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MAYOR'S COLUMN

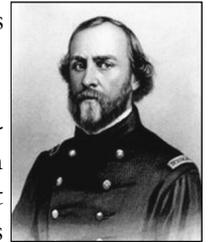
On Monday, November 11 at 11 am, University Park will honor the service of our military veterans in a Veterans Day commemoration. I encourage residents to join me at Veterans Park if they are able. The honor guard from the Navy JROTC program at Northwestern High School will be joined by several veteran residents. They will share reflections on their service and the sacrifices made to ensure our safety and security.

I am the proud granddaughter of World War II veterans. The Greatest Generation overcame more challenges than any other in the 20th century and, without question, saved the world from tyranny. We owe them a debt of gratitude. Scan this QR code to view the list of Town veterans.



Two Civil War era quotations about the selfless service of our veterans resonate with me. In 1861 Major Sullivan

Ballou of the Union Army wrote to his wife, shortly before his battlefield death:



“I know how strongly American civilization now leans upon the triumph of government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution, and I am willing, perfectly willing to lay down all my joys in this life to help maintain this government.”

“...my love of country comes over me like a strong wind, and bears me irresistibly on with all those chains, to the battlefield.”

As Election Day approaches, Major Ballou's love of country seems especially poignant. There is more that binds

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council November 4 & 18
Town Holiday November 11, 28 & 29
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. Sign up for alerts at www.upmd.org/notifyme

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us together than tears us apart. Let's always keep this in our hearts when we interact with each other.



Traffic and Public Safety

Traffic safety is at the top of the list of resident concerns. Our police department, Town staff, Council, and I hear you loud and clear on the increased volume of cut-through traffic, speeding, and stop sign running. I agree this has become worse.

The Town is working on several solutions, and we ask for your patience and understanding, as some of the solutions will take more time than we'd like. Installation of stop sign cameras is in the works, thanks to a recent Council vote. Our police department has implemented targeted traffic enforcement efforts and plans to do more, especially now that Captain Graddy is filling vacant positions on the force.

Purple Line construction is disrupting traffic on the edge of Town and drivers are waiting longer at stop lights. This has caused a great deal of stress and increased travel times. At my request, County Councilmember Eric Olson asked the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to consider adjusting traffic light timing on Adelphi Road and Campus Drive. Councilmember Olson visited the area and saw the backups and validated our concerns with MDOT. I hope these changes have been made by the time this newsletter goes to print.

Stormwater Management MOU

Many residents have asked about the status of the Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George's County. Progress is being made, though it's slower than we would like. Recently the County proposed a modest update of the stormwater system between Claggett-Pineway and Pineway. The Town is currently negotiating the scope of the improvements to maximize water-carrying

capacity in this portion of town. We will provide updates as information becomes available.



Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The Council voted in October to implement a fee structure for residents, non-residents, and day users of the EV chargers. These changes will go into effect in January 2025 OR at the beginning of the year. Town Hall staff will establish a system of permit and payment to successfully transition from free EV charging to a fee-based system.

Warmly,

Laurie K. Morrissey

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 24-O-07

On September 16, 2024, Ordinance 24-O-07 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article I, "Traffic", by changing the hours during which parking in the student loading zone on the west side of Queens Chapel Road from Underwood Street to the driveway of the University Park Elementary School Parking Lot is prohibited from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The meeting set for November 4, 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.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 24-O-08

On October 21, 2024, Ordinance 24-O-08 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 9 "Traffic and Vehicles", Article I, "Traffic", by enacting § 9-110, "Stop Sign Monitoring Systems" to authorize the Town to use stop sign monitoring systems on highways maintained by the Town that are located in a school zone. The meeting set for November 18, 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.

FROM THE INTERIM CHIEF

As the holiday season approaches, it's a time for celebration, family gatherings and community spirit. It's also important to be mindful of safety whether at home, on the road, or while shopping for gifts. With increased travel and holiday activities, we encourage everyone to take extra precautions. Secure your home when you're away, drive carefully and stay vigilant about personal safety. Let's work together to make sure this season is filled with joy, peace and safety for everyone in our community.

