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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

NOV 8 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the December issue, 12 PM

NOV 10 - Veterans Day (observed)
(Town Office closed; no bus)

NOV 11 - Veterans Day

NOV 13 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

NOV 20 - COUNCIL MEETING

NOV 23 - Thanksgiving Day

NOV 24 - Employee Appreciation Day
(Town Office closed both days;
no bus service both days)

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 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

The start of fall has brought interesting and sad events to University Park. On October 5th, a lively **FORUM ON TRAFFIC PROBLEMS** along Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets and

43rd and 44th Avenues was held at University Park Elementary School. **Jim Cook** presented the data from his traffic study, which measured the volume and speed at twelve points in Wards 1 and 2. **Laura Sanjara** followed with a micro study of traffic volume and speed along Sheridan Street (between Route 1 and 44th Avenue) to estimate the extent of cut-through traffic and the safety problems that it produced. Based on those findings and the discussion that followed, on October 16th, the Town Council passed a resolution that authorized the installation of up to eight speed tables on Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets and 43rd and 44th Avenues as a first step toward reducing speed, volume, and cut-through traffic on those thoroughfares. The Mayor and Council will contemplate further steps to reduce speed, volume, and cut-through traffic in Ward 1 and in other areas of Town.

Recently the Town received 25 healthy **TREES** from the "Gorgeous Prince George's" program. They will be planted in appropriate areas by the middle of November. By Thanksgiving, the Town also expects to replace a number of trees that were planted last fall or this spring, but failed to thrive. The Town Tree Committee will work over the winter to develop a plan to replant the storm-ravaged areas of the Town Park.

Last month I attended the Maryland Municipal League (MML) fall conference in Annapolis. As Mayor, I was privileged to present **PROCLAMATIONS OF THANKS** from our Town to the eight towns that came to our assistance after the July 4th storm. A special letter of thanks will be presented to **Ron Goff**

at the November Bladensburg Council Meeting. Mr. Goff, the Director of Public Works for our sister town of Bladensburg, was instrumental in organizing MML's assistance.

WE ARE SAD to report that our able receptionist and administrative aide **Mary Stultz** lost her husband on October 18th. Sympathy cards for Mary may be sent to the Town Hall. The Town extends our sincerest condolences to her at this sad time.

Finally, I hope you will have a safe and wonderful **THANKSGIVING**.



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *"Does the mini-flashlight on my key chain work?* Is there a flashlight by my front door (for the times when I get home after dark and the house is without power)? *In an emergency, will I know how to turn off the main water supply, the main gas line, and the main electrical supply to my home?* Am I able to open the automatic garage door when the house is without power? *Would my entire family know where to meet if we had to evacuate our home in an emergency?* Do I have at least one old hard-line phone connected for the times when power outages prevent me from using my "fancy" phones? *Was my car door locked and all valuables removed after coming home for the night?* Were all of the doors of my home locked when I went out for the evening and, more importantly, before I went to bed? *When I glanced at my neighbors' homes this evening, did everything look "okay" at all of them?* Did I drive within the speed limit and stop for all the "STOP" signs in University Park today?"

All of these self reminders should be in the same category as, *"Did I turn off the iron, the gas stove, and the coffee maker before I left the house today?"* Usually we run through a similar litany of items on a regular basis.

Just keep in mind that if you practice "safety," safe things will happen.

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CHILD CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS: Anyone wishing to ensure that their child's car seat has been installed properly, or who would like recommendations for its usage, should contact the UPPD, or e-mail Officer Henry at thenry@upmd.org.

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

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

The following crimes occurred in September:

CRIME STATISTICS (Sep 1st to Sep 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Sep 1st	Vandalism-1	4300 Tuckrnmn
Sep 2nd	Theft	6700 Balt Ave
Sep 7-8th	Theft from Auto-1	6700 Balt Ave
Sep 14th	B & E	3800 Calvtn Dr
Sep 15th	Vandalism-2	UP Town Park
Sep 19-20	Theft from Auto-2	4300 Woodbry

With school back in session and the UM in full swing, activity in Town has increased. As always: Be aware of your surroundings. Drive responsibly and wear your seat belt. Obey the "STOP" signs at every intersection every time. Secure your homes and sheds to protect your valuables, and keep an eye on your neighbor's place too. Lock your vehicles, use a secondary device, and don't leave your keys in your vehicle, or leave your vehicle running unattended. Secure all bicycles, remind children not to leave valuable toys outside, and keep a record of the serial numbers for any property that could be stolen. Our population of children continues to increase. Please be vigilant in our community so the children will have a safe place to play, learn and grow.

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NOTE TO RESIDENTS: Please call PEPCO to ensure that they have your current phone number. This is important during times when you are experiencing an electrical outage.

CALL PEPCO NOW: 202-835-1007

The following crimes occurred in June:

CRIME STATISTICS (June 1st to June 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Jun 2nd	Theft from Auto	4300 VanBuren
Jun 6-26	B & E (Shed)-1	6400 Adelphi
Jun 7-9th	B & E (Shed)-2	6500 Adelphi
Jun 13th	B & E-1	4400 Tuckermn
Jun 19th	B & E-2	4300 E-W Hwy
Jun 19th	B & E-3	4300 Sheridan
Jun 26th	Recvr'd Stolen Auto	6500 Adelphi

CRIME STATISTICS NOTES:

Theft from Auto: On June 2nd, between 12 AM and 11:45 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2001 VW Jetta and stole a black backpack. A suspect was questioned. No arrest was made.

B & E (Shed)-1: Suspect/s broke a padlock, entered the shed, and stole a Craftsman lawnmower. No suspect/s located at this time.

B & E (Shed)-2: Suspect/s entered the garage and stole a tiller, chain saw, and hedge trimmer. **No signs of forced entry were evident.** No suspect/s located at this time.

B & E-1: Between 12:45 PM and 4:45 PM, suspect/s entered a home through an **unlocked** rear door and stole two laptop computers, a digital camera, assorted jewelry, and a Specialized 18-speed bicycle. The scene was processed, but no fingerprints were found. Investigation is ongoing.

B & E-2: Between 4-5:30 PM, suspect/s climbed through a kitchen window and stole a flat screen TV, laptop computer, camcorder, camera, and other items from the residence. The suspect was described as an adult male, 18-25 years, black curly hair, wearing calf-length jeans, and seen walking west on Sheridan Street toward Baltimore Avenue. Investigation is ongoing.

B & E-3: Between 4-5:30 PM, suspect/s broke and climbed through a doggie door of the residence. All items in the house had been boxed for moving. Nothing was stolen. Suspect was described as an adult male, 18-25 years, black curly hair, wearing calf-length

jeans, walking west on Sheridan Street toward Baltimore Avenue. Investigation is ongoing.

Recvrd Stolen Auto - At 1:45 AM, a 1995 Honda Civic was involved in an accident. The driver and passenger were observed fleeing the scene. The vehicle was determined to be stolen. Possible suspects were questioned and one was placed under arrest for open warrants. Further charges are pending.

