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MAYOR'S COLUMN

May was a busy month in University Park. The most recent Townwide events, the Azalea Classic and PorchFest, were successful and well attended, even by folks who live outside of UP. It is wonderful to live in such a vibrant community.

Our new police chief, David Coleman, came to the Azalea Classic and met lots of Town residents. I am proud to have him lead our police department.

FY26 Budget

On May 9, the Council unanimously passed the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2026. The property tax rate is unchanged from last year. This is the first time in many years that the tax rate has been adjusted for inflation. There was no increase in the personal property tax rate for businesses in Town. I encourage residents to review the budget by going to upmd.org and entering the word "budget" in the search bar.

This budget was a collaborative effort with input from police and public works department heads, followed by a series of focused Council work sessions led by our Town Administrator.

Budget highlights include:

- Continued reserves for stormwater management solutions and a new town hall
- A 4% increase in salaries for our police officers and public works crew
- Upgraded equipment and training for our police department
- Funding to protect and expand our tree canopy
- Donations to University Park Elementary School and Northwestern High School to improve their libraries and other much needed upgrades

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council June 2 & 16

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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Traffic

Residents have likely noticed traffic measuring and recording devices in Town. This is a tool to better understand University Park's problematic and frequent stop sign running and I encourage residents to view example videos at letsdrivesafer.com/university-park. Rest assured that no one's personal information or images are available. Prince George's County is now considering the Town's request for approval of several stop sign cameras at key locations around Town.

Our hope is that stop sign runners will change their behavior when tickets are issued for egregious unsafe driving. The speed cameras on Route 1 and Adelphi Road resulted in thousands of tickets over the past few years and eventually drivers slowed down. This work is part of the Council's commitment to addressing our myriad traffic issues.

New Town Hall

On May 19, the Council held its first public hearing regarding our plans to build a much-needed new town hall. Interested residents can find detailed information about the project, including our funding plan, at upmd.org/391/future-town-hall. In the months to come, the Town will host several public hearings regarding the project. Resident input is welcome.

On May 5, State Senator Alonzo Washington formally presented a \$300,000 state grant to our Town for this project. We are grateful for his advocacy, as well as the efforts of Delegates Ashanti Martinez, Nicole Williams, and Anne Healey.

Much of the progress on the Town Hall project is attributable the efforts of my friend and colleague Nat Morgan, Councilmember for Ward 4, chair of the Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services. Nat's second and final term on the Council will end in mid-June. Thank you, Nat, for your service and leadership.

Town Elections and Kudos

Congratulations to Councilmembers Grant Godfrey, David McGaughey, and Bill Sweet on their reelection to represent Wards 6, 5, and 7, respectively, and to Cindy Mowery for her election to represent Ward 4. I look forward to the swearing in on June 16 and to working with this new Council.

Warmly,

Laurie K. Morrissey

FROM THE CHIEF

Esteemed residents and members of the University Park community, my name is David Coleman and I officially began my duties as your Chief of Police on May 5. I am incredibly proud to have the opportunity to lead the dedicated men and women of the University Park Police Department and to serve each of you. My goal is to



continue to cultivate the strong, positive relationships that exist between our police department and the residents of University Park.

I am dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our community through commitment to active collaboration, officer development, and responsive, community-focused policing. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet many of you soon and to work hand-in-hand to maintain University Park as an exceptional place to live and thrive.

University Park Police Safety Night

Friday, June 6, 6-8 PM

Join us for an evening of community connection and public safety.

- Meet your University Park police officers.
- Explore patrol vehicles and equipment.
- Learn important safety tips.
- Enjoy giveaways and family-friendly activities.

Location: UP Elementary School, 4315 Underwood Street. This is a great opportunity to engage with neighbors and learn more about how we're working together to keep University Park safe. We hope to see you there!

Notable Incidents

Burglary A resident in the 7000 block of 40th Ave reported that items including beverages and household supplies were stolen from her detached, unlocked garage. The incident likely occurred between March 29-30. A suspect image and related evidence have been shared with PGPD detectives.

Theft from Vehicle A suspect in the 4400 block of Sheridan Street was observed rummaging through a vehicle. The suspect fled but left behind a backpack containing property later identified as stolen. A photo of the suspect was provided to investigators.

