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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

**APR 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the May issue, 12 NOON**

**APR 7 - COUNCIL MEETING & Budget
(changed to legislative session)**

APR 21 - COUNCIL MEETING

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

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

GYPSY MOTHS -- BIG "THANK YOUs"
to Linda Scott of the Maryland Department of Agriculture who made a clear and informative presentation about combating gypsy moths with aerial spraying. The well-attended community meeting was held on March 12th at UPES. Thanks also to Mickey Beall (University Park Public Works Director), Brenda Alexander (College Park Deputy Public Works Director),

Joe Nagro (College Park Town Manager), Beverly Silverberg (President of the College Heights Estates Association), and Suellen Ferguson (University Park Town Attorney) for all of their help in organizing both the presentation and the aerial spraying contract. It has been a true collaboration. Also, a special "thank you" must go to District 3 County Council Member Eric Olson and his Legislative Aide, Dannielle Glaros, for arranging for nearly \$10,000 in funds to assist the coalition with this project.

CONCERNING THE SPRAY -- Based on Ms. Scott's presentation, and considerations of safety, **University Park will spray using BT.** The following web site has an excellent fact sheet on BT: <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/2000/2174.html>. BT has the virtue of disappearing from the environment within 3-5 days and does not appear to have any effect on life forms other than caterpillars. In addition, BT can be sprayed within 150 feet of a body of water. On the other hand, Dimilin, the alternative to BT, cannot be used within 150 feet of a body of water and it persists in the environment for a significantly longer period of time. Also, it may interfere with a far broader range of life forms; consider the information listed on Maryland's web site: http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/forest_pest_mgmt/gypsy_moth/gm_policy.php#dimilin. **Most likely, aerial spraying will begin between April 15th and May 15th**, depending on weather conditions and when the gypsy moth caterpillars hatch. Just prior to the beginning of spraying, UP Public Works

personnel will place a flyer in your door. They also will place signs on telephone polls.

WSSC -- As many of you already are aware, **WSSC** plans to replace the old water lines in **University Park** beginning in **October** of this year. As noted previously, this is a big project that will impact about 30% of the water lines in Town. We are in the midst of negotiating the final permits and conditions for this work, and should be able to report back to residents in full in either the May or June issue of the NEWSLETTER.

PERMITS -- We would like to remind residents that they should **NOT** start any outdoor construction work without first checking with the **Town Hall** as to the necessity of a Town Permit. *The construction projects that appear to be causing the greatest confusion involve driveways and retaining walls, particularly when the project involves "repairing" rather than constructing a new driveway or retaining wall. It would be necessary to call the Town Hall if either project involved tearing down an old site and making a complete replacement.* In fact, please call the **Town Hall** if you are contemplating any construction project requiring the pouring of concrete or the construction of an addition, outbuilding, retaining wall, fence, driveway, walkway, patio, or a rainage system that might lead water onto our neighbor's property or into the Town's right-of-way. If it turns out that a permit is not needed, by calling first, you can prevent a needless "Stop Work" order being issued.

Another concern, **BE VERY CAREFUL** about hiring a contractor who lacks a Maryland home improvement contractor's license (IHIC). New County and State regulations now require such a license to do some forms of work. If work is done by an unlicensed contractor, all liability will fall back on you, the homeowner, if something goes wrong.

Many of you are aware that the **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (SHA)** is contemplating major work at the intersection of

East West Highway, Queens Chapel Road, and Adelphi Road. Recently, Town representatives met with members of the SHA's design team. Originally, the Town had requested design changes as a means to improve the intersection's level of service (LOS) and pedestrian safety. However, *the Mayor and Council have concluded that the SHA's current proposed changes were based on faulty assumptions and outdated traffic data, plus the SHA used a "suburban" traffic model that was totally inadequate for the rapidly-urbanizing character of this area.* Now, because it appears that the SHA is not willing to take our concerns into account, **the Town has notified the SHA** that it is opposing the plan until such time as the SHA either develops a more adequate plan or incorporates key changes into the current one that will address University Park's concerns.

Finally, the **FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET** will be presented at the **April 7th** Council meeting. Usually this is a Council Work Session. However, because of the importance of the Budget and other agenda items, it will be a regular Council Meeting/legislative session and, as always, will be open to the public.

"Why not enjoy the wonderful spring weather by attending the Azalea Classic. It continues to be great fun as it serves a wonderful cause: the UPES-PTA and our kids."



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

April is seat belt safety month. **Wear your seat belt!** It holds you in your seat when you're behind the wheel and need to make an abrupt driving maneuver and it protects you when you're in a crash. The UPPD is striving to make our community 100% compliant in the utilization of seat belts; during April, enforcement action with regard to the use of seat belts will increase. Buckling your seat belt is the start of a smart drive and a way for parents to set a good example both for

children and young new drivers. Remember; most likely, the life you save will be your own.

Spring is springing! As you get busy in your yards or gardens while enjoying the great outdoors, always take precautions to **make your days safe** as well as enjoyable. If you prefer having someone else do your yard work, the UPPD urges you to get adequate identification from the workers you hire. Have them provide their address and phone number for your files (and ask for a photo ID as well). **Always take extra care to know who is working in or around your home** -- an ounce of prevention is worth its weight in gold!

As more people take advantage of being outside in the fair weather, so will the door-to-door **salesmen and panhandlers**. Should they knock on your door, please ask if they have written permission to solicit before buying or donating to their cause. The UPPD will be glad to come and verify their credentials; you are encouraged to contact any Officer when you notice someone going door-to-door in UP. Generally, permission is granted at the Town Hall after verification of legitimacy has been confirmed.

Remember, lock your car doors, use your steering-wheel club, and **never leave your keys in the ignition** (not at the gas pump, not in front of the store for a minute, and not even in your driveway). Although a huge step forward has been made in deterring vehicle thefts, we still have a long way to go. Keep any valuables within your vehicle out of sight and never leave change in your console trays. **Remove your GPS unit and keep the attachment area clean** (like the suction cup ring left behind when the unit is removed). Thieves are keenly aware of such tell-tale signs and will try to enter your car to look for the GPS unit.

Spring cleaning is critical for the continued beautification of University Park. The UP Public Works Department diligently cleans our Town roadways and parks; the UPCA and Scout groups clean our Stream; and even the Town's azaleas clean up their act in time to bloom for the annual Azalea Run

through UP. **So too the UPPD asks all residents to clean up their driveways by ridding them of any untagged, unregistered, and inoperative vehicles**. Not only are they an eyesore, but they also are in violation of the Town Code. A survey of these vehicles is being taken and notifications will be sent to violators. So, please, be proactive; finding a place to donate your vehicle could be a tax benefit, while the violation's fine is hefty and often more than the vehicle is worth. However, it's still a fact: **a clean town is a safe town!**

NEW UPPD OFFICER: The University Park Police Department has welcomed a new officer candidate to serve in University Park, **Officer Christopher Williamson**. Officer Williamson was sworn in on February 22, 2008. He has served as a police officer in Berryville, Virginia and, most recently, he was a police officer in Laurel, Maryland. Chris Williamson is certified as a Maryland Law Enforcement officer and he has joined our agency well prepared and with a desire to provide community policing service for University Park. Officer Williamson's appointment fills the final vacancy in the UPPD.

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, address, and a contact phone number. After doing so (by mail, e-mail, or telephone), you will be added to the UPPD E-List.

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; call 1-866-559-8017 to be put on the call list or go online 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) & ask for a UP officer to respond. For Chief Mike Wynnyk, contact upchief@upmd.org or 301-277-0051. For Emergencies, dial 911.

CRIME STATISTICS
(Feb. 1st to Feb. 29th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Feb 2nd	Stolen Auto	4200 E-W Hwy
Feb 3rd	Armed Robbery	6900 Oakridge
1/30-2/4	B & E	6700 ForestHill

Stolen Auto- At 7:15 AM, two adult males pulled in front of the victim's 1998 brown Nissan Altima and one of them exited their vehicle, entered the victim's vehicle, and drove away. The victim was not in the car, but had left the keys in the ignition. The suspect last was seen traveling west on East-West Highway.

Armed Robbery - At 10:25 PM, two unidentified males robbed a food delivery man. The suspects produced handguns, and took the victim's wallet, car keys, and \$150.00 in cash. Residents in the area heard a commotion across from their home and shouted over to the incident. The suspects ran toward Baltimore Avenue.

