiding an uncashed \$5,000 donation check the Town issued in 2022 and retaining the money in reserves.* Motion carried unanimously. Over the last six months, the Town staff tried reaching the nonprofit organization that the check was directed to, but to no avail.

Motion: *To eliminate from the FY 2025 Budget Item No. 7024-00 (WSCC Street Repair Rebate, for \$250,000), Item No. 7049-00 (From Reserves - Street Work Project, for \$725,000), and Item No. 7110-00 (Street Work Project - \$975,000); those items would be moved to the CIP for future years.* Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: *To approve Ordinance 24-O-04, to levy the real property and personal property tax rate and appropriate and adopt the annual budget, as amended, for fiscal year 2025.* Motion carried unanimously. The

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Council reviewed, questioned and discussed various budget line items, such as the \$6,000 budget for the Recording Secretary item and the \$25,000 budget for the Payscale Study item.

Mickey Beall explained to the Council why items 7024-00, 7049-00, and 7110-00 should be removed from the FY2025 budget.

CM Gathercole questioned the police department camera project. Ms. Lawrence indicated that the project is contingent on a grant of \$100,000. Without the grant, the project will not move forward.

Department Reports

Interim Town Administrator Angela Lawrence noted that her report was included in the meeting package and asked if there were any questions from the Council. There were no questions.

Chief of Police Chief Harvey Baker presented an updated quote from Lexipol for a one-time cost of \$14,748.30 with an annual fee of \$5,021.10. Also, he reported that a new radar speed sign was ordered. Furthermore, he reported that he is close to finding a solution for people to be able to contact an officer on duty by phone.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:10 PM.

June 3 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Public Comment

A resident asked the Council if they had any more information about the sewer work that WSSC is going to start in his area. The Council did not have any information to offer the resident and referred him to Mr. Beall. CM Morrissey added that she would be happy to participate in the conversation between the resident and Mr. Beall.

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee CM Morrissey noted that the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee will meet on June 6, 2024, and the agenda was posted on the website.

Development Committee CM McGaughey noted that the Development Committee will not meet in June 2024, as there were no updates to discuss.

Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee CM Gathercole reported that the Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee will meet on June 12, 2024.

Public Facilities Services Committee CM Morgan reported that the Committee may have a joint meeting with the Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Biermann The Mayor spoke about the ribbon-cutting ceremony, during which a couple of residents spoke and Delegate Nicole Williams spoke. The Mayor gave her a shout out for the additional funds secured for the town hall. The Mayor also stated that June is Pride month, and the Town is also recognizing Juneteenth by putting up flags.

Continuing Business

Motion: To approve a utility permit located along Underwood Street, Van Buren Street, Queens Chapel Road, Wells Parkway, and Beechwood Road subject to a 90-day pole removal requirement and giving window period for removal of poles and giving staff the ability to extend that up to another 60 days without needing to come back to the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from Pepco discussed the project. It is a reconductoring project that aims to improve the reliability of the electrical service in the area of 6200 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale Park, by replacing the existing bare wire with a more robust spacer cable system. The Pepco team consists of engineers, designers, project managers, supervisors, and contractors who are responsible for planning, designing, and executing the project.

The project is scheduled to start in mid-July 2024, and the duration will depend on the weather and the storm season. The project will involve aerial work on the overhead infrastructure, replacing wires, transformers, and poles. The project will require some lane closures and flagging, but the sidewalk access will be maintained with the help of the crew members. It will also require some planned outages, which will be communicated to the customers in advance.

The Pepco team explained that reconductoring means

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upgrading the wires to a more reliable system that can withstand wildlife and vegetation contact. They said that there are about 33 double poles that will be replaced and that they will work with the dedicated group at Pepco to expedite the removal process. They said that they would follow the standard safety protocols and escort the pedestrians around the work zone. They also said that they are not increasing the size of the poles for additional attachments but for the existing and future equipment.

New Business

Consideration of Bid for Architectural and Engineering Services-Feasibility for Alterations to 4201 48th Street (Town Garage)

Motion: To accept a bid and authorize a contract with Frederick Ward Associates subject to the attorney's review. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Beall presented a contract with Frederick Ward Associates to design and plan improvements for the Town garage, which the Town owns and needs to upgrade. Frederick Ward Associates offered the lowest bid of \$40,007, which is slightly over the budget allocation. The project will include design and feasibility studies for various elements, such as roof replacement, vehicle exhaust extraction system, outside stairs, and green or solar options. The contract will be based on a schedule agreed upon by the Town staff and the bidder.

Motion: To approve the DOC Developer Tool as a basis for discussion and research of proposed projects. Motion carried unanimously. The DOC developer tool is a set of questions that the DOC Committee asks developers to ensure consistency and transparency in the development process. The tool has no fiscal impact, as it does not require any additional resources or funding.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:36 PM.