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Check Fraud A resident in the 4000 block of College Heights Drive reported that a check mailed to his bank was altered and fraudulently cashed. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service was notified.

Theft from Shed A resident in the 6500 block of Adelphi Road reported multiple items, including two bicycles and power tools, were stolen from his unlocked shed. PGPD detectives were notified.

Vandalism A resident in the 4200 block of Sheridan Street reported damage to a shed door. No items were stolen. The incident was reclassified as vandalism.

Property Damage Two residents in the 3900 and 4000 block of Beechwood Road reported vehicle damage believed to have occurred in early April. Case numbers were provided for insurance purposes.

Theft A resident in the 7000 block of Adelphi Road discovered that his wallet was stolen from his unlocked vehicle. Several fraudulent charges were made using his credit cards.

Overdose Response Officers administered Narcan and performed CPR to revive an unresponsive male in the 4000 block of Underwood Street. The individual later refused further medical treatment.

Stolen Vehicle Report A resident in the 4400 block of Beechwood Road reported their vehicle stolen, which was later found at a Metro garage. It was determined the vehicle had been forgotten, not stolen.

Theft A resident in the 4000 block of Beechwood Road reported tools were stolen from his unlocked shed overnight. PGPD was notified.

Found Property (Multiple Locations) Officers recovered multiple lost items including a wallet, backpack, projector and miscellaneous items throughout town. Items were secured in the property room.

Missing Person A resident in the 6900 block of Pineway reported a tenant missing under concerning circumstances. The individual has not returned and was last seen April 19. Detectives have been notified.

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Tree Committee News

June marks the transition to summer and should be marked by the blooming of rose mallow, Clethra, Coreopsis, and Nodding Onion in the Woodberry rain garden. Be sure to check these blooms for pollinators! Otherwise, the committee has had a busy spring planning volunteer activity, protecting town meadow shrubs from deer with fencing, updating the tree ordinance language, and running a booth at Meadow Day.



June Yard Tasks (for fireflies!) June also means the return of adult big dipper fireflies calling each other around dusk with their characteristic “J” motion close to the ground. Also, look up to the treetops later in the evening, an hour after sunset, to see many more tree-top flashing species. The temperature and humidity of the evening dictate which species will call on a given night. You may even spot mysterious slow-glow species along the path between the meadow and playground that hover a few feet off the ground and are bright enough to illuminate the path.

Two elements of town decision-making likely contribute to our diverse firefly community. First, a healthy canopy of large trees with an understory of leaf litter is necessary for their life cycle, as the larval stage lives as predators in leaf litter or high up in the trees. Second, dark, wet areas with less artificial light, such as the park, are key to these organisms’ lifecycles. If residents want to help these species, especially those living near the park, consider using wildlife-friendly lighting strategies. These are compatible with security lighting and include using motion sensor rather than static lights, “warmer” light that looks yellow or orange rather than white or blue, or lights that are angled down or shielded at the top or sides to limit light pollution from your property. Because many of these species live in lawns and leaf litter most of the year as



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larvae, using more sustainable landscaping tactics that reduce insecticide use in lawns, including mosquito adulticide sprays, will likely increase your chance of having a personal fireworks display in your yard!

Tree Ordinance The town tree ordinance requires all residents to file a tree form before removing any trees from their property. A form must be submitted for all trees larger than 50 inches in circumference, equivalent to 15.9 inches in diameter, or about the size of a small telephone pole. If, after filing the form, you still choose to remove a large, healthy, noninvasive tree, the ordinance mandates that you replace it with a similar canopy species within a year or contribute to the town's Reforestation Fund. These funds will enable the town to plant additional trees in other areas to maintain a healthy tree canopy for residents. Additionally, please note that the town is responsible for trees in the town right-of-way, and residents cannot remove town trees without DPW consent. More information can be found on the town website.

Ivy League, Saturday, June 28, 9 AM June will see the return of the Ivy League to invasive plant species removal! Note the earlier start time to beat the heat during the summer months. Meet at Veterans Park at the intersection of Clagget and Wells Run. Bring water and gloves. We will have tools, although you are welcome to bring your favorite prying tool or clippers. Volunteer forms are happily signed. Join us!

