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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JUL 2 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JUL 4 - Independence Day

(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

JUL 16 - COUNCIL MEETING

**AUG 1 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the 2007 Sep issue, NOON**

AUG 20 - COUNCIL MEETING

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services can 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.**

PUBLIC NOTICE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Recently, the Town Hall has been encountering a growing number of incidents in which residents have begun exterior construction projects without the required County or Town permit. In some cases, the construction required a variance or was not permissible which prevented the work from continuing. **If issued, Stop-Work Orders can result in costly construction delays, redesign and tear-down costs, additional administrative fees, fines, or court costs.** You can avoid these unnecessary and/or expensive costs, delays, and disruptions by calling the Town Hall before you begin any exterior construction project. In over 95% of the cases, we can determine whether you need a permit, or not, in just a couple of minutes.

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

It is a pleasure to announce that two **UP POLICE OFFICERS WERE HONORED** recently at the annual awards meeting of the Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County. **Corporal Alford was named UPPD Officer of the Year** for his excellent work in apprehending the individuals who defaced the Town's 9/11 Memorial. As a consequence of his actions, the Town was compensated for the cleanup and repairs. **Corporal Enig was**

recognized as the University Park Community Services Officer of the Year for his outstanding effort last July 4th after the microbursts struck our Town with such a devastating effect. At considerable risk to himself, he drove through the Town checking to be sure that no one was injured and then began to direct traffic around the most dangerous streets where live electrical power lines were down. His quick actions prevented injury to our residents while additional resources were being brought to secure the Town. **CONGRATULATIONS** to both these officers; their awards were well earned.

Thanks also are due to **Wendell Jenkins, Lawrence Bloomfield, Joe Robinson,** and other **UP Public Works staff** who labored so hard on **THE TOT LOT**, cleaning it up and laying down a soft mat of shredded mulch as a play area for our youngest residents. THANK YOU for an excellent job.

As most of you are aware, we were faced with a serious onslaught of **GYPSY MOTH CATERPILLARS** this spring that threatened to overwhelm a fairly significant number of our White Oaks, on both public and private property. While the spraying program that the Town initiated was effective in blunting the ravages of the caterpillars, considerable damage was done before we were able to organize countermeasures. Historically, the Town has been warned by the State Gypsy Moth Suppression Unit of possible upcoming problems based on egg counts in the fall and then has been able to make arrangements to spray early in the spring as the eggs hatch. Unfortunately, unbeknownst to the Town Hall, Prince George's County withdrew from the State-wide gypsy moth control cooperative three years ago. As a consequence, local municipalities either had to sign an independent agreement with the State or make an arrangement with a private party to conduct an egg-mass count and develop a suppression plan.

The Town is now in the process of exploring various options to remedy the situation and preserve both public and private trees. They include the possibility of either signing a separate agreement with the State or engaging the University of Maryland Agricultural Extension Unit to conduct an egg mass count in the fall and inform residents of the various approaches that might be taken to ensure the problem isn't repeated next spring.

Finally, **HAPPY 4th of JULY!** Have a wonderful celebration with your families, friends, and neighbors. If you get a chance, read the *Declaration of Independence* and cherish the extraordinary words in it. And have a wonderful summer; we will see you in the fall.

FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

Whether you are going away on vacation or staying home and refusing to pay those premium prices at the pump, the safety tips checklists that follow will help keep you, your family, and your property from becoming a crime statistic. And, if you are going away, ask your neighbors to park their vehicle in your driveway periodically, to keep an eye out for strangers in or around your home, and to call the UPPD immediately if they see something that doesn't seem right.

Take a moment to review these two **"VACATION SAFETY TIPS"** checklists each time you prepare to travel. There is one for your home and one for your car.

UPPD VACATION SAFETY TIPS (HOME)

- ___ **Stop mail, newspaper, and other deliveries** or ask a neighbor to take them inside your home each day.
- ___ **Use outside lights and/or motion detectors.**
Use timers inside to turn lights, radios, and TV on and off at appropriate times.
- ___ **Arrange to have yard work done.** Have a neighbor set out trash and recycling on normal collection days, and return bins to proper storage areas.
- ___ Adjust to low or **turn off the ringers on your phones.** Neither change your answering machine message to say you are out of Town nor leave an alternate number to call. Instead, periodically call home and listen to your messages.
- ___ **Unplug electrical appliances** (computers, etc.), shut off gas, and turn off water taps. In the summer, set the AC to a higher temperature and leave it running. (A silent compressor on a hot day indicates that a house may be unoccupied.)
- ___ **Make sure any alarm systems are working** and activated. If you have a monitoring service, tell them when you'll be gone, where you're going, and the phone number of the person watching your home. (NOTE: A home protected by a

security system is three times less susceptible to burglaries.)

___ **Don't discuss your travel plans in public.**

___ **Use luggage tags that are not easily read,** or use your business address on the tag.

___ **Remove your garage-door opener from your car,** especially if your car will be parked on the street, and unplug the electric garage-door opener before you leave.

___ **Do not keep keys hidden around the outside of your home** or in your garage. Intruders know every secret place where keys possibly could be hidden.

___ After everyone is in the car, **take one last walk-around.** Check that all windows and doors are locked securely and that the alarm system is armed properly.

UPPD VACATION SAFETY TIPS (VEHICLE)

___ **Make a safety kit for your vehicle.** It should include: jumper cables, some basic tools, emergency flares, a flashlight, a jug of water, a basic first-aid pack, and a fluorescent safety vest.

___ **Carry a cellular phone** when you travel.

___ Carry a cardboard sign to display on your windshield. Preprinted "**Call Police For Help**" signs are available at auto parts stores.

___ If you break down, try to **move your car completely off the road.**

___ **Never stand near the edge of the highway** while checking your car.

___ At night, **turn on your flashers** to signal for help. During the day, **raise the car hood** and tie a white cloth on the antenna or on the door handle.

___ **Set out flares.**

___ If you have to repair your car at night, **wear a fluorescent safety vest.**

___ While waiting for help to arrive, **stay inside your car** with the windows up and the doors locked. **NEVER accept a ride** home from a passing motorist.

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 May:

CRIME STATISTICS (May 1st to May 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Mr30-Apr4	Theft	7000 Adelphi
May 1st	Theft from Auto	4300 VnBuren
May 1st	Stolen/Rcovd Auto	6800 40th Ave
May 1-3	Atmpt Thft fm Auto	4000 Beechwd
May 3rd	Atmpt B&E/Shed	4400Tuckrman
May 7th	Atmpt Stolen Auto	6500 Q.C.Road
May10-11	Theft	6500 Q.C.Road
May18th	DUI Arrest	6700 Balt Ave
May21-22	B & E/Shed	4200 Sheridan
May26th	DUI Arrest	QC/Rte1/PnwY
May31st	B & E	4000 CH Drive

CRIME STATISTICS NOTES:

Theft: Between March 30th and April 4th, suspect/s stole 1996 Calk boat trailer from the yard of the residence. The incident was reported on May 7th. No suspect/s were located.