The PGPD Robbery Suppression Unit made two arrests and determined that the suspects were responsible for over thirty robberies of carry-out delivery persons in the District I area of Prince George's County. **Case closed with arrest.**

Breaking and Entering - Between 12 PM on January 30th and 5:20 PM on February 4th, suspect/s forced open the kitchen entry door and entered a residence while the homeowners were away on vacation. Parts of the residence had been ransacked, but no items were determined to be stolen. No suspect/s were located; the investigation is ongoing.

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 NOTE

➔ ◆ **POLICY PROCEDURE REMINDER:** It is standard operating procedure for all UP residents planning to initiate any construction project on their property to check first with the Town Hall and determine whether a Town permit is necessary. Remember; without exception, **Town building permit applications and stamped County plans MUST be received in the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting.** This allows time for your Ward CM to inspect the project.

➔ ◆ **BE SURE TO MARK "University Park" on your Maryland income tax forms.** Town services such as sanitation and police are paid for partly by a share of the State taxes. The State only provides us with this share, however, if University Park (not Hyattsville) is designated as your residence.

➔ ◆ **TENNIS SEASON REMINDER:** Please make a note to get your **2008 tennis stickers** at the Town Hall now. These yearly stickers cost 25 cents each, adhere to one's tennis racket, and allow UP residents priority access to the Town Courts.

◆ **HELP STOP CRIME:** Get your blue & white "UP" Car Sticker/s **FREE** at the Town Hall (M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM). All Town residents are asked to display one of these "UP" stickers on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are important to our Neighborhood Watch program. **They enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.**

◆ **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. freezers, air conditioners, refrigerators...

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

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

◆ **TRASH TOTERS & RECYCLING BINS:** Remember not to put out these items earlier than the night 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.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM and 2 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance

so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of University Park.

Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Shoppers Food Warehouse (on Cherry Hill Road in College Park). Any senior or handicapped resident interested in using this **FREE door-to-door service** may participate simply by notifying the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

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 & eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM. A map with the stops is available at the Town Hall.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 4th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

Mayor Tabori distributed the report on gypsy moth egg mass (em) counts that was received from the State of Maryland. [Ed. **NOTE:** Individual street counts may be seen in the minutes online or at the Town Hall.] The Mayor also presented a Power Point briefing on the State of the Town, Part 1: Organization, Operations, and Finances. In the report, he reviewed the Town's organizational chart and the areas of responsibility falling under the Mayor's office. Direct taxes (which include real estate taxes, State income taxes, and personal property taxes) are the Town's major revenue source. The Mayor said that in 2007, direct taxes were 90.6% of the Town's total revenue. The major cost driver was labor. He added that the primary cost driver of public works' labor costs was trash tonnage. When tonnage increased, staff sick

leave hours increased, which caused a commensurate temporary labor-hour increase.

The Mayor observed that while revenue probably will remain stable for a couple of years, the out years (years 3, 4, and 5) may change significantly in terms of property tax revenue. He felt it was important to look at how we can manage our work to preserve people's health and reduce the replacement rate for rolling stock like trash packer-body trucks.

Two motions were passed unanimously to approve on-street parking waivers for up to three vehicles for six months at: (1) 4205 Underwood Street and (2) 6703 41st Avenue.

A motion was passed unanimously to install two skylights at 6905 Wells Parkway.

Mr. Brian Tresp of Community services LLC demonstrated the community ePortal software that many communities use to provide up-to-date information and content to their residents. One neighborhood that uses this software now is Kentlands (in Gaithersburg, Maryland). The information available on this website is database driven and can support different levels of information access (for guests, residents, Town Hall staff, Council Members, police officers, etc.).

Mr. Tresp demonstrated how a new calendar item could be added for a Town meeting, how a notice that the Town Field would be closed for the weekend could be posted to the news items and the calendar, and how a resident could request that the police watch his home while the family was on vacation. He said that people with a log-in account for the site could add or modify the content directly and add calendar and/or news items, upload documents, and make service requests. The Town also would have the right to sell advertising space on the site.

There was discussion about how Kentlands used the ePortal to realize considerable cost savings in physically publishing and mailing the monthly Kentlands Town Crier

magazine and a bi-weekly Kentlands newsletter by posting these documents on the website. Mr. Tresp said the ePortal also had the capability to support surveys and voting, depending on the legal requirements of the local jurisdiction governing voting.

The cost of the service, based on the number of households in UP, would be \$239 per month (\$2,868 per year) for a renewable one-year service agreement with price guarantees. The fee would cover basic service and 4 hours of technical support each month. The Town's www.upmd.org URL still could be used in configuring the ePortal's home address. Mayor Tabori asked Council for feedback. The current Town budget for the existing web service is \$5,000 per year. CM Mallino said that in the future, there will be more and more dependency on this type of communication. CM Dudinsky said implementing the current web site is difficult and slow to update because it requires a two-step process and cannot be changed with direct access. The Mayor recommended that the next step should be to see how many people would like to receive the NEWSLETTER online, and how many would like to move to a more interactive environment. Mayor Tabori and CM Dudinsky will move forward to obtain a contract proposal from Community services LLC. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 25th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter (until 9:00 PM), Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; and Sgt. McCully, Attorney Ferguson, and Public Works Director (PWD) Beall.

Ms. Bridget Warren spoke to the Mayor and Council about the East Campus Redevelopment Community Review Steering Committee Principles. Ms. Warren represents UP on the Committee along with **Mr. John Shoaf**. The Principles document is meant to be a series of guidelines for the developer.

Ms. Warren provided background information on how the five categories of principles were developed. Key points included (1) acknowledging that East Campus constitutes an open, public forum with First Amendment protections of free speech fully applicable, and (2) ensuring that the development implement environmental stewardship and sustainability as demonstrated by its attaining LEED Silver status.

A component of the funding will be obtained through a TIF-Tax Incremental Funding. The property will have a 70-year lease, after which ownership reverts back to the UM. A Purple Line station will be located next to Ritchie Coliseum. As to traffic impact, the developer envisions this location as a regional draw; however, Prince George's County assumes a local traffic impact. Parking structures will accommodate 4,000 spaces; maximum store footprint will be 40,000 square feet. Discussion is ongoing as to possible uses for the Pocomoke Building; it could become a market styled after Belvedere Market. Senator Mikulski has gotten federal money appropriated to support Wi-Fi or WiMAX. The development is seeking a minority partner and local trades involvement -- an important consideration for the project's TIF component.

CM Lucas thanked Ms. Warren (and Mr. Shoaf) for representing UP, but stated he had concerns about the traffic impact as well as the probability that two Purple Line tracks could be taken under the existing bridge. Also, the routing of 18-wheel tractor trailers (that would be required to support the retail operations) could severely impact road congestion and the integrity of neighborhood road surfaces. Ms. Warren pointed out that neither the UM nor the developer had signed the development agreement yet. It still needed to be reviewed by the Board of Regents, Park & Planning, and the District Council; and, the UM's Mr. Doug Duncan is advocating that the plans also be reviewed and approved by the State Board of Public Works.

Mayor Tabori reported that the Town Hall renovation work had been completed. He also announced that the final meeting on the State Highway Administration's plans for road improvements to the Adelphi Road/East-West Highway intersection would be held in Greenbelt on March 6th. Our Town received the final set of engineering drawings and they had been made available for review on a table in the Town Hall's new meeting space.

Mayor Tabori informed the Council that, unless there was a change in the plans from what previously had been discussed, he would voice opposition to them. He felt that the proposed construction would not change the intersection's level of service and it would increase danger to pedestrians as well as take away a significant amount of property from the Town. CM Mallino felt it was a location where speed cameras, rather than the proposed construction, would have more potential to improve traffic and pedestrian safety.

The Mayor said he'd been in discussion with the eService web site company and they would be sending a contract for Attorney Ferguson and him to review. It was hoped the new web site would be in place by April.

The Mayor also said he would be checking with Senator Cardin's office about potential funds for repairing our Route 1 sidewalk and for constructing an extension to the Town Hall (to accommodate a public meeting space and Council Chambers).

