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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

MAR 5 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**MAR 7 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the April 2007 issue, NOON**

MAR 19 - COUNCIL MEETING

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services will be provided with a request made ten days in advance. **Agenda for the Council Meetings are posted on the Town's website and on the Town Hall bulletin board the Friday before each Meeting.**

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

Winter finally arrived last month and the ice storm that visited us in mid-February was particularly difficult. However, thanks to the efficient efforts of our Public Works staff, the streets of University Park were kept clean and clear of snow and ice. **A BIG THANK YOU** also goes to all those residents who remembered to park their cars in their driveways. That greatly simplified the task of plowing the snow and salting the roads. To the extent possible, residents always should try to get their cars off the streets before snow and ice storms. Not only does it make the snow removal easier and

more efficient, but it also keeps your car out of harms way from the snow plows, the salt, and from other cars possibly sliding into yours. In addition, homeowners should make every effort to clear their front sidewalks as quickly as possible. The ice-covered sidewalks that were left uncleared in front of some residences during the February storm created a tremendous hazard to pedestrians, service and emergency personnel, and one's neighbors.

The Town is in the early stages of exploring the possibility of **EXPANDING THE TOWN HALL** to increase office and meeting space, and to make the building more fully ADA compliant. Currently, citizen groups and the Council cannot hold meetings at the Town Hall, nor can meetings be held with more than two or three visitors. Even Town personnel find themselves working in crowded conditions. Watch for more information in future columns and announcements as we explore different plans for expansion and sources of funding.

For those of you who are following **THE BUDGET PROCESS**, please note that we are happy to accept suggestions through March 16th. The budget will be presented to the Council on Monday, April 2nd. Because of the significant rise in everyone's property tax assessments, we will include an analysis of past and future trends in costs and taxes in the accompanying budget message in order to lay down a baseline for public discussion. It is important that we preserve Town services while working to keep the tax burden down both relatively and absolutely.

"Here is a toast to hoping that spring presents itself early and finds us all well and prosperous."



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

The following letter was sent in response to comments received from a concerned resident who had read the E-List crime alert about a robbery attempt in Town:

"The UPPD is also extremely concerned about this incident and will work with the Prince George's County PD to identify and arrest the suspects. We work very hard to make our community safe. An incident such as this is uncommon in our neighborhood but unfortunately did happen. We are grateful that the young man was not injured, however the confidence of a safe community has been fractured. As I respond to the e-mails I have received from this crime alert, it is very evident to me that there are enough concerned residents that our collective efforts can result in restoring the fact /that/ we live in a safe community. A vigilant town resident has even provided some information that could prove very valuable to this investigation. University Park is a great place to walk, run or just get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Many in our community commute by walking, biking, public transportation and driving. Regardless of the reason to be out and about, (they're all good) keep in mind some basic street sense:

1. Wherever you are, stay alert and tuned into your surroundings.
2. Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you are.
3. Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave. If it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't right.
4. Know your neighborhood. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, restaurants and stores that are open late.
5. Carry your cell phone, and walk with a friend when you can. Being safe is a learned behavior and can become second nature when practiced.

"I will gladly stop by and speak with your children about this incident if you think it would help. Respectfully, Chief Wynnyk"

PS to all Town residents: Any University Park Police Officer gladly will speak with you and/or your children at any time about safe practices and habits.

THE UPPD E-LIST: This e-mail service gives residents crime alerts for incidents soon after they happen. To be added to the E-List, please provide the UPPD with your name, address, e-dress, and a contact phone number. After doing so (by mail, e-mail or telephone), you will be added to the E-List.

STEERING WHEEL CLUBS still are available for **FREE**. Help deter your vehicle's theft. Contact the UPPD while they last.

REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS: There are registered sexual offenders in the UP zip code, 20782. To see this information, you may go online at the following website: <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/>. **NOTE: You now can be placed on a "sexual offender alert list."** The State of Maryland is providing this service free for any resident. **Call 1-866-559-8017** to be placed on the list to receive automatic notification if a sexual offender moves into your neighborhood.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, MD 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell, 240-375-1077) P.G. County Dispatch (301-333-4000) and ask for a UP officer to respond - Chief Mike Wynnyk (301-277-0051 or upchief@upmd.org).

The following crimes occurred in January:

CRIME STATISTICS (Jan 1st to Jan 31st)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CRIME</u>	<u>BLOCK/STREET</u>
Jan 14th	Attempt Robbery	6600 WellsPky
Jan 17th	Theft	6800 Balt Ave
Jan 20th	B & E	3900 Beechwd

CRIME STATISTICS NOTES:

Attempt Robbery: At 6:10 PM, a young man was walking home from College Park to University Park. A dark-colored minivan with approximately six teenage males (described as being 12-17 years old) approached him driving slowly. Four of the suspect/s got out of the vehicle; one of them implied he had a weapon and another one struck the victim. The victim ran away from the scene to his home and advised his parent of the incident. The victim was not injured and no property was stolen. Police were notified and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft: Between 9:45 AM and 12:30 PM, a Sony Play Station was taken from the living room of a residence. Victim advised that, when he left for work, friends of a roommate were sleeping on the couch in the living room. When he returned from work, the property was missing and the suspects could not be located. Only the first names of the suspect/s were known. The investigation is ongoing.

B & E: Between 11 AM and 7:55 PM, suspect/s forced entry through a rear door of a residence and stole a camera, I-Pod, laptop computer, and a passport. The crime scene was processed with negative results. The investigation is ongoing.

NOTE: **Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in University Park should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential.** PLEASE: Remember to keep all your serial numbers, and to ID all your valuable property.



SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

♣ This notice is to thank those Town homeowners who made the kind, helpful, and neighborly gesture of **clearing one's sidewalks after last month's snowfall and ice storm.** University Park is very much a "walking town" and clean cleared sidewalks especially are (and recently were) not only appreciated by handicapped residents, seniors, children &

parents walking to school, your faithful mail carriers, and other public workers, but also were absolutely necessary for safe pedestrian travel through Town.

Unfortunately, the Town received many reports of sidewalks remaining uncleared. UP always has prided itself on being a Town where residents assume their civic responsibilities without being mandated to do so. **It would be a shame to have to enact a law requiring walks to be cleared of ice and snow within 24 hours, with its accompanying monetary fine.**

♣ **And,** should there be a chance for more snow this winter, **please remember to use your driveway or garage to park your vehicles.** Having fewer vehicles parked on our streets enables our Town Public Works crew to clear the streets of ice and snow more effectively. Plus, parking in your driveway means you won't have to clear the large expanses where your cars were parked!



HOW PREPARED ARE YOU?

Were we ever lucky! According to the National Weather Service, IF the upper atmospheric temperature had been 1/8 of a degree lower, an ice storm would have paralyzed the east coast for at least a month. Even so, some areas of Prince George's County were without power for four days; temperatures hovered around 20°; etc. etc.

Would you and your family have been prepared for the worst case? UP's CERT knows it's a fallacy to believe that nothing ever will happen here. Take a moment to think about that and, if you do not have emergency supplies for at least 72 hours (3 days) and if you do not have a plan, perhaps it is time to do something now.

One last reminder: **Do you have an emergency packet in your car?** Think about those people on Route 78 in Pennsylvania who

spent all night on the road in traffic. The UP CERT team always is available to advise residents about ways to be prepared. For more information or for a list of the UP CERT, please call Tom Stickles (301-864-0533).



NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election

for the

Town of University Park

For the Offices of

Council Members

for

Wards Two, Four, Five, and Six

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

**8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at
Riverdale Presbyterian Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road**

**DEADLINE
TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE
OR
TO REGISTER AS A NEW VOTER**

is

Sunday, April 1, 2007

NOTE: Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:
(1) a citizen of the United States,
(2) eighteen years of age or older on the date of the election, and
(3) a resident of University Park.