Theft from Auto: Between 1 AM and 5 AM, suspect/s pried open the passenger side window of a 1997 Honda Accord and stole the vehicle's radio. No suspect/s were located.

Stolen/Recovered Auto: Between 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM, suspect/s stole a 1997 Dodge Caravan. The vehicle was recovered on the same day in the 7000 block of 40th Avenue. No suspect/s were located.

Attempt Theft from Auto: Between 6 PM and 7 AM, suspect/s pried open the passenger side window of a 1996 Honda Accord and emptied the contents of the glove compartment. Nothing was stolen. No suspect/s were located.

Attempt Breaking & Entering/Shed: Between 4 PM and 6 PM, suspect/s pried open a shed door, possibly to steal the lawn mower. Nothing was taken. No suspect/s were located.

Attempt Stolen Auto: Between 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM, suspect/s entered a 2002 Saturn and damaged the steering column and ignition. No suspect/s were located.

Theft: Between 8 AM on the 10th and 7 PM on the 11th, suspect/s stole the glass top from a patio table in the back yard of the residence. No suspect/s were located.

DUI Arrest: At 1 AM, an adult male was stopped for speeding and determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The individual was placed under arrest and charged with "Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol."

Breaking & Entering/Shed: Between 1 PM on the 21st and 3 PM on the 22nd, suspect/s broke into the garage and stole four car tires. No suspect/s were located.

DUI Arrest: At 7 PM, an adult male was stopped in the "Do Not Enter" area of the roadway. The subject was questioned and determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The individual then was placed under arrest and charged with "Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol."

B & E: Between 6:30 AM and 1:10 PM, suspect/s broke the kitchen door window, entered an unoccupied home, and stole currency, a video camera, a gold ring, an ipod, a Sony Play Station, and a VHS recorder. The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses and the scene was processed for fingerprints. No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

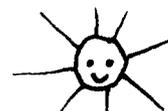
***NOTE:** All vehicles entered were **unlocked and had valuables in them**. The UPPD encourages you to keep your vehicles locked and always remove any valuables from them.

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.



HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

The trash pick-up schedule is as follows: There will be **NO Yard Waste Recycling collection** on Wednesday, July 4th. Instead, Yard Waste collection will take place on Monday, July 2nd, for homes with a Monday-Thursday collection and on Tuesday, July 3rd, for homes with a Tuesday-Friday collection. There is no change in the Thursday or Friday collection schedules.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

REMINDER: There will be no UP bus service on Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th.

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.



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."]

✧ **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.

✧ **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, Styrofoam 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.



You might want to clip and save this **Quick Guide to Stressed Tree Care**. Trees that have been defoliated by pests usually will come back without too much difficulty if they

have lost no more than 35% of their total leaf surface. After that point, and especially if they have lost more than 75% of their coverage, they may have difficulty coming back, even more so if they are subject to additional stressors such as insufficient water, opportunistic pests, a lack of nutrients, or inappropriate pruning. The following simple tips were gathered from two certified arborists.

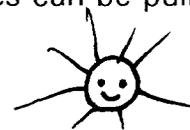
1 - Stressed trees need to receive ½" of water each week. Not only does the water help to transport critical nutrients to the tree's branches, it also helps the tree defend itself against opportunistic pests, such as the two-line chestnut borer and the ambrosia beetle. When these pests bore into a well-watered tree, the tree is able to produce sap and surround the beetles, effectively drowning them. The primary constituent of sap, of course, is water.

2 - Be sure that stressed trees are treated for opportunistic pests. Boring beetles can be spotted easily either by the dark "sap" spot that they leave behind or, if the tree is too dry, by a small sawdust "smudge" on the bark. If you notice either of these symptoms, or notice bark flaking off your tree, consult your local nursery or call the UM Agricultural Extension Unit for advice. It is very important to ensure that stressed trees are not subject to a second attack of gypsy moths or tent caterpillars next spring.

3 - Having the correct mix of nutrients in the soil from which the tree "feeds" is critical to leaf production and general tree health. In order to ensure that you are fertilizing your tree correctly, it is suggested that you have the soil around the tree properly analyzed. Only then should you put down nutrients. The UM Agricultural Extension Unit can help with the analysis. However, it is important when having soil tested to request that the analysis includes the levels of micro nutrients. They are the primary key to leaf and tree health and often are overlooked in fertilization programs.

4 - Do not prune a stressed tree unless not doing so would pose a serious safety risk. Many branches that have been stripped of leaves will recover as the tree recovers. If you are in doubt, always consult a reputable arborist, one that is certified and licensed.

5 - English ivy and kudzu vines should not be allowed to climb trees, particularly stressed ones. If allowed to grow, eventually they will kill your trees and bushes. You can control them by cutting a foot-wide swath through the tree growth. After they have died, the upper vines can be pulled down gently.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 7th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

Mayor Tabori reported that two contracts had been signed that concerned the Town Hall: Space will be created for a new office by July 1st, and remodeling of the Town Hall Conference Room should be completed by August 1st. He said the Town had a bid for under \$4,000 to plant approximately 40 new (replacement) trees in public locations. The Town also will follow up with Frank's Nursery to replace the trees under warranty that died during the past year.

The Mayor addressed a request from a Van Buren Street resident to remedy the drainage problem in the gully between Route 1 and 44th Avenue. Water collects and stagnates and becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mayor Tabori said private property would have to be crossed in order to bring in the equipment necessary to install a drain line. Previous owners had denied access to their property. The Mayor and Council agreed that the Town Engineer should make a set of engineering drawings for the proposed drainage installation. The Mayor will use the

drawings in discussions with those homeowners affected by the drainage problem.

The Mayor reported on the latest details on the Cafritz property, what impact they could have on UP, and the up-coming June community meetings. He said the owners were proposing a mixed-use development of multi-family dwellings and retail shopping on the property located opposite Van Buren Street on the east side of Route 1. He also reported that **the State has NO current plans on the drawing board to upgrade or improve Route 1 along side UP.** It is the only road in place to carry all traffic from this proposed community!

A motion was passed unanimously to declare a Jeep that was donated to the UPPD as surplus property and to allow it to be disposed at the discretion of Chief Wynnyk.

Concerning the FY 2008 Town Budget, both near-term and long-term needs were discussed. In the long term, the Council needs to know how the Town will pay for upcoming maintenance and repairs. The Mayor complimented the UPPD for collecting the budget and planning data as part of their certification program. He said he had a goal of establishing a five-year plan for street maintenance.