Mayor Tabori presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Mr. Baden. He said it appeared that the Town would realize all expected monies from taxes and other sources. Approximately \$12,000 per year is being realized from the red-light cameras. Expenses for General Government were slightly under plan; it's projected that General Government labor costs will be in the black by \$23,000 by the end of the fiscal year. Police and Public Safety labor costs are projected to be \$21,000 in the black. Also, a second police officer was hired to start on

February 29th, which brings the Police Department back to full strength.

A motion was passed unanimously (second reading) approving the transfer of \$15,000 from Unreserved-Undesignated funds to Pest Control.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve an on-street parking waiver for up to three vehicles for six months at 6713 Queens Chapel Road.

Motions were passed unanimously to approve building permits for: (1) enclosing a 10'x15' porch at 4105 College Heights Drive (the dimensions were the same as the pre-existing porch; two existing windows were replaced; windows on the third side of the porch were removed and the wall replaced with vinyl siding); (2) replacement of a brick walkway at 7004 Forest Hill Drive; and (3) installation of a roof over basement stairs at 6800 Baltimore Avenue. **[Ed.NOTE: All three motions were approving work that had been started illegally before contacting the Town Hall to receive a Work Permit or Consent Agenda. Consequently, all three had been issued "Stop Work" orders, and had to submit to Council intervention. Had they contacted the Town Hall first, at least one of the three would have needed only Consent Agenda approval. Homeowners: Always contact the Town Hall before beginning ANY work on your home; you may not even need a building permit!]** The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.



TOWN TEEN WORKER LIST

Unfortunately, no young residents responded to be on the spring/summer list. However, I will print the list in May if any teens (ages 13-19) living in University Park still would like to offer their services to Town residents (baby sitting, lawn work, pet care, window washing, other). Just e-mail your name, age, phone number, Ward number, address (optional) and type of service/s to the NEWSLETTER Editor at upnews@yahoo.com

before the May deadline (April 2nd) OR hand deliver/mail the same information to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP. Otherwise, we will try again with the fall/winter list in October.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election
for the
Town of University Park
For the Offices of

Mayor

and

Council Members
for

Wards One, Three, and Seven

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

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

DEADLINE
TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE
or
TO REGISTER AS A NEW VOTER
is
Monday, April 7, 2008

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

TO REGISTER: Contact the Supervisors of Elections, Stephanie Herold (301-209-9355) or Eddy Lee (301-277-8629).

CANDIDATES: Contact Town Hall for a candidate packet

"Half of LIFE is...IF."

Arnold W. Glasgow

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 a catalog of the '07-'08 season, please contact 301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

◆ **"Squeeze Bayou"** on **April 1st** at 5:30 PM in Kogod Theatre - This "Take Five" performance offers exciting Cajun dance music blending country, blues, and Creole; most songs are sung in Cajun French. **FREE**

◆ **"Post-Classical Ensemble,"** **April 6th** at 3 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - This exquisite group will highlight immigrant composers with Kurt Weill's *Threepenny Opera* and his wartime *Walt Whitman Songs* (breezy Broadway ballads) and Arnold Schoenberg's wartime tribute to FDR, *Ode to Napoleon*. **NOTE:** P-CE director Joseph Horowitz and UM film historian Saverio Giovacchini will hold a pre-performance discussion entitled **"Impact on Germany's Foremost Film Maker"** at 2 PM in SOM Room 2200; limited seating available.

◆ **"Burke & Scott"** on **April 8th** at 5:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - In this "Take Five," legendary Irish fiddler Kevin Burke and guitarist Cal Scott put a unique spin on Ireland's traditional music with some new compositions and even bluegrass. **FREE**

◆ **"Sawdust Palace"** on **April 9th-12th** at 8 PM and **April 12th** at 3 PM in Kogod Theatre - Susan Marshall's imaginative collection of 20 little fun-filled acts presents you with sublime moments that can be both ridiculous and sensuous.

◆ **"UM Men's & Women's Choruses & the Maryland Boy Choir"** on **April 27th** at 3 PM in DeKelbourn Concert Hall - Enjoy music from the British Isles: works of Elgar, Holst, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, plus Celtic mouth music & folk songs. **FREE**

◆ On Saturday, **April 5th**, Riverdale Presbyterian Church's final Side Door Coffee House production for the 2007-2008 season will be **"The Dock Brief"** by John Mortimer, renowned author of *"Rumpole of the Bailey."* *Be prepared for familiar Mortimer territory with an incompetent lawyer, an incompetent criminal, and guilty defendants, plus... a surprise ending!"* The play was directed by **Fredericka Berger** of Sheridan Street. Doors open at 6 PM; complete performances are given at 7 and 8:30 PM. While the admission is free; all proceeds from the delicious refreshments will benefit the PG County Help-By-Phone. There always is a need for more directors and plays; please call 301-927-0477 to volunteer for the 2008-2009 season or for information.

◆ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) is offering the kids' movie +, the platinum movie for seniors, and two kids' plays based on history & a tale; \$6/\$5/\$5/\$6.

◆ On Wednesday, **April 2nd** at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON, grades K-5 will enjoy **"The Ugly Duckling,"** a new musical that combines the familiar tale with stories of other lands by introducing a Burmese mole that hates dirt and an Inuit bald eagle with a full head of hair.

◆ The **"Saturday Morning at the Movies+"** series for ages 7-12, recalls the charm of yesteryear's weekly movie matinee with a half hour of vaudeville-style live entertainment followed by a feature-length family movie. On **April 12th** at 11 AM, the live entertainment will feature **"Mark Lohr's Suitcase Circus,"** an exciting comic that can do everything: juggle, spin plates, even eat fire! The featured movie will be **"Are We Done Yet?"** (rated PG), a comic farce about a family building their dream home with a bizarre contractor. (Next Movie+ will be on May 10th.)

◆ On Monday, **April 14th** at 11 AM, the **Platinum Movie for Seniors** will be **"Proud,** the true World War II tale of the USS Mason and its heroic African American crew, featuring

Ossie Davis in one of his final screen roles. (The next seniors' show will be on May 12th.)

◆ On **April 15th-17th** at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON, the Baltimore's Children's Theatre Association will present "**Maryland, My Maryland,**" a musical review for grades K and older about Maryland history from the founding Calvert family to the burning of the *Peggy Stewart*, from Francis Scott Key writing the national anthem to Clara Barton founding the Red Cross, and from the steam engine "*Tom Thumb's*" famous race to Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad; it's all there!

◆ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** finishes its 2007-08 College Series with two performances. For more information/tickets, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

◆ On **April 9th-12th** at 8 PM and **April 13th** at 2 PM, "**Mr. Marmalade,**" a hilarious comedy written by Noah Haidle about adult behavior as seen through the eyes of two very bright children, will end the College Theatre Series. *Four-year-old Lucy creates a strange new world revolving around a too-busy imaginary man named Mr. Marmalade, who never has time for the child who adores him. So when he misses yet another tea-time, Lucy turns to troubled 5-year-old Larry next door and his imaginary friends. But then... things go from bad to worse.*

◆ "**Spring Dance Concert**" on **April 25th and 26th** at 8 PM and **April 27th** at 2 PM - The MC-Rockville Dance Company continues its annual tradition of presenting the exciting and original works of students, faculty, and area choreographers. You won't want to miss the dazzling display of ballet, jazz, tap & more.

◆ **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers **FREE** family-oriented quality movies monthly. Note time change due to DST - Snacks now are provided at 7 PM and the movie begins at 7:30 PM. On **April 19th**, UCC will show "**Evan Almighty**" (PG), the raucous follow-up to the

2003 comedy "**Bruce Almighty.**" *God* (Morgan Freeman) *calls narcissistic newscaster-turned-Congressman Evan Baxter* (Steve Carell) *to build an enormous ark in preparation for a devastating flood. However, Evan's perplexed family thinks his latest hobby is a midlife crisis gone wrong rather than a divine assignment from "the man upstairs."* The May 17th show will be "**The Astronaut Farmer.**"



MUSIC FOR YOUNG EARS & YOGA

◆ Three local programs are available for music fun & learning classes for babies and preschoolers and their parent or caregiver; all focus on simple songs, rhythms, repetition, and playing musical instruments:

◆ The spring semester for "**Let's Do Music Together**" will begin **April 2nd-4th**; the session theme is Maracas Songs. Classes are available on W and Su in Beltsville and W-F in Mt. Rainier. For a free sample class and/or song CD, or for more information, please contact **Jaime Fuller** (240-988-7816 or info@letsdomusictogether.com); her web site is www.letsdomusictogether.com.