The following crimes occurred in July:

CRIME STATISTICS (July 1st to July 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Jn26-Jy4	Attempt B & E	4300 Clagett
Jul 7th	Assault	6400 Balt Ave
Jul16-17	Stolen Auto	4400 Sheridan
Jul16-17	Theft from Auto-1	4300 Sheridan
Jul16-17	Theft from Auto-2	4300 Sheridan
Jul 18th	Theft of Bicycle-1	3800 CalvtnDr
Jul 27th	Theft of Bicycle-2	4200 C.H.Drive
Jul 29th	Theft of Bicycle-3	6700 WellsPky

CRIME STATISTICS NOTES:

Attempt B & E: Suspect/s damaged a side door of a residence, an apparent effort to gain entry. It is unknown when the damage occurred. No suspect/s located.

Assault: At approximately 10:20 PM, an adult Hispanic male was walking on Balt. Ave. from College Park to Hyattsville when three suspects asked the victim for assistance with their vehicle. An altercation ensued and the victim was cut on his hand and leg. One suspect was described as Hispanic adult male. No suspect/s located. The victim was transported to PG Hospital for minor injuries and released.

Stolen Auto: Between 11 PM and 7 AM, suspect/s stole a 2006 Toyota Sienna Minivan. The vehicle was recovered several days later in Brentwood, MD with no damage to the locks or ignition.

Theft from Auto-1: Between 1-11 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 1998 Ford pick-up truck and stole approximately \$5 in coins.

Theft from Auto-2: Between 1-11 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 1998 VW Bug and stole a cell phone.

Theft of Bicycle-1: Between 7:15-7:45 PM, suspect/s entered an **open garage** and stole a 24" Trek bicycle. A Rhino bicycle was abandoned in the garage at the same time. No suspect/s located.

Theft of Bicycle-2: Between 8 AM-7:15 PM, suspect/s stole a 20" Schwinn bicycle **from the rear yard** of the residence. A blue Schwinn mountain bicycle was abandoned in the rear yard at the same time. No suspect/s located.

Theft of Bicycle-3: Between 12 AM and 10 AM, suspect/s stole a 28" silver/black Schwinn bicycle from an **open garage**. No suspects located.

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



ITEMS TO REMEMBER

❖ **YARD WASTE**: Wednesday is the day designated for 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, or 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 and arrange a pick-up time. Please wait to place the items at the curb until the 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. 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.

❖ **HELP PREVENT CRIME** by displaying a blue and white "UP" sticker on the driver's side of your car's back bumper or on the driver's side lower back window. The stickers are an important part of our Neighborhood Watch Program. **They enable the Town police and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Please pick up one at the Town Hall (M-F, 9 AM-5 PM).



HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

The holiday trash pick-up schedule is as follows: **There will be NO trash collection** on Monday, **September 4th** (Labor Day). Monday's collection will take place on Tuesday; Tuesday's collection will take place on Wednesday. The schedule for Thursday and Friday is unchanged.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 19th COUNCIL SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members; Treasurer Baden and Chief Wynnyk.

Jon Burrell of the Local Government Insurance Trust presented the Town of University Park with an \$830.00 grant from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Mayor Tabori reported that **UPES students were the Prince George's County Science Bowl Champions for the third year in a row.** He also announced that **Mary Stultz will continue as the Town Hall office assistant,** but under other funding. Mary recently graduated from a PGCC SAGE career-training program.

He stated that in 2-3 months, **a server will be installed at the Town Hall.** Although expensive, it will enhance the Town's ability to improve its website. A database manager and mapping software also will be added.

The Mayor noted that some road surfaces in UP were a major problem, and that there was very little money in the current contract for road resurfacing. Immediate fixes could cost \$25,00-\$30,000. One proposed initiative was to develop a management plan for curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and streets.

Under **public comment**, CM Lucas said that runoff from the University Center development continues to be a major problem for our Town Stream. But, since the developers seem to be willing to work with UP to address the problem, a solution may be possible.

Chief Wynnyk reported that letters had been sent to six residents regarding cars without tags, and more will be sent soon.

Consent Agenda were approved to: **repair a bulkhead** at 6408 40th Avenue; and **install a fence** at 6707 Queens Chapel Road.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve a Budget Amendment (Transfer) of \$9,000 from Salaries (Police) to Salaries (General Government) to cover the new position of Office Assistant.

A motion was passed unanimously to introduce Resolution 06-04 (Verizon Cable

Franchise, first reading) to allow the Mayor to negotiate a Cable franchise with Verizon.

Motions were passed unanimously to approve the **installation of a driveway and apron at 4007 College Heights Drive** (and to support the petition for a variance before the County Board of Zoning Appeals in conformity with the County-agreed plan); and the **installation of a gate to the rear of a lot with a swimming pool at 4210 Sheridan Street**.

A motion was approved unanimously for the Town to obtain a credit card.

A motion was passed unanimously approving the language for a UPES Science Bowl Proclamation and Letter. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 5th SPECIAL SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori and Council Members Carpenter, Jackson, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton.

Three motions were approved unanimously to: (1) authorize moving \$50,000 from the reserve funds to support the immediate costs of various storm recovery activities; (2) allow the Mayor to expend funds as he sees fit to ensure public safety; and (3) suspend bidding rules to allow for the immediate delivery of services. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 10th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

(NOTE: Lack of a quorum of Council Members tabled all agenda items that required a vote.)

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Jackson, Lucas, and Mallino; and Chief Wynnyk.

Mayor Tabori said that all votes on approving building permits would not be able to proceed. However, he will ensure a quorum at the Council Work Session on July 17th, and building permit votes will be held at that time.

The Chief reported that the 4th of July parade went very well with good attendance.

Mayor Tabori and Chief Wynnyk reported jointly on the events of the July 4th storm, its impact, cleanup activities, and the progress in restoring utilities.

The Chief noted that severe storms struck the Town at 5 PM. By 5:20 PM, heavy rains and high winds were taking down power lines. At 5:45 PM, the CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team) deployed to start marking hazards (downed power lines, broken utility poles, blocked streets). At 6:30 PM, E-W Highway was closed, pushing traffic into UP. By 6:45 PM, there were road closures throughout Town. By 7 PM, 51 locations were recorded with downed trees. **The Town Hall converted to backup battery/generator power and was able to operate phones and run computers throughout the emergency.** By Friday, July 7th, **95% of the Town had power restored and all Town roads were passable.** Sadly, an estimated 200 trees had been downed by the storm.

NOTE: When electricity is out, it is imperative for everyone affected to continue to call **PEPCO**. PEPCO responds to the level of calls received from specific locations.

NOTE: Do not assume that telephone or cable wires are electrically neutral. If they are in contact with a hot power line, they also may be energized and carrying current.

Mayor Tabori was out of Town until noon on Wednesday, July 5th. **He thanked the Council for appointing CM Mallino to serve as Deputy Mayor in his absence.** He also commented that having the CERT initiate the Town's emergency response plan was both effective and extremely helpful in guiding responses to the many emergency conditions.

