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**TOWN MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL DATES**

JUN 4 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**JUN 6 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the combined Jul-Aug 2007
issue, 12:00 NOON**

JUN 18 - 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

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to University Park's **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** for initiating, organizing, and assisting with the emergency response drill held on Saturday, April 22nd. The scenario was focused on finding a number of hazardous waste containers, and was designed to give the County's Emergency Response Team as well as local fire and police departments a way to test their normal procedures. CERT member **Tom Stickles**, who conceived of the exercise, is to be commended, not only for organizing

the many outside agencies and towns that participated, but also for the amazing realism that was orchestrated. Besides our regular **UP CERT members** (which includes **CMs Lucas and Winton**), **UP Police Chief Wynnyk**, and **CM Mallino** also contributed to the success of the event. Exercises such as this drill are crucial for developing efficient responses to emergency situations. Our Town should be very proud of the lead that UP residents have taken to create one of the most effective CERTs in Prince George's County.

On April 27th, the Town celebrated **ARBOR DAY 2007** with University Park Elementary School for the third straight year as a "Tree City USA." Helping to celebrate were all four kindergarten classes at the school, led by their teachers and **Principal Foxx**. Poems were read, songs were sung, and a Town proclamation was issued honoring the beauty of trees and their contributions to our quality of life. **Amy Headley**, the Town's indomitable administrative assistant, and **Jenny Glenn**, the Town's recording secretary and Chair of the Tree Committee, donned wonderful masks representing a tree and an owl to support the ceremony. The event ended with the presentation of the "Tree City USA" certificate and banner by Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Ranger **Teshone Mathias**. Also in attendance were former mayor **John Brunner**, who initiated University Park's designation as a "Tree City USA" and **Mrs. Maxie Phillips**, a longtime supporter of both the school and the "Tree City USA" Program. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make it such an uplifting ceremony.

A number of **VERY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** are in their early planning stages near and around University Park. The two closest and largest are the UM East Campus project in College Park and the Cafritz project in Riverdale Park. The East Campus development is expected to cover the area between the old CP fire station and Paint Branch Parkway (on the east side of Route 1). It will be a mixed-use development encompassing student and non-student apartments, condominiums, restaurants, and boutique stores. **We are working on setting up a public presentation at a Council Meeting with one of the primary planners for the East Campus development, John Eisner of Street Sense.** In addition, we hope to gain representation on an Advisory Group that they are organizing, and to stay informed by keeping track of College Park's community meeting schedule.

The Cafritz property lies across from University Park on Route 1, centered at Van Buren Street. It is similar in size to the East Campus project, 39 acres, and also is proposed for mixed-use development. However, because of its proximity, it is going to be particularly important for UP to follow the developments for this property. At present, they plan to hold a series of informational community planning meetings during June (see the meeting schedule after the Chief's article). **Everyone interested should make the time to attend one or more of the meetings. If any University Park residents wish to serve on the advisory committees that are likely to be attached to either of these two proposed projects, please let the Town Hall know so we can support your efforts.** Offering your services and ideas on behalf of the Town of University Park, rather than as individual concerned citizens, will keep us from scattering our endeavors and make them more effective.

Finally, **CONGRATULATIONS** to the reelected Town Council Members, **Mickey Lucas, Kelly Fischer,** and **Peggy Winton** (for Wards 2, 5, and 6 respectively) and **SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** to **Lynn Dudinsky** of Woodberry Street who was elected to his first term for Ward 4.

FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

University Park is a great place to walk. Many residents in our community walk every day to exercise, commute, take out the dog, see the great azalea gardens, or just for pleasure. As a pedestrian it is important to be safe. **The following safety tips are universal whether for children, adults, or seniors.**

★ **Walk on sidewalks when they are available.** If you must walk in the road, always walk facing traffic. Don't assume a driver can see you; he/she may be distracted by tuning the radio, talking on a cell phone, drinking coffee, or noisy riders, etc.

★ **Cross at crosswalks or intersections.** Most people are struck while attempting to cross at other places. Before crossing, look left, look right, and look left again.

★ **Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Stay out of a driver's blind spot and make eye contact with drivers** when crossing busy streets. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic or at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.

★ **Children never should cross streets by themselves or be allowed to play or walk near traffic.** Kids are small, unpredictable, and unable to judge vehicle distances and speeds.

★ **As a group, senior citizens are particularly dependent on safe streets for walking because many no longer drive. Therefore it is important for elderly pedestrians to take street crossing seriously, allow plenty of time to cross a road, and appreciate the dangers.** Most elderly pedestrian fatalities result from inattention, carelessness, medical conditions, or the effects of medication. Eyesight, hearing, and judging traffic distance and speed also are often less accurate.

Generally pedestrians have the right of way. However, **if a driver doesn't see someone, was inattentive or used poor judgment,**

was speeding, or his/her vehicle malfunctioned and struck a person, the consequences to the pedestrian could be a critical injury or a fatality. The driver may or may not be cited, charged, or even found at fault, but that is of little concern to those who were critically hurt, incurred permanent injuries, or became a fatality. So keep walking; it is great exercise, but please stay alert and do it safely.

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 our zip code. **The State of Maryland has a free sexual offender notification service** for any resident. Just call **1-866-559-8017** to be put on the call list or go on-line at the following website: <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/>.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 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)**.

For emergencies, always dial 911.

The following crimes occurred in April:

CRIME STATISTICS (Apr 1st to Apr 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Apr 1st	B & E/Shed	4400 Underwd
Apr 2nd	Theft*	6800 Balt Ave
Apr 2nd	Stolen Auto*	4300 Clagett
Apr 3-4	Theft*	4100 Tennysn
Apr 3-4	Theft*	6500 41st Ave
Apr 3-4	Theft*	4000 Underwd
Apr 3-4	Theft*	4000 Underwd
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Apr 21st	DUI Arrest	4300 Sheridan

CRIME STATISTICS NOTES:

Breaking & Entering/Shed: Between 11 AM and 4 PM, suspect/s stole a Trek Bicycle from an **open** garage. No suspect/s located.

Theft: Between midnight and 1:45 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 1999 Ford Explorer and stole an I-Pod and some jewelry from the console area. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is on-going.

Stolen Auto: Between midnight and 8 AM, suspect/s stole a 2005 Buick LeSabre from the front driveway of the residence. Suspect/s possibly located the key to the vehicle in the console area of a Toyota Camry which was **unlocked** and located in the same driveway. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is on-going.

Theft: Between 7 PM and 8 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2006 Honda Accord and stole coins from the console area of the vehicle. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is on-going

Theft: Between 7 PM and 8 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2000 Toyota Sienna van and stole change from the console area of the vehicle. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is on-going

Theft: Between 7 PM and 8 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2003 Toyota Corolla and stole a cell phone and CD's from the console area of the vehicle. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is on-going.

Theft: Between 7 PM and 8 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2005 Scion TC and stole cash from the console area of the vehicle. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is on-going.

Theft: Between 7 PM and 8 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2003 Honda Odyssey and stole change from the console area of the vehicle. No suspect/s located. The investigation is on-going

DUI Arrest: At 7:40 AM, officers were advised of a vehicle with front-end damage parked in the area. Upon checking the vehicle, the driver attempted to leave the area when she was stopped. Further investigation revealed that the subject had damaged a tree, the park area, and a sign in the area of Queens Chapel Road and East-West Highway. The

driver was an adult female who was placed under arrest by Cpl. Alford and charged with "Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol."

***NOTE:** All vehicles entered were unlocked and had valuables in them. The UPPD encourages you to keep your vehicles locked and always remove any valuables from them.

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.