◆ CPAE is sponsoring "**Music Together,**" a Monday evening preschool music and movement program held from 6-6:45 PM. The session beginning **April 7th** will be held in the Old Parish House in College Park. **Eric Maring** is a local musician, music educator, songwriter, and father. For more info, please contact (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013); Eric's web site is SINGTOTHEHEART.com.

◆ The theme for "**Kindermusik's**" summer camp classes in Hyattsville will be "Creatures at the Ocean." The 5-class hour-long session begins in late June. With delightful songs like "Sand in my Sandals," activities, and snacks. Young children will find this cool musical exploration refreshing and fun. For more information, please contact Queens Chapel Road resident **Roberta Kisker** (robertakisker@yahoo.com or 301-779-6510).

◆ **Daytime and evening yoga classes** are available on Mondays and Thursdays in University Park at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The instructor is certified in the Iyengar-method, based on the teachings of the world-renowned yoga master, B.K.S. Iyengar. His yogic goal is to integrate one's body, emotions, mind, and soul through postures, breathing, a search for wholeness, and the will to live in harmony with the world around us. Classes are ongoing; for more information, please consult Anna Rain (240-645-8482 or annarainyoga.com).



GREAT DECISIONS 2008

All Town residents are invited to attend the final four discussions in the 2008 Great Decisions series offered for groups by the Foreign Policy Association. The group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at the University Park Church of the Brethren. The final four dates and topics include:

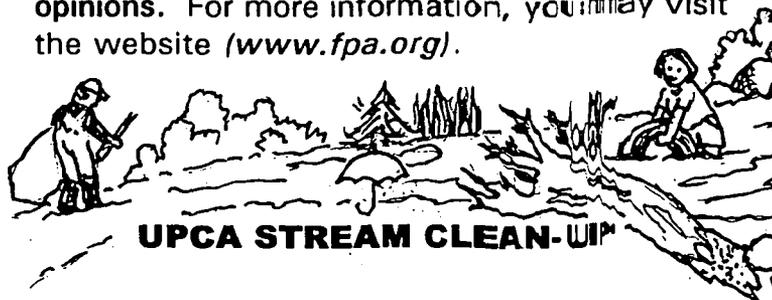
◆ **April 3rd – U.S. Defense & Security Policy:** The U.S. military is adopting new policies and methods for defending the U.S. and its interests abroad. What should U.S. priorities be? How should its forces be structured and deployed to meet new security challenges?

◆ **April 17th – Latin America:** What factors have prevented the U.S. and Latin American countries from forging strong relationships? What challenges confront U.S. policy in Latin America? Can the U.S. offer an alternative to the influence of left-leaning leaders like Venezuela's Hugo Chavez?

◆ **May 1st – US-China Trade Policy:** Product safety scares have thrown the spotlight on the enormous role China plays in supplying products to the U.S. Could the large & growing trade imbalance with China have an adverse effect on U.S. economy? What role does the undervalued Chinese currency play?

◆ **May 15th – Private Philanthropy:** Billionaire Warren Buffet's June 2007 pledge to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation prompted headlines about the size of the gift and the impact it could have on global education and health initiatives. Can private donors be more effective than governments in tackling world problems?

This series affords a friendly, informal way to learn more about the foreign policy of the United States. Please feel free just to come and listen or to voice your ideas and opinions. For more information, you may visit the website (www.fpa.org).



Come wade in the water and help clean our Stream at the University Park Civic Association's annual "Stream Clean-Up" that will be held rain or shine on Saturday, April 5th from 8:30-11 AM. Participants should meet at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church parking lot at 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts before heading to the Stream bed to collect trash.

Please wear waders or sturdy water-friendly footwear and work gloves, and bring clippers or shears for removing ivy from Park trees. The Civic Association will provide trash bags, garden gloves, and a limited number of waders. It is not necessary to get wet to participate; there is as much to do along the banks of the stream as in it. Volunteers may form their own groups or join one when they arrive. Scout groups and students can earn service hours for their participation. So, why not consider helping; our beautiful Park-Stream area NEEDS your help!

In mid-March, two male ducks, a mallard and a fairly rare wood duck, were seen in the Stream. If their mates were nesting, we may be treated to two duck families around our Stream! But, as well as possibly deterring wild life, a trash-littered

Stream makes our Town appear unsightly. The annual UPCA Stream Clean-UP attempts to combat this problem and keep our Town looking like the scenic place we all love and enjoy. **Please consider volunteering for a few hours (maybe with your family or a friend) and helping support this worthwhile community event; you'll even have a great time!** For more information, feel free to contact UPCA Stream Clean-UP co-chairs Julie & Jon McLaren (301-277-2354 or jon.mclaren@gmail.com).

The University Park Civic Association meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Non-UPCA members are always welcome; the group appreciates fresh input and ideas. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **April 29th** at 7 PM. For questions, please call the Membership Chair, Cathy Madsen (301-779-6791).



LOCAL CHURCH-SPONSORED EVENTS

◆ **University Park Church of the Brethren** (located at the corner of Tuckerman Street and Route 1) will hold its final day of **selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch** on Saturday, **April 5th**. The mulch will be available in the Church parking lot from 8 AM until as long as supplies last; the cost is \$3.00 for a 2-cubic-foot bag. To order in advance, please call 301-864-4328 or leave an e-mail message at upcob@aol.com. Free curbside delivery is available for advance, prepaid orders of 15 bags or more going to homes within a reasonable distance from the church.

◆ On Saturday, **April 12th** from 10 AM to 12 NOON, University Baptist Church (3515 Campus Drive, CP) is hosting the "**Smart Discipline**" program for parents. You'll learn guaranteed ways to sky-rocket self-esteem (even in negative kids) and proven techniques to get your kids to cooperate! The program boasts that if you give them two hours of your time, they'll give you kids that behave! The workshop is open to all; please check www.smartdiscipline.com or www.weareubc.org

for program details. Some child care is available for ages 10&U. For questions, fees, and registration, please contact the Church office (301-422-1430 or ubc@attglobal.net). The deadline to register is **April 3rd**.

◆ All Town residents are invited to attend a **Rummage Sale** sponsored by **University United Methodist Church** (3621 Campus Drive, College Park). The Sale will be held on Friday, **April 18th** from 9 AM to 8 PM and on Saturday, **April 19th** from 9 AM to 2 PM. Bargains include good used furniture and clothing, household items, jewelry, linens, glassware, toys, books, and miscellaneous items. For more information, please call 301-422-1400.

◆ On Saturday, **April 26th** from 1-4 PM, **Wallace Presbyterian Church** invites all ages to go "**Up, Up, and Away**" and celebrate spring by making and flying kites. This free celebration invites the public to enjoy some springtime crafts, food, and activities. Parking is on-site at 3725 Metzert Road, College Park. For more information, please contact Sara Idler (301-935-5900).



APRIL AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on Fridays and Sundays from NOON to 4 PM; no charge to visit Gift Shop during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

◆ On Saturday, **April 5th** at 8 PM, Riversdale House Museum will hold it's 2008 **Tavern Night**, for ages 21 and older. Join your friends in the Museum Cellar for tavern-style food and beverages plus an evening of rousing **entertainment presented by the "Ship's Company Chanteymen,"** a jolly band of interpreters of early 19th-Century maritime

history, who will amuse you with their ship's chanteys and sea stories. Come as you are -- or in period attire; but, **reserve your ticket early** as space is very limited and it's always a sell-out! Advance payment is required (\$20 for County residents).

◆ Riversdale's popular **Spring Lecture Series** continues on Tuesdays at 7 PM on **April 8th, April 22nd**, and May 13th. There is a fee of \$5 for each lecture.

◆ **April 8th** - Dr. Nancy Struna, UM Professor and Chair, American Studies Department, will discuss "**Taverns in Early America**," examining changes in the demography, economy, and geography of taverns, tavern keepers, & patrons, as well as tavern construction and their significance during Colonial times.