When asked for more details about line item G10 (Addition to Town Hall/Arch.), Mayor Tabori explained that it was the architectural study for a needs and usage assessment of the Town Hall structure. It was questioned whether there should be more discussion about having a study done, and whether having a budget line item might pre-suppose that a study will be performed. CM Dudinsky said he was hearing opposition from his neighbors to expanding the Town Hall. CM Carpenter explained that until the Mayor put forth a line item in the proposed budget, there would be no mechanism for the Council to discuss whether or not it was feasible and affordable.

Mayor Tabori said the reason for engaging an architect was to assess and

evaluate the usage and total cost of ownership for the public space/Town Hall. Currently, the Town Hall is not ADA compliant or accessible. Legislators at Federal, State, and County levels are willing to support UP's efforts to obtain monetary backing for this initiative. The Mayor said he would incorporate the line item descriptions in the budget package and clarify the details of the architectural study in G10.

Town Treasurer Baden reported that a constant yield rate of 0.6 was used by UP, which is slightly greater than the 0.544 rate used by the County. He said the 0.6 rate had not changed for at least three years.

Two building applications were passed unanimously to: (1) **construct a 13.52'x13.52' screened porch at 4016 Tennyson Road** (*The porch replaces an existing deck that is rotting and deteriorated. The roof of the new porch will include a skylight and a ceiling fan. The roofing material will match the existing roof, and the porch will be a wooden construction with metal screening.*); and to (2) **construct a 20'x25' one-story addition with HandiPlank siding at 4120 Woodberry Street** (*The addition will provide room for a dining table outside the kitchen, as well as a half bath. It will include a small platform and two steps with a handrail leading to grade. Town Engineer Sidhu advised installing a drainage pipe to carry water away from the downspouts to the street in front of the property.*)

An on-street parking waiver for up to two vehicles for six months was approved unanimously for 4205 Underwood Street. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 21st COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter (who left at 9 PM), Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, and Attorney Ferguson.

Mayor Tabori reported on the progress in seeking a solution to the standing water problem in the gully between Route 1 and 44th Avenue. Town Engineer Sidhu is reviewing the previous plans for managing the water and will facilitate discussions with specific homeowners about gaining access across their properties. Another problem is that previously the State and County had funded storm water management but now they do not. As a stopgap measure, larvicide briquettes were suggested to use in standing water if it occurs.

Mayor Tabori also reported that funds will have to be moved to cover repairs to three Town footbridges. The insurance company has advised that the concrete footbridge over the stream at Van Buren Street and Wells Parkway must be repaired, as well as two others. The Mayor estimated that \$16,000 should be adequate to cover the repairs on all three. CM Mallino added that the Ward 7 footbridge had a tripping hazard.

More discussion ensued on the major development projects surrounding UP: UM East Campus, a Hyatt hotel just past the UM North Gate (Lasick's Restaurant site), the Cafritz Property, and the Landy property off Belcrest Road and next to the University Town Center (targeted for 1300 rental apartments). The Mayor felt the East Campus development would have significant and serious traffic impacts on Route 1. A presentation on the Route 1 traffic engineering study will be held in the College Park Council Chambers. **UP is the only municipality that has a para-transit system (in the form of our Town Bus service) to reduce the impact of traffic on the over-capacity road network surrounding our Town.**

CM Lucas recommended forming a committee to fight the zoning change on the Cafritz Property from R55 (single family home density) to mixed use (multi-family and retail). Mayor Tabori is trying to contact the East Campus architect, Mr. Eisner, to arrange for him to give a presentation to the UP Town Council on the details of his development plans. **Attorney Ferguson said that when developers need a zoning change, surrounding**

communities have a good deal of influence. She also mentioned that the community-input-gathering process that County Council member Eric Olson started on the proposed developments was very unusual and very positive for the existing communities.

Attorney Ferguson noted that during past development projects, UP's interests were focused on what would happen to traffic and how much of the development would be physically visible from within Town. Mayor Tabori added that a third concern now was the impact on the educational system. **Our 5th district school system is at 99+ % capacity, and none of the developments are addressing the impact on the schools.** In reply to CM Lucas, CM Mallino said that the UPES site became property of the School Board c.1975.

Under public comment, a Queens Chapel Road resident addressed **concerns about rental properties in UP**. The house across from her has become rental property being rented to students, and **the investor expressed relief that UP did not have the level of rental restrictions that College Park did.** Mayor Tabori responded that UP has a code enforcement officer, requires rental properties to be licensed, and carries out judicial enforcement against non-conforming properties. He also has been following College Park's rental cap legislation closely. It's important to remember that neither CP nor UP have their own zoning enforcement rights, so they cannot determine the mix of property uses allowed in their communities. **Property use is controlled under the P.G. County zoning law.**

A Woodberry Street resident addressed concerns about the **growth of the Town Budget**. It's increasing as a consequence of assessments, while homeowner's salaries are not increasing at the same rate. He did not see a reason for our taxes to increase, and wondered if there would be a request for additional funds to fight the construction of the oversized garage on the alley behind Adelphi Road. He also had concerns about the size of the personnel portion of the FY 2008 Budget. **Mayor Tabori said he was working to**

stabilize the growth of the Budget and to implement a balanced Budget. He stated that UP does not have the highest tax rate in comparably-sized municipalities. The difficulty for UP specifically is the high value of the homes in Town which causes high assessments. The Mayor and Council are working to create five-year forecasts and budget projections.

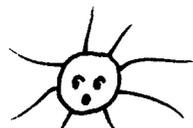
The Chief reported that the surplus Jeep was auctioned off for \$400. He also said that **one of the two proposed red-light cameras has been installed**. Discussion on the second red-light camera will continue with the SHA.

Chief Wynnyk said that in April there had been 194 State Citations and 7 Warnings, but no Parking Citations or Parking Warnings.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve Legislative Resolution 07-01 (FY 2008 Town Budget).

A building application was passed unanimously to: (1) **construct an 8'x12" addition, and 8'x10' deck, and a 7'x12' deck at 6406 Queens Chapel Road (The smaller deck will have a hot tub with a locking cover.)**.

A motion was passed unanimously to introduce a budget transfer of \$8,000 from B-4 (Tree Replacement) and \$8,000 from S-5 (Street Tree Replacement) (both) to B-5 (Upkeep of Park) for necessary repairs to three Town footbridges. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.



BE AWARE AND PREPARE!