CAFritz COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The details about the proposed development for the Cafritz property (roughly from Albion Road in College Park to the Armory in Riverdale Park, along Route 1 across from UP, and behind the postal facility all the way to just past Rhode Island Avenue) **will be discussed at three meetings to be held in Riverdale Elementary School** (5006 Riverdale Road). These meetings are your opportunity to provide input to the developer about what kind of a community you would like to see at the site. The potential impact to University Park (as well as College Park) is huge. Everyone is urged to attend one of the meetings.

At the first two meetings, the same information will be disbursed and questions answered. At the third "wrap up" meeting, the results of the two previous meetings will be discussed and reviewed. The dates for the three meetings are:

- Saturday, **June 2nd - 10 AM to 2 PM**
- Thursday, **June 7th - 7 PM to 9 PM**
- Thursday, **June 14th - 7 PM to 9 PM**

Our 3rd District County Councilman Eric Olson (301-952-3060) would be a good source to answer your questions. His letter of May 15th, should already have provided you

with a clear basic knowledge of the situation and a lot of helpful information.

IMPORTANT RENTAL NOTICE

Town homeowners who do not live in their University Park home and **who plan to rent their house** for any length of time to one or more people **MUST apply for a Town rental license.** Town residents living in their University Park home **who wish to rent part of their home** for any length of time to two or more people also **MUST apply for a Town rental license.** *The license helps to protect you and your property by funding a Housing Code Officer who will inspect your rented home regularly. The cost of the rental license is \$250.00.* The one case when a license is not necessary is when a Town resident is living in his/her UP home and **wishes to rent to only one person.** If you have any questions about these rental laws, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town 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 Office (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.



THE TOWN BUS: BRINGING SERVICE TO UP

(This is the first in a series of occasional articles by Mayor Tabori about our Town government's special services and operations.)

As you watch our Town Bus making its rounds in University Park you may wonder how often it is used and whether it is worth the cost. I will try to answer these questions and explore the financial savings that individual residents can gain by using the Bus. The Town Bus service was initiated in 2002 under a federally-funded County grant program that supported the acquisition of a small "call-a-bus" with a wheelchair lift. Its purpose would be to serve UP senior citizens and/or individuals who required transportation assistance for physical or medical reasons. The Bus made it possible for seniors and handicapped residents who didn't have cars or were uncomfortable driving alone to go grocery shopping, get to medical appointments, and access other personal services.

At the same time, the Town chose to experiment with the possibility of establishing a morning and afternoon commuter service to and from the Prince George's Plaza Metro stop. This helped make it possible/easier for Town residents to use the Metro subway system to commute to and from work. After a year's trial period, and at the urging of a number of citizens who felt the service provided a financially and environmentally-sound alternative to commuting by automobile, the Bus service was incorporated into the Town budget under "government operations" as a permanent line item. Since that time, the Bus service to the Metro has flourished and serves about 40-45 residents who make, on average, between 70-76 one-way trips daily.

Among the riders who use the service, our two part-time drivers, **Harry Horton** and **Dorrel Tinker**, have established a reputation for kindness and high-quality service. Our Bus service even has gained recognition beyond our boundaries. In 2006, the Town was given an Award for Excellence for the service by the Maryland Municipal Association.

Now, however, **the question that must be answered is whether the service is worth the cost.** If we assume a cost of 41.5 cents a mile as the cost to operate a vehicle (the rate GSA currently uses) and a round-trip estimate of 25 miles as the commuting distance, vehicular costs would be about \$10.38 a round trip. Usually there is a cost for parking, which might be \$6.24 per day on average, to make **a total of \$16.28 per day for private car costs.** Based on an 8-week survey of ridership, we estimate that the Bus service provides close to 17,500 commuter rides during a year for a total cost of \$54,000, which averages to a little under \$3.10 a ride. During rush hour, the subway is \$2.35 from PG Plaza to most work destinations for a total of \$4.70 per day. Therefore, **the total cost for a commuter to use public transportation would be \$10.90 for a savings per day of \$5.72;** or, assuming that each individual makes 200 round-trips a year, the savings would be over \$1,144.00 per user/per year, at a minimum. (Note: The variance in cost data between individuals will result in either greater or lesser savings per person.)

There also would be **a reduction of 5,500 miles of your car's overall mileage per annum.** This will translate into indirect savings in repairs and insurance costs which could add up to **as much as \$1,000 per year in savings.** Finally, if you are like my wife and I, using the UP bus service has allowed us to drop down to being a one-car family. This saves us an **additional \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year in insurance and repair costs.** For those of you with car notes, I will let you do your own calculations. **Finally, there is a direct reduction in carbon emissions in the order of 10 or 15 to 1** that over the long haul could significantly reduce our environmental footprint.

As a bonus, in addition to saving money for the riders and helping our community save the environment, **the Bus service is adding value to our properties.** We have heard from a number of real estate agents that advertising the Bus service is a powerful stimulus for sales to new residents in University Park. And although the transportation services provided to our senior citizens have not been discussed here, they also make a significant contribution to the quality of life in our community. **All in all, I have to argue that the UP Bus service adds a significant value to our Town and its residents.**



ITEMS TO REMEMBER

→ **★TENNIS SEASON REMINDER:** Please make a note to get your **2007 tennis stickers** at the Town Hall now. These yearly stickers only cost 25 cents each, adhere to one's tennis racket, and allow UP residents priority access to the Town Courts.

→ **★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."]

→ **★REMINDER TO ALL UP LANDLORDS:** June is the month for renewing your rental licenses for another year.

★ 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.

CORRECTION

The minutes listed as "February 26th" in the May issue, although in correct chronological order, were mistitled. They should have been listed as "Highlights of the March 19th Council Meeting."



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 2nd COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; and Chief Wynnyk.

Mayor Tabori reported on the Metro Shuttle and senior Call-a-Bus service. He said that the entire expense of our Town Bus service now is being supported by the Town. The Mayor also announced that signs had been placed in the Town Park to notify residents when the Town Field is open for use or closed. Positive comments on the signs have been received from residents. He also said the Field had been aerated and seeded with rye grass.

Chief Wynnyk reported that there was an opportunity for University Park to participate in the "Safe Routes to School" grant program. Its goal is to increase the number of children ages 5-13 who are walking and riding their bikes to school. He added that he would like to pursue getting solar-powered speed signs and a crosswalk at the Queens Chapel Road/Underwood Street intersection. It is a very high-traffic zone during arrival and departure times at UPES. He also said he had attended a mandatory one-day grant-writing class to help procure funds for the program, and is estimating the costs of pedestrian crossing signs. Vice Principal Ennis would be the Chief's contact point at UPES. The Council

felt Chief Wynnyk should continue to pursue the grant opportunity.

One Consent Agenda item was approved unanimously to **replace a fence at 4216 Sheridan Street**.

An application was approved unanimously to **construct an 8'x12' potting shed and a 3-foot high wooden picket fence, as well as an exterior door and small 2 to 3-step stoop off the screened-in porch at 4328 Van Buren Street**.

Concerning the new **Wachovia Bank** (SP 060003) planned for the south-east corner of the Rte 1/E-W Highway intersection, Mayor Tabori shared info from a letter that the Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center (MUTC) Design Review Committee sent to the Maryland National Parks and Planning Commission. The Bank's initial plan showed four drive-through lanes with only one entrance to the property from Route 1 and no direct exit back onto Route 1. The MUTC Committee recommended the number of drive-through lanes be reduced from four to two. Attorney Ferguson will represent UP at the Planning Commission meeting in place of Mayor Tabori who had a prior commitment.