To help you stay safe during this busy period, here are some important reminders and tips:

- **Home Security** Lock all doors and windows, even when you're at home. Consider using timers for lights if you're going out, to give the appearance that someone is home. Don't forget to take advantage of our Home Security System Rebate: upmd.org/FormCenter/Police-5/Home-Security-System-Rebate-Request-48
- **Travel Safety** If you're traveling, inform a trusted neighbor and arrange for someone to pick up your mail or deliveries. You can also take advantage of the police department's house check service while you're away: upmd.org/FormCenter/Police-5/House-Watch-Request-Form-44
- **Driving Tips** Roads are busier during the holiday season, so drive cautiously, obey speed limits and be mindful of pedestrians. If attending holiday events, always designate a driver or use a rideshare service if you plan to drink.



- **Package Delivery Safety** Use secure delivery options like parcel lockers. Request signature-required deliveries. Track your package and ensure someone is home to receive it. Ask a trusted neighbor to collect your package if you're unavailable.
- **Vehicle Theft Prevention** Always lock your doors and close all windows, even in your driveway. Remove valuables from sight or store them in your trunk. Never leave your car running unattended, even for a short

time. Park in well-lit areas and consider using security cameras. Install anti-theft devices like steering wheel locks or kill switches. Keep track of your keys and never leave a spare key inside or near your vehicle.

- **Mail Safety Reminder** Do not put checks or other sensitive documents in your mailbox for outgoing mail. Take them directly to your local post office to avoid the risk of mail theft, which tends to increase during the holiday season.
- **Telephone Scam Safety Tips** Scammers often take advantage of the busy holiday season, and phone scams are a common threat. Don't share personal information: Never give out sensitive details like your social security number, bank account, or credit card information over the phone unless you are sure of the caller's identity. If you receive a call from an unknown number or someone asking for money, hang up and verify the claim independently. Be aware that government agencies like the IRS, Social Security, or law enforcement will never demand immediate payment over the phone. Don't trust caller ID—scammers can spoof numbers to make it look like they're calling from a legitimate organization.
- **Mental Health and Suicide Awareness** The holiday season can be difficult for some. If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available. Reach out to the Prince George's County Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255. You're not alone and talking to someone can make a difference.

By following these steps, you can help ensure your home, vehicle and personal information stay safe during the holiday season. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

Crime Report—September 2024

Threatening Calls On September 15 officers responded to the 4300 block of Woodberry St. for a threat complaint. The victim reported receiving multiple threatening text messages and phone calls from unknown numbers between 1114 and 1119 hours. The victim did not recognize the numbers and was advised on further steps.

Fraud On September 16 officers responded to a fraud report. The victim reported that \$65,728 had been stolen from their checking account on September 13, 2024. The victim was advised on follow-up actions.

Armed Person On September 21 officers were dispatched to the 3500 block of Carnaby St. for a report of an armed person. The victim, F1, stated that while stopped at a red light on East-West Highway at 2201 hours, an unknown Hispanic male banged on their driv-

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er-side window with a black object. F1 believed the object might have been a handgun but could not confirm. F1 left the area immediately, fearing for their safety. A passenger, F2, did not see the object and could not understand what the suspect was saying.

Theft from Auto On September 23, while conducting a community walk, officers found a vehicle with a broken rear driver-side window in the 6800 block of Wells Parkway. The vehicle owner reported the vandalism but noted no items were stolen. The total damage was estimated at \$345. The owner was provided with a case number and a Victim Rights Pamphlet.

Theft from Auto On September 23 officers responded to a station call in the 4100 block of Clagett Road. The victim reported that their front passenger window was smashed, and an unknown suspect stole a Maryland registration card, a green Under Armour backpack, pink Venom boxing gloves, and black Skullcandy wireless headphones. The vehicle was locked at the time of the incident. The victim was advised and provided with a case number and a Victim Rights Pamphlet.

