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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JUL 4 - Independence Day

(Town Office closed; no bus service)

JUL 7 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JUL 21 - COUNCIL MEETING

**JUL 30 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
September 2008; NOON**

AUG 18 - 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

Spring has finished with a bang this year bringing both wonderful news and very sad news.

CONGRATULATIONS! We were pleased to hear that on May 17th, Miss Alison Snider Van Buren Street won the Regional

Trampoline and Tumbling Championships that were held in Damascus, Maryland. The win allows her to compete in the national competition being held in Kansas City, June 30th-July 6th. Alison is 8 years old and a 2nd grader at Holy Redeemer School in College Park. The Town shares her pride and congratulates her for such a stellar achievement. Also, at their June 21st Court of Honor, University Park Boy Scout Troop 214 raised four of their troop members to Eagle Scouts. For this number of young men to be so honored in a single year is a rare event. We congratulate these Scouts and their troop on this extraordinary accomplishment.

A big **THANK YOU** is due our **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**. On Saturday, June 7th, they successfully demonstrated the feasibility of distributing antiviral and/or biotic medicines to quarantined residents in our community (as in the event of a pandemic or biologic attack in the Washington, D.C. area). Exercises of this nature allow local, state, and national emergency preparedness personnel to assess the procedures and the organizational resilience of volunteer first responders. Under the capable leadership of CERT members **Mr. Tom Stickles** of Clagett Road and **CM Peggy Winton** of Wells Parkway, the UP CERT has become a model for other teams and towns. Hopefully, more UP residents will make time to be trained and decide to join this group in the future.

On a more sober note, our deepest **SYMPATHY** and condolences are extended to

Road/Queens Chapel Road intersection. The **SHA DESIGN TEAM** accepted the vast majority of our Town's suggestions for improving pedestrian and vehicular safety, while still meeting the objective of reducing congestion. I would like to thank Darrell Mobley and his staff publicly for their willingness to engage in such a meaningful and useful dialogue.

Finally, three other notes on **PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**: Please: **No yard waste larger than 6 inches in diameter or 4 feet long**, like tree trunks and branches, may be placed out for Yard Waste collection. Our Public Works department can be fined and/or refused access rights at our disposal sites if we bring inappropriate materials to them. When you have trees taken down, be sure that the tree company includes disposal in its contract with you. If you take down a large tree by yourself, which is NOT advisable for safety reasons, please call the Town Hall and we will attempt to direct you to a disposal site in the area. Please: **No construction debris in with household trash.** We cannot collect or dispose of it. The waste disposal sites that we use have become very strict on this matter. Again, this is your or your contractor's responsibility. Please Note: **Mosquito spraying takes place on Wednesdays.** Spraying for mosquitoes began on June 18th and will continue through late September. It is done by the State on an as-needed basis. If you notice a particular hot spot, please let the UPPWD Director, Mickey Beall, know by contacting mbeall@upmd.org or 301-927-4262 and leaving him a message, indicating the location and the problem.

"I hope you all have a wonderful July 4th and will celebrate the strength and wonder of this Country of ours. Have a great summer; I will see you in the fall, if not sooner."



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

While on a recent weekend get-a-way in a very quiet, safe, and unassuming resort community, I confidently left my nice road

bicycle, along with several others, **unlocked** in the back yard of the house. I awoke early the next morning to enjoy the sunrise with a cup of coffee and my newspaper. It took a minute to digest the fact that **my bike had been stolen**. Needless to say, it made for an unpleasant morning and an ugly memory for an otherwise great weekend. So... I will warn you personally that **criminals go on vacation too**; they know that people tend to be complacent in an atmosphere of relaxation.