Mary Headley NOTE

Mayor Tabori contacted many State agencies and organizations to seek support for UP's recovery efforts. **On Friday, representatives from the MD Municipal League, PGC Emergency Response Team, PEPCO, Verizon, and the National Weather Service were given a bus tour of the damage suffered by UP.** PGC District 3 Councilman Hendershot also was in attendance. The MD Emergency Management Agency surveyed the damage on Saturday, July 8th. **Mayor Tabori thanked Town Hall Administrative Assistant Amy Headley for her persistence in continuing to follow up with the utility companies.** He offered his sincere appreciation for everyone in Town who stepped forward to assist in the recovery efforts, including **Chief Wynnyk and the UPPD officers, Public Works Supervisor Lawrence Bloomfield, the Public Works team** (who came in on Saturday to continue the cleanup), **and the citizens of University Park.**

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some of the force of the microburst, the wind would have had the power to collapse the entire roofs of many houses!

A meeting was held with the State Insurance Commissioner on July 20th to provide a general presentation on how to deal with insurance companies in making claims after a disaster. After the presentation, the Commission staff was available for one-on-one counseling to address specific questions.

Under public comment, a Van Buren Street/College Heights Drive resident compared her experiences of living in LaPlata when it was struck by a tornado to UP's storm experience. She said she was impressed very favorably by the speed of UP's response. She also stressed the admonition that during a power failure **everyone should call PEPCO** to ensure that we are placed on the priority lists to have our power restored.

She also suggested that the Town website have an emergency alert notification section, and asked if the Town had the means to track homes that needed power for medical reasons. CM Lucas responded that the UP CERT was compiling a list of people who need assistance. Currently, only one resident is known to require continuous power.

She ended her comment with a separate subject. She said dog walkers were allowing their pets to relieve themselves on her property, and asked that the NEWSLETTER provide a pet etiquette reminder. (Ed. Note: Please consult the "BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER" article in this issue.) The Mayor responded that UP does have a leash law which includes cleaning up after one's pet and respecting private property boundaries. Chief Wynnyk concurred and added that fines can be levied on owners who are not conscientious about controlling their pets.

Concerning the traffic study, Jim Cook of Queens Chapel Road presented the data from the Ward 1 traffic study for Tennyson Road, Sheridan Street, and Tuckerman Street.

Mayor Tabori commented on the assistance sent to UP by her sister municipalities: (1) A bucket truck and personnel from Laurel to help remove overhanging tree limbs, and a street sweeper; Laurel also offered to send the sweeper back when more debris was cleared from the streets; (2) A wood chipper, truck and crew for a full day (that made over 10 trips to empty out the truck) **from Gaithersburg**; and (3) the offer of assistance and very supportive responses **from Riverdale Park, College Park, Hyattsville, Laurel and Gaithersburg!**

Bartlett Tree Service and Adirondack Tree Experts moved swiftly and effectively to assist the Town, with Adirondack responding on the first day of the storm to carry out street cleaning.

The National Weather Service's survey of UP on July 7th determined that UP had experienced a wet microburst. **The microburst that hit us had wind gusts between 80-100 miles an hour and was distinguished by intense short bursts of heavy wind gusts.** Our Town trees did a genuine service in protecting our homes, for without the trees to dissipate

The monitoring data showed that there was a speeding problem on Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets and a traffic volume problem on Tennyson Road. A Sheridan Street resident commented that Sunday evening was a time of high traffic volume, although that day was not included in the study. Mayor Tabori suggested making a video camera study to provide an additional level of information, as well as arranging for a community discussion. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.



NOTE TO RESIDENTS

Please make copies of this list of important numbers and keep a copy in a convenient accessible location close to each telephone in your home. Also make a copy for each cell phone. Space was left to include numbers specifically important to your family.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS	
Police & Fire Department.....	911
UPPD - Cell Phone.....	240-375-1077
UPPD - Office.....	301-277-0500
PG County Dispatch.....	291-333-4000
<i>(Ask for a UPPD officer to respond)</i>	
WSSC (Water & Sewer)....	301-206-8000
Comcast.....	1-800-266-2278
Verizon.....	1-800-275-2355
Washington Gas.....	1-900-752-7520
PEPCO.....	202-872-3432

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BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

The Animal Management Division of Prince George's County wishes to inform County residents that **all dogs, cats and ferrets over the age of 4 months must be licensed annually** (\$5 for altered animals; \$25 for unaltered). **Senior citizens (65 and older) are allowed 2 free licenses per year.** All license applications must include valid certificates of rabies inoculation.

According to Prince George's County law and University Park Municipal Ordinance, **"Any person owning, keeping or having custody of a dog within County/Town limits shall secure and be in control of such animal by means of a leash or lead, not exceeding eight feet in length, except when such animal is on the premises owned or occupied by said person."** Please keep in mind that **unleashed dogs can create an anxious situation and pose an imagined or real threat to non-dog owners and children.** Resident dog owners should be aware that citations can be issued for infractions.

Licenses may be purchased at the College Park Animal Control Office, 4500 Knox Road, College Park (Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 9 PM and Saturday from 1-10 PM). For more information, call 301-499-8300.

PLEASE NOTE: All children who walk dogs must be as capable of controlling the leashed animal as an adult would be. Children walking dogs **also are responsible** for carrying a plastic bag and properly disposing of feces.

Remember, **when you walk your dog, it should be for the purpose of exercise only.** As stated in the Town Ordinance, **"No person owning, keeping or having custody of a dog, except a seeing eye dog, shall allow or permit excrement of such dog to remain on any**

property within the Town limits other than that owned and/or occupied by said person."

Dog feces not removed from public and private property poses a potential health risk to the children who play in our community along the Town sidewalks and in our Town Parks. In addition, these droppings detract from the esthetic beauty of our Town.

For the unplanned times that your dog defecates elsewhere than the area of your property set aside for such, all that is required to clean up after your dog is a plastic bag. Place it on your hand like a glove and pick up the dog waste. Turn the bag inside out to contain the dog waste within the bag. Close the bag with an over-hand knot and dispose of it in your trash can.

DOGS AND RATS - Please realize that rats consider dog feces to be food. **Recently, several Town residents have complained about seeing rats eating dog feces in the yards of neighbors who do not clean up regularly after their dogs.** These sightings also have been made in the Town Park and in the grassy areas by the Stream. Being fastidious about cleaning up food sources (of all kinds) for rats will help encourage the rat population to move elsewhere.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

HOLIDAY REMINDER: There is no senior, handicapped, or Metro shuttle bus service on national holidays. Therefore, the UP Town bus will not be in service on Monday, September 4th, Labor Day.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town residents. **Senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town may reserve pick-up times between 10 AM and 2 PM.** Small groups also

may use the bus for excursions. Call the Town Hall (301-927-4262) to schedule your weekday pick-up.

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. **Seven morning runs** are made from **6-9 AM** and **seven afternoon runs** from **4-7 PM**. A map listing the stops is available at the Town Hall.



CONGRATULATIONS...

❖ To **Kelly Elizabeth Fischer** of Pineway who recently was elected the Council Member for Ward 5. When not attending to Council matters, Kelly works as a real estate agent with Long & Foster. Her daughter Ashley is a senior in high school.

❖ To siblings Nicholas and Nora Tabori, formerly of Pineway, for their recent accomplishments. In June, **Nicholas Tabori** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the US Coast Guard. He is stationed in Sandy Hook, New Jersey, where he is the commanding officer (CO) of the USCG Cutter, the "Sailfish."