Tree Committee News

For humans and trees alike, November represents a gentle fall into long-shadowed autumn. It's a time to gather round and acknowledge our good fortune. Near the top of our gratitude lists we'll collectively find included the place where we live—University Park, where the streets are lined with trees, a richness of nature at our doorstep. Most fittingly, November is the single best time of the year to plant a tree. Take advantage of the town's generous reimbursements for shade and understory trees, \$300 and \$100 per tree, respectively. Find all the details and select a tree at upmd.org/373/Tree-Reimbursements-Tree-Removal-Permits.



This November, practice Thanksgiving by planting a tree. Give thanks for living in a forest and pay it forward with the trees that will grow to maturity in 2050 and by so doing, push back on climate change. The cumulative actions of many will mitigate the global impact. Please direct your questions/appeals for assistance to TreeComm@UPMD.gov.

Ivy League, Saturday, November 9, 10 AM This year's final Ivy League will assemble at the Hopscotch Bridge (44th Ave). For two hours (or any portion thereof) we'll be removing English ivy from the trunks of town trees. Get a head start on Thanksgiving by enjoying the autumn air with your UP neighbors. All that's needed is a pair of hand pruners and a sturdy prying tool such as a large screwdriver or dandelion weeder. Community Service Vouchers signed on site.

Helping Hands University Park



Check it out! The HHUP web site (helpinghandsup.org) has received a beautiful makeover. If you have any questions about who we are, what we do, how you can become a member or

volunteer to help, our website will answer those questions and more. A big thank you to committee member Casey Kelby who volunteered her valuable time and impressive talents to guide us through the process and make the revisions!

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

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

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

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

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301-892-6636; helpinghandsup.org; facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP.

From the Department of Public Works



Curbside Leaf Vacuuming

November 4, 2024 - January 10, 2025

- Crews will work counterclockwise through Town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 & Ward 6.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- No rocks, sticks or metal in your leaf piles.
- Crews will not back track to collect leaves once they have passed your home.
- Check the Town website at www.upmd.org under the Public Works tab for updates and deadlines.

Fall pumpkins may be composted or included with yard waste for collection on Mondays. And looking ahead to the holidays, Christmas trees will be collected every Monday from December 26 through March 31. Please be sure trees are fully unadorned.

Incorrectly Parked VeoRide Scooters/Bikes

Have you spotted an incorrectly parked VeoRide scooter or bike? Contact VeoRide at hello@veoride.com, in the VeoRide app, or call 855-836-2256 to report any problems. This information is on every scooter so anyone who sees a scooter parked improperly can easily report it.

September 16 Council Meeting Highlights

Present via video and audio conference were Mayor Morrissey; Councilmembers Dubayah, Kelby, Morgan, Godfrey, Sweet. Excused: Gathercole, McGaughey. Staff present: Town Administrator Debi Sandlin; Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson; Town Clerk TC Hegeman;

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Director of Public Works Michael Beall; Town Treasurer Dan Baden. Excused: Interim Chief of Police Shameka Graddy.

Public Comment

A resident addressed an error in a recent post about the compensation of University Park's Town Administrator. The resident provided an analysis of neighboring municipalities and concluded that the Town of University Park's compensation was appropriate. The resident also supported codifying the town administrator position and responsibilities into the town charter.

Mayor, Council, and Committee

Comments and Reports

Public Facilities Services Committee CM Morgan reported the committee will meet on September 19 with Frederick Ward Associates, the Town Hall Redevelopment Plan architect, to discuss their latest space plan analysis.

Sustainability Committee CM Dubayah reported the committee met more than a week ago and emphasized the importance of advancing the dormant Park Plan, which has been pending for nearly two years. A new member proposed addressing light pollution in town, and the committee was requesting feedback from the Council on potential actions, including educating residents and assisting homeowners with lighting changes. The committee also discussed its priorities for the upcoming year and is seeking input from the Council on these matters.

Tree, Parks, and Environment Committee CM Godfrey reported the committee conducted a successful event in August on Woodberry Street, utilizing the Healthy Cities app to log over 70 public street trees. A fall tree planting is scheduled for October 26, 2024, in Ward 6. Chris Aubry, the current chair of the Tree Committee, will step down at year-end, with a successor to be determined soon. Additionally, the Tree Committee annual report will be presented at the next council meeting.

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee The Policy Rules and Municipal Structure Committee is set to meet a week from today.