Please join me in resolving to:
→**MAKE "TAKING PRECAUTIONS" A HABIT**←
on and before vacation with this checklist:

UPPD VACATION SAFETY TIPS

- ___ **Stop mail, newspaper, and other deliveries** or ask a neighbor to take them inside your home each day.
- ___ **Use outside lights on motion detectors.** Use timers inside to turn lights, radios, and TV on and off at appropriate times.
- ___ **Arrange to have yard work done.** Have a neighbor set out trash and recycling on normal collection days, and return the bins to their proper storage areas.
- ___ **Turn phone ringers to low or off.**
- ___ **Don't turn off the AC; set it to a higher temperature.** A silent compressor on a hot day is a good indication that the house is unoccupied.
- ___ **If you have an alarm system, make sure it is in working order.** A home protected by a security system is three times less susceptible to burglaries.
- ___ **Don't leave your garage-door opener in your car,** especially if you park your car on the street. It is recommended to unplug an electric garage-door opener before you leave.
- ___ **Take a final walk around when everyone is in the car.** Re-check that all windows and doors are locked and that the alarm system is properly armed.
- ___ **If traveling by car, make a safety kit for your vehicle.** Essentials include a few basic tools, jumper cables, emergency flares, fluorescent safety vest, jug of water, basic first-aid kit, and flashlight.

Whether you are going away on vacation or staying at home and refusing to pay those premium prices at the pump, these safety tips could keep you, your family, and your property from becoming crime statistics.

“Have a safe and fun summer!”

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 JP officer to respond. For Chief Mike Nynnyk, contact upchief@upmd.org or 301-277-0051. For Emergencies, dial 911.

CRIME STATISTICS (May 1st to May 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
4/26-5/9	Vandalism	4300 Sheridan
May 5th	B & E	6700 Balt.Ave.
May 6th	Vandalism	6700 Balt.Ave.
May 6th	Rcovd Stoln Auto	6700 Adelphi
May 8th	Theft	4300 Sheridan
May9-10	Theft	6500 40th Ave
May 11	Attempted Theft	4300VanBuren
May11-12	Theft	4200 Underwd
May 22	DUI Arrest	6700 Balt.Ave.
May 24	Assault	44th&VanBuren
May 26	Vandalism	6700 Adelphi

Vandalism - Between April 26th and May 9th, suspect/s placed wine bottle corks and an unknown substance into the gas tank

of a 1998 Toyota Camry. Suspect was not located; investigation is on-going.

Breaking & Entering - Between 7:30 AM and 11:30 PM, suspect/s broke into the rear basement door of a residence and stole a laptop computer, some DVDs, a teal duffle bag, and a package containing N gauge trains that had been delivered by UPS. No suspect/s were located; investigation is on-going.

Vandalism - Between 12 AM and 2 PM, subject advised that an unknown person had damaged the windshield and dented the rear left side of his 1999 Acura C/L. No suspect/s were located.

Recovered Stolen Auto - At 11 AM, the UPPD recovered a 2008 Cadillac DTS that had not been returned to a rental agency and was reported as a stolen vehicle by Budget Rent-A-Car. Reportedly, the suspect driving the vehicle was in the home sleeping. The suspect, an adult male, was located and placed under arrest. **Case Closed.**

Theft - At 1 PM, a Toro lawnmower was **stolen from the yard** of a residence. A witness advised that she had observed two adult males in an unknown vehicle walk into her neighbors' yard, take the mower, load it into the vehicle, and drive off with it. No tag information was provided. The UPPD was notified of the incident at 2:30 PM the same day. The area was canvassed, but no suspect/s were located.

Theft - Between 8:15 AM on the 9th and 9:30 AM on the 10th, the rear tag was stolen from a 1999 Subaru Forester. The victim advised that the vehicle had been parked in front of her home and at the PG Plaza Metro Station during the time frame indicated. It is unknown where the theft actually occurred. No suspect/s were located.

Attempted Theft - Between 2 PM and 10:30 PM, suspect/s broke the driver's side window of a 2000 BMW roadster and emptied the contents of the glove compartment into the interior of the vehicle. Nothing was taken. No suspect/s were located.