Helping Hands University Park

HHUP Calendar

**Members Monthly Lunch Club,
Wednesday, June 16, 12-1 PM**

In person. Members and volunteers social gathering. Location changes every month. Become a member and join us!



**Helping Hands
University Park**

Route 1 Corridor Conversations, Saturday, June 28, 2-3:30 PM Join cybersecurity expert Heidi Weber to learn how to recognize and avoid the rising threat of electronic fraud in today's digital age. Discover the common tactics used in phone calls, text messages and emails to deceive unsuspecting individuals. Learn what red flags to watch for and the warning signs of a scam. Gain valuable strategies for safeguarding your personal information and finances, including what to do if you suspect you've been targeted. And find out about resources that can offer assistance and support in the fight against fraud. To sign

up for the Zoom link or more info online at: hyattsville-aginginplace.org/programs-and-activities/corridor-conversations/

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 5:30-6:30 PM via Zoom. HHUP is a committee of the Town Council, and all UP residents are welcome to attend.

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 via Zoom. All 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.

HHUP Contact Info: hhuniversitypark@gmail.com; 301-892-6636; helpinghandsup.org; [facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP](https://www.facebook.com/HelpingHandsUP).



From Department of Public Works

Recycling Notice Please note that plastic bags and plastic film cannot be placed in your recycling bin. **Going forward, DPW will not pick up your recycling if it includes these materials.**

- Recyclables must be placed loose in your blue cart—not in bags.
 - Do not put plastic bags and film in your recycling bin.
- This policy will be strictly enforced. Again, your recycling will not be collected if it includes plastic bags, plastic film or plastic packaging.

Bags clog the equipment and shut down the recycling line which is very costly. Excluding plastic bags and similar products reduces contamination and helps the system run more efficiently. You can recycle a wide range of plastic items—including packaging. Learn how and where to recycle plastic bags, film, packaging and other items at plasticfilmrecycling.org and search.earth911.com which covers bags, etc.

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April 21 Council Meeting Highlights

Present via video and audio conference were Mayor Morrissey; Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Kelby, Morgan, McGaughey, Godfrey, Sweet. Staff present: Town Administrator Debi Sandlin; Town Attorney Suelen Ferguson; Town Clerk TC Hegeman; Interim Police Chief Captain Graddy; Public Works Director Mickey Beall.

Public Comment

The town clerk read a letter from a resident who expressed appreciation for the town support of the Azalea Classic race event noting that it created a sense of community for the town.

Mayor, Council, and Committee Comments and Reports

The Development Oversight Committee The committee held an urgent meeting last week to discuss the zoning changes with The Mark project in College Park. The committee will discuss at a future meeting zoning in Hyattsville.

Policy Rules Municipal Structure Committee The committee met last week to discuss animal control in response to recent incidents in the town. They will ask the town attorney for assistance with amendments to Chapter Three of the Town Code to classify dog attacks or bites as violations of the Code. Additionally, the committee will propose a requirement for renters' insurance to include a pet liability clause—subject to contravening a state law and potential charter amendments—to streamline the town's administrative efforts.

Tree Committee Arbor Day is Friday, and CM Godfrey will represent the Town at the school event. The Ivy League will meet at the playground on Saturday and they have recommended some amendments to the Town's tree ordinance.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The committee met last Thursday to discuss funding and funding sources for the Town Hall redevelopment project.

Police Traffic and Public Safety Committee The committee met for the second time this month to discuss intersections with A. Morton Thomas where data will be collected. The data collection will start tomorrow in Wards 1 and 2 and then will go through Saturday. Data collection in Wards 3, 5, 6, and 7 will start on Tuesday.

Mayor Morrissey The Mayor stated how she is looking forward to continuing the budget discussion and the financing of Town Hall project.

Continuing Business

The Council reviewed the updates to the fiscal year 2026 budget. The Town Administrator discussed her memo and the approximately \$13,000 increase in the Public Safety line item, allocated to utilities.

New Business

Motion: to approve the consideration of a modified special exemption fence request for 4323 Clagett Road due to hardship related to privacy concerns. Motion passed 4-3.