◆ **April 22nd** - Dr. Jenny Masur, the Regional Coordinator of the Underground Railroad, National Capital Region, National Park Service, will discuss "**Seeking Freedom: The Underground Railroad**."

◆ **May 13th** - Dr. Leigh Ryan, Director, UM Writing Center will discuss "I Write to Tell You...: Conventions in Early 19th c. Letters."

◆ Riversdale offers **Girl Scout leaders a wide array of programs** for their troops toward completing three different Brownie Try-its and/or five different Junior Badges. Please call 301-952-8010 for fees and to register.



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

MD State Delegate Scholarships are available to students planning to attend Maryland Colleges and Universities during the 2008-2009 academic year. Students (and parents) must be residents of Legislative District 22 and may be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, vocational, post-secondary career, or professional studies program. Selection criteria is based on financial need and/or academic achievement. Interested students may contact either:

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

◆ **Delegate Anne Healey** (Anne_Healey@House.state.md.us) **1st** call **301-858-3961 ASAP** to obtain information and application. The application package will be mailed to the student's home address. **Postmark completed application no later than April 15th**; awards will be announced in June 2008.



APRIL'S ARTFUL AFTERNOON

There's always something new to see and do at Greenbelt's monthly Open House for the Arts held every "First Sunday" at the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Road; 301-397-2208). On **April 6th**, join Molly Ross for a spectacular **hands-on workshop** at 1 PM to create shadow puppet monsters that will appear in the 3 PM performance! If your family enjoys animation, you will not want to miss this opportunity to help create a unique show with live animation! The workshop and the performance are appropriate for all ages.

In "**Luna!**" the moon has been stolen! At 3 PM, everyone is invited to witness this harrowing Grimm's fairy tale as expressed in a **magic lantern show** created by artist Molly Ross of Nana Projects, Inc. In the show, Baltimore's Patterson Park pagoda stands tall as the **stolen moon upends the underworld** and monsters run amok to the rhythm of an original score by Chris Pumphrey. Those who participated in the 1 PM workshop will need to keep their eyes open to see their monster in the show!

"Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly."

~ Thomas H. Huxley

LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

◆ You can eat locally year round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 28th year, this **producers-only market** offers **produce grown locally** within a 125-miles radius. It is open every Sunday from **10 AM to 2 PM**. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.

◆ The **producers-only Riverdale Park Farmers Market** will open on **May 1st**. Their 2008 season will be held each **Thursday** from **3-7 PM** through October 30th. It is located adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road. For the 11th year, shoppers may purchase fresh berries, fruits, veggies, nuts, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, baked goods, herbs, crafts, and more! For details, please visit www.riverdaleparkbiz.com.

◆ The **College Park Farmers Market** will be open **May 3rd** to November 22nd on **Saturdays** from **7 AM to NOON**. Shop for a wide range of fresh vegetables, fruits, plants, bakery items, and more.

◆ The **Hyattsville Farmers Market** will be open June 17th to October 28th. **[ED.Note:** There may be a new **Greenbelt Organic Farmers Market** opening on Sundays from 10 AM to 2 PM. More on this next month!]



UPWC'S "AFRICAN TRAVELOGUE"

The **University Park Woman's Club** will hold its monthly meeting and international program on **April 7th** at 12:00 NOON in Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Attendees will be able to **sample a few authentic Afrikaaner dishes** while they take an armchair tour of **South Africa and Botswana**. Club member, **Rene McDonald** of Woodberry Street, will share her impressions of life in the small, quiet university town of Potchefstroom where the flavor definitely is Afrikaaner. She also will intrigue you with tales about the eleven-day

safari she took in neighboring Botswana, which she describes as "the icing on the cake" of her month in Africa last spring. You will not want to miss this chance to add to your knowledge of South Africa and discover some exciting new information about its exotic flora and fauna!



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"Reading is to the mind
what exercise is to the body."*

Sir Richard Steele

◆ The **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) continues to offer their bi-monthly chess club meetings and a monthly morning book discussion group.

◆ For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**April 10th** and **April 24th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

◆ The Morning Book Discussion Group meets monthly at 10:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. On **April 16th**, they will discuss the historical novel "**Silent in the Grave**" by Deanna Raybourn (*A British historical thriller sparkling with first-person narration and a fledgling love affair between private detective Brisbane and his new client Julia.*) The selection for May 21st is James Agee's "**Death in the Family.**"

◆ The **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Friday from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to discuss non-fiction by women authors. The selection for **April 18th** is Blanche Wiesen Cook's "**Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume Two, 1933-1938,**" which chronicles Roosevelt's first six years as America's most controversial First Lady and maps her contributions to and complex role with the New Deal. "**On Gold Mountain**" by Lisa See is the Club's selection for May 16th.

◆ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - continues their 2007-2008 Club year on **April 15th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "**In This House of Brede**" by Rumer Godden. Please call Kathy Mancusi (301-779-0722) to attend. Their May 20th selection will be "**Blind Assassin**" by Margaret Atwood.



APRIL FUN AT CPAE

All College Park Arts Exchange (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, please contact 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org, remit fees for special activities to "PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740," or visit the website at www.cpae.org.

◆ Please spread the word! All PTA members, parents interested in child development, and everyone concerned with children's place in the community will enjoy the CPAE's Cultural Connections program for this "Month of the Child." On Friday, **April 11th** at 7:30 PM, a free showing of the 55-minute film from Michigan Public Television, "**Where Do the Children Play?**," will be followed by a discussion led by Joan Almon, director of the Alliance for Young Children.

◆ **The Bog Boys Celtic Fiddle Concert** will be held on Sunday, **April 13th** at 3 PM. Young and old alike will be thrilled with the infectious rhythms and cheerful tunes of this group of talented boy musicians. Why not plan to spend some time with your kids at this high-quality free event, ideal for ages 3 and older. (All children must be accompanied by an adult.) **Please RSVP to hold your seats** as space is limited for this popular event.

◆ A community arts project will be held on Saturday, **April 19th** from 10 AM to 4 PM:

"**Earth Eggs and Nests.**" Earlier this month, Arts Specialist Elizabeth Morissette led students at four College Park elementary schools in creating "wish eggs for the Earth" using recycled paper basketry. Now, in time for Earth Day, you're invited to get together with friends and family and create woven nests for the eggs, which will be displayed around College Park. **Please RSVP** for this activity.

◆ On Sunday, **April 27th** from 2-4 PM, instructor Aaron Springer will help children ages 3-8 "**Make A Mobile!**" at the April Kids' Arts Drop-in. All children who attend must be accompanied by an adult.



UPCCC SPRING/SUMMER SALE

Summer is just around the corner, so remember the great opportunity the **University Park Children's Clothing Co-op** provides for purchasing quality "pre-washed and gently worn" spring and summer clothing for children from infants to teens. Featured items include seasonal clothing and accessories, rainwear, books, toys, videos/DVDs, baby/layette equipment, and maternity items.

The 2008 UPCCC Spring/Summer Sale will be held on Saturday, **April 12th** from 10 AM to 12 NOON at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Please be aware that checks are accepted only from UP Town residents for amounts over \$40.00 and that purchases must be made separately in the various sale rooms. Persons who would like to be "Mailing-List members" for the 2008 fall/winter sale, should submit their name, address, and 50¢ to any cashier when they are at the April sale. Mailing-List members receive a postcard allowing them to enter the sale at 9:30 AM, prior to the general public.

Consider being a part of this University Park tradition by volunteering to work as a cashier on Saturday morning in exchange for admission to the members-only shopping time on Friday, April 11th from 4-7 PM. Or, if you

have good quality children's items you would like to sell, consider becoming a substitute seller. For information on either option, please call Kimberly Nugent (301-779-1149). For over 31 years, this wonderful semi-annual community sale has afforded UP residents the perfect way to cut the cost of their children's clothing budget without even leaving the neighborhood!



SOARING INTO APRIL

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) is offering their final spring lecture. Hours are daily, 10 AM to 5 PM daily. Children must be accompanied by an adult while at the Museum. For more information, please contact the Museum (www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765).