With warmer days upon us, **we must prepare to discourage the "Asian tiger!"** This aggressive mosquito (black with white stripes on its legs and a white stripe down the middle of its head and back) will bite during the day and even follow people into their cars and homes. Because of these mannerisms, the State's

control program can't contain the species adequately. However, **there are FOUR VALID LINES OF DEFENSE** against these mosquitos:

The FIRST is the most important but also the least expensive, **habitat reduction or alteration**. The Asian tiger mosquito is a weak flyer; it usually flies no more than 50 feet from its nesting area. Therefore, the mosquitos that are biting you in your yard most likely are breeding in your yard. They tend to "hug" the ground, biting adults mainly below the waist. Since many **small children** may be only waist high, they **may be bitten all over their bodies**. Also, Asian tigers transmit diseases very efficiently because they can take blood from humans, birds, and other mammals.

Because they are so aggressive and **need so little standing water to breed (1 T)**, their most common breeding areas often are the ones most overlooked: indoor plant trays, watering cans, toys & wading pools, leaking outdoor faucets, black corrugated pipe, tarps, and clogged gutters -- even a hollow stump can be a breeding site. **NOTE: An effective way to treat standing water that you can't or don't want to dump** (such as a rain barrel) is simply to add a spoonful of **vegetable oil** which will suffocate the larvae.

Altering their habitat is possible by reducing yard puddling. Small **low-lying areas** in one's yard **should be filled in with dirt** to eliminate puddling. Or, to countervail a very wet yard, one might **consider planting a rain garden**. Using the concept of bioretention, create a garden in a low-lying area with sands and organic mulch to filter storm water naturally as it runs through the garden. The soil and soil-dwelling organisms will remove any pollutants, absorb and store the rain water, and nourish the garden's grasses, trees, and flowers. The free brochure, "Rain Gardens, the Natural Solution" is available at the Town Hall.

The SECOND line of defense is to **introduce natural predators**. These include frogs, mosquito fish, purple martins, and bats. For detailed information on introducing some

of these natural mosquito predators to your yard, call the MD Department of Agriculture, Mosquito Control Office (301-475-9123).

The THIRD and FOURTH lines of defense are **larvaciding** and **spraying**. To protect ponds, birdbaths, or other standing water on your property, you can purchase mosquito dunks at home & garden centers. Our Town Stream and Park areas are covered by the State larvaciding program. **NOTE: They are sprayed** each Wednesday, July 11th to September 26th. PLEASE **report major problem areas** to the Town Hall and **notify the Town Hall asap if you DO NOT want spraying done near your property**. The Town must relay the information to the State program staff so they can forward it to the County. **Keeping the mosquito population controlled (especially the Asian tiger) demands an organized, consistent community clean-up effort involving EVERY resident and defense.**



OBITUARY

CAROLYN RIMMER, 83, a 51-year resident of University Park, died on May 21, 2007 of pulmonary disease at the Village at Penn State retirement home in State College, Pennsylvania. She had lived at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring for four years.

Born Carolyn Lucille Post in Brookings, South Dakota, Mrs. Rimmer moved to the Washington, D.C. area as a child. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and George Washington University. During the 1970s, she worked for the federal government as a secretary at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Rimmer volunteered for the American Association of University Women, the Adelphi Presbyterian Church and the Birdwatchers' Club of Riderwood Village. Through her participation in the OASIS program at Prince George's Plaza, she enjoyed tutoring reading with students in several Prince George's County schools. She also had been

a member of the Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity for sixty years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Stephen Rimmer, in 1990. Survivors include her children Susan R. (and Terry) Margolis and Thomas Rimmer, both of State College, PA, and James E. (and Debbie) Rimmer of Erie, PA; her grandchildren Jordan (and Mandy) Rimmer, Bree Ann Rimmer, Gideon Rimmer, Ethan Margolis, Eli Margolis, Micah Margolis, Jake Margolis, and Kymberly Rimmer; and two great grandchildren, Jayden Rimmer and Morgan Rimmer. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, Virginia 23058-5216.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

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.

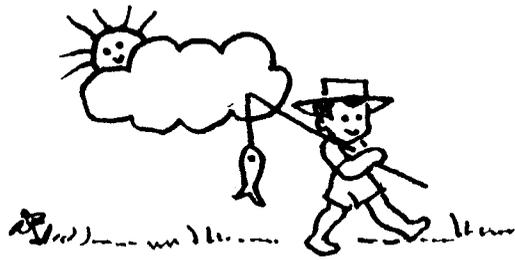


July 2007

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 AM-2 PM (TP*FM) Takoma Park Farmer's Market	2 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION M-Th YARD WASTE RECYCLING	3 3-6 PM (HY*FM) Hyattsville Farmer's Market Tu-F YARD WASTE RECYCLING	4 Independence Day (Town Office closed; no Bus service) Decorating Clinic - 10:30a UP PARADE - 11:30 AM UP Town PICNIC - NOON	5 3-7 PM (RP*FM) Riverdale Park Farmer's Market YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	6 CPAM 2 PM "Jonny Quest" PGS&LC Gymnastic Workshop 6:15-7:15 PM (PGS&LC-GW) T-F BLUE BIN	7 7 AM-12 NOON (CP*FM) College Park Farmer's Market
8 (TP*FM)	9 <i>Got a UP Sticker for your Car?</i>	10 (HY*FM) UM KAPELL PIANO FESTIVAL (through July 21st)	11 Town Creek and Park areas Mosquito Spraying (UP-MoSp) (Call Town Hall to defer) YARD WASTE RECYCLING	12 (RP*FM) HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	13 (PGS&LC-GW) CPAM 12 - 4 PM Zing Wing Friday T-F BLUE BIN	14 (CP*FM) <i>July is National ...</i>
15 (TP*FM) <i>National Space Week</i>	16 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING	17 (HY*FM) CPAM 2 PM Senior's program on Paper Airplane flight	18 HY-LI Book Group 10:30 AM "The Plot Against America" (MoSp) YARD WASTE RECYCLING	19 (RP*FM) YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	20 (PGS&LC-GW) CPAM 2 PM "Radio Flyer" T-F BLUE BIN	21 (CP*FM) <i>Blueberry Month and ...</i>
22 (TP*FM)	23 <i>Get your 2007 UP Tennis Stickers</i>	24 (HY*FM)	25 RHM 7 PM Dani Cortoza Latin Jazz Band Outdoor Concert (MoSp) YARD WASTE RECYCLING	26 (RP*FM) HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	27 (PGS&LC-GW) CPAM 12 - 4 PM Zing Wing Friday T-F BLUE BIN	28 (CP*FM) <i>Parks and Recreation Month</i>
29 (TP*FM) RHM 12 - 3 PM Chaplain Plummer's Birthday Celebration <i>Delta Aquarids Meteor Showers</i>	30 UCC VBS 9 AM - NOON "Take the Plunge & Make a Splash" Bible Camp Watery Fun (UCC-VBS)	31 (HY*FM) (UCC-VBS) SHD, in Berwyn Heights. Pandemic Response Drill	1 (UCC-VBS) (MoSp) 12:00 NOON Deadline for September NEWSLETTER YARD WASTE RECYCLING	2 (RP*FM) (UCC-VBS) YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	3 (UCC-VBS) T-F BLUE BIN	4 (CP*FM) UCC FREE MOVIE 7 PM "How to Eat Fried Worms"