Motion: To approve a letter of support for the position taken by the City of College Park with respect to the rezoning of the property located at 4330 Hartwick Road and 4313 Knox Road - The Mark. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Todd Frankenfield, Alta CPA

The report noted that the town currently has a year-to-date surplus of approximately \$388,000, which is expected to be spent over the next three months. Overall, spending remains on track. He explained the income tax collection and state payout process, highlighting that a significant portion of the Town's income tax revenue is collected in the final quarter of the fiscal year under the modified accrual accounting method.

Consideration of Whether to Change Terms of Authorization for Engineering Site Work for Clagett-Pineway Storm Water Management Memorandum of Understanding

The Town Attorney provided an update of the report, noting that engineering work—initially expected to occur after the signing of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County—is now being requested prior to the signing. It was noted that the MOU is anticipated to be signed, pending confirmation with the County. Additionally, required engineering work is estimated to cost approximately \$10,000, which is part of the overall project to which the Town is already committed.

Discussion of the Options for Funding the New Town Hall

CM Kelby reported that modifications were made to the new Town Hall presentation following the previous meeting. A detailed discussion ensued regarding the requirements for constructing the new Town Hall and potential funding options. It was noted that the current facility no longer meets the Town's needs. The Council

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was informed that a public hearing will be held to allow for public comment, after which a Council vote will be taken.

Department Reports

Town Administrator The Town Administrator's report was included in the packet for review by the Council.

Town Clerk The Town Clerk's report was included in the packet for review by the Council.

Interim Chief of Police The Interim Chief of Police report was included in the packet for review by the Council. Captain Graddy confirmed the recent hit-and-run involving a parked vehicle occurred at Beechwood and 40th Avenue. Contact had been made with the vehicle owner, citations were issued, and a report was filed.

She stated that the County Council must approve the locations of the stop sign cameras. The Town of University Park Council will finalize the proposed locations. There are three intersections along Wells Parkway that were included in the list submitted for approval.

Director of Public Works The Director of Public Works report was included in the packet for review by the Council.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 9:20 PM.

April 30 Council Budget Work Session Highlights

Present via video and audio conference were Mayor Morrissey; Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Kelby, Morgan, McGaughey, Godfrey, Sweet. Staff present: Town Administrator Debi Sandlin.

- The Council reviewed and finalized the funding for the contribution organizations/groups.
- The Council discussed and agreed to a 4% increase in the FY26 budget for the PW's crew members, PD Patrol Officers, two Administrative Assistants, Code Enforcement Officer and Crossing Guards - \$13,524.
- The Council agreed to remove the Tree Reserve Designated budget line-item of \$40,000 from the FY26 budget.
- FY26 Tax Rate—The Council agreed to keep the tax rate at the .4763 cents for the FY26 budget.

Public Comments

- Two residents spoke about the proposed tax rate and asked for clarification.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

May 5 Council Meeting Highlights

Present via video and audio conference were Mayor Morrissey; Councilmembers Dubayah, Gathercole, Kelby, Morgan, McGaughey, Godfrey, Sweet. Staff present: Town Administrator Debi Sandlin; Town Attorney Suel-len Ferguson; Town Clerk TC Hegeman; Police Chief David Coleman; Public Works Director Mickey Beall. Guest Present: State Senator Alonzo T. Washington.

Guest Speaker State Senator Alonzo T. Washington

Senator Alonzo T. Washington expressed his honor in representing the community and his commitment to providing resources from the State. He presented a ceremonial check for \$300,000 to the Mayor and Council, signifying a grant from the State to support the construction of the new town hall. The Senator praised the police force and operations of the Town of University Park.

Introduction and Welcome Of Chief Coleman

The Mayor and Council introduced and welcomed Chief Coleman to the meeting.

Public Comment

A resident discussed the proposed defunding of the rain-check rebate program by the county executive. The resident urged Mayor and Council to consider establishing a similar program at the Town of University Park, with an annual budget of approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000, in the event that the county program is eliminated. This initiative would offer rebates to encourage property owners to implement measures aimed at reducing storm-water runoff and protect well water.

Mayor, Council, and Committee

Comments and Reports

Police, Traffic & Public Safety The committee will meet next month.