TO REGISTER: Contact the P.G. County Board of Elections at 301-627-2814 or TDD 301-627-3352

CANDIDATES: Contact the Town Hall for candidate packet



ITEMS TO REMEMBER

 **♣ NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CHANGE:** **ANY TIME** an outbuilding, a fence higher than 4 feet, or any structural work (such as an addition or deck) is being constructed -- even if the work is a replacement -- the Town Building Permit application and the stamped County plans MUST be received at the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting. There are **NO exceptions!** [NOTE: This is a change from the previous procedure, "the Wednesday before the Council meeting."]

 **♣ IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Be sure to mark "University Park" on your Maryland income tax forms. Town services such as sanitation and police are paid for partly by a share of our State taxes. The State only provides us with this share, however, if University Park (not Hyattsville) is designated as your residence.

 **♣ IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Residents or homeowners who plan on renting their house for any length of time **MUST apply for a Town rental license.** The license offers you protection by helping to fund a housing code officer who will inspect the rented home regularly. The rental license costs \$250.00. The one case when a license is not needed is when a house is rented to only one person. If you have questions about this law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

♣ HELP PREVENT CRIME: Blue and white "UP" stickers are available **FREE** at the Town Hall with proof of residence and your car's registration. All Town residents are asked to display a "UP" sticker on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are an important part of our Neighborhood Watch program as **they enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Town Hall hours are M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM.

♣ **YARD WASTE:** Wednesday is the day designated for all yard waste collection in UP. Since **yard waste is composted** rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. To keep our Town looking beautiful, only put out yard waste on the day before collection.

♣ **BULK TRASH:** Please call the Town Hall to arrange for a pick-up time and day. Please wait to place the items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon (i.e. air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers).

♣ **BLUE BINS** (Thursday or Friday): Blue Bins are for newspaper and mixed paper recycling. Put **telephone books, magazines, paper boxes, envelopes, cardboard AND NEWSPAPERS** in this bin and place it at the curb on your Thursday (or Friday) mixed-paper recycling day. **NOTE:** Waxed paper, Styro-foam and any paper food containers contaminated with food particles are not acceptable. Please place the bin at the curb before 7 AM.

♣ **YELLOW BINS** (Thursday): Yellow bins are for all non-paper recyclables. Put **glass, metal & aluminum cans, and plastic containers #1 and #2** in this bin and place it at the curb on the Town-wide Thursday recycling day. Please place bin at the curb before 7 AM.

♣ **TRASH TOTERS & RECYCLING BINS:** Remember not to put out these items earlier than the day before your scheduled pick-up time. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to **return these items from the curb on the same day** following your pick-up time. **NOTE:** If stored outside, **toters and bins must be placed out of view from the street** at the side or back of one's home.



**"Luck is what happens
when preparation meets opportunity."**

Seneca



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 22nd COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Carpenter, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; Chief Wynnyk and Attorney Ferguson; District 3 PGC Council Member Mr. Eric Olson and two of his staff members; three representatives from Verizon: lead negotiator Mr. Richard Bevel, attorney for negotiations Mr. Brian Johnson, and their UP representative Ms. Tara Potter; and two State Highway Administration (SHA) representatives: District 3 Assistant Engineer Ms. Kate Mazzara and Mr. Girum Awoke.

Mr. Olson introduced his staff members: Ms. Wanda Brooks, from West Lanham Hills, who will be supporting constituent services and Ms. Danielle Kleros, an administrative aide who is experienced in smart growth issues. Mr. Olson said UP residents could reach his office at 301-952-3060.

Chief Wynnyk said there had been 130 State Citations, 10 Warnings, 39 Parking Citations, and 6 Parking Warnings in December.

One Consent Agendum item was approved unanimously for **a fence to be replaced** at 6715 Queens Chapel Road.

A building permit was approved unanimously for **making miscellaneous repairs to an existing sun room, patio, and enclosed porch, and installing a new 19'16" x 24" deck as well as a flying bridge to connect the back porch to the deck** at 4215 Van Buren Street. *(A variance was granted for the gate height to be between 4'4" and 4'6." A dumpster is to be placed in the driveway; if placed on Town property, the location must be reviewed by the Town before placement.)*

A building permit was approved (with Lucas opposed) to **install a non-conforming 5'10" metal fence/retaining wall** in the front yard of 6320 Baltimore Avenue.

Concerning **Leg. Res. 06-07 (Verizon Cable Franchise Ordinance & Franchise Agreement)** (second reading), Attorney Ferguson recommended that the Mayor and Council consider it as emergency legislation and have it take effect immediately upon Council vote. In December 2006, the FCC indicated a potential to issue a written Federal order that would infringe on municipal franchising rights. Mr. Bevel of Verizon explained that Verizon is laying fiber (FIOS) throughout the County that offers high definition TV channels, higher-bandwidth Internet service, and competition to Comcast and DISH network providers. Also, UP would receive 8.1% of the gross revenue of fees paid by UP Verizon subscribers. A motion was passed unanimously to approve Leg. Res 06-07 as an emergency ordinance and to adopt the franchise agreement by reference.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve **Leg. Res. 06-08 (Street Entry and Turning Restrictions on Tuckerman Street, Sheridan Street, and 44th Avenue onto and from Route 1 and East-West Highway.)** The legislation will take effect in 20 days. The new signage should arrive in about three weeks.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve **Leg. Res. 06-06 (Standardizing all parking times in University Park.)**

A motion was passed unanimously to approve a **Budget Transfer of \$14,000 from Unreserved Funds to a new account titled I.T. Costs** for the purchase of a network computer, other computer equipment, and support services. Ogre was the selection for vendor.

A motion was passed unanimously to introduce **Leg. Res. 06-09 (Permit Authority for the Parking of Storage Units and Dumpsters on Town Streets.)**

At their presentation on the East-West Highway/Adelphi Road/Queens Chapel Road reconfiguration, the State Highway Administration (SHA) said a study was being conducted to evaluate ways of reducing congestion in

that area. The main focus of the study was to evaluate the addition of a double left-hand turn lane from westbound East-West Highway onto southbound Queens Chapel Road. To support the change, a section of the Adelphi Road island would be removed, along with an impact to the northern side of East-West Highway east of the intersection. SHA is hoping for an improved level of service and a reduction in congestion. This study is not linked to the Route 1/East-West Highway work. The traffic engineers will look at a larger network involving both intersections when traffic synchronization is considered.

The Council had questions about **how SHA would interact with University Park to ensure that the drainage systems and pedestrian safety would be preserved** during the widening of the northern side of East-West Highway, and whether the Town's green space (the Park Gate garden) and sidewalks would be affected. There was concern that SHA should agree to preserve the substantial investments in landscaping and signage that the Town has made at this intersection.

There also was concern, that if a full-time right-turn lane was created that allowed cars traveling west on East-West Highway to make right turns north on Adelphi Road at speed, whether pedestrian access and safety at that intersection might be compromised. There was further concern about the usability of the emergency vehicle access right-of-way to UP that is located in the Park Gate's green space. And it was questioned if there would be traffic-signal coordination for emergency vehicles between the QC/E-W/Adelphi Rd. and QC/Belcrest Rd. intersections. Ms. Mazzara said traffic signal coordination was handled elsewhere by SHA.

SHA representatives answered several other questions: (1) There was no start date yet as only the current engineering study had been funded. However, **additional right-of-way will need to be purchased**, which would take a year or more. (2) Whether SHA would pay for relocating a red-light camera would depend on the agreement that was in place at

the time of the camera's installation. (3) They would provide a copy of SHA's "level of service" study to the Town. (4) **Lane enlargement on the northern side of westbound East-West Highway would begin at the edge of the first private driveway closest to the intersection.** (5) The setback necessary for a new lane of traffic was the standard width of 12 feet. (6) SHA would not skew the lanes to share the setback width between the southern and northern sides of East-West Highway. They feel that congestion is best reduced by having traffic move in a straight line. (7) SHA would not recommend using rumble strips to slow the traffic in the 24/7 turn lane; nearby residents would be subjected to the strip's noise 24/7. (8) For the record, **the East-West Highway portion of the reconstructed intersection would be moved north an average of 18 feet** (12 feet for the width of the lane and 6 feet for sidewalks and utilities). The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 5th WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Carpenter, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; Sergeant McCully; and two guests, Prince George's County (PGC) Municipal Association lobbyist Mr. Robinson and PGC District 3 Council Member Mr. Eric Olson.