Nora Tabori just finished her second year at Mount Sinai Medical School in New York City, and passed the first of her licensing exams with flying colors. She began her rotations this summer and hopes to become either a pediatric oncologist or a nose, throat, and ear surgeon. Proud parents are UP Mayor **John Rogard Tabori** and **Susan E. McDermott** of Pineway.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ The UP Civic Association would like to say "Congratulations!" to the winners of the **4th of July Pie Baking Contest**. The two top honors went to two great cherry pies! The

second place winner was **Ingrid Ardjosoediro** of Beechwood Road and the first place winner was **Sandy Eichbaum** of Van Buren Street. Sandy had entered her pie in memory of a wonderful former 44th Avenue resident, **Maurine Higgenbotham**. Having been raised in Indiana pie-baking territory, Maurine was an extraordinary cherry pie baker. In 1978, when the Eichbaums moved into University Park next door to Maurine, she had welcomed her new neighbors with the best cherry pie Sandy ever had tasted. Luckily, Maurine was happy to share her recipe with Sandy. The Civic association also would like to thank Chief Wynnyk for accepting the delicious "job" of judging the contest!

❖ **Male Mentors Needed - Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital Area needs more male mentors** for its community-based mentoring program in Prince George's County. A Big Brother can have a significant and positive impact on a Little Brother's personal and academic development. A community-based mentor needs to be able to spend an average of only four hours per week with a child, pursuing educational, cultural, and recreational interests. If you would like to learn more about the mentoring opportunities of Big Brothers Big Sisters, please contact Kedrick Griffin, Coordinator of Prince George's County Programs, at kgriffin@bbbsnca.org or 301-794-9170, X-13.

❖ Town residents with two children are **in search of a privately-owned recreational vehicle to rent** for periodic weekend travel within the Mid-Atlantic region. The couple are experienced campers and Class C drivers. Please contact jday@tidalwave.net or 240-460-4228.

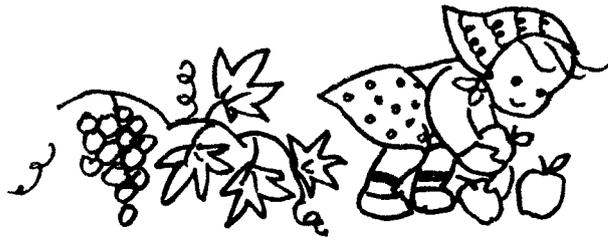
❖ A couple, new to the area, is **looking for a basement apartment or rooms to rent**. They will be working as campus ministers with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in College Park. They have their own furniture but are willing to living in a furnished space as well. Please call Rebecca Farlow (919-306-0605) or James Farlow (919-414-8801).

❖ A mature doctoral candidate from Spain is **seeking a living arrangement near the UM**. Isa needs a spacious spare room or a small apartment with internet connection and space for her books ASAP. Housing must be within walking distance of public transportation and shopping. A quiet and well-lit space in a non-smoking environment will best help Isa finish her dissertation by May 2007. Because of limited financial resources, she will help care for your home, pets and garden when you are away on business trips or vacations. She can pay for utilities and a modest rent if you do not plan to travel during the year. She is multi-lingual and can help you refresh your Spanish, French, Portuguese or Catalan conversational skills. Isa has a driver's license and can operate both automatic and manual cars, and is willing to shop or take on small errands. She loves to cook healthy meals and doesn't mind sharing, but cannot assume the responsibility of cooking for a family on a daily basis. References are available from her professors, supervisors, and happy former recipients of her house-sitting abilities. If you are interested in sharing your home with her, please contact Isa by calling 202-489-4220.



NEW PRE-K/K PROGRAM

Saint Matthew's Parish Day School (36th Avenue and Nicholson Street, HY) announces a new program available this year. **Four-year-old and five-year-old children who missed the new State deadline for kindergarten are being accepted into a Pre-K/K classroom setting** with emphasis on pre-reading and reading programs. The small class size and an experienced staff will afford the perfect educational experience for this Pre-K/K class. The school day will run from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM; however, before-and-after care will be available from 7:30 AM to 6 PM if desired. For registration information, or to visit the school, please call 301-935-5026.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>September 15th to October 15th</i></p>	<p><i>is National</i></p>	<p><i>Hispanic Heritage Month</i></p>	<p> <i>Mark down the serial numbers for your valuables</i></p>	<p><i>"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."</i> <i>Albert Camus</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>TEENS: Sign up for the Teen Workers List</p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>2 Linson Pool Farmers Market 7 AM-NOON (LP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM "TRAINS & PLANES"</p>
<p>3 Takoma Park Farmers' Market 10 AM - 3 PM (TP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM 2 PM "The Aviator"</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Labor Day</i> (Town Office closed; no Bus service)</p>	<p>5 Hyattsville Farmers Market 2-6 PM (HY*FM)</p> <p>Early Voting Day (EVD) 7 AM to 8 PM</p> <p>UM 5:30 PM "Meet the Squonkers"</p> <p>CP Youth Orch Open House OPH 6:30-8:30 PM</p>	<p>6 (EVD)</p> <p>12:00 NOON Deadline for October NEWSLETTER</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>7 UPES 7 PM <i>Girl Scout Open House</i></p> <p>Riverdale Park Farmers' Market 3-7 PM (RPFM) (EVD)</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>8 (EVD)</p> <p><i>International Literacy Day</i></p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>9 (LP*FM) (EVD) MCPAC "Willy Wonka" 11 AM & 1:30 PM</p> <p>6-8 PM UPES Gazebo <i>UPCA Chili Cook-off & Blues Night</i> 6:30 PM</p> <p>UCC Family Movie Night "Whale Rider" "Ice Princess"</p>
<p>10 (TP*FM)</p> <p>CPAE OPH STORYTELLER 3 PM <i>National Grandparents Day</i></p>	<p>11 ADHD Assess. 6-8pm UM</p> <p>7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION</p> <p>CPAE OPH 7 PM</p>	<p>12 (HY*FM)</p> <p><i>Primary Election Day</i> 7 am to 8 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Is there a blue & white UP sticker on your car? They're free at the Town Hall!</i></p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>14 (RP*FM)</p> <p>HY-LI CHESS 7 PM</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Last day to return Storm Damage Surveys to the Town Hall</i></p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>16 (LM*FM)</p> <p>Rainbow Pot Luck 10 AM to 2 PM</p> <p>OASIS at MACY'S "Shop for a Cause" Day</p>
<p>17 (TP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM "Scout Wings Day" 12-4p</p> <p>CPYO 4pm, OPH, Rehearsal UPCA Tot Lot 4-6 PM Playgroup Meet & Greet</p> <p>CPAE SciFi Book Group OPH, 7pm - Philip K. Dick</p>	<p>18 ADHD Assess. 6-8pm UM</p> <p>MCPAC 8 PM Smokey Robinson</p>	<p>19</p> <p>UP 8 PM <i>After 8 Book Group "Middlesex"</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>HY-LI Book Group 10:30a "Brown Eyes Blue"</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>21 (RP*FM)</p> <p>UM 8 PM "Ox-Herder's Tale"</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>22 1st Day of Autumn</p> <p>UM-MSPAG Henson Exhibit UM 3pm Jane & Friends UM 8pm Ox-Herder's Tale</p> <p>I-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>23 (LP&FM)</p> <p><i>Rosh Hashana begins</i></p> <p><i>Ramadan begins</i></p>
<p>24 (TP*FM)</p> <p>RHM "WINE TASTING" 1 & 2:30 PM</p> <p>CPAE Arts Drop-In OPH 2-4pm "Plaster Hand Casting"</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 PM UPES GENERAL TOWN MEETING</p>	<p>26 (HY*FM)</p>	<p>27 25th year UM 8 PM <u>Guarneri Open Rehearsal</u></p> <p>UPWC Sorosis Readg Society 12:30 PM "Jane Austen Book Club"</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>28 (RP*FM)</p> <p>HY-LI CHESS 7 PM</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Exercise your brain! Try a crossword puzzle or a sudoku every day.</i></p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>30 (LP&FM)</p> <p>UM, 8 PM Staged Reading "Cloud Techtonics" (also on 10-1 at 2 PM and 10-2 at 7 PM)</p>

LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

❖ **Every Saturday** through November 18th, **7 AM to NOON**, a Farmers Market is held at the **Linson Pool** on Paint Branch Parkway. Shop for fresh vegetables, fruits, plants, honey, baked goods, and more.

❖ For the 27th year, the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** continues to offer produce grown only by its vendors within a 125-miles radius. It is open every **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM** year round, and is located along the 6900 block of Laurel Avenue. See what's available by clicking on www.takomaparkmarket.org/ and/or www.takomaparkmarket.org/Farms/.

❖ The **Hyattsville Farmers Market** is located in the parking lot behind the Queens Chapel Town Center (intersection of Queens Chapel Road and Hamilton Street). This producers-only market offers the freshest fruits and vegetables, with the same friendly vendors that sell what they grow and pick what they sell that morning. It is open every **Tuesday** from **2-6 PM** through **October 24th**.

❖ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** on Queensbury Road adjacent to the MARC Station continues their 2006 season on **Thursdays** from **3-7 PM** through October 26th. This producers-only market offers items that were grown locally. For the 9th year, shoppers can purchase fresh berries, fruits, veggies, nuts, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, baked goods, soaps, herbs, sorbet, baskets and pottery! Visit their website, www.riverdaleparkbiz.com, for details.



SOARING INTO SEPTEMBER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer trains, a movie for adults, and a Scouting program during September. (NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult.) Unless otherwise stated, fees for all

programs are included in the regular museum admission.

❖ **Trains and Planes!** From Saturday, **September 2nd** through Monday, **September 4th**, climb "All Aboard" once again with the National Capital Trackers, a model train enthusiast club. They are returning to the CPAM to display and run their extensively detailed model railroad in the museum's main gallery.

❖ Enjoy spending a Sunday afternoon at the movies with CPAM's Hollywood Flyers movie series. Family-friendly films are shown each month through December 3rd. The 2 PM films, plus lemonade and popcorn, are free with regular Museum admission. The film for **September 3rd** is "**The Aviator**" (rated PG-13) starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett. This film depicts the early years of legendary director and aviator Howard Hughes' career, from the late 1920s to the mid-1940s.

❖ **Earn Your Scout Wings:** On Sunday, **September 17th**, from NOON to 4 PM, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels are invited to explore the history of aviation and the science of flight with a variety of fun and educational activities. Pre-registration is required; please call the museum for details. There is a \$4 admission for all participants.

❖ Experience a flight over historic College Park Airport through one of CPAM's popular interactive exhibits. Using cockpit hand controls while viewing state-of-the-art visuals makes the **1911 Model-B Flight Simulator** the ultimate "Wright Brothers" experience. There is an additional fee of \$1 per person, per three minute "ride."



EARLY VOTING DAYS IN MARYLAND

During the 2006 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly passed an "Early Voting Law" which will allow citizens to vote for five days prior to Election Day (Tuesday-Saturday, **September 5th- 9th** from 7 AM to

8 PM). Voters may vote at any of the three sites approved for Prince George's County: the **Hyattsville Public Library** at 6530 Adelphi Road, the Upper Marlboro Library at 14730 Main Street, and the Harmony Hall Regional Center at 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington. The primary election day remains **September 12th** from 7 AM to 8 PM. People also may choose to vote on that day at their traditional local precinct. For more information, please contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections (301-430-8020).



OPEN HOUSE FOR GIRL SCOUTING

An Open House to register for or learn more about the exciting **Girl Scout program for girls in grades K-12** will be held at University Park Elementary School on Thursday, **September 7th** at 7 PM. University Park supports Girl Scout troops at all levels, from Daisies (KG), Brownies (Grades 1-3), and Juniors (Grades 4-6), to Teens with the Studio 2B program (Grades 7-12). Those interested also may inquire about troop availability and the benefits and rewards of being an adult volunteer at any of the levels. For more information, please call Karen (301-779-0785).



SEPTEMBER FUN AT CPAE

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

❖ The **College Park Youth Choir** will begin their fall semester with an **Open House** on Tuesday, **September 5th** from 6:30-8:30 PM. Sponsored by CPAE and directed by Christopher Fominaya, the Youth Choir is open

to children in Grades 3-6 and is a free activity. Please come to the Parish House to sing and learn more about the choir. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 PM and several performances are given throughout the year. Please contact CPAE If you have questions.

❖ On Sunday, **September 10th** at 3 PM, enjoy a free performance by acclaimed **Storyteller Diane Macklin** who will captivate young and old with her dancing hands, lyrical voice, and high energy. As an American storyteller working in the African Griot tradition, Macklin's work inspires Hope, Peace and Justice through world folktales and creative personal narratives. The program is ideal for children ages 3-8; registration is appreciated.

❖ On Monday, **September 11th** at 7 PM, enjoy an evening of art, myth, and cultural exploration, with artist **Ruth Blackwell-Rogers**. Her "**Four Worlds So Far: The Hopi Creation Story**" is based on the story presented in Frank Waters's *Book of the Hopi*. Blackwell-Rogers has portrayed the Hopi myths on a 210-foot painted paper scroll. As the scroll is wound between cabinets, narration is read aloud. In this unique art experience, visual and verbal imagery flow together as the scroll moves. The scroll premiered at the International Transpersonal Association Conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1992. This event is free and appropriate for adults and older children.

❖ CPAE announces the formation of a **new Book Club for enthusiastic SF readers**. It will focus on the great Science Fiction authors, and will meet on the third Sunday of every other month. For its inaugural meeting on **September 17th** at 7 PM, be prepared to discuss your favorite books and stories by Philip K. Dick, whose tales of identity slippage, paranoia, and warped reality have been adapted into many blockbuster movies including *Blade Runner*, *Total Recall*, and *A Scanner Darkly*. Conversation will be lead by CPAE board member, Jen Cook, of Vertigo Books. Refreshments will be provided. This event is free; registration is recommended; please call 301-927-3013.