Sustainability Committee The committee will meet tomorrow at 7:30 PM to review the report from the University of Maryland students regarding their project documenting and promoting the meadow. They will discuss its creation and maintenance.

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Tree Committee The Arbor Day ceremony was fantastic and well attended. Public Works installed a loblolly pine tree.

Public Facilities and Services Committee The committee will meet on May 15, 2025, to discuss the new town hall.

The Development Overview Committee The committee will not meet this month.

Continuing Business

Motion: *To approve the transfer of \$75,000 from the Police and Public Safety budget line item P1, "Salaries", to P27, "Police Cruiser," to fund the purchase of a vehicle for use by the Chief.* Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: *To adopt legislative resolution 25-O-03 to levy the property tax rate at \$0.4763 for \$100 a full value assessment on all taxable real property located within the corporate limits of the town.* Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: *To adopt a rate of \$2.25 for \$100 of full value assessment on all taxable personal property located with the town.* Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: *To adopt legislative resolution 25-O-03 which states levy and adopts the budget for FY26.* CM Sweet added an Amendment to the original motion.

Amended Motion: *To amend the budget to bring an increase of \$14,300 of which \$9,000 will directly contribute to the town employees' healthcare savings fund to help offset the deductibles in their healthcare costs and also increase \$5,300 to that across the board increases for the town employees is 3%, we as a Council would like to have the Public Works crews and duty/patrol officers and the two administrative assistants to get 4%.* Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: *To approve the Ordinance 25-O-03, to levy the real property and personal property tax rate and appropriate and adopt the annual budget, as amended, for fiscal year 2026.* Motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

Motion: *To amend and approve procurement of services for the repair of a critical safety issue related to the main electrical service to the maintenance garage,*

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to include an upgrade to the main electrical service panels and to approve and waive the bid requirements with good cause being staff safety, contract subject to review by the Town Attorney. Motion was carried unanimously.

The Public Works Director explained the requests for the amendments.

Motion: *To amend and approve procurement of services for a vehicle emissions exhaust system for the maintenance garage, to include installation of a fresh air ventilation system and relocation of an overhead heating unit and to amend and approve the waiver of the bid requirements to include installation of a fresh air ventilation system and relocation of an overhead heating unit with good cause being staff safety, contract subject to review by Town Attorney.* Motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:09 PM.

Obituary



Toni Walton, known to many town residents, past and present, died suddenly on March 31. Toni Walton was the kindergarten teacher at Greenwood School (now Georgetown Hill's Greenwood Campus) for over 30 years, where she touched the lives of countless children with her warmth, patience and joyful spirit. She was passionate about nurturing others—not only in the classroom but in her everyday life. She leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity, and a life well lived. A remembrance gathering will be scheduled soon. Alumni parents and students are invited. Please contact Sharon Werth for more information if you would like to attend. Sharon Werth, sbodul@comcast.net, 301-343-9869.

2nd Saturday Lecture Series Saturday, June 14, 4-7 PM

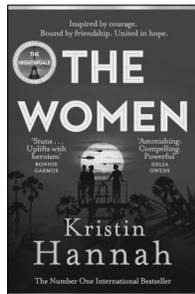
There is a crisis in local news in our country and in Prince George's County. Local newspapers are shutting their doors. People are seeking out polarized online sources of information that tell them what they want to hear rather than keeping them connected with neighbors and grounded in what is actually happening nearby. In our area, we have a growing local news nonprofit, Streetcar Suburbs Publishing, with a unique model that



is working to fill the gap and strengthen our communities. Streetcar Suburbs runs a hyperlocal news website and email newsletter, and mails monthly newspapers to every home in Hyattsville, College Park and Laurel, opening vital channels for civic engagement and connection to all residents. Join editors and board members of Streetcar Suburbs to mark the five-year anniversary of the College Park newspaper, the *College Park Here & Now*. A panel of local news leaders will discuss plans for the months ahead, and how to support and strengthen local news in Prince George's County municipalities. Refreshments will be provided by local businesses. For more information, contact Dave Brosch at davidcbrosch@comcast.net, 240-888-1225, or Kit Slack at kit@streetcarsuburbs.news, 773-573-3646. University Park Church of the Brethren at 4413 Tuckerman St.