Remove and save



August 2007

University Park Monthly Planner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August is National Inventors' Month	and National Aviation Month		1 (UP-MoSp) 12:00 NOON Deadline for September NEWSLETTER <i>Perseid Meteor Showers</i> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	2 3-7 PM (RP*FM) Riverdale Park Farmers Market YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	3 CPAM 2 PM "Dastardly & Muttley in Their Flying Machines" T-F BLUE BIN	4 3-7 PM (CP*FM) College Park Farmers Market
5 10 AM-2 PM (TP*FM) Takoma Park Farmer's Market CPAM 2 PM "Men of the Fighting Lady"	6	7 3-6 PM (HY*FM) Hyattsville Farmer's Market	8 (UP-MoSp) YARD WASTE RECYCLING	9 (RP*FM) <i>HY-LI Chess Club 7 PM</i> <i>Perseid Meteor Showers</i> YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	10 CPAM 12 - 4 PM Zing Wing Friday T-F BLUE BIN	11 (CP*FM) <i>RHM 12 - 3 PM</i> <i>"Battle of Bladensburg Encampment"</i> UCC FREE MOVIE "Happy Feet" 7 PM
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19 (TP*FM) National Aviation Day	20 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING →1st day public school←	21 (HY*FM) CPAM 2 PM Senior's Air Mail program	22 (UP-MoSp) RHM 7 PM Vocalist Sandra Y. Johnson Outdoor Concert YARD WASTE RECYCLING	23 (RP*FM) HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	24 CPAM 12 - 4 PM Zing Wing Friday T-F BLUE BIN	25 (CP*FM)
26 (TP*FM) National Women's Equality Day	27	28 (HY*FM)	29 (UP-MoSp) YARD WASTE RECYCLING	30 (RP*FM) YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	31 T-F BLUE BIN	Sept. 1 (CP*FM)

Remove and save

☼ Sheridan Street residents would like to cut and remove unwanted bamboo from your property. They are in need of several dozen bamboo stalks at least six feet long and about an inch in diameter. Please call Nathan or Robin (301-864-1528).

☼ A Wells Parkway resident would like to suggest that homeowners switch to using biodegradable paper lawn bags instead of plastic bags that often max out landfills and take a long time to degrade. If you have a lawn service, you might request that they do the same. Local warehouse stores sell 25 bags for about \$8 (32¢ a bag).

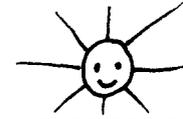
☼ A Woodberry Street resident reported on a great way to enjoy Lake Artemesia: The Wednesday Walkers group walks with a park guide from 8:30 to 10 AM. The guide comes from the Mt. Rainier Center and her name is Paula. There is no sign-up requirement and no charge. When you arrive, look for Paula just beyond the parking lot; she will have on a name tag ID badge.

☼ Van Buren Street residents who are expecting their first child in July are looking for child care. They would like a mother's helper for 2-3 days a week from August to October. Then they would like to find full time care in a sitter's home. Anyone who could offer advice or suggestions should contact Beth at 301-927-1927 or bmmiller@att.net.

☼ Thanks to the Town for its support and to those who organized the UPCA's second Welcome Summer Wine and Cheese party. An even greater number of neighbors attended this year making the event a very delightful evening. Helping to make it a success were: **Mary Crane, Lynn Butler, and Ruth White** of Queens Chapel Road, **Don Badrak** and **Cathy Buffington** of Tennyson Road, **Shawn and Kelly Turonis** of 44th Avenue, **Rani Rossborough** and **Christine Dawson** of Clagget Road, and **Michael and Judith Cayo-Cotter** of Van Buren Street.

☼ Residents of Ward 4 who wish to receive news via e-mail may join Council

Member Lynn Dudinsky's Ward 4 E-list by sending their name to dudinsky@sntk.com.



CONGRATULATIONS

☼ To **Karena Werth** and **Jonathan Werth** who just completed successful academic and career milestones. They are the children of Sharon and Fred Werth of Pineway. **Karena Werth**, a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the University of Maryland, College Park, just received her master of arts degree in education and her teaching credentials from the University of Southern California. Karena graduated *summa cum laude* and was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She will be teaching first grade at the Theory Into Practice Academy in Encinitas, California.

Jonathan Werth just graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School. He will be attending the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he will play soccer. On June 5th, Jonathan was awarded the 2007 *Washington Post* Michael L. Trilling Award at the All-Met Luncheon. This award is given to students who excel athletically and academically while serving their communities. He also received a Nicole Megaloudis Foundation scholarship prior to the DC United game on June 10th. This scholarship is awarded to students who plan to continue their athletic endeavors at the collegiate level, demonstrate leadership qualities, and are involved in community service.

☼ To all the residents who caught a glimpse of the family of Cooper's hawks who were/are nesting high in a tall tree located centrally in the Town Park between the paved trail walk and the Creek. The family consists of parents and three nestlings. Cooper's hawks, who are about the size of a large crow, are Accipiters, hawks who prey mostly on other birds. They prefer to feed on robins, flickers, and mourning doves, but also will eat small squirrels, chipmonks, and reptiles.

Their eggs hatch in about 5 weeks. The babies will leave the nest when they are 4-5

weeks old but continue to be fed by their parents until they are about 8 weeks old. Cooper's hawks have white and reddish brown breast feathers and backs of blue-gray; their tails have darker bands and a white tip. If a Cooper's hawk arrives at your bird feeder, stop bird feeding a few days until it leaves. You can provide protection from predators by placing feeders near shrubs or other cover.

✧ To the **UP Church of the Brethren**, the **Town of University Park** and the **UP Katrina Relief program**, and **FEMA** who jointly supported the Jones family of New Orleans since shortly after hurricane Katrina destroyed their home and their livelihoods. The Jones' were able to find new jobs and live rent-free in the Route 1 property owned by UPCB. This summer the family will be leaving that house. What's next for them still is unclear, but they will depart with a decent nest egg as they seek to establish a new home. They were good neighbors and we all wish them success in their future endeavors.

By donating the use of a house and by covering the family's basic monetary expenses, both UPCB and UPKR were happy to be able to be a part of the nation's effort to help people recover from the aftermath of the national disaster created by hurricane Katrina.