Mayor Tabori announced that the body of the new trash packer had arrived at the company that would do the mechanical work. The Town's older trash-collection truck will be driven to Baltimore to have the installation performed. In the intervening (several) weeks, the Town's two remaining collection trucks will share the trash-collection duties.

A College Heights Estates resident on Clagett Road requested that repairs be made to the drainage gutter adjacent to her property. Maintenance of the roadway became the responsibility of UP when the

Town assumed authority over the right-of-way along Wells Parkway in 1989. Attorney Ferguson will review the County transfer-of-authority documents to confirm responsibility.

The Mayor is creating a revised building permit form for Council approval. Changes on the new form will: include a statement that any item requiring a variance must be shown on the form explicitly; make all definitions of nomenclature follow the PGC building code; include a signature block where homeowners will sign and affirm that the application is accurate and complete; and contain all calculations (e.g. measurements and formulae used to compute lot coverage) that were shown and visible on the permit.

Under public comment, a Pineway resident expressed great concern about the small undeveloped lot next to his home (that recently had been purchased by a developer from Texas) and inquired about what size and type of building might be constructed on a 10,000 square-foot lot with a 50-foot frontage. The homeowner said he had been a Town resident for 14 years and had invested an enormous amount of personal energy and time maintaining both his and his nearby neighbors' properties. He also was concerned because the property is considered a wetlands since a Chesapeake Bay drainage easement affects the buildable area on the property. The existing drainage pipe includes 16-foot easements on both sides of the centerline of the pipe. The resident also mentioned that a previous perspective buyer had wanted to build on the lot but withdrew his contract when the plans were not approved.

Mayor Tabori assured the resident that he would use every means available to the Town to control any improper construction. CM Mallino asked if the Town could do a feasibility study on the lot in question to be prepared with information in advance of receiving a request for a permit. Also, the County could be asked to assess the placement of the storm drain and a curb cut.

As a side note, CM Mallino added that the Town Code requires a large minimum size for a home to be built on a new lot.

A motion was passed unanimously to endorse the McMansion bill and let our delegates know that the Town of University Park, the Mayor, and the Town Council support this legislation.

CM Lucas updated the challenges he is having with the PGC Health Department over damage being done to the Town Creek by contaminants from the adjacent construction areas. The Mayor explained that a "fee in lieu of" process was contributing to the problem. Through this process, developers are able to pay their way out of a County requirement -- like the missing filtration systems. Although the "fee in lieu of" policy speeds up the developer's permit granting process, it exacerbates the impact of wastewater and toxin contamination of our Creek. The Creek has been showing a wonderful return of wildlife that long has been missing (like foxes, beavers, and birds). The Mayor said he would write to the County Executive about the situation with assistance from CM Lucas.

CM Lucas also noted that the placement of the cooling towers on the new Town Center residential buildings probably will cause noise pollution to UP in the summer months when they will be running at top speed, and the impact could be significant.

NOTE to UP residents who warm their cars by leaving them unattended on the street with the ignition running: It is a violation of Maryland state law to do so! Currently, both the County and State police are committed to helping reduce the number of car thefts in Prince George's County by enforcing this statute. So far, under the increased enforcement of this law, 129 tickets have been issued; two of those were issued in University Park. There is a fine of \$60 and no points.

Mr. Jim Cook of Queens Chapel Road presented the results of his traffic studies of

the blocks between Route 1 and 44th Avenue on Van Buren Street, Underwood Street, and Wells Parkway. The studies were done to establish a baseline of traffic volume before the new signage and traffic tables are installed. Data were collected from Tuesday through Thursday during the three weeks between December 5th and December 21st.

Although Underwood Street leads directly to University Park Elementary School (the presumed generator of a significant amount of traffic), Van Buren Street's daily traffic volume was greater by a third (679 cars/day vs. 219). More than half the volume on Van Buren was into Town from Route 1 (460 vs. 219) while the volume on Underwood was more balanced with slightly more vehicles entering Town than leaving (263 vs. 228).

A pronounced clustering (several vehicles traversing the road-count tubes about the same time and direction) was found moving out of Town on Underwood just after school began and again before dismissal. A similar pronounced clustering was found moving into Town on Van Buren. After the morning rush, traffic volumes on Van Buren remained remarkably constant throughout the day and into the early evening hours. The same held true for Underwood with the exception of traffic going out of Town when school was dismissed.

Speed did not appear to be an issue on either Van Buren or Underwood. However, as a percentage, almost 20% of the vehicles traversing Wells Parkway were speeding (traveling faster than 25 mph) which, while illegal, because of its straight road with clear sight lines, probably doesn't present the imminent safety hazard that exists on Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets. CM McPherson observed that on the section of Van Buren that was studied, which is near her home, the problem was more ignoring the "STOP" sign than speeding. Sgt. McCully suggested making a brief public-awareness announcement of the impending traffic-pattern changes in University Park. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

NOTE! SEASONAL POLICY CHANGE:

IF Prince George's County (PGC) GOVERNMENT offices are closed due to ice or snow, there will be NO UP bus services. Bus service also may not be available during times of any weather-related or other types of disasters. **The PGC government's hot line phone number to call is 301-952-4810.**

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town residents. Senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town may reserve pick-up times between 10 AM and 2 PM. Small groups also may use the bus for excursions. Please call the Town Hall (301-927-4262) to schedule your weekday pick-up. **NOTE:** Bus reservations should be made one week in advance so the driver's schedule can be arranged accordingly. Also, destinations should be within 5 miles of University Park.

A UP Metro shuttle service **runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon** from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are **seven morning runs from 6-9 AM** and **seven afternoon runs from 4-7 PM.** A map listing the stops is available at the Town Hall.



ATTENTION ENTERPRISING TEENS!

For your benefit, a **Town Teen Worker List** is published twice a year in the Town NEWSLETTER (spring and fall). All teens (ages 13-19) living in University Park and wishing to offer their services to Town residents this

spring and summer (baby sitting, lawn work, pet care, window washing, etc.) should **e-mail** their name, age, phone number, **Ward number**, **e-dress** (optional) and **type of service/s** to the NEWSLETTER Editor at upnews@yahoo.com **before** the deadline for the April issue (**March 7th**) OR **hand deliver/mail** the same information to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP. The Spring Town Teen Worker List is published in each April issue of the UP NEWSLETTER.



TEEN CERT

ATTENTION: University Park Teens! Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a national program that is training teenagers in emergency response techniques. One of their goals is to train and certify 4,000 high school students across the nation to become part of their schools' Emergency Response Plans as well as be additional usable resources for their neighborhoods during an emergency. **The UP Teen CERT will be invited to become an active part of the UP CERT.**

Becoming part of the Teen CERT will entail twenty hours of fascinating classroom training in basic disaster response skills, fire safety, disaster medical first aid, light search & rescue, and disaster psychology & team organization. Upon completion of the training, teens will be accredited twenty hours of community service. All teens are welcome to train (as interested individuals, as an informal group of friends, or as an organized group or troop). For more information, or to inquire about class schedules, please call Tom Stickles (301-864-0533)



OBITUARIES

♣ **RUTH (HIGBY) HAVER**, died March 3, 2006 at the age of 92. Her home for 50 years was on Van Buren Street in University Park, MD. Mrs. Haver was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, not far from her beloved town

of Chautauqua, New York where she spent many memorable summers. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University where she became a life-long member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. The majority of her work years were spent in the Government Sales Division of the National Cash Register Company.