Theft - Between 6 PM and 10:45 AM, suspect/s broke the driver's side window of a 2002 Toyota Avalon and stole a cell phone. No suspect/s were located.

DUI Arrest – At 11:30 PM, an adult female was stopped for speeding southbound on Baltimore Avenue. Further investigation revealed the subject to be intoxicated. Driver was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol and also charged with “Speeding.” **Case Closed.**

Assault - At 4:30 AM, an adult female advised that she was walking down the street when an unidentified male grabbed her. The victim screamed, awakened residents in the immediate area, and when the residents turned on lights and opened doors the suspect ran away. Follow-up investigation revealed that the victim had been seen with the suspect in the College Park area and the personal information provided was inaccurate. The victims’ mother was contacted and she advised that her daughter did not live where she had indicated and was not attending any college. No further investigation will be conducted due to lack of accurate and confirmable information.

Vandalism - At 3:50 AM, a suspect known only as “Angel” tossed two Corona beer bottles at an Isuzu Rode, breaking the driver’s-side and front windows of the vehicle. Victim alleged he heard a noise and saw the suspect run from the area. No other information was available on the suspect who was not located.

Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in University Park should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential.

✧ PLEASE: Remember to keep all your serial numbers and to ID all your valuable property.



▶▶▶ **HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION**

The trash collection schedule will be as follows: **There will be NO trash collection on Friday, July 4th.** The Thursday collection will be made on Wednesday, and the Friday collection will be made on Thursday. **Also, the**

Yard Waste Recycling collection will change. Yard Waste will be collected on Tuesday, July 1st, for homes with a usual **Tuesday-Friday** collection and will remain on Wednesday, July 2nd, for homes with a usual **Monday-Thursday** collection. Check the NEWSLETTER calendar.



ITEMS TO NOTE

➤ ✧ **NOTICE TO UP RENTERS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease any residence in University Park. Owners who reside in their house and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from this requirement. The rental license cost is \$250.00 per year. Rental license fees are used to pay for an annual inspection program for every licensed rental property in the Town. If you have questions about this law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

➤ ✧ **DARK STREET?** **If a street light is burned out near your home, there are new instructions for getting it fixed. Please contact Pepco directly (1-877-737-2662); **do not call the Town Hall.** You just need to report the location of the pole and the pole number, BUT, you also should make a note of the date you call Pepco. If the light has not been repaired after 14 days, you should contact Mickey Beall, the UP Public Works Director (301-927-4262 or mbeall@upmd.org). He will get in touch with Pepco at that time, and can add more pressure to have the light fixed.**

➤ ✧ **TENNIS SEASON REMINDER:** The 2008 tennis stickers are available at the Town Hall for only 25 cents each. They adhere to one’s tennis racket, and allow UP residents priority access to the Town Courts.

✧ **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.

✧ **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 a "UP" sticker 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

➤ **REMINDER:** There will be no UP bus service on **Independence Day, the 4th of July.**

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 1:30 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) or other requested groceries. 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.



[Ed. NOTE: “Highlights” of the minutes from monthly UP Council Meetings and Work Sessions are not complete official records. Residents always are welcome to review the complete Council minutes after they are typed and returned to the Town Hall. Please call 301-927-4262 for more information.]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 5th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); Chief Wynnyk; and UPPWD Director Beall.

Mayor Tabori reported that he would be out of Town May 6th-10th, and CM Mallino would be Mayor Pro Tem in his absence.

He said he was in the process of arranging a **third meeting with the State Highway Administration (SHA)** to discuss the proposed changes to the Queens Chapel Road/E-W Highway intersection. It was hoped that the traffic engineer would be in attendance as well. Mayor Tabori stressed that the critical issue was ensuring pedestrian safety, but added that it was essential that the overall effects of traffic changes in the surrounding areas (due to increased development and construction) be considered as well. The Mayor also is arranging for a meeting with the Cafritz Property representatives.