✧ To **Mrs. Maxie Phillips** of Queens Chapel Road, who was an honored guest at the re-dedication of 3 historic commemorative benches placed on the UMCP campus in 1935 by members of the MD Federation of Women's Clubs. With Maxie's continual encouragement over ten years, the bench project was funded and the badly pitted, cracked, and broken benches were beautifully and artfully restored.



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

✧ 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 is held every **Thursday** from **3 to 7 PM** through November 16th (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, is held each **Tuesday** from **2 to 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.

✧ **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.



JOE'S SUMMER CAMPS

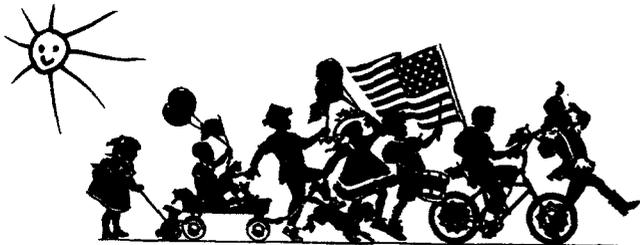
Joe's Movement Emporium (3806 34th Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712) may still have openings in its Summer Arts Camps for children 13 and under. Obtain registration forms at www.worldartsfocus.org or by calling 301-699-1819; space is limited. Available camps include: **Creativity Explored Camp** for children ages 3-5, Session III (July 2nd-6th) and Session IV (July 9-13); **X-treme Movement Camp** for ages 6-13, Session I (July 2-13) and Session II (July 16-27); and **Dance Camp** for ages 8-13, one Session from **July 30th through August 10th**. All the camps run from 9 AM to 3 PM. Extended care is available if requested in advance.

FREE & LOW-COST FUN FOR ALL AGES

The **Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex** (8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, 301-583-2550 or TTY 301-583-2483) offers free swim days for seniors and free and low-cost gymnastics workshops for kids.

☼ **Prince George's County senior residents**, ages 60 and over, can enjoy free access to the aquatic center and the expansive fitness center each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 AM to NOON. (Note: Times may vary slightly by seasons.) Registration is not required although a free Smartlink card is needed to sign in and enter. **The aquatic center** offers a 50m x 25yd competition pool for lap swimming and a leisure pool where one can float along on a constant current, enjoy a water slide, or let the warm jets of water in the 18-person spa ease away aches and pains. Both pools are wheelchair accessible. **The 20,000-sq.ft. fitness center** has separate areas for cardiovascular equipment, free weights, strength training, and jogging. Sign up for the free fitness orientation to learn the equipment.

☼ **Enjoy Open Gymnastics Workshops for Children** ages walking to 14 years old where they can jump, swing, and bounce in a safe, fun gymnastics facility. Unique foam pit systems ensure safe landings for beginners and special child-sized equipment lets even the smallest child participate. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. The \$5 workshops are offered on Fridays, July 6th-27th, from 6:15-7:15 PM. The final workshop is FREE.



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Make sure you save time to view or to participate in the University Park Civic Association's tenth annual **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC**. The parade will begin at **11:30 AM** at the corner of

Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road and will travel to the UPES gazebo. All teams, troops, groups, and clubs are encouraged to "show their colors" and join in the march. A **bike/stroller/wagon decorating clinic** will be held from 10:30-11:30 AM by the Town Tree at the parade's starting point.

A community picnic with relay races, a water balloon toss, and games for the kids will follow at 12 NOON at the Gazebo. **EVERY-ONE IS INVITED**; don't forget to **bring a** suitable hot-weather pot luck **side dish or dessert** to share. Beverages and sub sandwiches will be supplied by the Civic Association. Please drop off your side dish or dessert at the Gazebo before the parade. For more **information, to volunteer** a bit of your time, or to **sign up to march in the parade** (either as an individual, a family, or a group), **contact Michelle Hermanson** (301-927-7342 or mhermanson@earthlink.net).



SOARING INTO SUMMER

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer special movies for kids and adults, Friday fun, a salute to "Air Mail," and some special days for seniors during July and August. The museum is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult when visiting the museum or participating in programs. For information call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765, or visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

☼ **The Hollywood Flyers, Jr. Family Film Series** will present four of the best flight-related, family-friendly films for young people on the first and third Fridays of July and August at 2 PM. The regular admission fee includes popcorn and lemonade.

- Bring the family and watch the amazing adventures of **Jonny Quest** on Friday, **July 6th** at 2 PM. Jonny Quest, his faithful dog Bandit, and his good friend Hadji go on

amazing science fiction adventures. See how Jonny and his friends use science and aviation to solve crimes with Dr. Quest's amazing high tech gadgets.

- On **July 20th**, see the 1992 drama **Radio Flyer** starring Lorraine Bracco, Adam Baldwin and Elijah Wood. A father reminisces about his childhood when he and his younger brother moved to a new town with their mother, her new husband, and their dog, Shane. When the younger brother is subjected to physical abuse by the stepfather, Mike makes their Radio Flyer a plane to safety.

- On **August 3rd**, see the 1969 Hanna Barbara animated film, **Dastardly and Muttley in their Flying Machines**. Set in World War I, Dick Dastardly, his dog Muttley, and the Vulture Squadron are bent on capturing Yankee Doodle Pigeon to prevent him from delivering messages to the enemy. Dastardly and Muttley devise nefarious plans to stop the pigeon but he's always one step ahead.

- On **August 17th**, fly with small visitors from space as they help defeat an unscrupulous real estate developer from leaving his tenants out on the street in the 1987 sci-fi comedy ***batteries not included**.

- ✧ **Zing Wing Fridays** - From NOON-4 PM on **July 13th & 27th** and **August 10th & 24th**, zing into summer by enjoying the gallery, then venturing up to the mezzanine to decorate your very own styrofoam Zing Wing Flyer.

- ✧ CPAM has arranged two special summer **Aviation Adventure Days for Seniors**, held on the third Tuesday at 2 PM. On **July 17th**, seniors are invited to create and design paper airplanes to see which models launch the best. Paper and patterns will be supplied. On **August 21st**, help celebrate the 89th anniversary of the first Air Mail flight from College Park Airport by learning how air mail service started and evolved through the years. Enjoy a special tour and air mail-related crafts.

- ✧ For those who enjoy spending a Sunday afternoon at the movies, CPAM's

Hollywood Flyers Movie Series presents a family-friendly film with a focus on "flight" each month through December 2nd. The 2 PM films, plus lemonade and popcorn, are free with regular Museum admission. The film for **August 5th** will be the 1954 Korean War drama **The Men of the Fighting Lady** with Van Johnson, Walter Pidgeon, and Keenan Wynn.