Continuing Business

Motion: To adopt the Charter Amendment 24-CR-01 - Duties of Mayor, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion: To adopt the Legislative Resolution 24-O-06, Electric Vehicle Charter Permit System, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The attorney was asked to provide insights to the Council and the public regarding the legal aspects of the subsidy and its implications. The attorney explained the EV chargers were installed under a grant agreement from 2021, requiring the Town to provide electricity while the provider maintained the equipment. The attorney expressed concerns about differentiating charges between residents and nonresidents, noting such practices are uncommon for public resources like parking meters, noting parking meters as an example of public use.

Motion: To continue this matter until the October 7, 2024 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Motion: To consider restricted parking requests for the 4200 Block of Sheridan Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To authorize the restricted parking request for the 4200 Block of Sheridan Street, contingent on proof of acceptable notice to contiguous and confronting neighbors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To introduce Legislation Resolution 24-O-07 to change the hours for enforcement of the Queen's Chapel Road student loading zone from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM to 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the introduction of recommended fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments as outlined on the spreadsheet provided by the Town Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the amended contract with NZI Construction Corp. to include seven projects. The amendment increases the contract price by \$160,000, bringing the total to \$2,890,766. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To authorize the funds currently budgeted for \$150,000 for FY 25 to be used not only for the construction of the garage but also for the Garage Feasibility Study. Motion carried unanimously.

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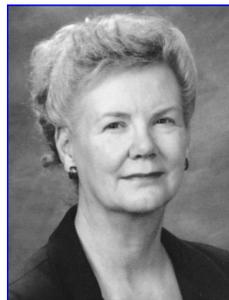
Motion: To approve the transfer of \$1,000 from the general government salaries account to the employee awards and events line item to cover the cost of a farewell event for acting town administrator Ms. Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Each department report was attached to the meeting package for Council review. The Town Treasurer reported the audit fieldwork was completed without issues, and the final report is expected by the end of October 2024.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:01 PM.

Longtime resident Eleanor Rebecca Antoniak (Becky),

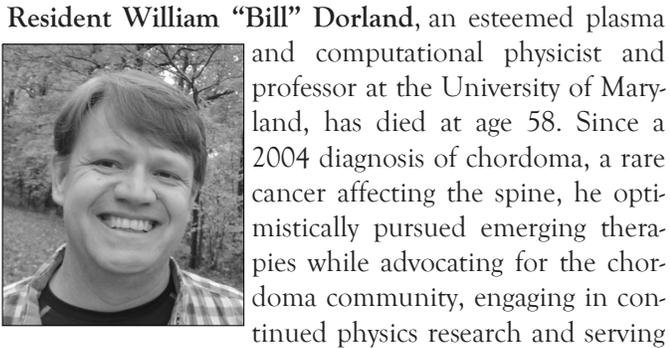


age 79, passed away in her home on August 28 after valiantly battling cancer. She was born on June 20, 1945 in Baltimore City, MD and, with occasional contact with her family, young Becky grew up as a foster child in multiple homes. As a teenager she found her faith in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She graduated from Brigham Young University with a BA in English and a minor in Psychology. Later she studied Minorities & Race Relations at the Church College of Hawaii. Graduate studies included ancient Greco Roman history and mythology, the classics, and the Latin language.

She met the love of her life, Stephen Stanley Antoniak, and married on June 21, 1980. They lived in University Park for 44 years. She taught in elementary, middle and high schools for over 50 years, including after-school programs including at UPES. She specialized in Latin, drama, English, yearbook, reading and speech.

Becky offered her talents to her community: Primary & Relief Society Presidents; Young Women's Counselor; Gospel Doctrine & early morning Seminary Teacher; Scouts/Merit Badge Advisor; and Compassionate Service. Hobbies included ballroom dancing, reading, crafting, poetry writing, family history research, and being a positive presence on social media. She is survived by her husband Stephen; her son Ivan Alison and granddaughter Sabbath Alison; her daughters Perla and Tasha; her stepson Scott and his wife Brenda; a step-grandson and her brother.