Mrs. Haver was an involved citizen in her community throughout her life. In her later years, she was a member of the American Association of University Women, the National American Glass Club, and the Toaping Castle chapter of the DAR. While residing in University Park, she was an active member of the University Park Woman's Club, even writing their newsletter for a time. She loved playing bridge and was an enthusiastic member of many of the community's bridge groups.

Mrs. Haver volunteered for the local Delta Delta Delta chapter at the University of Maryland and served as the UM House Board president. In her later years, she loved attending cultural events at the University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center as much for visiting with the friends she would see there as for the event itself.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry "Pat" Eugene Haver in 1993. Mrs. Haver is survived by her daughters, Sallie Austin Holder of Van Buren Street and Myrna Sue Austin Nead (and Arthur) of McKinney, Texas; and her granddaughter Cynthia Nead Erhart (and Wesley) and great-granddaughters Ellie and Gemma Erhart, all of McKinney, TX.

♣ **ALEXANDER SARGIES, JR.**, 80, a resident of University Park for more than 55 years, died January 12, 2007, at his home. He had an Alzheimer-type dementia.

One of Alex's great-great uncles was an interesting family ancestor; he was a doctor in the royal household of Syria. Unfortunately, this great-great uncle and some of his wives were killed when they were thrown down a well during the Turkish invasion. Alex's father,

Alexander Sr., immigrated to the United States from Persia at the age of 14. He traveled alone from Syria, across Europe, and to Liverpool in a wagon, then finally arriving in Philadelphia around 1914. Alex's mother, Florence, met and married Alex, Sr. when he was a lifeguard in Atlantic City.

Alex was born in Pennsylvania in 1926. Later, the family relocated to Maryland where Alex, Sr. worked at and became a master cabinetmaker. Alex and his brother and sister grew up in Cottage City. He graduated from Mt. Rainier High School and enlisted as a seaman in the Navy in 1944. He was stationed out of the United States Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Maryland, and served as a radio man on the USS Quick Flagship (mine-sweeping), the USS Wiley, and the USS Arkansas. He earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Victory Ribbon. After his discharge in 1946, Alex attended the University of Maryland for two years, majoring in journalism. In 1950, his family moved to 4310 Woodberry Street in University Park. In 1952, they built their next home at 4119 Woodberry Street, before finally settling into their final home on Forest Hill Drive in 1958.

Alex's passion for sports started early in life. Both he and his brother were two of the great baseball players in this area. Alex was recruited by, auditioned for, and offered a contract to play with the old Washington Senators baseball team. For some inexplicable reason, Alex chose to decline the offer and moved on instead to work in the area of sales. Alex sold appliances, groceries, and liquor before he started selling new cars. He was a master new car salesman for many years and won numerous awards from various dealerships in the Washington-metropolitan area, particularly from Buick.

It was during his early years of selling cars that Alex purchased his most treasured possession, the brass ring of his desire -- a pair of season Redskins tickets on the 35-yard

line in the second tier of the RFK stadium, just under cover but heated by the sun. A diehard Redskin fan, Alex fixed liverwurst sandwiches and took a flask of his favorite liquor, peppermint Schnopps, to the games for many, many years, before finally giving up his season tickets when the new stadium opened.

Most of Alex's peers in University Park have passed on but those old neighbors knew now passionate Alex was about keeping his yard well maintained (and his neighbors' yards too). He always was meticulous until the Alzheimer's advanced and took its toll. Although Alex never married, he was ever a gentleman and a loving son. He cared for his mother at their family home on Forest Hill Drive for many years until her death in 1997.

Sgt. Wayne McCully became a friend to Alex and would stop in to see him on a daily basis. The family would like to thank Sgt. McCully and the UP Police Department for the many courtesies and kindnesses they extended and Amy Headley in the UP Town Office for her years of gracefully and patiently receiving Alex's numerous and repeated telephone calls.

Last August, Alex's niece Frances relocated from Florida to help care for Alex with his great niece Michelle and long-time family friend Cathy. Sister Paula, a nurse from Hospice of the Chesapeake, was a blessing as she cared for Alex in his final weeks.

Alex was predeceased by his father Alexander Sargies, Sr. in 1961, his brother Robert Sargies in 1986, his mother Florence Sargies in 1997, and his niece Renee Aloupis. Survivors include his sister Joan Sargies Coon (and William Coon) of Riverdale; nieces Catherine Mayo of Prince Frederick, MD; Frances Yoho of Florida; Joan Sargies of Chesapeake Beach, MD; and Patricia Sargies and Susan Sargies, both of Ormond Beach, Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to the "Hospice of the Chesapeake, 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401" or the "Alzheimer's Association, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 402, Fairfax, VA 22030."



CONGRATULATIONS

♣ To the **ten former Senior Girl Scouts of University Park Troop 53** who coordinated a camping weekend reunion for their Troop's 57th anniversary. The group chose to camp at Big Meadows Lodge on Skyline Drive in Virginia, not far from the "Rock Spring Shelter" where they had camped as Scouts; seven husbands also were able to attend. A forest ranger at the Information Center spoke to the group about the area and the many changes that had occurred during the last fifty years and shared some of his wonderful wildlife photographs with them.

Several gals and husbands trudged the breathtaking uphill .8-mile trail to revisit the old cabin. The sight of it was overwhelming and instantly brought back memories of the stone porch and fireplace where they had cooked "blushing bunny" (a rarebit-type dish); the large rocks at the front of the cabin where, as teenagers, they had gazed in awe at the glorious view of the Shenandoah Valley and were glad that they were alive; and even the path to the johnny house where a skunk surprised a sleepy girl in the middle of the night! Reminiscing was rampant and, with the passing of time, it was amazing how one event had garnered several versions.

The mountains that weekend provided lots of fog and even some drizzly stuff at times. There were no telephones or televisions but there was plenty of friendship -- and some of the best s'mores they ever had made. That almost half of the original troop of 22 girls was able to gather together from so many far away places proved to them once more the positive impact the Girl Scouts of the USA had made on their lives. The former Troop members had daughters who had been Scouts and granddaughters who were participating Scouts now. The successful reunion was a memorable tribute to their past leaders and their supportive parents, and it had been a lot of fun!

The Troop Leader, **Mrs. Harry Hart** (formerly of Sheridan Street), died in 1999 at the age of 97. The ten original Scouts who attended the reunion (where they lived in UP) and where they live now, were: **Patty Hart Adams** (Sheridan Street) from Huntington, WV; **Alice Hazlehurst Barreca** (Woodberry Street) from Weston, CT; **Peggy Simmons Binney** (Woodberry Street) from Alexandria, VA; **Molly Turner Davis** (Sheridan Street) from Crossfield, TN; **Marion Sadler Hazlehurst** (Tennyson Street) from New Canaan, CT; **Jane Mooney McCarl** (Underwood Street) from Annapolis, MD; **Jane Wiederhold Snowden** (Underwood Street) from Williamsville, NY; **Nancy England Tysdal** (Underwood Street) from Easton, MD; **Frances White Walker** (Beechwood Road) from Adelphi, MD; and **Mollie Hargett Williams** (Clagett Road) from York, PA. Three of the husbands who attended the reunion were former UP boys: **Harry Hazlehurst** (Woodberry Street); **Hugh Snowden** (Underwood Street); and **Royal Tysdal** (Van Buren Street).

ED.Note: In the early 1950s, **Frances White Walker** worked at the College Park summer playground (near the RR tracks and Drexel Road). From 1954-56, she taught at the old Hyattsville Junior High under Principal Miller, and in the 1980s, she taught at Hyattsville Middle School under Principal Lupo! **Nancy England Tysdal** can be seen under an airplane wing as a little girl in the 1930s on the front of the current College Park Aviation Museum catalog! Check at <http://www.pgparcs.com/places/historic/cpam/events.html>.