- ✧ **Air Mail Day** - On Sunday, **August 12th** from NOON-4 PM, CPAM will celebrate the 89th anniversary of the first U.S. postal Air Mail flight which took place at the College Park Airport. Plan a family visit and enjoy Air Mail-related stories, games, tours, and crafts.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

- ✧ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** offers a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For more information, reservations, or the catalog for the new 2007-2008 season, visit the website www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405-2787.

- Of keen interest in July is the **26th William Kapell International Piano Competition and Festival**. Held every four years, it celebrates pianos, pianists, and piano music in its many forms, and honors the name of William Kapell (1922-1953), an extraordinary American pianist with an enduring legacy.

From **July 10th through July 21st**, thirty-one extraordinarily talented young pianists from around the world, selected by jury, will gather at the UM-CSPAC for eleven days of competition and related activities. Three Kapell finalists will be chosen to perform on the final evening in the culminating event, the concerto round, accompanied by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are available for all Recital Sessions, the Preliminary Rounds (when twelve semi-finalists will be selected), the Semifinal Rounds (when the three finalists will be selected), the Finalists' BSO Performance, and a variety of Informances.

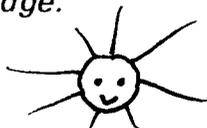
- For many years, University Park has had several residents chosen to sing with the UM Chorus. **Mike McClellan** of Underwood Street is one such long-time participant. All residents who enjoy singing are invited to audition for membership in the UM Choirs. All periods and styles of music are available through a variety of ensembles. **Auditions take place during the last two weeks of August.** Please contact 301-405-5571 or umchoirs@umd.edu for specific dates and/or more information.

✧ The **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers FREE family-oriented, quality movies one Saturday each month that are conveniently close to home. Light snacks are provided at 7 PM and the movie begins at 7:30 PM.

- The movie for **July 28th** is "**How to Eat Fried Worms**," rated PG. This charming family film based on Thomas Rockwell's popular book recounts the tale of Billy, a fifth-grader whose bragging on the first day at a new school makes him the focus of a bully. To save face in front of his classmates, Billy accepts a dare to eat 10 earthworms in one day that could change the balance of power.

- On **August 11th**, come and enjoy "**Happy Feet**," rated G. Living with his colony in the Antarctic, the young emperor penguin Mumble is aptly named. While his friends sing to attract mates, his song sends potential sweethearts waddling in the opposite direction. But Mumble can tap dance! Find out what happens in this Oscar-nominated tale.

- On **September 15th** there will be a choice of two films: "*God Grew Tired on Us*" and "*Over the Hedge*."



RIVERSDALE SUMMER EVENTS

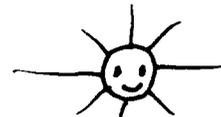
Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on

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 information or reservations, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

✧ RHM's "**Jazz on the Portico**" concert series is held once a month on Wednesday at 7 PM. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax while you enjoy some **FREE** summer jazz by area musicians on the beautifully-landscaped grounds of Riversdale. On **July 25th**, virtuoso jazz guitarist Dani Cortaza and his Latin Jazz Band will perform. On **August 22nd**, vocalist Sandra Y. Johnson will offer jazz and blues.

✧ Help celebrate **Chaplain Plummer's 163rd Birthday** on Sunday, **July 29th** from NOON to 3 PM. Henry Vinton Plummer, the oldest son of Riversdale's Adam Francis Plummer, was born on July 31, 1844. He served his country in the U.S. Navy in the Civil War and as a chaplain with the Buffalo Soldiers. Join in Riversdale's celebration with music, children's activities, and more. **FREE**

✧ Experience the **12th annual Battle of Bladensburg Encampment** on Saturday, **August 11th**, from NOON to 3 PM. Join both British and American War of 1712 troops as they camp on the lawn to prepare for the battle. See firing demonstrations, tour the campsites, and visit with military and civilian interpreters as well as with the Mistress of Riversdale, Rosalie Stier Calvert. Light refreshments will be available for sale. Free admission to grounds; regular fee for house tours.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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

Joseph Joubert

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

UPCA THIS SUMMER

- For all ages/levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**July 12th & 26th** and **August 9th & 23rd**) 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 **July 18th** meeting, they will be discussing "**The Plot Against America**" by Philip Roth and at their **August 15th** meeting they will discuss "**About Grace**" by Anthony Doerr. The selection for their September 19th meeting will be "**The Book of Daniel**" by E.L. Doctorow.

✧ **The After Eight Book Club,** a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - will begin their 2007-2008 Club year on **September 18th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection "**White Teeth**" by Zadie Smith. For those who might like to join in on some of the discussions and **get a head start reading,** the following book list includes their selections for October through January as well as other books that have not yet been finalized on the schedule:



Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World by Mark Kurlansky (Oct)

Any *Guido Brunetti* Venetian mystery fiction by Donna Leon (Nov)

100 Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Dec)

Crown of Columbus by Louise Erdich and Michael Dorris (Jan)

Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

Sister Teresa by Barbara Mujica

Einstein by Walter Isaacson

Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

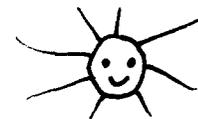
Mary: a Novel by Janis Cooke Newman

Team of Rivals by Doris K. Goodwin

The Civic Association's "Volunteers of the Summer Months" are Van Buren Street residents **Michael Cotter** and his wife **Judith Cayo-Cotter** who graciously and cheerfully allowed themselves to be "volunteered" to help with the Wine & Cheese Party. They agreed to lend a hand at the last minute, stepping into their roles with genuine enthusiasm and willingness to help.

The **Town-Wide Reference List** is complete! It is a brief listing of companies and individuals who provide home services and are available in the UP area. Additions and changes are expected as more people have information to add. Although Town residents may get a hard copy from the Town Hall, most will find it more convenient just to access the up-to-date copy that soon will be posted on the UPCA website. The UPCA hopes to update the list on an annual or semi-annual basis. Residents who wish to add information or oversee its continued maintenance should call Shannon Sanford (301-699-1133).

The next UPCA meetings will be held at 7 PM on **July 31st** and **August 28th** at Riverdale Presbyterian. All residents may attend.



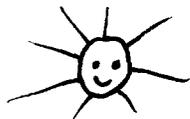
REGISTER NOW FOR FALL SPORTS

In July, the **Lewisdale-University Park Boys and Girls Club** (LUP) will begin registration for fall sports, including kindergarten soccer, intramural 4-on-4 soccer for 1st and 2nd graders, and County-level soccer for players in 3rd grade or older. Interested parents can find out more about LUP activities by visiting the website, www.lupsports.com. Because LUP is a volunteer organization, it encourages parents to support recreational sports in our community by becoming a coach or assistant for their child's team. There also are several non-coaching LUP board positions available.