CM Lucas felt that the Bank's proposed design also would present traffic circulation problems onto Queensbury Road. Mention was made about back-up traffic when trains are crossing Queensbury Road two blocks to the east. CM Carpenter felt that nothing about the construction would benefit UP, plus it had the potential to increase traffic congestion through Town. Mayor Tabori had two more concerns: What impact would there be on Queensbury Road when Route 1 northbound is widened, and what will become of the merge lane onto E-W Highway when the State Highway Administration (SHA) widens E-W Highway.

The Mayor presented the FY 2008 Budget to the Council. The combined General Fund revenues (\$2,552,954) and General Fund prior-year surplus (\$879,236) resulted in a

total General Fund revenue of \$3,432,190. The General Fund expenditures (which included salaries for the front office staff, the Town Treasurer, and the new Director of Public Works position) totaled \$540,350. Plans are to have the new Public Works directorate filled by July 1st.

The Budget line item G10 (Engineering) was increased by \$15,000 to pay for an architect to develop designs for the Town Hall's remodeling/construction. The Mayor has engaged Senator Cardin and Delegate Tawanna Gaines to help determine how UP might obtain grant money to support the remodeling; grants/monies are available for ADA accessibility and to support mixed-use public facilities, i.e. Police Station and Town Hall. Besides making the building accessible to all Town residents, the remodeling would add space to accommodate the new Public Works Director plus personnel space for the UP Public Works Department (UPPWD) staff, and provide much-needed meeting space for the Town Council, Civic Association, Woman's Club, Foreign Policy Committee, and other similar community organizations.

An assortment of line item expenditures were explained and discussed, including: \$5,000 for temporary fixes and an engineering assessment of the Town's tennis courts; no funds to the Town Clock which already has been purchased and is awaiting installation once site preparations have been completed; \$21,000 for street light repair and upgrading; \$21,000 to purchase a new UPPWD truck body and a new mower for the Park; and \$250,000 (a preliminary estimate) for asphalt road work needed at seven locations in Town. There was one correction; the amount listed in line item F4 (Cemetery) should have been \$3,800, and not \$38,000. **[Ed.Note:** The FY 2008 UP Town Budget was approved at the May 21st Council Meeting. Copies are available through the Town Office or online at www.upmd.org/government/08BUDG.pdf.] The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 16th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Fischer, Jackson, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, and Attorney Ferguson.

Mayor Tabori reported that the Town Field was in a good situation re controlling its usage. **Public Works handles the Field closings during the week and the Mayor covers them on weekends.** The rule for deciding to close the Field is very straightforward: If there is standing water on the Field, it is closed. The closed area runs from goal post to goal post. An area remains between the goal post and Queens Chapel Road where children may play. He also said **the Town suffered some property damage from the rains and strong winds during the mid-April nor'easter storm.** Two cars were badly damaged; one was totaled, and the other possibly so. One tree that fell damaged five different properties between 44th Avenue and Route 1 on Van Buren Street. Another tree fell at the Clagett Road/Queens Chapel Road intersection. Pepco responded quickly to restore the downed power lines.

The Chief reported that the UPPD was able to obtain and has put to use excess office furniture, lateral files, bookcases, a dry erase board, and power strips from the U.S. Census Bureau at a cost of one-day's rental for a U-Haul truck.

In response to mention of the serious accident on Route 1 when someone tried to turn left from Sheridan Street onto Route 1 north, the Chief said that heavy enforcement of the Town's new traffic signage is in place. And when asked why UPPD vehicles wait along Adelphi Road with radar guns for speeders when much of the Town crime seems to be B&Es at the interior of Town, he observed that residents living on the Town's perimeter want and deserve the same level of police service as other residents. Many Town

residents cross Adelphi to visit the library and walk to NHS. He added that UPPD officers on patrol move through both the Town's interior and perimeter in the course of their duties.

When a comment was made that a stationary speed trap was less effective than a mobile internal police patrol ready to catch a thief breaking and entering and stealing one's property, CMs Lucas and Mallino both spoke to the deadliness of the speeding situation on Adelphi, E-W Highway, and Route 1. Only recently, E-W Highway residents had a car run into their lawn, take out a tree and nearly strike their home. The Mayor added that he and Chief Wynnyk had calculated that, per day, a UPPD patrol car passes any given home in UP seven times a day. By contrast, College Heights Estates, covered by P.G. County police, will see a patrol car a few times a year!

Attorney Ferguson reported on the planning meeting for the Wachovia Bank building permit. She said UP supports the planning board's position of NO drive-through lanes for the bank. Zoning in the MUTC strongly discourages drive-through lanes and only allows ATMs at the back of a property that exits into an alley. Unfortunately, there is no alley on or adjacent to this corner property. The committee chair recommended the Bank representative request a continuance of the permit application so discussion could continue with surrounding municipalities. The Wachovia continuance was requested and granted.

Two Budget Amendments (2nd reading) were passed unanimously to (1) approve the transfer of \$7,000 from Unreserved/Undesignated to G17 (Legal Fees) to cover ongoing and future costs and (2) approve three transfers from unreserved funds of \$25,000 in the amount of \$4,500 to G19 (NEWSLETTER), \$14,000 to S1 (Street Lights), and \$7,000 to W9 (Vehicle Storage).

Three Building Applications were passed unanimously to: (1) **construct a 15'x9' patio at 4416 Underwood Street**; (2) **install a 3-foot wooden picket fence at 4400 Underwood Street**; and (3) **construct a first-floor porch**

with second-floor living space, enlarging the existing first- and second-floor porches, then enlarging and enclosing the second-floor porch as living space, constructing a shed addition onto the rear of a detached garage, and resurfacing a portion of the existing driveway at 4313 Sheridan Street (contingent on approval by the County Zoning Board and receipt of a County permit).

A motion was passed unanimously to **approve Zoning Variance Appeal (V-44-07) for a 7.2% net lot coverage** for the property at 4313 Sheridan Street described above. *(Mayor Tabori will write a letter supporting the variance request and attend the zoning meeting.)*

An on-street parking waiver for up to three vehicles for six months was approved unanimously for 6703 41st Avenue.

A motion was passed unanimously to introduce Leg. Res. 07-01 (FY 2008 Town Budget). The ordinance will be voted on at the Council Meeting on May 21st. A public hearing will be held on May 7th on the constant yield tax rate under this ordinance.

In response to a request from Council Members to see the Position Description (PD) for the proposed new Public Works Director, the Mayor felt he still needed to address the issues of whether there was money available to fund the position and how to rearrange space in the Town Hall to provide a work area for the person. He will try to provide the PD by May 1st or by May 21st at the latest.

The possibility of sidewalk repairs was mentioned for the section along Route 1 from the Town Hall south to East-West Highway. Mayor Tabori recalled that the SHA, with UP contributing a percentage of the expenses, carried out the sidewalk work done from the Town Hall north to College Park and said he would look into it.

A motion was passed unanimously to adopt a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and designate Friday, April 27, 2007 as Arbor Day in UP. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

BUDGET TRANSFER

On May 21, 2007, the Council introduced a Budget Transfer authorizing the transfer of funds from reserve funds **to allow for the maintenance and repair of the handrails on three Town bridges.** The total cost of repair is expected to be \$16,000.00. The first meeting at which this Budget Transfer **may be adopted** is **June 18, 2007.**



WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU! In the previous editions of this column, residents have been urged to call the Town Hall to clarify any permit requirements when preparing for exterior construction work. However, there are three circumstances where that phone call in advance potentially could save you a great deal of aggravation and expense.