UP Helping Paws

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>.

TOWN NEWS & EVENTS



4th of July Parade

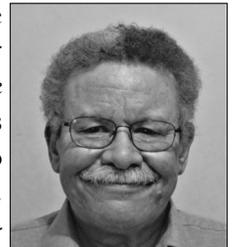
Thursday, July 4, 11 AM

Bring your decorated bike, wagon or other nonmotorized vehicle to Town Hall and line up before 11 AM or come at 10:30 and decorate onsite. Gather along Queens Chapel Rd. between 44th Ave. and Underwood St. to watch the parade. Free popsicles in the park afterward.

2nd Saturday Lecture Series

Saturday, July 13, 4-6 PM

Paul Ruffins will speak on how he chooses the topics for his columns for the *Hyattsville Life & Times* and *College Park Here & Now*. Currently, he is writing about the impact of micro mobility technology along Route 1. He will also share some of the challenges of researching and investigating the details that can make local stories so fascinating and tie them into important national trends. Mr. Ruffins is a children's novelist and science writer who was part of Streetcar Suburbs News' 2022 editorial teams that won both first and second prizes for local news coverage from the National Newspaper Association: streetcarsuburbs.news/tag/science-of-the-city. In 2022 his manuscript for *The SPED Squad and the Demise of Short Bus 4* won the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrator's Emerging Voices Award.



Arts In the Park Celebration

Saturday, September 28, 1-4 PM



Save the date for our fourth annual celebration of the visual arts created by town artists. This has grown into a fun, community based event. Last year over 300 neighbors and friends joined the celebration. We hope you will join us this year. Any town resident 10 years of age or older is invited to display their art. Last year 24 artists

participated in the event, offering a range of visual arts—watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings, sculptures, stained glass, pottery, ceramics, photography, diorama and much more. We also offered 6 free artist demonstrations during the show. Artists display their works along the footpath behind the soccer field, from the bottom of Tennyson to the bottom of 41st St. Free for all artists and attendees. Rain date: October 5. Parking available along Queens Chapel Rd.

Artists may register at tinyurl.com/2023-UP-Arts and complete the brief questionnaire. Follow-up information will be emailed to you. Any questions or concerns, email us at UPartsinthepark@gmail.com or call Dick Groppe at 301-864-2096.

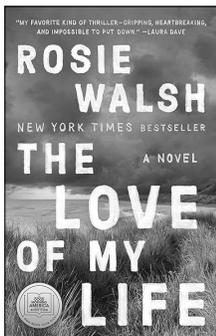
After Eight Book Group



Open invitation to join the After Eight book group! The After Eight book group is taking the summer off, but we're actively seeking new members for the resumption of meetings in September. 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.

Get reading! Our current book list for fall includes: *The Love of My Life*, by Rosie Walsh; *The Wishing Game* by Meg Shaffer; *The Little Village of Book Lovers* by Nina George; and *The Lost Children* by Shirley Dickson. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



Community Mosquito Control Program

What do you know about Asian tiger mosquitoes (*Aedes albopictus*)? They are the most common mosquito in University Park. Studies show they can carry West Nile virus. They can transmit dog heartworm disease and eastern equine encephalitis in the Eastern US. Many communities are now infested by daytime-biting Asian tiger mosquitoes. They like shade and still air where water-holding containers are common.

What's your first line of defense? Yard cleanup! Inspect your yard weekly and after it rains to remove potential breeding sites. Simply tip or remove water-holding containers like wading pools and toys, tarps and folds that collect water, and plant pots and saucers. If your traps are deployed, be sure to change the water, grass, dunks and sticky cards about every 4 weeks, or as needed. The traps work best if there are no other sources of standing water in your yard. If you're using canola oil, consider switching to sticky cards and the slotted funnel trap design.

It's never too late to get started! If you haven't set out your traps or haven't purchased traps go to the UP Community Mosquito Control Program website for details on how to order, set up and maintain your traps: upmd.org/222/Community-Mosquito-Control. You can always send us an email at upcmosquitoc@gmail.com and we'll reply as soon as possible.

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 or without any obligation to the homeless, poor, unemployed, senior citizens, immigrants and children in need. In 2023, our food pantry served 8,205 families in need with an overall average of 4.6 per household.