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Resident William “Bill” Dorland, an esteemed plasma and computational physicist and professor at the University of Maryland, has died at age 58. Since a 2004 diagnosis of chordoma, a rare cancer affecting the spine, he optimistically pursued emerging therapies while advocating for the chordoma community, engaging in continued physics research and serving as a superb mentor and teacher. Bill received a bachelor’s degree in physics from the University of Texas and both a PhD in astrophysical sciences and a Master’s degree in Public Affairs at Princeton University. He joined the UMD in 1998, rose to full professor and was named a UMD Distinguished Scholar Teacher. During his career, Dorland held appointments at the University of Vienna, the University of Oxford and Imperial College, London. From 2020-23, he served as associate laboratory director for Computational Science at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Princeton Plasma Physics Lab. Early in his career, Dorland’s calculations revealed that an international plan to build a gigantic fusion reactor was based on flawed science, thereby saving \$10 billion and preventing a probable scientific debacle. His work modeling plasma turbulence merited the prestigious E. O. Lawrence Medal of the Department of Energy, and he recently received the American Physical Society’s James Clerk Maxwell Prize, which recognizes outstanding contributions in plasma physics.

When his chordoma diagnosis prompted an assessment of his life and priorities, he sought the role of director of the UMD Honors College. For seven years, he worked as director, advocating for new programs and encouraging study abroad experiences. In a *Maryland Today* article during that time, he described continuing his work through his tortuous medical odyssey with the support of his wife Sarah, a professor in the Department of Geology, and his daughter Kendall. For more information, please email sarahpd@umd.edu. The family asks that any donations go to the Chordoma Foundation (chordomafoundation.org). A service will be held at the University of Maryland on November 9.

Leave Leaves Alone



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Church of the Brethren Harvest Sharing Fair Saturday, November 2, 9 AM-2 PM

Vendors include fair trade gifts, jewelry and decor, hand-crafted knitwear, local artists, environmental groups, and more! Come and enjoy the renowned grilled sausages and bake sale. Please join us at 4113 Tuckerman Street.

UP Woman’s Club

Monday, November 4, 11:30 AM

Please join us for an informal "funday" meet-and-greet gathering and silent auction at University Christian Church at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads in Hyattsville. If you’ve been thinking about joining the club, this meeting will help you meet, enjoy and have fun with our wonderful members and learn about upcoming club events, including the UPWC Holiday House Tour, scheduled for Saturday, December 14, from 1-5 PM. This popular annual event helps us raise scholarship funds for outstanding students in our community. Tickets for the tour and further details will be available at the November meeting.



UPES PTA’s Feather Our Nest Fundraiser November 4 through 22

The 2024 Feather Our Nest Fall Fundraiser (FON) is the second annual fundraising drive developed by the UPES PTA to create an easy and accessible way for parents, family, friends and neighbors to support the school co-

munity. Supporting your community school is easier than ever. Make your donation anytime between Monday, November 4 and Friday, November 22 at tinyurl.com/upesfon24. A strong and supported school benefits everyone! Your donation will make it possible for the UPES PTA to fund programming and initiatives that help make UPES thrive. Every dollar counts! Corporate sponsors welcome and will receive promotion across all fundraiser events and communications. Sponsored by the UPES PTA.



Second Saturday Lecture
Saturday, November 9, 4 PM

This month's lecture will be given by UP resident Chris Walsh. Chris has been a member of the University of Maryland faculty for four decades, conducting research and educational programs on fruit and vegetable production and fresh-produce safety. In 1991 he launched an apple breeding program to develop trees better suited to Maryland's hot, humid summer weather and reduce the need for pruning. Last year he and his team were awarded two patents for new varieties created under their Tree Architecture Project. Dr. Walsh will describe the breeding process, fruit tree propagation and answer questions. He'll also share some late-season apples for tasting. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman



UP Helping Paws

Please make sure dogs use the right of way, avoiding private front lawn property. Pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in public trash cans or your own trash can. Please sign up your animal(s) in the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for University Park residents. Committee members can view the information to help reunite lost pets with their owners.