❖ **The College Park Youth Orchestra** is beginning its fall 2006-07 season. Led by Conductor Kenneth Whitley, CPYO provides ensemble and sight-reading experience for school-age string players at an early-to-intermediate level. The Orchestra is supported by parent and teacher volunteers and a yearly tuition per child. Three concerts are scheduled for December 3rd, March 4th, and May 20th. The Orchestra rehearses twice a month. Its first rehearsal will be held on Sunday, **September 17th**, beginning promptly at 4 PM. For further information, or to receive a registration form, please contact CPAE by phone or e-mail. Members should have sight-reading skills which include knowledge of all the notes in first position, the common rhythmic values, and a comfortable physical set-up. Suzuki students should be working in Book 2 or beyond. Members must be taking lessons privately or in a group, apart from the Orchestra. All parents must agree to help with general set-up or refreshments.

Kenneth Whitley received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Performance degrees from the University of Michigan. He has worked with the D.C. Youth Orchestra Program as conductor and cello instructor, and he helped found and has directed the Mount Royal Symphonic Orchestra. He lives in Baltimore where he oversees the Middle School Music Program and directs two vocal ensembles at The Bryn Mawr School.

❖ Looking for a hands-on art project for your child? Let instructor Aaron Springer help them make a real impression! At the **Free Children's Arts Drop-in Program** on Sunday, **September 24th** from 2-4 PM, children can make a plaster cast of their hand. This program is ideal for children ages 3-8 accompanied by a parent.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

The University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC) is

offering many free programs this month. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the 2006-2007 season, please contact 301-405-8169 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

◆ **"Meet the Squonkers"** on **September 5th** at 5:30 PM in Kay Theatre - This "Take Five Tuesday" performance will give you a guided tour to explain how and why music and visual art combine in a Squonk production, and to prepare you for the real thing when Squonk performs the world premiere of "College Park: The Opera," a roast/toast of the home of the Terps in November. *(NOTE: Each "Take Five Tuesday" is part of an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a wide range of performing arts.)* **FREE**

◆ **"Blair Thomas & Company"** on **September 21st-22nd** at 8 PM in Kay Theatre - Enjoy masked actors and life-sized puppets bend reality with theatrical storytelling for adults. As part of the Jim Henson celebration, the world premiere of *The Ox-herder's Tale* follows a seeker's spiritual journey through our consumer-driven world.

◆ **"Jim Henson: Creativity and Other Inspirational Stuff"** on **September 22nd** - Enjoy a day-long celebration of the muppet master: *the launch of the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library gallery exhibition, "Jim Henson: Performing Artist" * newly-digitized collection of selected Jim Henson tv & feature films * a conversation with Jane Henson & guest, and * a performance of "The Ox-herder's Tale" (see details above).

***"Exhibition -- Jim Henson: Performing Artist"** from **September 22nd to June 30th** in MS Performing Arts Library - Explore a gallery exhibition and the newly-digitized Jim Henson Film & Television Collection. **FREE**

* **"Jane and Friends: The College Park Legacy"** on **September 22nd** at 3 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Join Jim Henson's wife, Jane Henson, for a casual conversation and exploration of Jim Henson's local roots, as well as a first look at the new video compilation, "The Story of *Sam and Friends*." **FREE**

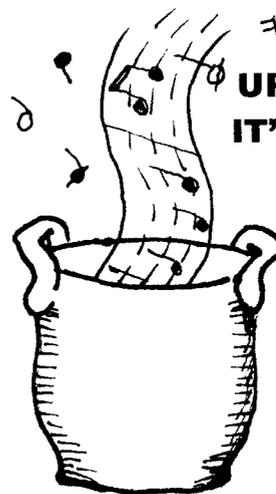
♦ **A Guarneri String Quartet Open Rehearsal** will be performed **September 27th** at 5 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - For 25 years, this legendary quartet has continued its popular tradition of on-campus rehearsals. **FREE**

♦ **"Staged Reading of *Cloud Tectonics*"** on **September 30th** at 8 PM, **October 1st** at 2 PM and **October 2nd** at 7 PM in Laboratory Theatre - On an apocalyptically rainy night, a man takes home a pregnant hitchhiker. What happens next defies description in this hauntingly unique play. **FREE**

❖ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** will open its 2006-07 season with performances from its Saturday Morning Children's Series and its Guest Artists' Series. For tickets or information, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

♦ The first Saturday Morning Children's Series will be The Kennedy Center's "Imagination Celebration on Tour's" presentation of Roald Dahl's "**Willy Wonka**" on Saturday, **September 9th** at 11 AM & 1:30 PM - The search is on for the Golden Ticket! Join Willy Wonka and his band of Oompa Loompas as they lead sweet-natured Charlie Bucket, gum-chewing Violet Beauregarde, spoiled-rotten Veruca Salt, gluttonous Augustus Gloop, and television junkie Mike Teavee through a maze of sweet confections, life lessons, and giggles galore. Featuring all the memorable songs, this show will be a delicious musical treat recommended for ages 6 and older.

♦MCPAC's first Guest Artist Series will feature **Smokey Robinson's "Timeless Love Tour"** on Monday, **September 18th** at 8 PM - Once pronounced by Bob Dylan as America's "greatest living poet," acclaimed singer-songwriter Smokey Robinson has enjoyed a career spanning over four decades of musical hits including "Shop Around," "You've Really Got a Hold on Me," "Ooo Baby Baby," and "Tears of a Clown" (with Stevie Wonder).



UPCA ARTS-in the-PARK IT'S CHILI & BLUES TIME

The University Park Civic Association's 4th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & BLUES NIGHT will take place at the UPES Gazebo on Saturday, **September 9th** from 6-8 PM. Come and taste the best chili in Town

while you listen to the magic music of "**Pork Chop and the Top Dogs**" with UP's own harmonica king, **Roger Edsall** of Oakridge Drive, and his court of musicians sharing their own brand of blues. An additional treat this year will be the fabulous vocals of **Mary Shaver**. Roger has played the blues harmonica professionally for 16 years, sharing the stage with local and national blues artists and appearing on the *Today Show* and the *Fox Morning News*.



Residents who do not wish to **bring a pot of chili** (10-12 servings) to enter in the "cook-off" may **bring a side dish** or **dessert** (for 10-12) instead. The three "Cook-off" categories are: "3 Alarm," "Vegetarian," and "Mild." The Civic Association will supply all the "chili fixings" (bowls, plates, spoons, crackers & beverages). **For more information, or to register your chili** for the Cook-off, please contact **Sarah Heitkemper** (301-209-1059 or sarah.heitkemper@boland.com).



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

University Christian Church (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) will continue its monthly Saturday-night movies through the fall. Light snacks will be provided at 6:30 PM; and the movies will begin at 7 PM. **UCC has enjoyed offering FREE family-oriented entertainment to the greater community**, and hopes all University Park residents will continue to take advantage of being able to view top-quality movies conveniently close to home.

On **September 9th**, another choice-of-two-movies will be offered: "Whale Rider" and "Ice Princess," both shown in supervised locations.