♣ To Clagett Road sculptor and now author, **Gary "Chris" Christopherson**, who has posted "Black Box," Book 1 of Volume 1 of his science fiction series "Conversion," on his website: www.GChris.com. Visitors to the site are invited to download "Black Box" for FREE but only for their own personal use. The series and the first two Books of Volume 1 are copyrighted. Book 2 is entitled "Conversion Code." Rather than charging people for reading the book, Gary asks that readers return the favor by doing a "good deed," any

act of kindness that is in keeping with the book's message.

The series explores a mysterious, powerful black box and its impact on the world's people through their politics, religions, science, and militaries. Anti-Conversionists and Conversionists struggle for the box's potentially unlimited power and control over the future of the human race, while the keeper of the black box, a quiet shepherd, moves among them. Gary says he writes "just to make life a bit more interesting."



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

♣ A University Park resident is **seeking a part-time nanny/mother's helper** to care for three children (a 2-year-old and newborn twins). Help is needed two or three days each week for a total of 16-24 hours. The children's mother will be at home but needs help with the children and with some basic household chores. The family would like to employ someone by mid to late March. If interested, please call Lisa Beckmann (301-699-9808).



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

♣ **The University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** is offering many intriguing free and ticketed programs this month. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the 2006-2007 season, please call 301-405-8169 or contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

♣ **"The Green Bird"** by Carlo Gozzi on **March 1st, and 6-8th** at 7:30 PM, **March 2nd-3rd, and 9-10th** at 8 PM, and **March 4th** at 2 PM in the Kay Theatre - Delight to this satirical journey of whimsy and intrigue based on a lively 18th century fairy tale.

♣ **UMSO Concerto Competition Prelims** on **March 4th** at 1 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall and **Finals** on **March 9th** at 7 PM in Dekelboun Concert Hall - Witness the prelims and final round of the UM Symphony Orchestra competition for undergraduate and graduate students who are competing to perform as next season's featured soloist with the UMSO. **FREE**

♣ **Washington Improv Theatre** on Tuesday **March 6th** at 5:30 PM in the Laboratory Theatre - "Take Five on Tuesdays" welcomes **iMusical** who will blend the unpredictable playfulness of comedic improvisation with classic musical theatre. Watch as the cast creates a compelling show inspired totally by the audience's suggestions! **FREE**

♣ **"CHOPTEETH"** on **March 13th** at 5:30 PM in the Kogod Theatre - A 14-piece afrofunk orchestra blends the spicy stew of modern jazz, Yoruba tribal music, and burning Ghanaian funk rhythms with Senegalese rumba and Jamaican ska for a massive groove. **FREE**

♣ **"The UM Symphony Orchestra"** on **March 15th** at 8 PM in Dekelboun Concert Hall - Reawaken to spring with such favorites as Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*, and Vaughan Williams' *Concerto for Oboe and Strings* with Mark Hill.

♣ **"2007 Prince George's County Annual Spelling Bee"** on **March 16th** at 7 PM in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Watch the County's best middle school spellers vie for top honors and the chance to compete in the national bee. **FREE**

🌀 **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** continues its 2006-07 season with a performance from its Guest Artist Series. For information or tickets, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

"Cinderella" on Thursday, **March 15th** at 8 PM - The Moscow Festival Ballet's fully-staged, full-length production of the classic **"Cinderella"** will be performed by principal dancers from across Russia. The Moscow

Festival Ballet was founded in 1989 by the legendary principal dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet, Sergei Radchenko. His company of fifty is returning to the Center after their sold-out performance of **"Sleeping Beauty"** last season.

🌀 All Town residents are invited to join the **Side Door Coffee House Players** of Riverdale Presbyterian Church on **March 24th** for their double feature season finale: **"Money"** and **"Jumping"** are directed by Richard Redfield. The two short plays will offer humorous glimpses into the lives of two people, one with an interest in putting his money in a new bank and the other with an interest in jumping from a bridge. Happily, both find new dividends in life.

The doors open at 6 PM; complete performances are given at 7 and 8:30 PM. Admission is free, but proceeds from the delicious refreshments will help to benefit Help-By-Phone of Prince George's County. For questions or more information, please call 301-927-0477.

🌀 **"Mistress of Riversdale"** will be presented on Saturday, **March 24th** at 2 PM at the University United Methodist Church at 3621 Campus Drive in College Park. The one-woman show is based on the book, **"Mistress of Riversdale,"** written by Clagett Road resident **Margaret Callcott** and will be performed by accomplished actress Cherie Weinert of the Johns Hopkins University Theatre. Ms. Weinert's script is Rosalie Calvert's own words movingly spoken to reenact her roles as a wife, mother, business woman, and political observer during the early years of the republic. Ms. Calvert's life holds special interest for us in this area because her plantation home is located in nearby Riverdale Park and one of her sons was the principal founder of the University of Maryland.

The performance is being co-sponsored by the Riversdale Historical Society and the UM Campus Club and will be followed by a reception for the attendees. For more information or to make a reservation, please

call Barbara Glover (301-927-4182) or Pat Preston (301-345-2302). The \$7 tickets also may be purchased at the door.

☪ **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers monthly Saturday-night movies for top-notch family entertainment. Light snacks are provided at 6:30 PM and the movies begin at 7 PM. **UCC is pleased to offer this FREE family-oriented entertainment to the greater community** and hopes everyone continues to take advantage of being able to view quality movies conveniently close to home.

On **March 31st**, **"Glory Road"** (rated PG for racial issues) will be shown. "Glory Road" tells the true story of high school basketball coach Don Haskins (played by Josh Lucas) who, in 1962, became coach for the Texas Western Miners, an underdog NCAA Division One team. His insistence on recruiting the best players available, regardless of their skin color, revolutionized the sport and changed the course of history. On April 21st, viewers have the option of choosing between two movies: "An Inconvenient Truth" and "Little Mermaid."



SOARING INTO MARCH

This month, the **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will welcome "Jay Jay," offer a Teen Movie Night and school holiday matinees, begin their spring lecture series, and offer a program for Scouts. At all the events, children must be accompanied by an adult. Unless otherwise stated, program fees are included within the regular museum admission.

♣ **Jay Jay Day** - On Saturday, **March 3rd** from 11 AM to 3 PM, the popular PBS cartoon character **"Jay Jay the Jet Plane"** will land at the **College Park Aviation Museum**. A special-priced ticket will include admission to the Museum, arts & crafts and other fun family

activities, and children having their picture taken with this beloved character. **You are strongly recommended to purchase advance tickets for the time that fits your schedule.** Tickets are available through SMARTlink for four time periods: Barcode 94166-11 AM, 94167-NOON, 94168-1 PM, and 94169-2 PM.

♣ **Teen Movie Nights** - Through May, teens are invited to a monthly movie, free with Museum admission. The doors will open at 7 PM and the shows start at 7:30 PM. The selection for **March 9th** is the 2004 remake of **"Around the World in 80 Days,"** a 2-hour film rated PG for action violence, some crude humor, and some mildly-offensive language. It is an extremely funny take on Jules Verne's novel and the story line and characters are radically different from the originals. Phileas Fogg (Steve Coogan) represents Jules Verne himself, as someone who can see the future, and Jackie Chan's character displays his classic fight choreography and humor. It's a beautiful film suitable for all ages and provides that wonderful feel-good sensation often found in great adventures.

♣ **Speaking of Flight**, CPAM's seasonal Sunday lecture series strives to highlight the past, present, and future of aviation. On **March 11th**, Edgar F. Raines, the senior historian for the U.S. Army Center for Military History, will describe **how "observation aviation" was used on the Western Front during World War I.** These fascinating lectures begin at 2 PM and are free with regular Museum admission. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are recommended; call 301-864-6029 to reserve your seat.