UPCA Chili Cook Off

Sunday, November 10, 1-4 PM

The UPCA is once again proud to present the annual Chili Cook Off! Get your recipes and enter your chili in one of the following categories: Hot; Mild; Veggie; Kids; First Timers. This is a great event to meet neighbors and taste chili! The sign-up document is coming soon via email and day of event entries welcome too. Make a huge crock pot full of chili and bring to tasting tables on the Town Field. UPCA will provide cheese and sour cream and bowls and spoons and of course the very coveted Chili Champ trophies. There is no power at the field so get your chili as hot as you can before arriving.

UP Woman's Club Fall Penny Project

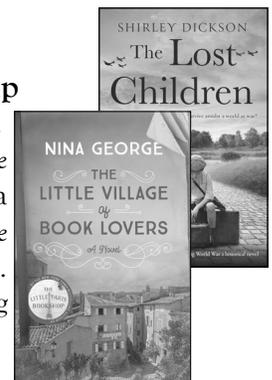
Monday, November 11

Please stop by 6832 Pineway, from 10 am until noon; from noon until 5 PM an empty flower pot will be available for any additional donations. Your loose change, whether in pockets or jars, will help support the excellent work done by Lutheran Social Services, so we encourage your participation!

After Eight Book Group

Tuesday, November 19, 8-10 PM

Our reading for November is *The Little Village Book of Lovers*, by Nina George. December's book is *The Lost Children* by Shirley Dickson. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.



You are invited 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.

**ERHS Grad Night Benefit
Franklin's Fundraiser 2025**

Tuesday, November 12

Grad Night is a long standing (30+ year) Eleanor Roosevelt High School tradition, where parent volunteers host an all-night chaperoned party on graduation night. Graduates enjoy a safe, substance-free evening of games, food, entertainment, contests, and prizes! Please support this event by visiting Franklin's Restaurant and Brewery any time from 11 AM-9 PM. 20% of all purchases go back to the event. Food (dine in and carryout), drinks, store purchases and even gift certificates! Make sure you tell your server or store cashier you are supporting the ERHS 2025 Grad Night Fundraiser.

Not able to make it to Franklin's but still want to find a way to support the event? ERHS parent Connie Visnic is happy to purchase a gift certificate and deliver it to you. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping or use the gift certificate later throughout the year. Email connie.visnic@gmail.com to place an order or to answer any questions.



**UPCA Fundraiser
Monday, December 2**

Start your holiday shopping at Franklin's Restaurant and Brewery. Have a meal or buy something in the store or a gift certificate and mention you're there to support UPCA and 20% comes back to us to fund Porch Fest, the Yard Sale, the Chili Cook Off and other UPCA events.

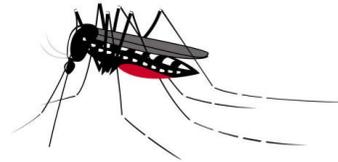


UP Basketball 2024-25 Registration

Basketball season is approaching and sign up is live for the UP Basketball 2024-25 season! If your kid hasn't played before, the league is open for all K-8th graders, regardless of skill level or experience. Registration closes November 15. For more info and registration, check out: universityparksports.org/sports/basketball

Arts In The Park

It was a delayed but beautiful day in the neighborhood. Bad weather forced the fourth annual Arts In The Park to be re-scheduled to October 5. Approximately 200 friends and neighbors joined in celebrating the art of 17 local town artists. Their artwork covered a wide range of visual arts including graphite, ink, watercolor, oil, acrylic and oil pastel paintings, photography, pottery, stained glass, metal welding, diorama display, and several virtual presentations. Owen Moss gave a demonstration of how to custom paint miniature Legos. People were fascinated by his detailed painting technique. Michelle Wedge and her assistant, Samantha D'Rozario, conducted a 3-hour "Tiny Art" hands-on painting class that had over 50 aspiring young artists create their miniature masterpieces in acrylics and clay. Special thanks to the volunteer organizing committee of Mary Gathercole, Dick Groppe, Don Oberg, Scott Sullivan and Michelle Wedge along with the volunteers who ran the Registration and Information desk. Arts In The Park has become a fun family event thanks to the efforts of these artists and volunteers.