If you plan to build a fence taller than four feet, the Town has primary jurisdiction. So if the Town fails to grant a permit, it will invalidate the County permit! The same is true **if your project will encroach on Town property or in the Town right-of-way.** Variance requests are slightly more complicated. **If your project will require a County variance,** it is very important to determine whether or not the Town will support such a variance. The County is highly unlikely to grant a variance request unless the Town has supported it.

Applications to the County for permits can be expensive; therefore, it is in everyone's interest to determine whether the Town will grant the permit or reject it. So everyone needs to remember that **often a quick phone call to the Town Hall (301-927-4262) will provide you with very useful information that could ease your way through the County permit process,** and possibly save you the hassle of having your County permit rejected.

THE TOP 10 WAYS TO BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

All pet owners have a responsibility to their animals, their community, and the environment. As a UP dog owner, check how closely you observe these **"Top 10 Ways/Reasons to be a Responsible Dog Owner:"**

#10 - Train your dog to "take care of business" in a specific area of your own yard, and then...

#9 - Walk your dog (on a leash) for exercise only walking on Town streets, not sidewalks. Dog walking is a great healthy activity when done properly by responsible owners; always remember to carry a bag for an occasional (not regular) "accident."

#8- Dog waste significantly contributes to the spread of disease and parasites when dogs sniff it and then each other.

#7 - Dog waste left in weedy areas finds its way into the Town Stream, which flows past the elementary school, the Tot Lot, along Park paths, and near your neighbors' homes. Let's keep these areas clean and smelling fresh.

#6 - When Town employees or your neighbors weed-wack those grassy areas that are pleasant for dogs, dog waste becomes a human hazard.

#5 - If all 200 dogs (the approximate number in UP) used the Town Park each day (instead of their own yard) and no one cleaned up after them, over one ton of excrement would be generated monthly!

#4 - Dog waste is the most common food source for rats; don't encourage rodents' residency by giving them a "free lunch."

#3- The UP Town Code states that "no person shall permit an animal owned or controlled by him/her to excrete waste in the Park," or "on any property within the Town

limits other than that owned and/or occupied by said person" without the "immediate clean up, removal and disposal of the animal waste."

This includes all Town public areas (i.e. the Wells Parkway median area) and all private property (your neighbors' yards). And remember, bags of waste must be disposed of properly in one's own trash bins.

#2 - The penalty for this infraction is covered in Section 5-107 Penalties - "A failure to comply with this chapter shall constitute a **municipal infraction** and will subject the offender to a penalty of two hundred dollars (**\$200**) per violation."

#1 - Everyone wins when the Town's public and private properties are treated with the same care and respect we have for our own property. **So when you're out with your pup, please leave nothing behind but paw-prints during your daily walks.**



THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILL

An emergency response drill was conducted on April 22nd by the Town of University Park and the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management. **The drill's focus was on contamination of the Town Stream and the sequence of emergency responses that would follow.** The responders were from the Prince George's County Fire/EMS, officers of the UP Police Department, the Office of Emergency Management & the Mobile Communications Vehicle, and citizen responders from Hyattsville, Bladensburg, Berwyn Heights, Clinton, Greenbelt, and UP (CERT). Adding realism to the drill was the Special Unit Division (HAZMAT) from the PG Fire Department.

This first drill was designed as a National Incident Management System (NIMS)-compliant drill and was executed exactly as it had been designed. UP CERT was extremely pleased with the professionalism of all the

responders, **especially our own Town police force** (who deserve much of the credit), **and our CERT members** who established a joint response team with other jurisdictional teams. **The drill accomplished ALL of its objectives** and provided an exceptional insight into future planning for any emergency response.

UP CERT would like to thank the many residents who became victims and who in good spirits were medically triaged before being allowed to go on their way. We were very pleased by the attitude that many residents displayed in support of the effort and their willingness to role-play for the benefit of our responders. **All in all, a great job was done by everyone!**



OBITUARY

ANNE SISSON MILES, 79, died on May 5, 2007 of cancer and Parkinson's disease at her home on Woodberry Street. She had been a long-time resident of University Park. She was born in the District of Columbia and graduated from Washington and Lee High School in Arlington in 1945 and from the Washington School for Secretaries in 1946.

Mrs. Miles worked briefly as a secretary for the National Geographic Society and then for the vice president of the American Automobile Association during the early days of the organization. She then became a secretary for the Army-Air Force Office of Special Investigations at their headquarters in the Pentagon. After the early 1950's, she devoted herself to homemaking and raising her five children.

Anne Miles loved collecting and collected antique bottles through the Maryland Bottle Club. She also had a large and varied collection of all types of dolls, and was a member of the Maryland Doll Club. It was surmised that her strong interest in collecting dolls might have resulted from losing all her childhood dolls in a flood.

Mrs. Miles was a supportive member of the Prince George's County Historical Society and she ran the gift shop at the Calvert Mansion in Riverdale. For many years, she was a helpful and hard-working member of the University Park Woman's Club lending her creative touches to Club projects and serving on committees when needed. She was a former deacon of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and was a volunteer worker for the American Cancer Society.

Her husband, Benjamin C. Miles, died in 2000. Survivors include her children: Benjamin Cottman Miles, III of University Park, MD; Charles Southworth Miles of Merritt Island, Florida; Susan Hale Miles of Tavernier, Florida; Jennifer M. Glasgow of Churchton, Maryland; and Geoffrey Banks Miles of Greenport, New York; her sisters: Mary Louise Greenlaw of Fredericksburg, Betty Tancredi of Tappahannock, Virginia; and June Martin of Scarborough, Massachusetts; and four grandchildren.



★To the **University Park Woman's Club Scholarship winners for 2007, Caitlin Kearney and Josephine Brown**. Both girls are high school seniors and residents of University Park. They will be recognized at the UPWC's luncheon on June 4th. This is the 61st year that the Club has sponsored scholarships for our community. The winners always are chosen for their high academic standings as well as community service and activities.

★To **Caitlin Kearney**, a senior at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Rockville, where she participated in a number of activities that included four years of varsity softball, social action service at the Janney Elementary School in the District, and three years participating in the Montgomery County mock trial competition. **Caitlin was awarded the University Park Scholarship**, which is given to a high school senior who lives in University

Park. Caitlin will be attending the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois this fall. Her chosen areas of interest are journalism and writing. Caitlin lives with her parents, **Julie and Stephen Kearney** on Clagett Road. She also is the granddaughter of former Sheridan Street residents **Joan Kearney** and the late **Jim Kearney**.

★ To **Josephine Brown**, a senior at Northwestern High School (NHS), who lives on Underwood Street with her parents, **Ellen and Craig Brown**. Craig grew up on Tuckerman Street and also graduated from Northwestern, and Ellen also was a recipient of the UPWC scholarship, in 1978! **Josie was awarded the McPhee Scholarship**, which is given to a high school senior who attends NHS. Josie has been a UP Girl Scout in Troop 2786 for 13 years, beginning as a Daisy and finishing this year by earning her Gold Award as a Senior Scout. She has used her talents and interests in many projects: With her love of writing and cultures, she wrote plays that were produced by the RPC Side Door Coffee House; her love of cooking led her to bake frequently for the Meals-on-Wheels program; and her love of history has helped her decide to major in history education. Josie plans to start at Montgomery Community College and transfer to the University of Maryland; she is anticipating teaching high school history.

★To the three **Kelejian kids**, formerly of Woodberry Street, who each had a very busy fall 2006! On September 23, 2006, **Melinda Kelejian**, who has chosen to keep her family name, married Gary Ryan at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi. They now are living in Reston, Virginia, where Melinda is a Major Gifts Officer at the American Red Cross National Capital Chapter. Gary is a programmer at Newsletter Holdings in McLean and a nature photographer.