Mayor Tabori noted that the following day, May 6th, was our Town’s Election Day. He discussed the fact that an **application for a write-in candidate for Mayor** had been received at the last minute. Unfortunately, but in accordance with the Town Charter, any votes cast for this candidate could not be counted because a write-in candidacy must be declared ten or more days before the Election date. In this case, no petition had been

submitted to the Town Hall nor had any candidacy paperwork been filed. The Mayor expressed his discomfort over the last-minute nature of the candidacy announcement as well as his regret for the lost opportunity to debate any issues in a public forum. CM Mallino further explained that the Town Charter’s laws governing write-in candidates were to help avoid having voters write in names of people who didn’t intend to serve as a public official.

In **public comment**, several Woodberry Street residents had complaints about the rental property at 4315 Woodberry and the fact that no response had been received re a request for an early re-inspection of the residence. Normally, our Code Enforcement Officer, Ms. Paula Martino, re-inspects all rental properties either when they are listed for new occupancy or every six months. It was agreed that the property at 4315 Woodberry had chronic maintenance problems. The last tenants had left trash and debris on the property, the back steps were crumbling, and neighbors had concerns about the condition of the back yard. However, one neighbor said the tenants of 4315 complained that they were not able to receive responsive repairs or payment for repairs they had to perform.

Mayor Tabori clarified that a mold issue in the basement (two years ago) had been resolved by the owner in a timely manner. He also said that contrary to allegations that the house was lacking screens, the current tenants just had removed them from the windows and stored them inside the house. Ms. Martino added that the owner had been very responsive to all code enforcement requests.

The Mayor will address the current complaints by urging Ms. Martino to determine when she could re-inspect the property and requesting that she take the Town Arborist, Mr. John Anna, with her to inspect the health of a tree in the back yard.

In a separate issue concerning the rental property at 4315 Woodberry, CM Fischer responded to statements made at a

previous Council Meeting. After reiterating that she was a listing agent for the property, not the owner, she firmly articulated that, as such, she must comply with Federal Housing Laws and show properties to all interested parties. She said it would be illegal for her to exclude specific groups (i.e. college students) from the opportunity to rent a property. CM Lucas concurred with her and together they discussed the rules and restrictions around the Federal fair housing laws that ensure against housing discrimination.

In response to a request from another Woodberry Street resident, a current list of the approved rental properties in Town will be posted on the Town web site.

Two **building permits** were approved unanimously to: (1) **repair a walkway** at 6910 Wells Parkway (*recognizing that the plat is not a full survey but is sufficient for approving the walkway repair, which is an exact replacement of the existing walkway*) and (2) **replace the existing concrete driveway and walkways** at 4313 Van Buren Street. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 19th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; Treasurer Baden, Attorney Ferguson, Chief Wynnyk, and UPPWD Director Beall; and the Clerk of the Circuit Court, The Honorable Peggy Magee.

Ms. Magee presided over the swearing-in ceremony for Mayor-Elect John Rogard Tabori, and Council Members-Elect Margaret S. Mallino (Ward 1), Susan E. McPherson (Ward 3), and Ed DeSaussure (Ward 7). After Mayor Tabori spoke to the selfless public service that Bradley Carpenter had contributed to University Park during the past seven years (as CM for Ward 7), Ms. Magee presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mayor Tabori reported on the code inspection for the residence at 4315 Woodberry Street. Code Inspector Martino, Arborist Anna, Town Engineer Sidhu, and Mayor Tabori each inspected the property and no code violations were found. Arborist Anna found no violations with the trees on the property and, although it was high, the back yard grass was below the allowed 12-inches height. Mayor Tabori noted two small defects: the stanchion supporting the stair railing had rusted away and there was a chip in one stair. Engineer Sidhu requested a structural engineer's review, and the Town was preparing a letter to the homeowner on these issues. Mayor Tabori added that the property did have a lead abatement certificate, and the room that had moisture problems in the past had been remodeled and repaired. He said the inspection report was available for review; one need only submit a written request, for the record, to the Town Hall.