◆ "Speaking of Flight," CPAM's popular 2 PM Sunday lecture series, highlights the past, present, and future of aviation. On April 13th at 2 PM, author and illustrator Elizabeth Waugaman, Ph.D. will discuss her bilingual children's book, "Follow Your Dreams: the Story of Alberto Santos-Dumont." *This Brazilian-born and French-educated aviator and inventor, designed and flew both lighter-than-air and heavier-than-air flying machines. He first flew dirigible airships of his own design. Then, after finally flying a biplane he had designed on the same principle as a box kite, he became the third man in the entire world to fly a powered aircraft.*



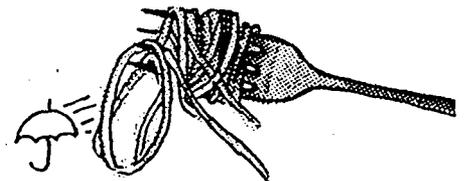
HISTORIC RESTORATION MEETING

All Town residents are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 15th meeting of the University Park Historic Preservation Association. Former UP resident Dr. Donald Linebaugh, Director of the UM Historic Preservation Program, will be discussing "The University of

Maryland's Plan to Study and Preserve Bostwick, One of the Four Remaining Pre-Revolutionary War Buildings in Prince George's County."

The Bostwick mansion was built in 1746 by Christopher Lowndes, a prominent merchant and slave importer. In 1799, the home was passed on to Lowndes' daughter, who was married to Benjamin Stoddard, a Georgetown merchant who had been appointed 1st Secretary of the Navy by President John Adams in 1798. The Town of Bladensburg bought the Bostwick property in 1997. Now, Bladensburg is joining with faculty and students from the UM Preservation Program to research and restore aspects of the mansion, its outbuildings, and its 7-acre estate during the next several years.

Don and Suzanne Linebaugh and their daughter Claire had lived on Van Buren Street for 3½ years before recently moving to "Apple Spring," their new old farm in Pennsylvania. The Linebaughs enjoy farming organically at Apple Spring, and 10-year-old Claire now is selling their organic chicken and duck eggs in order to buy a horse! During the work-week, Don lives in the 18th-Century laundry building at Bostwick, returning home for weekends at Apple Spring. Please join UPHPA at 7:30 PM in Custis Hall of Riverdale Presbyterian Church to welcome Don back to UP and to hear about the University's elaborate plans for Bostwick, a treasured local landmark with much to tell about our County's history.



HAVE A SPAGHETTI SUPER SUPPER

Cadette/Senior Girl Scout Troop 1069 will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper on "Azalea Classic Eve," Friday, April 18th from 5:30-7 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The menu will include spaghetti with a choice of vegetarian sauce or sauce with meatballs, Parmesan cheese, fresh bread and butter.

salad and choice of dressings, a selection of homemade desserts, and iced tea and lemonade (not the powdered kind!). Ticket prices per person are \$10 at the door, \$8 with a reservation, and \$6 for diners with an Azalea Classic entry card; children ages 4 and younger are free.

To reserve your tickets, please e-mail weladawn@aol.com by April 12th -- Give your first and last name, how many people will be in your party, and how many of your party are runners. To make a reservation without online access, please leave the same information at 301-699-8106. (NOTE: Credit card payments may be made through the Smart Discipline® website. Call for more information.) **Part of the proceeds will be donated to the UPES-PTA;** the remainder will be used to finance troop activities. The event also will feature several door prizes.

Troop 1069 has 11 members in 7th-10th grades that attend a total of eight area middle and high schools. Organizing this Spaghetti Supper service project will help them earn Interest Projects in finance and cooking. (IPs are in-depth badges for older Scouts.) The project's committee leader, Scout Taylor Lachance of Riverdale, who is a sophomore at Elizabeth Seton High School, will be able to finish the leadership prerequisite for her Gold Award application. (A Girl Scout Gold Award equates to a Boy Scout Eagle Award.) The other members of Troop 1069 are: **Libby and Ellen Baugher** of 44th Avenue, **Katherine Dudinsky** of Woodberry Street, **Jeannie Sutherland** of College Park, **Lucy Aistis** of Riverdale, **Mary Heywood-Grimm** of Greenbelt, **Juliana Thomas** and **Renika Montgomery** of Mt. Rainer, **Francesca Pascual** of Silver Spring, and **Kaitlyn Townsend-Gray** of Rockville. The Troop's adult advisors are **Mary Baugher** of 44th Avenue and **Linda Gast** of Woodberry Street.

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TAKE YOUR MARK.....GO!

April 19th, the day of the **7th Annual Azalea Classic 5K/1K/1M**, is fast approaching! However, there still is time to register at www.azaleaclassic.com and participate in this physically fit and fun way to benefit the UPES-PTA and enrich the academic ventures of our local elementary school. Remember; "virtual runners" (the no-sweat way to support UPES) also receive the beautiful 2008 official t-shirt, showing their support. Every runner wins as they race by the three talented "garage bands" performing this year. Another treat for all will be watching the **Northwestern High School Marching Band** perform at the Post-Race Party.

NEW this year will be an in-Town **pre-race pasta party** hosted by UP Girl Scout Teen Troop 1069. Families and friends are invited to meet and eat a carb-friendly meal on **April 18th**, with discounts for those with an Azalea Classic entry card. See dinner details in the preceding NEWSLETTER article, online, and at the UPES packet pick-up table (from 3-8 PM on the 18th).

ALSO NEW this year, will be the **dedication of the 1K race** to former UPES teacher Mrs. Val Creighton who died this past February. Read about this memorial project in the following NEWSLETTER article and online.

Finally, the non-competitive, untimed **3rd Annual Classic Dog Walk** will be held along the 3.1 mile Azalea Classic race course on **April 19th from 7-8:30 AM**. Dog registrations are \$15 each and a limited number of bandanas will be given to registered dogs on a first-come, first-served basis. **NOTE:** Dogs must be kept leashed at all times and dog walkers will be held responsible for any necessary "clean-ups." Unfortunately, dogs are not invited to the post-race party and should be left at home.

CREIGHTON MEMORIAL 1K RACE

NEW this race, the **1K Family Fun Run** is being dedicated to the memory of former UPES teacher Val Creighton who passed away on February 3, 2008. To honor this special teacher, race organizers are planning for a special T-shirt to be given to all kids who participate in the 1K. **Val Jeane Creighton (nee Bethea)** was born in Washington D.C. on August 10, 1949. She graduated from Delaware State University where she met and married her husband, Norman Gilbert Creighton. Mrs. Creighton loved education, and loved molding and working with young people. In each position she held before and during her fifteen years of teaching K-3rd grades at University Park Elementary School, Val Creighton could be depended upon to do "whatever was needed" to ensure that children benefitted from the world around them.

She was well noted for her educational talents and always went beyond the call of duty. She loved participating in her book club and collecting coins and stamps. As an avid stamp collector, she often traveled to various states for their "first day issues." She also traveled extensively for educational and personal pursuits, and had participated in a teacher exchange program with Venezuela. Mrs. Creighton is survived by her two children, Dante Marcellus Creighton and Brandi Lynette Creighton-Forbes; and four grandchildren, Alexandra Rene, Maya, Dante Jr. (DJ), and Brandon.



UPES OPEN HOUSE

University Park Elementary School is hosting an **Open House** on Tuesday, **April 2nd** from 8:30-10 AM for all parents of respective students in the UPES school boundary. The program will begin with a welcome and school overview by Principal Cox, the PTA president, and several parent volunteers; a tour of the school will follow.

Plan now to attend and see some of the great things that are happening at UPES! If you have questions, please contact either Becky Widman (becky_widman@yahoo.com or 301-779-0848) or Vicky Foxworth (foxworth@umd.edu or 301-699-0166).



MARYLAND DAY 2008

Saturday, April 26th from 10 AM to 4 PM is the day for UM pride and a time to enjoy the advantages of living in a college town. **The University of Maryland invites you to join the greater UM "family" for a day of learning, fun, and exploration -- for all ages.** The six distinctive Maryland Day "roads" (Arts Alley, Biz & Society Hill, Sports & Rec Row, Terp Town Center, Ag Day Avenue, and Science & Tech Way) will lead you to more than **278** fascinating events and activities.

- At the **64 events** down **Arts Alley**, you can look behind the scenes in the costume closet -- meet Elvis and the Beatles -- learn to dance hip hop or salsa -- visit the instrument petting zoo -- laugh at Erasable Inc. -- play some rhythmic movement dancing games &...view the living statues!