Douglas Kelejian and his wife Heather welcomed their third child on December 9, 2006. **Wilhelm Ranger Cole Kelejian** (Ranger) weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces. He is doted on by his sister, **Thistle Adele** (Thel),

who is eight years old, and brother, **Chavache Speed Serin** (Speed), who turned six on February 6th. Doug and his family live in Wilmington, NC where he has worked in set implementation for the film industry since 1995. Heather is a master gardener and was director of the Therapeutic Program at the WILMINGTON Botanical Gardens.

David Kelejian married Belinda Spenser on December 30, 2006 at the Woodberry Street home of his mom and her husband, **Rene and Frank McDonald**. Talented young UP vocalists, **Montana and Milan Monardes**, performed at the ceremony. They are the children of **Noel and Carla Monardes** of 41st Avenue. David's family now includes his 15-year-old daughter **Michelle Kelejian** and Belinda's 16-year-old son **Matt Spenser**. They live in Catonsville, MD where David recently made a career change. After 25 years of being an auto mechanic and general manager, he now is a heating and cooling technician. Belinda is the accounts manager at Precision Tunes in Beltsville.

★ To UP's **County winners in the University Park Elementary School "Write-A-Book" contest**: Second grader **Clio Jensen** of 41st Avenue received a Second Place award for her illustrated fiction, *"The Bathroom Adventure."* A trio of 6th graders, **Emma Jonte** and **Hannah Russell** of Woodberry Street and **Helen Lan** of Forest Hill Drive received a First Place award for their picture story book, *"The Adventures of the Elements, Volume One: The Four Friends."* Next year the three authors will attend Hyattsville Middle School.

★ To the **graduating seniors of Girl Scout Troop 2786**. After meeting at University Park Church of the Brethren for twelve years, on May 29th, the Troop held a very special end-of-the-year ceremony. For nine of the fourteen girls in the Troop, it was their final ceremony as Girl Scouts. The Troop's graduating seniors are: from UP, **Alex Brewer** and **Alyson Parker** of College Heights Drive, **Josie Brown** and **Sigrid Luhr** of Underwood Street, and **Sarah Dickerson** of Tuckerman Street; from College Park, Emily Coppers; and

from Hyattsville, Hannah Monroe, Alexandra Morrison, and Zakiya Qualls. The continuing juniors include UP's **Kady Ashcraft** of Tuckerman Street, **Cora Dwyer** and **Sasha Goldberg** of Clagett Road, and **Katie Perlis** of Wells Parkway; and Phylicia Murray of Bowie.

These fourteen young women have been very active in University Park over the years, placing a strong emphasis on community service. As Cadette Scouts (ages 11-14) the whole troop earned their Girl Scout Silver Awards (the second highest national award in Girl Scouting) for their ongoing work with the University Park Elementary School Library. They have participated in many "Stream Clean-UPS," taught crafts at Town holiday parties, and helped with the Town 9-11 Memorial. For many years, they worked during the winter holidays with children in a homeless shelter to help them make gifts for their families, and as a troop, they have cooked for the "Meals-on-Wheels" and "Safe Haven" programs.

This year, Troop 2786 is proud to have three Scouts earn their Gold Award. This national award, equivalent to the BSA Eagle award, is the highest honor in Girl Scouting. **Josie Brown's final project** in working toward her Gold Award included adapting three South American folk tales into one-act plays. She then produced, directed, and performed in the plays with children from the community. Performances were given for the Side Door Coffee House of Riverdale Presbyterian Church (RPC), at the Ingleside Retirement Home, and at Riderwood. **Sarah Dickerson** completed her Gold Award by organizing a free community health fair at her church, St. Stephen's Lutheran, in White Oak. She arranged for numerous professionals to offer hearing screenings, blood pressure testing, and BMI measurements to the residents of nearby Langley Park, and also organized and made available health learning stations for stress management, nutrition, and emergency planning. **Alexandra Morrison of Hyattsville** completed her Gold Award by organizing a choral concert and reception for residents of Catholic University's Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home. Alex's school choir, George-

town Visitation Chorus and Madrigals, performed a selection of classical pieces and music from the 40's. Afterward, she hosted a reception with desserts and drinks, and time for the chorus to socialize with the residents.

The proud leaders of this active troop of society's future leaders are **Carmen Brewer** of College Heights Drive, **Ellen Brown** and **Karen Prestegaard** of Underwood Street, and **Pamela Pehrsson** of Tuckerman Street.

★ Welcome to three new residents of University Park: **Colleen O'Malley**, **Dana Nau**, and **Lise Boorse**.

Colleen moved into the former Deshler residence on 44th Avenue from San Diego where she just had finished sea duty on a destroyer. Colleen is a surface warfare lieutenant now working at Coast Guard Headquarters in D.C. She will be stationed here for two years working drug interdiction issues for the Department of Defense.

On June 2nd, **Dana** and **Lise** will be moving into the former Leshler/Rutledge residence on Clagett Road. Dana is a long-time Professor of Computer Science at the University of Maryland and Lise is a violinist and piano technician.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

★ The College Park Aviation Museum is **looking for a part-time Education Assistant**, someone with a background in education or museum education, or with educational experience, to assist with programs and tours, work with teachers and educators, schedule events, and develop education-oriented activities and programs for pre-K-to-adult groups. This part-time position entails approximately 25 hours per week (including one weekend day per month) and could be done during school hours. For more information, please e-mail jane.welsh@pgparks.com.

NEW TOWN POSITION TO BE FILLED: PWD DIRECTOR/PROJECT MANAGER

The Town of University Park wishes to hire a combined Public Works Department Director and Project Manager. This individual will be responsible for managing all Public Works-related functions and all Town infrastructure projects. He/she will report directly to the Mayor. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or Business Administration, or an equivalent; plus experience in public works management, project management, and in leading small teams of individuals. Applicant must be willing to attend Council meetings and must have knowledge of municipal budgeting processes. He/she also must be willing to provide three references and undergo a criminal background check. A full job description, including salary and benefits, and an application package will be available before June 30th at the Town Hall. Questions? Please call 301-927-4262.

★ **Hosts are needed for August 4th and 5th** by the UM College of Journalism to accommodate twelve Humphrey Fulbright Fellows, accomplished professionals from designated countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Europe, and Eurasia. The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings these scholars to the US at a midpoint in their careers for a year of study and related professional experiences. The Program provides a basis for establishing long-lasting productive partnerships and relationships between citizens of the US and their professional counterparts in other countries, leading to an exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding throughout the world.

Volunteer hosts are expected to pick up their visiting Fellow at the airport on August

4th, share their home and meals plus part of the following day with him/her, and then drop the Fellow off at the College Park Quality Inn on the afternoon of August 5th. Residents or families who might enjoy spending a little special time with a Humphrey Fellow from another country should contact Serap Rada (301-405-2513 or sdrada@umd.edu).

★ Van Buren Street residents are trying to help a UP grad student **find a room to rent** in UP. Please call Dona (301-699-8447).

★ Woodberry Street residents **would like to share child care** with another UP family. Their son will be one in August. If interested, please call Janet (301-779-3188).



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

★ **Every Saturday** through November 18th from 7 AM to Noon, the **College Park Farmers Market** is held in the Linson Pool parking lot on Paint Branch Parkway. Shop for fresh vegetables, fruit, plants, and more.

★ The **Takoma Park Farmers Market** is located along the 6900 block of Laurel Avenue. For the 27th year, this **producers-only market** only offers **produce grown locally** within a 125-mile 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/.

★ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is a **producers-only market** located on Queensbury Road adjacent to the MARC Station. For the 10th year, shoppers can purchase fresh berries, fruits, veggies, nuts, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, baked goods, herbs, and crafts! Visit www.riverdaleparkbiz.com for details. Their 2007 season will be held on **Thursdays** through November 16th, from **3 to 7 PM** (and from 3 to 6 PM during November).

★ The **Hyattsville Farmers Market**, located in the parking lot behind the Queens

Chapel Town Center at the intersection of Queens Chapel Road and Hamilton Street, will open **June 19th**. It is held each **Tuesday** from **2-6 PM** through October. It is a **producers-only market** that offers the freshest fruits and vegetables from the same friendly vendors that sell what they grow and pick most of it that very morning.



Don't forget the **"Welcome Summer" Wine and Cheese Gathering** on Saturday, **June 2nd** from 5-7 PM. Join your friends and neighbors while you sample some fine wines and light refreshments. The \$10 tickets will be available on the day of the event. Please check upcivicassociation.org for the exact location. Remember: this event is for adults only; **no one under 21 will be admitted**.

The Civic Association is pleased to announce **Christine Dawson** of Claggett Road as their Volunteer of the Month. Christine organized the successful 2007 Town-wide Yard Sale which, from her hard work, benefitted many residents. She also was instrumental in creating the UPCA's first logo (being used to title this article). The logo also was used to create a banner and magnets. It was a much-needed identifier for the group. All Town residents are invited to attend the next monthly meeting from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, **June 26th** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Plans will be finalized for the 4th of July parade and picnic. Come and share your ideas or consider volunteering at the event. For questions or more information, please call Katy Huggins (301-277-4543)



STRAAAW..BEARS!!

★ For a sneak preview of summer, all Town residents, their neighbors, and friends are invited most cordially to join Riverdale Presbyterian Church for its traditional **Strawberry Festival** on Sunday, **June 3rd** from 4-6

PM. The treats will be served on the front lawn of RPC (on Queens Chapel Road across from UPES). In case of inclement or threatening weather, the event will move indoors to Custis Hall. Your nominal donation will include a generous serving of ice cream topped with sumptuously sweet, just-picked strawberries along with cake, lemonade, and the ambience of a small-town gathering. All contributions will be donated to "Help by Phone."

After the berries, you might like to top off a delicious afternoon with Music At Riverdale's "Eclectic Acts for the Eccentric Mind," a family-friendly concert featuring musical theatre, jazz, instrumental, pop, and other "eclectic" acts. The performers include RPC, UP, and other local area artists. For more information, please contact the church office (301-927-0477).



SOARING INTO JUNE

This month, the **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will feature a kite workshop, and programs for Girl and Boy Scouts to complete museum-related badge work. At all the events, children must be accompanied by an adult. Unless otherwise stated, program fees are included in the regular Museum admission.

★ Don't forget the great **Kite-Making Workshop** being held on Saturday, **June 2nd** from NOON to 4 PM. The experts from "Wings over Washington" will instruct you in building the perfect kite. Skill level is ideal for ages 6 and older. Fees include regular Museum admission plus \$4 for each kite made.

★A **Girl Scout Program** is being offered **June 19-21** (T-Th) from 1-3:30 PM for teen Scouts to earn the Museum Discovery badge. While fulfilling badge requirements, Scouts will learn about the Museum's exhibits, technology, and architecture with the Curator and a Program Assistant. The \$10 fee includes admission; pre-registration is required.

★A **Boy Scout Program** is being offered **June 26-28** (T-Th) from 1-3:30 PM for senior Scouts to earn the Collecting badge. While fulfilling the badge requirements, Scouts will learn the ins-and-outs of collection care, handling, and funding with the Curator and a Program Assistant. The \$10 fee includes admission; pre-registration is required.



RIVERSDALE IN JUNE

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.

★ Don't forget to save time for the **Riverdale Park Historic Home & Garden Tour** on Sunday, **June 3rd**. The Federal-era "Riversdale" mansion is only one of the many historic homes included and participants will enjoy the chronology of architectural styles in the town. The tour starts at 1 PM in the MARC Train Station at the Riverdale Park Town Center. All advance-purchase tickets are discounted.

★ On Saturday, **June 9th** at 10 AM, plan on visiting **Rosalie's Pantry** and you will spend the day enjoying hands-on activities that replicate the sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and feel of Rosalie Stier Calvert's circa-1810 pantry. Participants will make and take crafts such as punched-tin graters, herbal sachets and kitchen pepper-spice mix, hand-dipped candles, churned butter to spread on open-hearth-baked corn cakes, and candied mint leaves, to name just a few. Advance registration and a fee of \$10 is required for this very special workshop especially for adults and children (ages 8 and older).

★ On **June 25-29th** (M-F) from 10 AM to 3 PM, children 8-12 years old will be exposed to life in the early part of the 1800s, when the Calvert family lived at Riversdale. Participants will learn to weave a fiber rush stool, punch tin, construct a Jacob's Ladder toy, make hand-dipped candles, cook a meal in the open hearth, and create a wax museum of characters to present to their families on the last day of the **Riversdale History Camp**. The fee includes all the materials for this quality-laden history experience. Register now!

★RHM's "**Jazz on the Portico**" concert series is held once a month on Wednesday at 7 PM. This summer, concert dates are **June 27th**, July 25th, and August 22nd. Bring a blanket/lawn chair and relax while you enjoy some FREE summer jazz by area musicians on the beautifully-landscaped grounds of Riversdale. On **June 27th**, you can enjoy "**M.S.G.**," an acoustic blues trio performing traditional Piedmont blues. They will raise the roof with old-fashioned house party tunes and then make you weep with their blues ballads! The group has performed twice at the Kennedy Center, solo in 2005 on the Millennium Stage.



CLASSES AND FUN FOR EVERYONE

★ **Paint Branch Montessori School** (Locations in Adelphi and Beltsville; contact info@pbmontessori.com or 301-937-2244) is offering a unique summer program for children ages 18 months to 12 years. Each week will provide children an opportunity to immerse themselves in a different project. **The programs focus on developing children's natural interest in their world while fostering in-depth knowledge.** Activities will include: folk tales, ethnic cooking, yoga exercises, crafts, etc. The weekly camps run from **June 4th to August 24th** from 8 AM to 6 PM for half- or full-day programs. There is a discount for 4 or more weeks enrollment and each week offers a different theme. Small classes and experienced staff make an exciting summer odyssey!

★ **OASIS of Hyattsville** is growing; almost 400 seniors (50 and older) are active participants in **OASIS classes and trips**. To become a member and start having fun, stop by the main OASIS reception area (behind "Furniture" on the first floor of Macy's at Prince George's Plaza) and get a copy of the new summer/fall catalog. Registration is ongoing but **classes begin the week of June 11**.

This summer's offerings include: Brain Gym, Elder Law, a Vegan Cuisine Workshop (and tasting buffet), Armchair Travel Talks, a Crab Feast, and ongoing health, fitness, computer, literature, and art classes. Trips this summer and early fall include guided tours of: the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, Ocean City, College Park Aviation Museum, Historic Greenbelt, and the newly-remodeled Mt. Vernon. Also, in conjunction with Doctors Hospital on Good Luck Road, OASIS supports a series of free medically-oriented classes covering a variety of issues, as well as dance and exercise classes, and **AARP's "55 Alive."**

So, if you've finally become a nifty fifty and have some free time on your hands between 10 AM and 3 PM on a weekday, why not start enjoying life, enhance your positive outlook, re-stimulate your brain, and make some wonderful new friends -- it's all waiting for you at OASIS. **For more information**, call 301-559-6575 weekdays from 10-3 or visit www.oasisnet.org/hyattsville. The Hyattsville OASIS Director, Karen Holk, is available to answer questions during OASIS hours

★You can reduce stress, look and feel better, and have fun doing it by joining the next **Slimnastics Exercise Class** (that starts Monday, **June 18th**) at the Prince George's Plaza Community Center on Adelphi Road. This MNCPPC-sponsored class meets each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-11 AM for 8-week sessions. The class also includes line dancing and resistance-and-strength training using stretch bands and stretching. For more information, please call 301-864-1611 or 301-445-4500.