**After Eight Book Group
Tuesday, June 17, 8-10 PM**

June's book is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Those interested in attending should contact Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550. We are off for the summer months, back in September.



Save the Date! Arts in the Park



Our fifth annual Arts in the Park will be 1-4 PM on Saturday, September 27. Celebrate the work of Town artists. Enjoy free art demonstrations. There will be an all day workshop for young artists to create new art treasures. Arts In The Park is a fun community event and opportunity to reconnect with friends and neighbors. Artist registration will begin in July and is open to any Town artists 10 years of age or older. Look for instructions in the July-August Newsletter.



UP Woman's Club Scholarship Winners

University Park Woman's Club is happy to announce the winners of its 2025 scholarships. These outstanding students are:

- Katelyn Trebel from Elizabeth Seton High School. Katelyn will be majoring in Elementary Education at University of Maryland, College Park.
- Tobias Flick from DeMatha Catholic High School. Tobias will be attending University of Maryland, College Park and is undecided on his major.
- Congrats to these incredible teens. Join us in wishing them the best. The UP Woman's Club has been offering these scholarships for 79 years. For more information about the club, go to upwomensclub.org.

Little Friends Peace Camp

Peace Camp for ages 5 to 14 returns to University Park Church of the Brethren July 14-18. Through art, cooperative games, presentations, and peace circles, Little Friends for Peace teaches children mindfulness, empathy, anger management, conflict resolution and self-empowerment. Registration is open at www.lffp.org. Further information from MJ Park at (240) 838-4549.

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 your animal(s) up for the UP Pet database at <https://tinyurl.com/UPPet>. This database is for residents and helps reunite lost pets with their owners.

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Teen Workers List

The following young residents are interested in finding summer jobs around our Town. Please save this list and contact them if you need any of these services.

Will Kirk, 17, 240-501-2574, wwkirkjr@gmail.com, lawn work, odd jobs.

Ben Kirk, 16, 240-791-9314, benedictjpkirk@gmail.com, lawn work, odd jobs.

Jake Schneider, 15, 202-430-3886, Jake.schneider2010@gmail.com, babysitting (age 3 and up), dog walking.

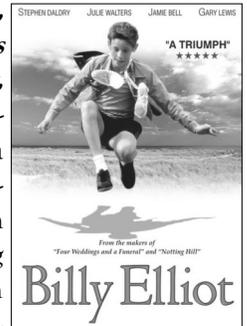


UP Helping Paws

Completed Dog Training in the last year or so? UP Paws would love to share and celebrate your training success stories. We know how much time and patience it takes to do it well, and as fellow dog lovers and owners, we know it is worth it. Please share your training experiences with us. Did your puppy make it through puppy class? Have you moved on to intermediate or advanced work? Explored fun sports like agility or nosework? Did you get your Canine Good Citizen? Let us help celebrate every milestone! Submit this form for spotlight consideration: <https://bit.ly/DogGraduate>
Email uphelpingpaws@gmail.com for more information.

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Hyattsville Library Film Program, *Billy Elliot* and *Pride: Stereotypes and Solidarity in Film*, Monday, June 9, 7-9 PM Anthropologist, activist, educator, and writer, Juliana Barnet will discuss two films set during the epic 1984-5 Miners' Strike in Northern England, with striking workers as central characters. Join her for an exploration of the portrayal of workers, and of strikes and unions. What stereotypes find their way into these movies? Juliana Barnet is passionate about the full and fair representation of activists in fiction, demonstrated by her novel *Rainwood House Sings*, set in a fictionalized version of a community that shares some history with our own Prince George's County. It portrays community and union activists engaged in ordinary yet inspiring and entertaining struggles for justice. Hyattsville Library, 6530 Adelphi Road.



Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail Day, Saturday, June 14, 9 AM-8 PM Join the communities along the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail for a full-day celebration! Activities occur throughout the day along the entirety of the 3.8-mile stretch of the Trolley Trail. Trolley Trail Day celebrates the trail connecting Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and College Park (and beyond!). Events happen throughout the entire day, starting with fun runs and bike rides in the morning, and 10 hubs of activity. Free for everyone; we welcome people of all ages and backgrounds to celebrate with us. More info at trolley-trailday.org.