So far in 2024, we have seen a slight increase in the number of families asking for help to around 740 families per month. We need your help. Please consider donating 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 "St. Mark's Food Pantry" to donate. Checks are also welcome and may be payable to the St. Mark's Food Pantry. Please mail to:

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Friday Night Live! Fridays, 6:30-8:30 PM Join us on the plaza at the College Park City Hall building on select Fridays for a variety of musical genres and performers, including something for everyone: music, food, beer and entertainment. There will be

children's performers, a bounce house, kids activities and arts and crafts. All concerts are held at City Hall Plaza, 7401 Baltimore Avenue, June-September. Parking is free at the Downtown College Park parking garage at the corner of Yale and Knox. Local food and beer will be available for purchase during the event. Performers:

July 12 Fred Moss & the Funk Band

August 9 Uncle Jesse

September 6 Friday Night LIGHTS

Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival



Exhibitor Applications for the Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival are open and available online. The festival will be held Saturday, September 21, 12-6 PM. This is a juried festival. Only original artwork, photography, handmade jewelry, handmade crafts, and creative literary arts are allowed. No commercial merchandise will be accepted unless it is incredibly unique and environmentally friendly in nature. Online applications must be sent on Friday, July 12. Visit hyattsvilleartsfestival.com to apply.

College Park Arts Exchange

All events take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Learn more about CPAE programs by visiting cpae.org. Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter for program updates and check out our full calendar



at cpae.org/arts/full-calendar/.

Tiny Band Concert, Saturday, July 20, 7 PM The Tiny Band is a trio of local musicians who enjoy playing together. The band was formed as an outlet for performing original songs from John Synk and for singing and playing classic popular songs that feature three part harmony.



The Frog Prince, Musical Play Reading, Saturday, July 13, 2 PM *How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Frog!* From Helen Hayes-nominated playwright Patrick Flynn comes this musical version of "The Frog Prince." A spoiled Princess drops her iPod (named Poddy) into a well and a talking frog emerges to strike a deal with her: he'll fetch Poddy from the bottom of the well and in return, the Princess must bring the Frog to the castle for an extended stay.

Fall Events and Programs with College Park Arts Exchange

CPAE performance groups include College Park Chorale and Chamber Singers, Youth Choir and Vocetti, Youth Orchestra and Youth Band. These groups offer free community concerts, help musicians learn and grow, and build friendships along the way.

CPAE offers such hands-on arts experiences as Arts Workshops, Senior Programs and Arts Drop In at locations including the Old Parish House, College Park Community Center, and Youth and Family Services, alongside clubs like Art Club, Book Club (reading non-fiction by women), Needle Arts and Junior Needle Arts. CPAE partners with Berwyn Ballet and offers Soul Line Dancing by zoom. New programs like jazz intensives, Tai Chi and more can be found on the full calendar at our website.



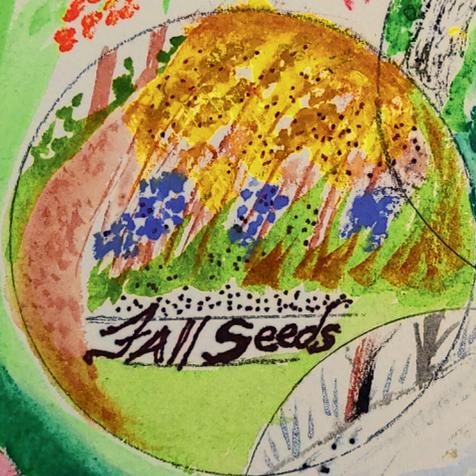
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RAIN DATE JULY 14

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SUMMER BLOOM



Fall Seeds



Spring Hatch



Winter Nests

365 DAYS OF MEADOW LIFE



UNIVERSITY PARK MARYLAND



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY



Fight the bite without pesticides



SIERRA CLUB MARYLAND CHAPTER



NOTICE OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT CHANGE

Effective July 1, 2024

The University Park Police Department will enforce all parking violations. This includes violations such as parking:

- with driver's side against the curb on a two-way street, facing against the flow of traffic
- 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

This change is because selective enforcement of parking regulations has proven ineffective and hindered accessibility to parking.

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.

Residents are encouraged to review the town's parking ordinance (Town Code Section 9-104 Parking) 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.

**For more information or if you have questions, please contact
Capt. Shameka Graddy at sgraddy@upmd.org or
the University Park Police Department at 301-352-1200.**

July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Town committees meet regularly, please check the town website for current details.	1 Yard Waste & Compost NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT BEGINS	2 Trash, Bulk Trash	3 	4 Town Holiday 4th of July Parade, 11 AM	5 Recycling	6
	7	8 Yard Waste & Compost	9 Trash, Bulk Trash	10	11	12 Recycling
14	15 Town Council, 7:30 Yard Waste & Compost	16 Trash, Bulk Trash	17	18	19 Recycling	20
21	22 Yard Waste & Compost	23 Trash, Bulk Trash	24	25	26 Recycling	27
28	29 Yard Waste & Compost	30 Trash, Bulk Trash	31 	August 6 National Night Out Tuesday, August 6, 6-8 PM	August 11 Saturday, August 11, Ivy League, 9 AM	August 19 Monday, August 19, Town Council, 7:30 Yard Waste & Compost



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