♣ **"Wings Programs" for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts** will be held on Saturday, **March 24th** from NOON to 4 PM. All levels of Scouts are invited to explore the history of aviation and the science of flight through a variety of age-appropriate activities that are fun and educational (with the opportunity to earn badge requirements). Preregistration is required; please call the Museum for details. There is one admission fee for all participants.

♣ **Family Movie Days** have been planned for the following days that Prince George's County Public Schools are closed for students: **March 29th** ("Around the World in 80 Days") and **March 30th** ("Star Wars"). All ages are welcome to enjoy the 1 PM movies that include popcorn and lemonade. The movies are free for normal museum admission.



MARCH FUN WITH CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange** (CPAE) "Connecting People through Arts Experiences" events are **FREE** and held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue), unless otherwise noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for special activities, please contact 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org; you also may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

♣ **The College Park Youth Orchestra Spring Concert** will be held at 7 PM on **March 4th** in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. Conductor Kenneth Whitley will lead the young string players in performing movements from Bach's "*Brandenburg Concerto No. 3*" and Holst's "*Brook Green Suite*."

♣ **Gymkana Program** - CPAE invites children ages 5-12 to an exciting free event hosted by the University of Maryland Gymkana Troupe on Sunday, **March 11th**, at 3 PM. Kids can learn cool tricks on real gymnastic equipment and combine fun and fitness with tumbling, bouncing, and rolling. Be sure to come "dressed to move" by wearing comfortable clothes and sneakers. The program will be held at the UM Gymkana Gym. (Directions: From Route 1, turn onto Campus Drive. At the circle, bear right onto Regents Drive. Take the third left onto Farm Drive and then an immediate right onto Valley Drive. The Gymkana Gym is located in Building 255 (the

Health and Human Performance Building) on Valley Drive.

♣ "**Looking East in the Renaissance**" - CPAE's Cultural Connections series is hosting Professor Meredith J. Gill for an **exploration of Renaissance art history** on Monday, **March 12th** at 7 PM in the College Park City Hall Council Chambers (4500 Knox Road). What can we learn from Renaissance artists and their patrons about religious identity, political freedom, and cross-cultural exchange? Prof. Gill will give a slide presentation focusing on how works of art in a lively global marketplace illuminate relations between the East and Europe in a tumultuous period.

♣ On Sunday, **March 18th** (the third Sunday every other month) at 7:00 PM, all interested persons are invited to meet at the Old Parish House to discuss great science fiction authors at CPAE's **Bi-monthly Science Fiction Book Club** led by Jen Cook of Vertigo Books. At the March meeting, consider the amazing oeuvre of grandmaster Andre Norton, who passed away in March two years ago at the age of 93, while he was enjoying refreshments and great conversation! Please RSVP to CPAE.

♣ On Saturday, **March 24th** from 1 to 4 PM, join an instructor from **Hand Paper-making** of Beltsville to learn the ancient and useful art of making beautiful handcrafted paper. All tools and materials will be provided at the workshop being held at the Old Parish House. Make new friends and learn a new art at this activity that is ideal for teens and adults. Pre-registration and payment for materials will reserve your spot. Please register in advance **before March 10th** by sending a check for \$10 to CPAE, PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740.

♣ On Sunday, **March 25th** from 2-4 PM, the **Kids' Arts Drop-In** instructor Aaron Springer will help children 3-8 and their parents celebrate spring by making meaningful charms for the new season. Their inspiration

comes from an old Hopi Indian custom of creating prayer sticks or "pahoes." **All children must be accompanied by an adult** at this FREE CPAE program in the Old Parish House.



LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

The **Takoma Park Farmers Market** is located along the 6900 block of Laurel Avenue. For their 27th year, this **producers-only market** offers **produce grown locally** within a 125-miles radius. It is open year round every **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM**. To see what currently is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"The worst thing about new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones."

Joseph Joubert

♣ During March, the **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) continues its newly-formatted evening group, **dialogues!**, its chess club meetings, and its morning book group.

♣ **dialogues!** The Hyattsville Library's bi-monthly 7:30 PM book discussion group focuses on "**dialogues**" **about issues of current concern**. Participants are asked to read two suggested books plus anything else they feel might be relevant on the subject. This type of group affords a stimulating, exciting discussion format **for book lovers who prefer reading for more than merely entertainment!**

For the **March 8th** meeting, the theme is "Perspectives from both sides of the cultural divide between the Islamic and Western worlds." Please read "*Journey of the Jihadist*" by Fawaz A. Gerges (exploring the perspective of the key individuals of the movement) and "*The West's Last Chance*" by Tony Blankley

(the possible scenario of militant Islam triumphant in Europe). [NOTE: "*Genetics and Genetic Engineering*" by Barbara Wexler will be part of the May dialogue.]

♣ For all ages/levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**March 8th and 22nd**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

♣ The Morning Book Discussion Group was on a winter break from December 2006 through February 2007. They will resume their meetings on Wednesday, **March 21st** at 10:30 AM when they will be discussing "**She Got Up Off the Couch**" by Haven Kimmel. The selection for their April 18th meeting will be "*Cloud Atlas*" by David Mitchell.

♣ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults -men, women and couples - will continue their 06-07 Club year on **March 20th** at 8 PM to discuss their history selection, "**1776**" by David McCullough. Please call Laura Donnelly (301-927-6550) if you'd like to attend or to inquire about the selection for their April 17th meeting. New members are welcome to join any month.



♣ **The Sorosis Reading Society**, the University Park Woman's Club's **book group**, will meet on **March 28th** at 12:30 PM to discuss "**Blue Shoes and Happiness**" by Alexander McCall Smith. The reviewer will be Edda Osborne. Please call Margaret Callaghan (301-864-1031) if you would like to attend.

Please NOTE: Because this group has the prerequisite that book club members be UPWC members, they will begin posting their monthly notices in the UPWC's newsletter. However, any Town residents who would like to join the Sorosis Reading Society may contact Margaret Callaghan at the number above, or any UPWC member, who will be able to share information on how to first become a member of the UP Woman's Club.



GREAT DECISIONS 2007

All Town residents are invited to join Great Decisions 2007, an **8-part discussion series offered for groups by the Foreign Policy Association**. The FPA is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan organization promoting foreign policy education. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at the University Park Church of the Brethren. Remaining dates/topics include:

♣ **March 8th – Mexico:** The results of Mexico's presidential election were nearly too close to call; how will this happening affect the new administration's policies? Can Felipe Calderón successfully reform Mexico's policies on energy, trade, and border security to strengthen its relations with the U.S.?

♣ **March 22nd – Migration:** The movement of people across international borders can be initiated by conflict, economic reasons, or the chance to achieve political freedom. Migration issues have taken center-stage in the U.S. and European Union as citizens increasingly worry about job security and terrorism. What are the advantages and disadvantages for countries that are affected by migration?

♣ **April 12th – South Africa:** Although it's the most developed country in Africa and an active leader on the continent, South Africa still struggles with major issues in the post-apartheid era. What political challenges does it face, and what impact does the AIDS epidemic play on its economy and society?

♣ **April 26th – War Crimes:** The International Criminal Court has established a new venue for investigating and prosecuting war crimes, despite a lack of U.S. participation. Will this lack weaken the power of the ICC? What challenges does the ICC face in punishing war criminals?

♣ **May 10th – Central Asia:** Rich in energy supplies and strategically located, the five Central Asia countries attract attention from the Middle East, China, Russia, and the U.S. How will international competition for energy supplies affect each country and what interests does the U.S. have in that region?

♣ **May 24th – Children:** Ensuring the safety and proper development of children is the stated goal of the global community, yet children in some countries are exposed to unsafe labor practices, human trafficking, and participation in combat. What role should private donors, governments, and international organizations play in ensuring health care, education, and safety for the world's children?