♦ "Whale Rider," rated PG-13, is based on a novel of the same name written by Maori author Witi Ihimaera. It **takes place on the eastern coast of New Zealand and concerns the tradition of the Whangara people to pass on tribal leadership to first-born males.** When a young mother dies in childbirth along with her newborn male twin who was destined to be the next leader, the twin sister, Pai (Keisha Castle-Hughes), manages to survive and is raised by her stubborn grandfather and gentle grandmother. Twelve years later, the tribal chief tries to find the proper successor by training the local boys for leadership. Pai tries to learn the things the boys are learning in secret with the help of her uncle. "Whale Rider" won the World Cinema Audience Award.

♦ "Ice Princess," rated G, is a Disney film about a high-school bookworm who transforms into a figure skating "swan." Seventeen-year-old physics whiz Casey (Michelle Trachtenberg) works on a summer project comparing the elements of physics to competitive figure skating. To better prepare for her project, she decides to join a skating school and gets caught between the fantasy of becoming a championship figure skater and her strong-willed mother's plan that has her on the fast track to Harvard.

The date for the October movie, "Dreamer," will be either October 7th or 14th; the final choice for the day and times will be printed in the October NEWSLETTER.



PRESCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES

❖ Licensed **Kindermusik** instructor, mother of four, and UP resident, **Roberta Kisker** of Queens Chapel Road teaches 15-week Kindermusik classes through the First United Methodist Church's "Shalom School for the Arts" program. A choice of three 45-

minute classes is available on Thursdays at 10 AM, 11 AM or 5:15 PM. **The Kindermusik program is for children 18 months to three and half years old and their parent, grandparent, guardian or childcare provider.**

Kindermusik engages you to interact with your child through playing simple instruments, singing, listening, moving, and allowing your child to interact socially with others in a happy musical environment. Tuition includes a Home Activity book, 2 CDs, 2 books, and a wooden stir xylophone packaged in a sturdy insulated bag. The fall session runs from **August 24th to December 7th**; fees can be pro-rated for late starts. "Checking it out" sessions can be arranged for the curious. Roberta is an accomplished singer, actress, flutist, and pianist, and her qualifications include having performed throughout the country with her two one-woman shows, *Shakespeare* and *Your Daughters Shall Prophecy*. For questions or to register, please call 301-779-6510 or 301-927-6133.

❖ **Music Together** is an internationally-recognized **early childhood music program for families with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarteners.** The **Let's Do Music Together Center** now is offering classes at two locations: the Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance in Beltsville and The Nature Center in Mount Rainier. New 10-week class sessions will be starting on **September 10th** (Sundays) and **September 14th** (Thursdays) in Beltsville and on **September 12th** (Tuesdays) in Mount Rainier. All classes begin at 10 AM and last for 45 minutes. Class activities include singing, movement, and instrument play. CDs and songbooks are included with the class materials. Because of their bright illustrations for each song, families are encouraged to use the song books at home as story books.

Music education can never start too early, and all children can learn to sing in tune and keep a beat. By emphasizing actual musical experiences, children have the pleasure of making music instead of passively receiving it from CDs or TV. To participate in

a free demonstration class, to reserve a space, or just for more information, please contact the Director, **Jaime Fuller** at 240-638-2341 or info@letsdomusictogether.com. For general Music Together information, visit the national website at <http://www.musictogether.com>.



ADHD PARENT-CHILD GROUP

The ADHD Parent-Child Group is an 8-week program for parents and their children between the ages of 8-10 who either exhibit symptoms of ADHD or have been diagnosed as ADHD. The group meets Monday evenings from 6-8 PM from **September 25th to November 13th**. It is sponsored by the UM Family Service Center and meets in two rooms of Marie Mount Hall at UMCP. Group fees cover printed supplies for parents, art supplies for children, and light snacks for both groups. There is a maximum of 8 families in a Group. **Assessments for Group membership will be held on Mondays, September 11th and September 18th from 6-8 PM. If interested, or for more information please call the Family Service Center (301-405-2273) to reserve a 30-minute assessment appointment for your family. Space is limited and early registration is highly recommended.**



UPCCC FALL/WINTER SALE

Mark your calendar now for an opportunity to purchase quality "pre-washed and gently-worn" fall and winter clothing for children from tots to preteens. The **2006 Fall/Winter Sale** of the **University Park Children's Clothing Co-op** will be held on Saturday, **October 14th** from 10 AM to 12 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Queens Chapel Road, UP. Featured will be seasonal items, winter clothing, rain wear, books, toys, play equipment, baby/layette equipment, and maternity items.

Please be aware that **checks are accepted only from Town residents for**

amounts over \$40.00 and that purchases must be made separately in the various salerooms.

To be placed on the mailing list for the 2007 spring/summer sale, just **submit 50¢ and your name and address to any cashier**. Mailing List members receive a postcard that allows them to enter the sale prior to the general public. The Co-op is looking for individuals who would be interested in cashiering on Saturday morning at the Sale in exchange for shopping privileges during the member-only shopping time on Friday, October 13th from 4-6 PM. Residents who would be interested in selling their children's clothing may call **Kimberly Nugent (301-779-1149)** for information about becoming a substitute seller.

This semi-annual community sale affords a perfect way to cut the cost of your children's clothing budget without even having to leave your own neighborhood.



FALL RAINBOW POTLUCK

All interested residents are welcome to join the University Park quarterly social gathering of gay, lesbian, bi, and transgendered families (including children) and their straight friends and neighbors for brunch on **September 16th** from 10 AM to 2 PM. Weather permitting, we will be on a deck and will have a grill available. Please bring a dish to share. For location and directions, please either contact rainbowpotluckUP@aol.com or call 301-537-9920.



HYATTSVILLE OASIS TURNS 20 !

OASIS is a national educational organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for mature adults aged 50 and older. Offering challenging programs in the arts, humanities, wellness, and volunteer services, **OASIS creates opportunities for older adults to continue their personal growth and offer meaningful service to their community.**

After two decades with The Hecht Company, OASIS will be starting its third decade with Macy's. This fall, Macy's is supporting OASIS with its "Shop for a Cause" coupons. The \$5 coupons will give you (and the friends for whom you may purchase one) a discount on everything purchased on **September 16th**. The savings in turn go to support OASIS. Anyone may purchase the coupons in the first floor OASIS office (behind furniture).

September 16th also will be an early-bird registration day for OASIS' fall trimester classes. Activity catalogs listing the courses, trips, wellness & computer classes, and service opportunities will be available to any adult aged 50 and older. Making an early-bird registration will keep you off the waiting list for some of the more popular classes and trips. To add to the celebration, the dance groups will be performing throughout the day.

Because of Macy's refurbishing the OASIS rooms, OASIS now has a computer lab available to offer computer courses within the building! If you don't know anything about OASIS, Saturday, September 16th will be a good day to visit the OASIS office; and if you've just been away from classes for a while, pick up a new catalog and see what you might be missing. Either way, you'll find old friends from your neighborhood and make new ones when you become a part of OASIS.



PRESCHOOL MEET & GREET

Attention, Parents of Infants and Preschoolers: Playgroups are a great way for your little ones to develop and practice their social skills! Come explore the UP playgroup scene at the **Annual UPCA Playgroup Meet & Greet** which will be held from 4 - 6 PM at the Tot Lot on Sunday, **September 17th**. This is a great opportunity to find or form a playgroup if you aren't participating in one currently. Representatives from established groups that would be open to new members are encouraged to attend or to send their contact information to the organizer named hereafter.