★ Children ages 3 through grade 6 are invited to "Lift Off and Soar to New Heights" at the high-flying **Vacation Bible School** at **University Baptist Church** (3515 Campus Drive, College Park) on M-F, **June 18th through June 22nd**, from 9 AM to NOON. Activities include hearing Bible stories during High Fly Bible Time, making Pilot Project crafts, singing fun tunes during Sky Songs, playing games during Rip Line Rec, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Cloud Café. To register for this free high-flying hot air balloon adventure or to find out more information, please call the church office (301-422-1430).

★ Take the plunge and register for a free "**Great Bible Reef**" **Vacation Bible School** being co-hosted by **Riverdale Presbyterian Church** (301-927-0477, 6315 Queens Chapel Road, across from UPES), **Berwyn Presbyterian Church**, and **University United Methodist Church** from **June 18th to 22nd**. From 9:30 AM to NOON, children ages 3 to entering grade 6 will enjoy a week of faith-filled fun with an "underwater" theme. They will learn Bible stories, sing songs, make crafts, and play games. To enroll, please get a registration form from one of the churches involved or call RPC (301-927-0477).

Four afternoon **Art Camps** will follow VBS until 2:30 PM for grades 1-6. Please call to see if there still are openings. The art classes include Fun With Art (K-1st), Art Sampler (2nd-3rd), Book Arts for Poets (4th-6th) and possibly a Sports/Rec Session (3rd-6th).



FUN-TIME SUMMER RIVER RAMBLE

There still is time to participate in the ICPRB River Ramble, the exciting annual canoeing and kayaking expedition that features white water boating, educational programming, riverside camping, and so much more! Novice and experienced paddlers alike are welcome. Two days of beginner-level white water boating will be held first, and

many safety boaters will be stationed along the course. Remember, the aim of these annual Rambles is to elevate awareness of the Potomac River's importance to the region around it, to gain historical perspectives, and to build stewardship and camaraderie while having fun on the water.

The 2007 Ramble begins on Thursday, **June 7th** at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV and ends on **June 10th** at the Tarara Winery in VA. ICPRB would appreciate any supporters of environmental efforts being corporate sponsors for the event. For more information about participating or becoming a sponsor, please contact Adam Griggs, (agriggs@icprb.org or 301-984-1908 x-103.) Check www.potomacriver.org/ramble.htm to view more details about the Ramble.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

★ **The University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** is offering free and ticketed NOI programs this month, and concluding the Jim Henson exhibit that opened last fall. For more information, reservations, or the catalog for the new 2007-2008 season, please call 301-405-2787 or contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

Now in its 20th season, UM's National Orchestral Institute (NOI) offers four weeks of orchestral musicianship and professional development for dedicated musicians.

★ On **June 10th**, the **NOI Chamber Music Marathon** will continue from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall. - Small ensembles of NOI students will take turns performing hours of intimate chamber music in a "casual-audience" format. **FREE**

★ The "**National Orchestral Institute in Concert**" will perform at 8 PM in the Dekelboum Concert Hall on three consecutive Saturdays. Each concert will feature a different conductor and repertoire.

NOTE: A **FREE** open dress rehearsal will be held on the Friday before each performance from 9:30 AM to NOON.

• On **June 16th**, Conductor **James Ross** and the NOI will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 4; Ives' *Decoration Day*; and Strauss' *An Alpine*. The performance of Ives' *Decoration Day* includes celebrated storyteller and narrator **Jon Spelman** reading a text honoring the sacrifices of those who died in war.

• On **June 23rd**, Conductor **Edwin Outwater** and the NOI will perform Dutilleux's *Metaboles*; Bartok's *Miraculous Mandarin Suite*; and Brahms' Symphony No. 4.

• On **June 30th**, Conductor **Jorge Mester** and the NOI will perform Mozart's Sinfonia in D major; Bernstein's *Diverimento*; and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 4. Jorge Mester returns to UM to conduct the finale concert of the 20th NOI festival after conducting at the 1st NOI festival in 1988.

★ **"NOI 20-Year Celebration"** on Friday, **June 28th** at 7 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Prominent figures from NOI's past join Artistic Director James Ross to reflect on the first 20 years and the continuing role of music festivals in training orchestral players. **FREE**

★ **LAST CHANCE to view "Exhibition -- Jim Henson: Performing Artist"** which closes on Saturday **June 30th** - Explore the career and innovations of this beloved UM alumnus through a gallery exhibition of behind-the-scenes photography; sketches; handwritten notes for new puppeteers; six Muppets, including Scred from "SNL," Mokey from "Fraggle Rock," Marvin Suggs & Mildred from "The Muppet Show," and two early characters, Javas 1 and 2. In addition, more than 70 digital videos are available for viewing at public computer stations. **FREE**

★ **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers **FREE family-oriented quality movies each month** that are conveniently close to home. Light snacks

will be provided at 7 PM and the movie will begin at 7:30 PM. On **June 16th**, "**Akeelah and the Bee**" will be shown. "*Akeelah and the Bee*," rated **PG for some language**, tells the story of 11-year-old *Akeelah Anderson (Keke Palmer) who is determined to spell her way out of South Los Angeles. After entering scores of local contests, eventually she has a chance to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Despite discouragement from her mother (Angela Bassett), Akeelah is motivated and inspired by her bookish tutor (Laurence Fishburne), her principal Curtis Armstrong), and the proud members of her community.* Save July 28th when the selection will be "How to Eat Fried Worms."



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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

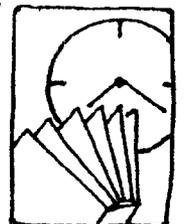
★ During June, the **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) will continue its chess club meetings and the morning book group.

• For all ages/levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**June 14th & 28th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

• No decision has been made as to whether the bi-monthly 7:30 PM book discussion group, "**dialogues**," will continue.

• The Morning Book Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. At their **June 20th** meeting, they will be discussing "**Wisdom's Daughter**" by India Edghill. The selection for their July 18th meeting will be "*The Plot Against America*" by Philip Roth.

★ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults -men, women and couples - will finish their 2007 Club season on **June 19th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "**The Choir**" by Joanna Trollope. Please call



Kathy Mancusi (301-779-0722) if you'd like to attend. The selection for their September meeting may be available in the July/August issue. New members always are welcome.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: JUNE 5 LET'S CELEBRATE IT ALL YEAR

To focus on the world's environmental health, the United Nations has been observing **June 5th as World Environment Day (WED)** since 1972. The 2007 WED theme is "**Climate Change: Melting Ice--A Hot Topic.**" The United Nations wants all of the world's people to reflect on what's being done and what should be done to reverse the current ominous climate change. Then, they are asking each person to **choose ONE more thing** he/she could do now, to **follow through**, and to **take action**.

Among the hundreds of large and small countries around the world who are, and have been, focusing earnestly on the tenuous state of the world's environment, England and Wales began promoting WED seriously in 2004 and have seen their numbers of conscientious participants rise from 8,000 to 58,000 in 2006! **Through the promised actions of those 58,000 participants** during 2006, **the world saved 613 Olympic-sized pools full of water, 9.5 million plastic bags, 298 tons of batteries, and carbon dioxide equivalent to driving around the Earth 6,327 times; plus, 101 years' worth of time was volunteered to work on making greener communities.**

To gain some visual insight of the situation, check www.unep.org/wed/2007 for an eye-opening look at how our planet is melting. (Click on "Information Material," then on the 4th publication, "Melt Down poster.")