The series affords a friendly, informal way to learn more about the foreign policy of the United States. **Feel free just to come and listen or to voice your ideas and opinions.** Attendance at every session is not mandatory. To purchase the informative 2007 discussion book, call Maxie Phillips (301-927-0857). For more information, visit www.fpa.org.



UPWC INVITES YOU...

The next meeting of the **University Park Woman's Club** will be a membership reception on Saturday, **March 10th** from 10 AM until NOON at the home of **Kelly Fischer, 6810 Pineway, UP**. All women residents are invited to drop in for coffee, tea, and refreshments, and to take a moment to talk to a few of the UPWC members, and to see and hear first hand about some of the projects, programs, and special interests that are available to UPWC members. You don't even have to come all alone. Grab a friend or two to come with you; see if you've won a door prize; and find out how the Club's Past and Present can help make the Future better for you. Please RSVP to Helen Andren (301-257-6759).

At the UPWC's **April 2nd** meeting at NOON in Riverdale Presbyterian Church, the exciting program will be a presentation by Bill Cammack, a former Peace Corps volunteer, on **Earth Box Gardening** (www.earthbox.com). Bill sees great promise in this technical approach to container gardening, both in terms of yield and in conservation of our resources. For more information about the April meeting or about the UPWC, please call the Club president, Michelle Stawinski (240-304-6487).



MARCH AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on Fridays and Sundays from NOON to 4 PM; group tours are available by appointment. (No charge for ages 4 and under; discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more.) Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

♣ The **Annual Spring Lecture Series** includes two Tuesday programs during March that explore various aspects of the rich history of Riverdale, its occupants, and their descendants in Federal America. Lectures begin at 7:30 PM; there is a \$5 entrance fee.

♣ On **March 6th** - C.M. Harris, editor of *"The Papers of William Thornton,"* will present **"A Federalist Salon for Marth Peter: William Thornton's First Design for Tudor Place."**

♣ On **March 27th** - Dr. Psyche Williams-Forsen, UM Department of American Studies assistant professor, will present **"From the Marketplace to the Kitchen: African-American Food Ways in Early America."**

♣ April 17th - Matthew Mosca, nationally-known historic paint finishes consultant, will present "Glimpsing a Colourful World: The Examination of Historic Paint Finishes."

♣ **From Apple Charlotte to Henrietta Pudding: Open Hearth Cooking for Parents & Children** - On Saturday, **March 10th** at 10 AM, parents and children will work together as a team and learn to cook seasonal foods on an open hearth using a variety of techniques and equipment. Advance payment of \$45 per team of one adult and one child, 8 or older, must be received by March 7th; capacity is limited.

♣ On Saturday, **March 24th** at 8 PM, Riverdale House Museum is sponsoring a **Tavern Night** for ages 21 and older. Join your friends in the Museum Cellar for tavern-style food and beverages plus an evening of rousing **entertainment presented by the "Ship's Company Chanteymen,"** a jolly band of interpreters of early 19th-Century maritime history, who will amuse you with their ship's chanteys and sea stories. Come as you are -- or in period attire; but, **reserve your ticket early** as space is very limited and it's sure to be a sell-out! Your \$20 advance payment is required by March 20th.



UPHPA MARCH PROGRAM

All Town residents are invited to attend the **March 20th** meeting of the University Park Historic Preservation Association from 7:30-9 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Participants will **hear about a trio of commemorative benches being restored and preserved at the University of Maryland.**

In 1935, several prominent members of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs presented the benches during a ceremony that marked the opening of a formal garden at the University's first women's dormitory, Margaret

Brent Hall (now St. Mary's Hall). **Chris Garcia** of Underwood Street will share what she has learned about the benches, the restoration project, and the pioneering individuals who presented them, which includes the first woman to sit on the University's Board of Regents. Members of the community are urged to share any of their own information and stories that might help to fill in the gaps of knowledge. The University plans to rededicate the benches later this spring and your leads might help shed light on the driving forces that were behind the construction of UM's first residence hall for women. For more information, please call Chris (301-699-9124).

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OPEN HOUSE

University Park Elementary School is hosting an **Open House** for parents of prospective students for the 2007-2008 school year. Parents will meet and be welcomed by: Principal Foxx, the PTA president, and hosting parents, followed by a tour of all grade levels of the school. Come see the great things that are happening at UPES! Save Monday, **March 26th**, 8:30 to 10 AM, for your personal visit. For more information, please call Melinda (301-927-0208) or UPES (301-985-1898).



NOTE: Registration for the 07-08 school year will begin in May. Parents who cannot attend the Open House, but would like to receive information about registration, should e-mail Mr. Clark at aclark@pgcps.org.

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UPCA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The **University Park Civic Association** would like to thank its "**Volunteer of the Month**" **Cathy Madsen** of Sheridan Street.

UPCA greatly appreciates the behind-the-scenes work done by Cathy. For the past 7 years, Cathy has managed the UPCA's membership database, mailings, and "fund raising" efforts. Her tireless support has helped to sustain the events and programs sponsored by the UPCA. We heartily applaud her dedication and service.

Residents are requested to look for the yellow UPCA brochure that arrived in the mail. By completing the membership form, you can help the UPCA continue to keep sponsoring the community events that make UP the close-knit kind of place we all love.

The UPCA welcomes all residents to their monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The next meeting will be held on **March 27th**.

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GET THOSE RUNNING SHOES READY

If you haven't already done so, **now is the time to form a team, choose a theme, start taking daily runs,** and **register** to participate in the **6th Annual Azalea Classic 5K/1K/1M** on **April 21st** to benefit the UPES-PTA, enrich the academic ventures of almost 700 children, and make yourself more physically fit! You may register online at www.azaleaclassic.com or by mail to "University Park 5K/1K/1M, UP Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP." For your convenience, a registration form is included in this NEWSLETTER; please feel free to make copies.

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UPCCC SPRING/SUMMER SALE

Spring and summer are just around the corner, so remember... The **University Park Children's Clothing Co-op** provides the best opportunity to purchase quality "pre-washed

and gently worn" spring and summer clothing for children from tots to preteens. Featured bargains include seasonal items, summer clothing, rainwear, books, toys, videos, baby/layette equipment and maternity items.

The 2007 UPCCC Spring/Summer Sale will be held on Saturday, **March 31st** from 10 AM to 12 NOON at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Please be aware that checks are accepted only from UP Town residents and only for amounts over \$40.00 and that purchases must be made separately in the various sale rooms. Persons who would like to be a Mailing-List Member for the fall/winter sale, should submit their name, address, and 50¢ to any cashier. Mailing-List Members receive a postcard that allows them to enter the sale prior to the general public.

The Co-op is looking for individuals who would be interested in cashiering on Saturday morning in exchange for shopping privileges during the member-only shopping time on Friday, March 30th from 4-6 PM. Residents interested in selling their children's clothing may call Kimberly Nugent (301-779-1149) for information about becoming a substitute seller. This wonderful semiannual community sale affords the perfect way to cut the cost of your children's clothing budget without even leaving your own neighborhood!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

♣ **Attention all graduating high school seniors!** The University Park Woman's Club is awarding two (\$1,000) scholarships to students for their academic achievements (minimum 3.0 GPA) and extracurricular activities. The **Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating Northwestern High School senior with financial need. The **University Park Woman's Club Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park, or who is the child or grandchild of a UPWC member.

Applications may be obtained from local high school guidance offices or from the UP Town Hall. They should be submitted to Kate Beveridge (6509 40th Avenue, University Park, MD 20782) **no later than April 1, 2007**. Through these yearly scholarships, UPWC hopes to encourage and support local high school students in their quests for academic and all-around success. Winners will be notified in late April.