- At the **34 events** along **Biz & Society Hill**, you can make a crown -- let kids create with dough, fingerpaint, crayon and Spin Art -- build K'nex structures -- have your face painted -- grow a giant oak tree &... discover and make some eye-popping optical illusions!

- At the **29 events** on **Sports & Rec Row**, you can try to climb the Beast and conquer the Tower -- try flat water kayaking -- touch a live Terp -- reserve a time for a child safety-seat check -- take a free 10-minute golf lesson -- meet UM Coaches and Terps and get their autographs and pictures &... attend the **FREE 3:30 PM Spring Football Game!**

- At the **139 events** in the **Terp Town Center**, you can make a rainstick -- check out the fun & food at the Nyumburu amphitheater

-- meet author Mary Amato -- learn to crochet a turtle, paint a turtle, & "Hear the Turtle!" -- watch gymnastics -- watch chemists create magic -- learn Asian arts, blow bubbles, watch balloon art & and pose for a caricature -- draw, cut, glitter, & paste -- fish for rubber duckies w/prizes -- beat your parent jumping &... get your photo made with Kermit!

- At the **82 events on Science & Tech Way**, you can make a microbe -- make super soaker poly-gel, silly putty, and slime -- control a 25' tall underwater robot -- check out a trash can rocket -- have your tot try physics -- measure weather -- taste liquid nitrogen ice cream -- visit the insect petting zoo -- test your pitching arm &... experience a short blast in the wind tunnel. Learning will never be so much fun!

- *Except for one year during WW II, Ag Day had been a University of Maryland annual event since 1924, when the Livestock Club held the very first student-run "fitting and showing" contest.* Now, when you visit the **69 events on Ag Day Avenue**, you can try free samples of MD Dairy ice cream & sample new foods -- cheer on the bus drivers in the ROAD-E-O -- ask a gardening question & hold a giant bug -- decorate a horseshoe -- see horse & swine shows -- try your skill at the one-hole golf course -- step into a dirt pit & see what's happening -- get a hand tattoo -- adopt a plant &... tour the most sophisticated greenhouse on the East Coast!

AND, when you get hungry, savor some of Sprouts vegan cuisine, a Terrapin pan pizza, a chicken or crab cake sandwich, or a veggie burger & Boardwalk fries -- graze the 24-foot soup & salad bar -- sip a Baltimore lemonade or fruit smoothie -- snack on sno-cones, funnel cakes, cotton candy, and (at the Game) warm soft pretzels -- and finish with a UM Dairy ice cream cone -- and best, all cups, plates, napkins, forks, etc. are compostable!

To print out a personal program to fit your own schedule, or for maps of what's where, and/or a complete listing of all the

Maryland Day information, please contact (www.marylandday.umd or 1-877-UMTERPS).



TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE IS MAY 3rd!

It's almost that time again! Are your boxes of unwanted goodies piled up and waiting? Have you decluttered every room? The **University Park Civic Association** has planned this year's Town-Wide Yard Sale for Saturday, May 3rd from 9 AM to 2 PM, rain or shine. **To be listed on the Town map of participating houses, just give your address to Sue Wagner (perryandsue@verizon.net or 301-277-8346).** The deadline to be listed on the map is **April 26th**; after that date, maps may be accessed on the UPCA web site (www.upcivicasociation.org). Maps also will be available at the Town Office on Friday, May 2nd. On the day of the Sale, pick up a map from the Town Hall stoop, or near the UPES sign on Queens Chapel Road, or at various individual yard sales in UP.



UPWC GARDEN TOUR WITH A TWIST & SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE

- ◆ **Sunday, May 4th** (from 1:30-4:30 PM) has been set as the date for the **University Park Woman's Club's Spring Tour of Gardens and Projects**. PLEASE NOTE THIS **NEW NAME** for the "Garden Tour." This year's Tour will include both **beautiful gardens AND interesting outdoor projects** in which your neighbors have been involved. Already on the 2008 Tour, besides some lovely traditional gardens, one resident will share how to raise vegetables in Earth Boxes (in answer to gardening in a shady yard); another has our Town's only honey-producing bee hive; a third will allow you to view UP's historic cemetery; and another will show how a two-level yard was pruned from a hilly one with day-by-day photos of the work. Variety will be the spice in this year's Tour; you will not want to miss it!"

Please phone Kate Beveridge (301-277-4485) ASAP if you'd like to show your beautiful garden or even show a garden-in-progress (and point out what work lies ahead -- also VERY useful information). Call also if you have a unique non-gardening project you've done in your yard (like making a mosaic driveway OR a slate walkway that's the "apple" of your eye). Please sign up now! The Tour will begin on the front steps of Riverdale Presbyterian Church at the UPWC Plant Exchange, where maps will be available for the self-guided tour. As always, Tour participants will be invited to enjoy light refreshments at the Tour's end.

◆ The theme of the very successful UPWC Plant Exchange again will be "Divide and Conquer!" Each spring, Town residents are encouraged to donate surplus plants, bulbs, and cuttings from their own gardens in exchange for getting to take home an equal number of different plants that were donated by another gardener. Anyone without a plant to trade is asked to make a small donation before choosing among the extra plants.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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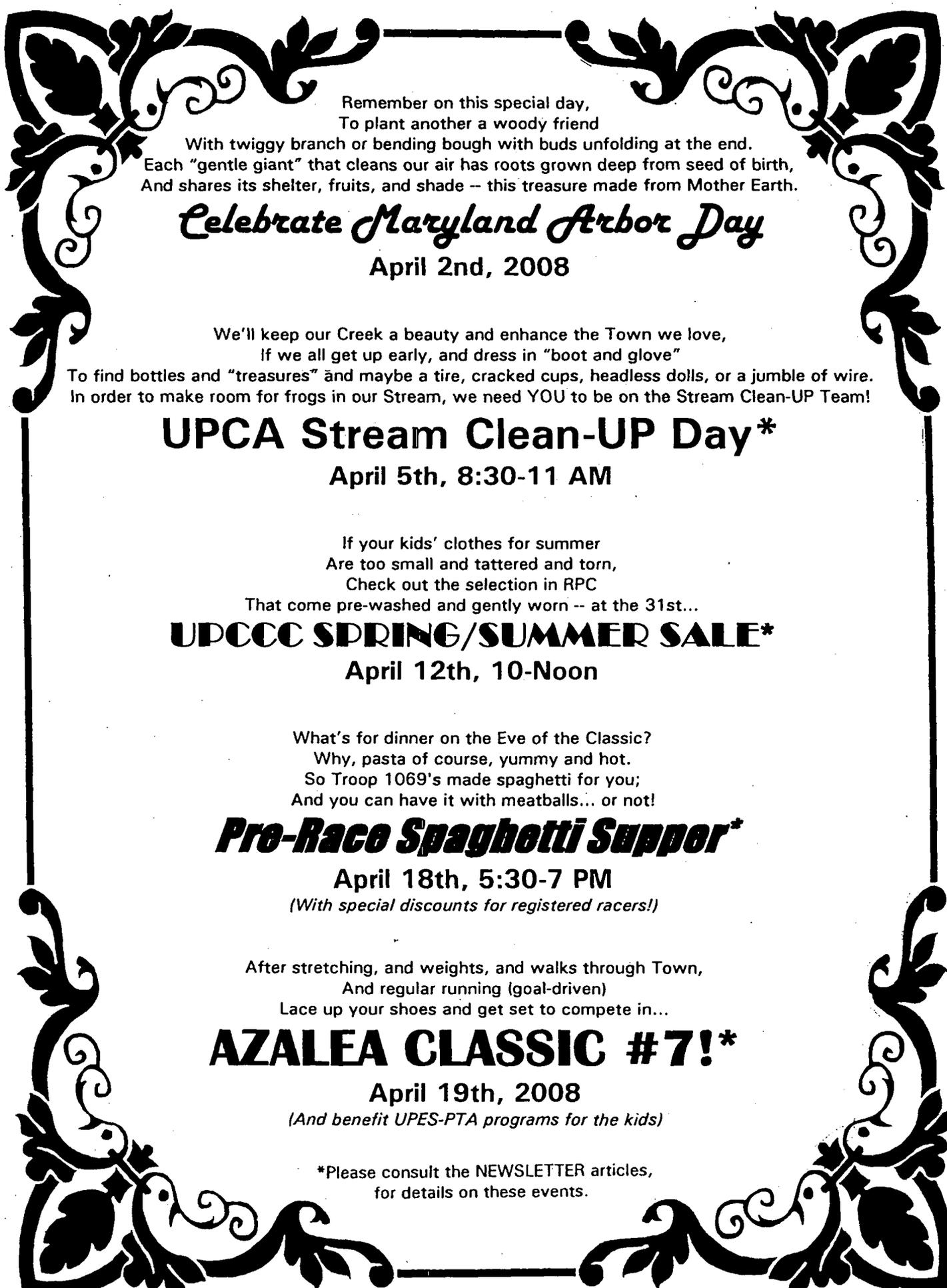