Community Mosquito Control Program

November's cooler weather brings mosquito season to an end. If you deployed mosquito traps, it's time to gather them from your yard and prepare them for storage. Clean them and store in an enclosed space, away from winter weather. All plastic parts can be put in the dishwasher (don't use heat to dry them). Traps left exposed to winter cold can become brittle and crack, making them unusable for next year. It's best to store them in a conditioned space, rather than in a shed or unheated garage.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the UP Community Mosquito Control Program this year. We hope you'll participate again next year. To be effective, our program requires a strong community effort. Every neighbor who participates makes a difference in helping to keep the mosquitoes at bay. If you did not participate this year, we hope you will join us in 2025. The program will start gearing up for the 2025 mosquito season in early Spring. Questions or comments? Please send us an email at: upcmosquitoc@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 760 families per month. The fight against hunger and food insecurity continues. We need your help. Please consider donating to feed the poor and less fortunate. Donations are typically 100% 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.

Hyattsville Mennonite Church Ten Thousand Villages Craft Market and Bake Sale, Saturday, November 23, 9 AM-5 PM Get started on holiday shopping while supporting fair trade incomes for diverse artisan cultures from around the world. Explore handmade jewelry, home décor, art, rugs, textiles, and accessories, all certified fair-trade and help create sustainable, long-term relationships in places where skilled artisans struggle to make a living wage. Stock up on homemade baked goods, with proceeds going to support programs in our community. Talented bakers from the church will offer up whoopie pies, breads, cookies, and more! Bunyaad hand-knotted rug event: Heirloom quality rugs and pillows crafted by fairly paid adults will be available during the market hours on Saturday, and a special rug opening night Friday, November 22, 5-8 PM. Admission is free. 4217 East-West Highway, Hyattsville. For more information: hyattsvillemennonite.org/ten-thousand-villages-craft-market-bake-sale/ Online shopping is always available at: tenthousandvillages.com/alexandria

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series, *Pure Grit*, Monday, November 18, 7-9 PM Join us for an evening of a film and conversation about a tale of extreme bareback horse racing, and a love story. *Pure Grit* chronicles three years in the life of a young Native American bareback horse racer. Hyattsville Library, 6530 Adelphi Road.



Riversdale House Museum

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

Maryland Emancipation Day Tours, Sunday, November 3, Noon & 2 PM Stop by to enjoy a free Emancipation Day tour and learn about the enslaved individuals who lived at Riversdale through 1864.

Free Veterans Day Tours, Sunday, November 10, Noon & 2 PM Stop by and join us on a free Veterans Day tour and honor the history of those who have served.

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/. Email info@cpae.org to suggest an event or if you know a teacher or artist interested in working with us!

Arts Workshops with Mary Ann Lipovsky, Saturday, November 16, 1-4 PM Stained glass paintings using transparent watercolors, gold and silver pens. Please RSVP.



St. Martin's Day Lantern Festival, Sunday, November 10, 3:30-6 PM Make German paper lanterns, followed by an outdoor walk at twilight. St. Andrew's Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park.

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Curbside Leaf Vacuuming November 4, 2024 - January 10, 2025</p>			<p>Town committees meet regularly, please check the town website for current details.</p>		<p>1 Recycling</p>	<p>2 Church of the Brethren Harvest Sharing Fair, 9 AM-2 PM</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 Curbside Leaf Vacuuming Begins Yard Waste UPWC Meeting, 11:30 AM, Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Election Day Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Recycling</p>	<p>9 Ivy League, 10 AM Second Saturday Lecture, 4 PM</p>
<p>10 UPCA Chili Cook Off, 1-4 PM</p>	<p>11 Town Holiday Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Veterans Park UP Woman's Club Fall Penny Project</p>	<p>12 Trash, Bulk Trash ERHS Grad Night Benefit Franklin's Fundraiser2025</p>	<p>13 Yard Waste</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Recycling</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 Yard Waste, Town Council, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group Tuesday, 8-10 PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Recycling</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Yard Waste</p>	<p>26 Trash, Bulk Trash</p>	<p>27 Recycling</p>	<p>28 Town Holiday</p>	<p>29 Town Holiday</p>	<p>30</p>



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