♣ **MD Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines** announced that her **House of Delegate Scholarship** applications now are available to students planning to attend Maryland Colleges and Universities during the 2007-2008 academic year. Students must be residents of Legislative District 22 and may be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or professional studies program on a full or part-time basis. Applications now are available online at www.tawannagaines.org or by calling Pamela Powers (301-858-3058). **Applications must be submitted by April 30th.**

♣ Other **Maryland State Delegate Scholarships** are available to students planning to attend Maryland Colleges and Universities during the 2007-2008 academic year. Students (and parents) must be residents of Legislative District 22 and may be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, vocational, post-secondary career, or professional studies program. Selection criteria is based on financial need and/or academic achievement. Interested students may contact either:

Delegate Anne Healey (301-858-3961) **By early March**, contact Anne_Healey@House.state.md.us for 07-08 scholarship information.

State Senator Paul G. Pinsky (301-858-3155) - For an online application, contact: www.senatorpinsky.org/scholarship.htm; **submit applications by April 6th.**

Delegate Justin D. Ross (301-858-3058) For an online application, please contact: www.justinross.us/scholarship; **submit applications by April 27th.**



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FOR NEW
UP RESIDENTS**
Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

TOWN PETS DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Jeff Bender (301-927-1997). This Sheridan Street resident helps return lost pets to their owners.

The Town of University Park encourages the involvement and participation of individuals with disabilities in all its programs and services. Please let the Town know how it can best meet your needs: (i.e. sign language interpreters, adaptive equipment or other assistance).

Inquire at the Town Hall:
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March 2007

University Park Monthly Planner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>March is:</i>	<i>Women's History Month</i>	<i>National Nutrition Month</i>	<i>Music in the Schools Month</i>	1 UM "Green Bird" 7:30 PM (UM-GB) YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	2 (UM-GB, 8 PM) T-F BLUE BIN	3 CPAM 11AM - 3 PM "Jay Jay Day" (UM-GB, 8 PM)
4 Takoma Park Farmer's Market 10 AM-2 PM (TP*FM) UMSO Concerto Competition Prelims 1 PM (UM-GB, 2 PM) CPAE Youth Orchestra 7 PM	5 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION	6 UM Improv Theatre 5:30 PM (UM-GB, 7:30 PM) RHM 7:30 PM Federalist Lecture	7 (UM-GB, 7:30 PM) + 12:00 NOON Deadline for April NEWSLETTER YARD WASTE RECYCLING	8 HY-LI Chess, 7 PM UPCB GREAT DECISIONS: "Mexico" - 7:30-9 PM (UM-GB, 7:30 PM) HI-LI Dialogues 7:30 PM "Islam/Western Connections" YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	9 UMSO Finals 7 PM Concerto Competition CPAM Teen Movie 7 PM "Around the World in 80 Days" (UM-GB, 8 PM) T-F BLUE BIN	10 (UM-GB, 8 PM) UPWC 10 AM-NOON SPRING RECEPTION Parent & Child Cooking Class RHM 10 AM
11 (TP*FM) CPAE 3 PM at UM Kids Gymkana Class CPAM 2 PM Speaking of Flight: "Observation Aviation"	12 <i>Girl Scouts' 95th Birthday</i> CPAE "Art History" Lecture 7 PM at CPCH	13 "CHOPTEETH" UM 5:30 PM	14 <i>Beware the Ides of March</i> → <i>Is your vehicle protected with a steering wheel club?</i> FREE now from UPPD YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN	15 UMSO Spring Concert 8 PM MCPAC "Cinderella" Russian Ballet 8 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	16 UM 7 PM PGC "Spelling Bee" T-F BLUE BIN	17 + <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> +
18 (TP*FM) CPAE 7 PM Sci Fi Book Group	19 7:30 PM UPES GENERAL TOWN MEETING	20 After 8 Book Club "1776" UPHPA 7:30 PM RPC "Commemorative Benches" <i>First Day of Spring</i> <i>World Meatout Day 2007</i> (Welcome spring with a meal of fruits, veggies, grains & legumes)	21 HY-LI Book Group 10:30 AM "She Got up off the Couch" YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN	22 HY-LI Chess, 7 PM UPCB 7:30-9 PM GREAT DECISIONS: "Migration" YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	23 <i>Identify your car with a blue & white UP sticker</i> FREE from the Town Office M-F, 10 AM to 5 PM T-F BLUE BIN	24 CPAM Scout Wings Day, 12-4 CPAE "Making Paper" 1-4 UUMC 2 PM "MISTRESS OF RIVERSDALE" RPC SideDoor CoffeeHouse Double Feature Finale 7 & 8:30 "Money" and "Jumping" RHM "Tavern Night" 8 PM
25 (TP*FM)	26 UPES Open House 8:30 AM	27 RHM 7:30 PM "Afro-American Food" Lecture	28 UPWC 12:30 PM Soros Reading Society "Blue Shoes & Happiness" YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN	29 No public school CPAM Family Movie, 1 PM "Around the World in 80 Days" YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN	30 No public school CPAM Family Movie, 1 PM "Star Wars" T-F BLUE BIN	31 Spring-Summer Sale UPCCC RPC 10 AM-12 NOON UCC Family Movie 6:30 PM "Glory Road"

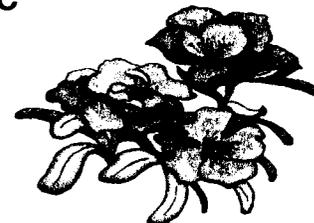
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6th ANNUAL UNIVERSITY PARK AZALEA CLASSIC

5K/1 Mile Run/1K Fun Run

University Park, MD

April 21, 2007



To Benefit the University Park Elementary School PTA

Course: Rolling hills along lovely, azalea-lined residential streets closed to traffic. Friendly volunteers and live music along the course to encourage and entertain you!

Registration: Register online at www.azaleaclassic.com or register by mail; one person per entry form. Please submit family entries together. You may copy this entry form as needed. REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15th

Entry Fees: 5 K and 1 Mile: \$18 (**\$22 on Race Day**) LL Family rate: \$50 (4 t-shirts) LL 1K: \$12 (**Early birds:** register by April 1 for \$15 ~ **"Virtual Runners:"** make a \$15 donation by 4/1/07 and receive official race t-shirt in the mail! **9/11 Memorial Fund:** make a \$1+ donation to the University Park 9/11 Memorial Fund. Check out www.azaleaclassic.com for race times!

Registration & Packet Pickup: Friday, April 20: 4-8 PM@UPES ~ Saturday, April 21: 6:30-8:15 AM@UPES

Awards: Top 3 male/female finishers; first 3 in each 10-year age group. Prizes for all 1 Mile and 1K runners. Exciting random prizes, great food, and a beautiful, multi-color 100% cotton tee shirt for every participant and volunteer!

***Location/Directions to UPES:** University Park Elementary School (UPES) is located at 4315 Underwood St. University Park MD. **From Maryland:** From I-495, take US Rte 1 South for 3 miles to Underwood St. Right turn on Underwood. UPES is just past 2nd stop sign. **From DC:** US 1 (Rhode Island Ave.) north. Follow through intersection of Rte 1 and Rte 410 (East/West Hwy). Turn left on Underwood St. and UPES is just past 2nd stop sign.

***** **Entry Form** ***** **One Per Person** *****

Name: _____ **Age:** ____ **Gender:** L

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Tee-shirt Size: Adult: L M, L L, L XL; **Child:** L M, L L

Email: _____

Payment: 5K: L \$15, \$18, \$20; **1Mile:** L \$15, \$18, \$20; **1K:** L \$12; **Virtual runner:** L \$15; **9/11 Fund:** L

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I waive for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, any and all claims and rights for damages against the race sponsors, representatives, successors and assigns of the April 21, 2007 Azalea Classic including PVAUSAT&F for any and all injuries suffered by me in the said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name and image for any legitimate purpose without expecting model's remuneration.

Signature of Participant (parent or guardian if runner is under 18 years of age)

Mail to: University Park 5K/1K, 6724 Baltimore Ave., University Park, MD 20782. Checks should be made payable to: UNIVERSITY PARK PTA

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