University of Maryland Summer Chorus 2025: Songs of Fantasy & Fate UMD Summer Chorus is a campus and community chorus available to anyone who likes to sing (high school age and above). No audition required. This year, the chorus will tackle Johannes Brahms' *Schicksalslied* & *Nänie*, two of Brahms' most iconic choral compositions. The program also features Ludwig van Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*, a joyful expression of music and unity. For details, visit music.umd.edu/community-engagement/summer-programs-camps/umd-summer-chorus

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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!



June 30x30 Art Month!

Join in the fun of creating an artwork every day for the month of June! Sketches, haikus, dance phrases, songs, cell phone pix—feel free to choose the format of your artwork. Maybe inspire yourself by buying a nice sketchbook, 30 small canvases, or a batch of tiny frames. Collect yarn and crochet 30 granny squares! Collect 30 bits of found art or natural history specimens and arrange them in a type tray or shadowbox diorama. Infinite art possibilities await you in the glorious month of June! There will be a popup art show in July at the Old Parish House, and we will seek additional display locations around College Park. Join the fun! Email info@cpae.org to let us know you will be creating during June 30 x 30 Art Month!

Tai Chi with Maureen Stone and Mark Grisar, Wednesdays, 10 AM Tai Chi is an ancient martial art consisting of slow and controlled movements, which improve balance, muscle tone and control, and encourage a meditative state of mind. This introductory class is practiced in a standing position wearing comfortable clothes, offered in conjunction with Age-Friendly College Park. Instructors Maureen Stone and Mark Grisar have been practicing Lao Yang Family Style Tai Chi for over 15 years. \$45 for 6-week session, or \$10 drop-in fee.

Soul Line Dancing with Karen Stewart, Fridays, 10 AM Soul Line Dancing by zoom is a fun and easy way to bring music and movement into your life. Teacher Karen Stewart broadcasts beginner level line dances from her

home, and line dancers join in from their own living rooms. Karen knows all the moves and is a gifted dancer, choreographer and instructor. CPAE students love Karen's teaching style and say that each lesson is filled with great music and movement! Contact info@cpae.org for zoom link.



Riversdale House Museum

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

Summer Concert Series, Wednesday, June 11, 7-8 PM Join us on the lawn for our 2025 Summer Concert Series where we will highlight different bands throughout the summer. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair and a picnic! The performances are sponsored by the Maryland State Arts Council and the Town of Riverdale Park. Performers TBD.

Father's Day Free Tours, Sunday, June 15, 12 & 2 PM Join the Riversdale House Museum for a free Father's Day tour as we interpret the history of the people who lived and worked at this former plantation from the house's construction in 1801 through Emancipation in 1864. Visitors engage in facilitated dialogue with Tour Guides while being led through rooms of the historic house and dependency buildings.

This is a one-hour guided tour. We ask that visitors arrive at the Visitor Center 5-10 minutes ahead of time to get registered.

Juneteenth Free Tours, Friday, June 20, 12 & 2 PM Join the Riversdale House Museum for a free Juneteenth Day tour as we interpret the history of the people who lived and worked at this former plantation from the house's construction in 1801 through Emancipation in 1864. Visitors engage in facilitated dialogue with Tour Guides while being led through rooms of the historic house and dependency buildings. This is a one-hour guided tour. We ask that visitors arrive at the Visitor Center 5-10 minutes ahead of time to get registered.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Yard Waste & Compost, Town Council, 7:30 PM	3 Trash, Bulk Trash	4	5	6 Recycling Police Safety Night, 6–8 PM	7
8	9 Yard Waste & Compost	10 Trash, Bulk Trash	11	12	13 Recycling	14 2nd Saturday Lecture Series, 4-7 PM Trolley Trail Day, 9 AM-8 PM
15	16 Yard Waste & Compost, Town Council, 7:30 PM	17 Trash, Bulk Trash After Eight Book Group, 8-10 PM	18	19	20 Recycling	21
22	23 Yard Waste & Compost	24 Trash, Bulk Trash	25	26	27 Recycling	28 Ivy League, 9 AM
29	30 Yard Waste & Compost	July 1 Trash, Bulk Trash	2 Recycling	3	4 Town Holiday	Town committees meet regularly, check the town website for current details.



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