April 2008



University Park Monthly Planner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>April is: National Garden, National Poetry,</p>	<p>and National Stress Awareness Month</p>	<p>1 April Fool's Day UM Take 5 5:30 PM "Squeeze Bayou"</p>	<p>2 PP 10:15 AM & NOON "THE UGLY DUCKLING" MD Arbor Day 12:00 NOON Deadline for May NEWSLETTER YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>3 Great Decisions UPCB 7:30-9 PM "U.S. Defense and Security Policy" YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>4 Always BUCKLE-UP! For Safety T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>5 Coffee House 7 & 8:30 PM RPC "The Dock Brief" 8:30-11 AM RPC UPCA Stream Clean-Up! RHM "Tavern Night" 8 PM UPCB Mulch Sale, 8 AM</p>
<p>6 10 AM-2 PM (TP*FM) Takoma Park Farmer's Market UM Post-Classical Ensemble, 3p Greenbelt Artful Afternoon GCC 1 PM: Monster Workshop 3 PM: Magic Lantern "Luna" Show Pinsky Md Del Schship Deadline</p>	<p>7 UPWC Mtg, RPC, NOON "African Travelogue" 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING (Leg. Session & Budget) Deadline to File or Register for May Town Election</p>	<p>8 UM Take-5 5:30 PM "Irish Music Concert" Buddha's Birthday RHM 7 PM "Taverns in Early America"</p>	<p>9 UM 8 PM (UM-SPS) "Sawdust Palace" Skits MCPAC (MCPAC-MM) "Mr. Marmalade" 8 PM YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>10 (UM-SPS, 8 PM) (MCPAC-MM, 8 PM) HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>11 (UM-SPS, 8 PM) (MCPAC-MM, 8 PM) CPAE-OPH 7:30 PM "Where Do the Children Play?" T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>12 (UM-SPS, 38p) (MCPAC-MM, 8p) PP-Movie+ 11AM, Suitcase Circus and "Are We Done Yet?" UPCCC RPC 10a-12p Spring/Summer Sale! UBC 10 AM-12 NOON "Smart Discipline" Workshop</p>
<p>13 (TP*FM) (MCPAC-MM, 2p) CPAM 2 PM Program "Santos-Dumont, Aviator" National Library Week CPAE 3 PM Bog Boys Celtic Fiddle Concert</p>	<p>14 PP 11 AM Platinum Senior Movie "Proud"</p>	<p>15 Tax Day After-8 Book Group "In This House of Brede" Gypsy moth spraying may begin PP 10:15 AM & NOON "Maryland My Maryland" Healey Md Del Schship Deadline UPHPA "Bostwick" RPC, 7:30p</p>	<p>16 (PP-MMM, 10:15a & 12p) HY-LI Books 10:30 AM "Silent in the Grave" YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>17 (PP-MMM, 10:15a & 12p) Great Decisions UPCB 7:30-9 PM "Latin America" YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>18 9 AM to 8 PM, CP-UUMC Rummage Sale (UUMC-RS) RPC 5:30-7 Classic Eve Scout Spaghetti Supper CPAE Books OPH 7:30PM "Eleanor Roosevelt, Vol. 2" T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>19 (UUMC-RS, 9 AM-2 PM) AZALEA CLASSIC UPES-PTA 8:30a-1M 8:45a-1K 9a-5K CPAE-OPH 10a to 4p "Earth Eggs & Nests" UCC "Evan Almighty" 7 PM</p>
<p>20 (TP*FM) National Wildlife Week (through April 27th)</p>	<p>21 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING Boston Marathon</p>	<p>22 8:30 to 10 AM UPES OPEN HOUSE Earth Day RHM Spring Lecture 7 PM "The Underground Railroad"</p>	<p>23 Administrative Professional Day YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>24 HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>25 MCPAC Dance Contest (MCPAC-DC, 8 PM) 8 PM T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>26 (MCPAC-DC, 8 PM) UM DAY on Campus "Explore Our World" 278 Events 10 AM - 4 PM WPC 1-4 PM "Up, Up & Away" Kite Fun</p>
<p>27 (TP*FM) (MCPAC-DC, 2 PM) CPAE-OPH Kids' Arts Drop-In "Make a Mobile" UM Concert 3 PM MD Boy Choir Mens' & Womens' Choruses</p>	<p>28 Get Your 2008 Tennis Stickers Town Hall 25¢</p>	<p>29 UPCA Meeting RPC 7 PM</p>	<p>30 Jefferson signed La.Purchase, doubling the size of the US YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>May 1 RP*FM Opens 3 to 7 PM YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>2 Be There! MAY FAIR! May 10th! T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>3 UPCA Town-wide YARD SALE, 9a-2p CP*FM Opens 3 to 7 PM</p>



Remember on this special day,
To plant another a woody friend
With twiggy branch or bending bough with buds unfolding at the end.
Each "gentle giant" that cleans our air has roots grown deep from seed of birth,
And shares its shelter, fruits, and shade -- this treasure made from Mother Earth.

Celebrate Maryland Arbor Day

April 2nd, 2008

We'll keep our Creek a beauty and enhance the Town we love,
If we all get up early, and dress in "boot and glove"
To find bottles and "treasures" and maybe a tire, cracked cups, headless dolls, or a jumble of wire.
In order to make room for frogs in our Stream, we need YOU to be on the Stream Clean-UP Team!

UPCA Stream Clean-UP Day*

April 5th, 8:30-11 AM

If your kids' clothes for summer
Are too small and tattered and torn,
Check out the selection in RPC

That come pre-washed and gently worn -- at the 31st...

UPCCC SPRING/SUMMER SALE*

April 12th, 10-Noon

What's for dinner on the Eve of the Classic?
Why, pasta of course, yummy and hot.
So Troop 1069's made spaghetti for you;
And you can have it with meatballs... or not!

Pre-Race Spaghetti Supper*

April 18th, 5:30-7 PM

(With special discounts for registered racers!)

After stretching, and weights, and walks through Town,
And regular running (goal-driven)
Lace up your shoes and get set to compete in...

AZALEA CLASSIC #7!*

April 19th, 2008

(And benefit UPES-PTA programs for the kids)

*Please consult the NEWSLETTER articles,
for details on these events.



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

LOST PET DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Barbara Wilson (301-779-4139). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.

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)

JUST FOR KIDS

CATEGORIES

You can play this alone or with a friend. It's easy to draw your own forms. See how many of the category spaces you can fill in with words beginning with S - H - O - W - E - R. To score, give yourself 1 point for each space filled in correctly and subtract 1 point for each blank space. Play again using different letters at the top and see if you better your first score. To play with a friend, count each space that's filled correctly as 2 points (IF you're the only one with that answer). Everyone who matches a correct answer gets 1 point. Subtract 1 point for a blank.

	S	H	O	W	E	R
ANIMAL						
BIRD						
CAR						
COUNTRY						
FLOWER						
FOOD						
GAME						
SCHOOL SUBJECT						

TOWN IS SEEKING AN ARCHITECT

The Town of University Park is seeking an architect to conduct a small "space and usage" study of the Town Hall, and to advise the Mayor and Town Council on the feasibility and cost of expanding the Town Hall to include a meeting space for use by the Council and community organizations, as well as room to accommodate Town personnel better. All letters and cost proposals will be due on April 30, 2008 by 4 PM. Bidders should have experience in designing office buildings and be familiar with all applicable public building codes in Prince George's County. Experience in designing public office buildings and with funding sources is a plus. Please respond to: 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782 or mayor@upmd.org.



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