What CAN you do? YOU can make **June 5th an important day** by just vowing to **do ONE thing more** to care for our planet and help conserve energy. Your choices are multitudinous. **Just choose something and do it for the rest of your life.** Perhaps you might like one of these unique ideas:

1 - Reduce unnecessary consumption:

★ Create a block or neighborhood "Tool Share" list. Everyone really doesn't *need* to have his/her own lawnmower or steam cleaner or extension ladder or... ★ Make it OK to regift nice or beloved outgrown/unused items. Start with toys, books, and clothing for kids' presents, and take it from there. If the practice becomes the norm between families and friends, it could become acceptable in whole neighborhoods! ★ If you're good at... growing herbs, increase the size/variety of your garden and let your whole block share the bounty. Neighbors with sunless yards or extra time on their hands could help water and weed so that many could enjoy cooking with free local organic fresh herbs!

2 - Reduce car/fuel use: ★ Make it a rule never to drive faster than 65 mph (where allowed). And note, driving 50 mph instead of pushing 70 mph can reduce fuel consumption by 30%! It also has been proven that cars obeying Beltway speed limits arrive at their destination within 5 minutes of cars who speed (and get there a lot more safely too). ★ Arrange neighborhood grocery-shopping car pools. Plan them to run weekly according to store and day, alternating drivers. If you have room, invite a non-driver to join.

The impact of the world's melting ice cap reaches far beyond the Arctic, affecting climate, flooding, and biodiversity worldwide. It demands the urgent attention of the world's decision makers and of people like the residents of University Park! **Any changes we make to conserve energy will help** to reverse the damage. *Flo Harris, Town Editor*

[Ed. Note: I would welcome short positive articles on ways that we, as residents of University Park, can help reduce the carbon footprints on our planet and conserve energy. I'm interested in the viewpoints and ideas of office workers, homemakers, gardeners, physicists, seniors, children, teachers, UP Council Members, police officers, public works employees, various UP club members, artists, authors, media workers, medical workers, college students, retirees, etc. Most likely, I

will respond to your e-mail with a "form letter" to acknowledge receipt in a timely manner. If/when your article is chosen to print, I will respond personally.

I hope that by continually focusing on this serious situation in a positive, can-do way, University Park residents will begin to realize the many ways WE CAN reduce the amount of energy we use, and by our example, perhaps inspire others to make changes. Please let me know the "slot" through which you've chosen to write (see sample list above). Then send your ideas and viewpoints on how we can save energy and reverse the current ominous climate change by e-mail (preferably) to upnews@yahoo.com - subject: Saving Energy; or by mail to 6703 44th Avenue, UP.]



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER loves publishing your family milestones (birth, wedding and obituary notices, graduations and honors, and school, sports and community awards, etc.) and club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents. Please e-mail your articles to upnews@yahoo.com or mail them to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.

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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.



INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

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Inquire at the Town Hall:
6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP
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JUST FOR KIDS

A GET-READY-FOR-SUMMER LADDERGRAM

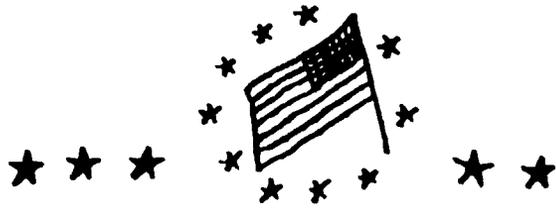
First, write the word that fits the first definition into space 1. Then, drop a letter from that word and rearrange the remaining letters to get word 2. Put it in space 2. Drop another letter, rearrange, and get word 3 for space 3.

Put the first dropped letter in the box on the left, and the second dropped letter in the space on the right. When the puzzle is solved correctly, the dropped letters (reading downward) will spell something you like that's summery!

	1	2	3	
A				
B				
C				
D				
E				
F				
G				
H				

- A1. Overseas telegrams
- 2. Bundles of cotton
- 3. Make air tight
- B1. Mr. Tabori is a _____
- 2. Navy's rival
- 3. Ewe's mate
- C1. Sums
- 2. Choir voices
- 3. In addition
- D1. Needle's partner
- 2. Got the news
- 3. Enjoy a book
- E1. Mannerly women

- 2. Playground equipment
- 3. Covers, for boxes or trunks
- F1. Evenings
- 2. Gentle reminders or clues
- 3. Slender
- G1. Artists' drawing stands
- 2. Stores have them when they sell things for bargain prices
- 3. A Scottish girl
- H1. Another name for a short piece of writing
- 2. Simple to do
- 3. Affirmative Council votes



June 2007



University Park Monthly Planner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June is	National Safety Month	National Rose Month	National Rivers Month	The UM Jim Henson Exhibit closes on June 30th	1 T-F BLUE BIN	2 Linson Pool Farmers Market 7 AM to Noon (LP*FM) CAFRITZ Meeting 10a-2p, RES CPAM Kite Workshop, 12-4p UPCA Welcome Summer Wine & Cheese, 5-7 PM
3 Takoma Park Farmers Mkt 10 AM-2 PM (TP*FM) RP Home & Garden Tour, 1p RPC Strawberry Festival, 4-6p AND Eclectic Concert, 6p	4 PBMS Camp begins → thru 8/24 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION	5 World Environment Day Do ONE Thing	6 12:00 NOON Deadline for <u>Combined July/August 2007 NEWSLETTER</u> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	7 Riverdale Pk Farmers Market 3-7 PM (RP*FM) CAFRITZ Meeting 7-9 PM, RES Potomac River Ramble thru June 10th	8 T-F BLUE BIN	9 (LP*FM) Rosalie's Pantry 10 AM RHM
10 (TP*FM) UM Music Marathon 12:30 - 4:30 PM	11 OASIS Trimester begins PGP Macy's National Little League Baseball Week	12 (HY*FM)	13 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	14 (RP*FM) Hy-Li Chess, 7 PM CAFRITZ Meeting 7-9 PM, RES Flag Day YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	15 T-F BLUE BIN	16 (LP*FM) UCC Movie 7 PM "Akeelah & the Bee" UM NOI Concert 8 PM Ross conducting with narrator Spelman
17 (TP*FM) Father's Day	18 VBS: 9:30-12p, thru 6/22 UBC and RPC 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING	19 Hyattsville Farmers Market 2-6 PM (HY*FM) CPAM GS Badge Workshop 1-3:30 pm (Thru June 21) UP After 8 Book Club 8 PM "The Choir"	20 HY-LI Books 10:30 AM "Wisdom's Daughter" YARD WASTE RECYCLING	21 (RP*FM) Summer Begins YARD WASTE RECYCLING	22 T-F BLUE BIN	23 (LP*FM) UM NOI Concert 8 PM Outwater conducting
24 (TP*FM)	25 RHM 10 AM-3 PM Riversdale History Camp	26 (HY*FM) CPAM BS Badge Workshop 1-3:30 pm (Thru June 21) UPCA Meeting RPC 7 PM	27 RHM Jazz Concert On the Portico 7 PM "M.S.G. Acoustic Band" YARD WASTE RECYCLING	28 (RP*FM) HY-LI Chess, 7 PM UM NOI 7 PM 20th-year Celebration Concert YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	29 T-F BLUE BIN	30 (LP*FM) UM NOI Concert 8 PM Mester conducting

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