Light refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, the Playgroup Meet & Greet will be held inside Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Custis Hall. Please contact Brittany Feiner with any questions at 301-779-0446 or bfeiner@hotmail.com.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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

Joseph Joubert

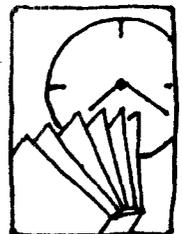
❖ During September, the **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) will continue to offer its morning book discussion group and year-round chess club meetings.

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

◆ The **Evening Book Discussion Group** is being restructured, there will be no meeting in September or October.

◆ The **Morning Book Discussion Group** will meet on Wednesday, **September 20th** at 10:30 AM to discuss "**Brown Eyes Blue**" by Carolyn Meyer. On October 18th, they will discuss "Enduring Love" by Ian McEwan.

❖ The **After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - will begin their 2006-2007 Club year on **September 19th** at 8 PM to discuss the fiction selection "**Middlesex**" by Jeffrey Eugenides. Please call Sarah Starrett (301-699-8112) if you'd like to attend. The selection for their October meeting will be "*The World is Flat*" by Thomas Friedman.



❖ The **Sorosis Reading Society**, the University Park Woman's Club's **book group**, always is open to new members. They will begin their 2006-2007 season on **September 27th** at 12:30 PM when they will discuss Karen Joy Fowler's "**The Jane Austen Book Club**." The reviewer will be Mary Keefer.

Please call Edda Osborne (301-277-8450) if you would like to attend. At their October meeting, they will discuss James Michener's "Recessional."



SEPTEMBER AT RIVERSDALE

Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road, RP, 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544), an early Federal house, is open on a walk-in basis for guided tours on Fridays & Sundays, from 12 NOON to 4 PM. Open-hearth cooking is demonstrated each Sunday. Group tours are available by appointment. There is a small fee of \$3/adults, \$2/seniors & groups of 10 or more, \$1/ages 5-18, or FREE for ages 4 & younger.

On Sunday, **September 24th**, Riversdale will host "**An Afternoon of Wine Tasting.**" Rosalie Stier Calvert had to depend on her family to send fine wines from Europe. Today, however, the New World is producing its own fine wines, and wine expert Heidi McLean will guide participants through the tasting. There will be two seatings, at 1 and 2:30 PM. As these are guided tastings, please plan to arrive promptly. Tickets are discounted for residents of Prince George's County, and payment is required in advance. Please call for reservations or for more information.



UPCB FALL APPLE FESTIVAL

University Park Church of the Brethren (301-864-4328) will hold their 2006 Apple Festival in the Church parking lot (Tuckerman Street and Route 1) on Saturday, **October 7th** from 10 AM to 2 PM. **Delicious edibles** like apple sausages and other grilled food, pies, apple dumplings, cider, and ice cream will be available to sate your hunger. There also will be a **bake sale**, as well as several varieties of **apples** for sale (in quantities up to a half-bushel) that are fresh from a local orchard.

There will be a moon bounce, face painting, games for the kids, and prizes. Enjoy

a delightful **puppet skit** with songs and a special message by "His Hands Extended" Puppet Ministry. **Three free** performances will be given at 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, and 1 PM.

A **Recycled Toy Sale** will benefit the Church of the Brethren's "Disaster Child Care Program." (This nationally-known program provides care for children in the aftermath of disasters; it has responded after hurricanes, tornadoes, acts of terror, and various other types of crises.) You can support the program while you declutter your house! Just collect and donate all your good-quality, clean toys any Friday in September from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the church. The toys then will be sold at the Apple Festival with all the profits going to the Disaster Child Care Program!



AUTUMN RIVER RAMBLE

The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) sponsors two weekend River Rambles each year. Join your fellow environmental stewards as you paddle down the river, camp on its banks, chat by the fire at night, and learn about the Potomac River's ecology, history, geology, and environmental issues. The topic of the spring ramble in May was the American shad.

The focus of the autumn ramble on **October 12th-15th** will be fall foliage, geology, and river history. The adventure will begin in Oldtown, MD, passing through Paw Paw, WV, to Bonds Landing and Little Orleans, MD. You'll take a hike through the Paw Paw Tunnel to learn about the historical importance of that architectural feat and the geology of the region, and you'll be stunned by the fall scenery as you paddle along one of the most beautiful scenic sections of the River.

For more information or to register, please visit the ICPRB's website www.potomacriver.org or call Steve Saari (301-984-1908). The ICPRB wants people to "walk away from a ramble with a new-found sense of this river that is so important to the lives of millions of people. A personal

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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).

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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.

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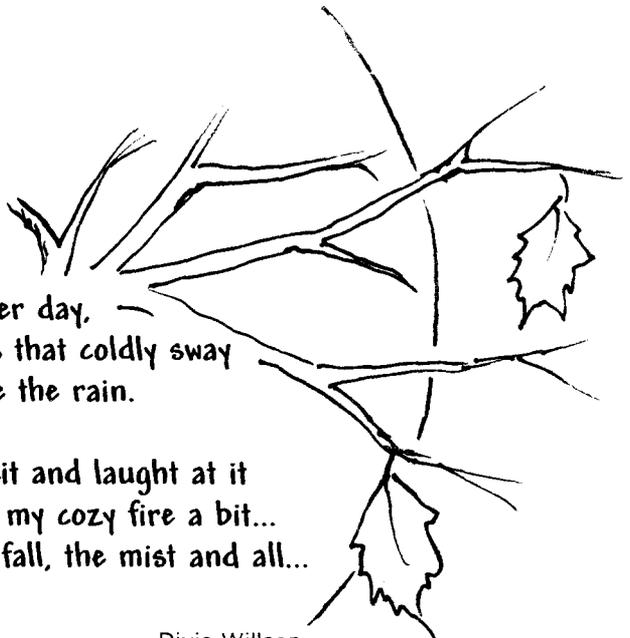
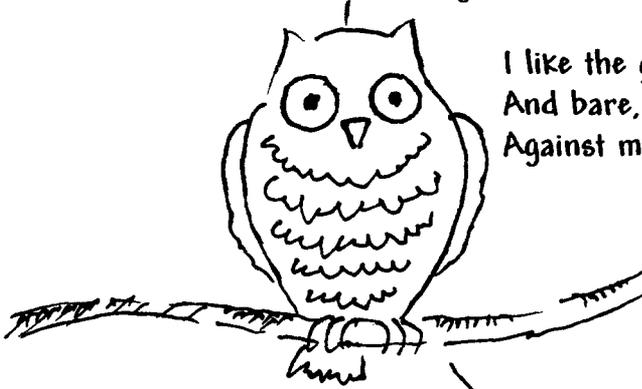


I like the fall, the mist and all.
 I like the night owl's lonely call...
 And wailing sound of wind around.

I like the gray November day,
 And bare, dead boughs that coldly sway
 Against my pane. I like the rain.

I like to sit and laught at it
 And tend my cozy fire a bit...
 I like the fall, the mist and all...

Dixie Willson



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