A SPLASHING MID-SUMMER-FUN VBS

Children 3-years-old through 5th graders can grab their sunglasses and beach towels for UCC's "Take the Plunge and Make a Splash" Vacation Bible School! Through music, drama, crafts, games, snacks, stories and water play, kids will discover how the very common element of water could teach some uncommon lessons. Each of the five days will focus on one of five themes: obedience, worship, courage, faith, and service, in a fun, loving, and age-appropriate way.

This **FREE** watery adventure is being sponsored by University Christian Church (6800 Adelphi Road, 301-864-1520) from Monday through Friday, **July 30th-August 3rd** from 9 AM until NOON. Area youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to be aides. (NOTE: Community service hours will be earned.) To register or for more information, please call and ask for Reverend Rachel Frey. And kids! Come on in; the water's fine, and you'll soak up enough wonderful lessons to last a lifetime!



UP CERT: PANDEMIC RESPONSE

The State Health Department will sponsor a pandemic response drill on **July 31st**. University Park was considered as the locale, but Berwyn Heights will be the area where the drill will occur. Pandemic response, from the government level down to the municipality level, occurs in three specific phases: Phase One is preventing the pathogen from entering the United States. Phase Two is preventing the spread of the pathogen once it has entered the Country. Phase Three is the isolation and quarantine that may be imposed by the governor. This is the focus of the drill.

UP CERT's position is that **little or no help can be expected in the case of an outbreak**. They suggest that the most prudent approach is to **quietly begin the task of preparing to fend for yourself and to shelter in place for the duration of the outbreak**. Those who remember the outbreaks in 1957 (70,000

deaths) and 1968 (34,000) deaths) will agree that being prepared is far better than a hysterical response after the fact.

Pandemics occur when people are brought into direct contact with the pathogen/s that cause the disease. The greatest danger of contact occurs when one is exposed to large groups of people in a closed environment. Schools, offices, churches, public transportation, etc. are prime spots for exposure. The only way to avoid exposure is to be isolated from other people. However, because an outbreak might last 2-4 weeks, isolation may not be a viable option even though less exposure can equate to a lesser chance of illness.

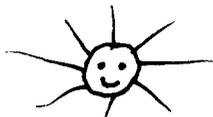
Working from home, having food delivered, and maintaining a 6-foot zone of isolation from others could be ways to reduce exposure. **Protective face covers**, especially masks N95, N98, and N99, **can be effective** in preventing the virus from entering through respiratory openings. (Note: Wearing a simple throw-away painter's mask on top of an N95 mask and disposing of the painter's mask each night will allow you to reuse the N95 several days.) **Wash your homes often and use a mild disinfectant such as bleach** to clean surfaces that may have been exposed. Everyone needs **water; one gallon per person per day** is recommended. (Remember that you may have 30-50 gallons of potable water in your water heater.)

Use the same logic as "sheltering in place" and just extend the time to 3-5 weeks. It also is very important to **be prepared for your personal needs** in terms of medicines, identity papers, phone contacts, relatives, etc. The more independent you are, the less contact you will need to have with public places. **Isolation and quarantine are BASIC to pandemic survival**. Keep in mind that a pandemic is a viral infection that affects us in ways similar to a very bad cold or flu. Standard non-prescription drugs used to clear airways (vaporizers, inhalants, etc.) can provide good basic treatment for all ages. Without other complications, these simple

items could be enough to see you through the pandemic. Antiviral drugs generally are very broad in their action and may not be available to all. **Having had a flu shot will increase your resistance factor.** Being in good health and eating a balanced diet always are more important than some quick fix after the fact. There are NO magic bullets, NO magic cures, and NO miracle antiviral drugs. Being prepared is not only common sense; it's good sense.

In the State drill, it will be assumed that the whole area is under quarantine -- no one other than first responders will be permitted out of their homes. Residents will be directed to display the number of sick people in their residence by posting a large number on the front door. This data will be collected by the first responders and communicated to the Health Department who, in turn, will allocate medicine and other supplies to the area based on the total number. During the Berwyn Heights drill, CERT teams from Prince George's County will be the first responders. A second pass will occur several hours later as a test of reliability. The drill will occur over a three-day period in order to track the progression of the disease.

Obviously, the willingness of residents to adhere to these directions and comply with the requests is basic to the allocation of resources. For this drill, the simple basic method of displaying the actual count will be used, and only residents who display a number will receive the resources available. Although this system may be flawed, it is the direction the State response is heading. UP probably will repeat this drill in the future.



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

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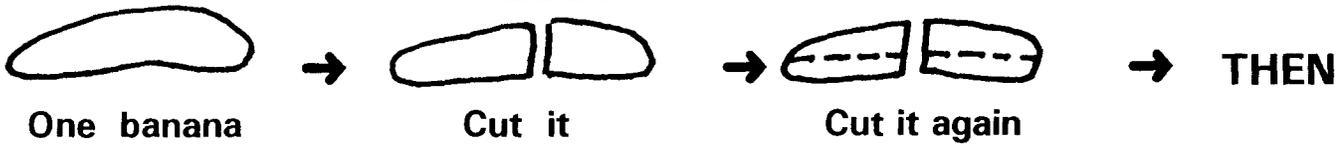
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SUMMER FUN JUST FOR KIDS

HAVABANANA

(Favorite recipes of the Harris children, when they were children)

RECIPE NUMBER ONE



Put back together with a popsicle stick.
Wrap them in saran or foil and freeze.
Makes two delicious, healthful BANANA POPS.

RECIPE NUMBER TWO



NOW...roll in a plate of crushed cornflakes and you've just made BANANA BITES.
(They're even more fun to eat on a toothpick.)

GUESS WHAT WE'RE TAKING TO OUR PICNIC!

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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.



**INFORMATION
FOR NEW
UP RESIDENTS**

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

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:
6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP
(301-927-2997/TDD 1-800-735-2258)

TO ALL RESIDENTS:

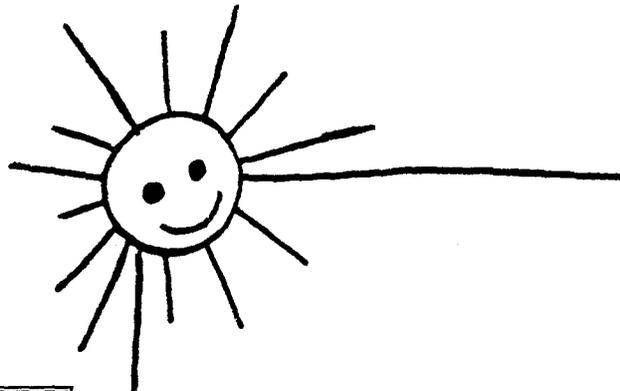
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