Mayor Tabori announced that after June, UPES would not have a caretaker available after 8 PM. The Town would have to pay a caretaker overtime then to keep the building open for Town Council meetings.

Under **public comment**, a resident asked when the list of Town rental properties would be available. The Mayor said a copy of the list is available now at the Town Hall. It will be put online once the Town Hall has moved to its new web hosting service.

A Woodberry Street resident recommended having a citizens' committee look into the Town rental situation and provide input to the Mayor and Council. He also raised concerns about rampant disregard of the "STOP" signs on Queens Chapel Road and inquired whether a cross walk could be put in place. The Mayor already was acting on this suggestion, and said that Chief Wynnyk previously had researched the requirements for installing a crosswalk at the UPES intersection a year ago. As to a citizens' rental property committee, periodically, the Town has had committees looking into rental property issues,

but none had provided full reports to the Town Hall. The Mayor was working on collecting the complete reports and would get back to the Council at the June 2nd meeting.

A 40th Avenue resident asked who was responsible for trimming trees in the grassy areas between the road and the sidewalk and was told that area (the median strip) was the Town's responsibility.

Attorney Ferguson announced that Park and Planning had proposed a corridor boundary change for Route 1. The change **would rezone all properties facing Route 1 to a commercial zoning category.** This change would include most of the houses in University Park that are bordering Route 1. Mayor Tabori said he will follow up immediately on finding out the details about this proposed change.

Chief Wynnyk reported that the UPES May Fair was a successful event despite an early morning rain. He said work was continuing on updating the "STOP" signs throughout Town. He also reminded everyone about the pandemic flu emergency drill on June 7th, and said pet care had been added to the emergency response plan. CM Winton encouraged more volunteers to join the CERT team.

Director Beall reported on the opportunity to purchase a dump truck from College Park, on "STOP" sign standardization, mosquito spraying, on-going tree issues, an "inclement weather policy" for the Town Field, and on the status of the pedestrian bridges. A bridge engineer will provide the Town with three alternatives for addressing the Town bridges' structural problems.

Re the FY 2009 Budget Hearing: CM Mallino offered a motion to increase the Town's contribution to the employee 401(k) plan from up to 3% of the employee's salary and up to 2% matching contribution by the Town to up to 4% of the employee's salary and up to 3% matching contribution. Her rationale was to provide employees with the

opportunity to save up to 10% of their compensation. This would be more equitable and would bring the plan more in line with recommendations from retirement experts. She noted that the Town already had the option to increase or decrease the 401(k) limits each year. She said she had discussed this recommendation with the Mayor and the Town Treasurer and had ascertained that the monies could come from undesignated unreserved funds.

CM Fischer asked if the proposed motion arose from concern that the Town's benefits were not competitive. Mayor Tabori said there had been long-term interest in improving the pension system within the UPPD. (Former Mayor) Brunner also spoke in favor of the motion, stating that to continue the current retirement income for Town employees would be "embarrassing" and suggested that the Town look at the State of Maryland's retirement system (which is what the Town had done).

CM Carpenter wondered if the motion would cause the year's expenses to exceed revenues by drawing on reserves. CM Mallino said it would. Mayor Tabori said that during the last two years, the Town consistently had spent no more than 90% of its budget and the unused 10% had been placed in reserve. He affirmed that he also fully supported the motion and discussed several areas where the Budget could be reduced, if necessary. He also spoke about his efforts to lower UP's tax rate, or at least hold it steady, in contrast to both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties which have raised their taxes this year. A Wells Parkway resident also spoke in support of the motion, and a Claggett-Pineway resident (who is a town clerk for a neighboring municipality) stressed how important it was to have a beneficial package of compensation and benefits if the Town hoped to maintain a stable, long-term work force.

Several other Budget items were mentioned or discussed. A Forest Hill Drive resident asked if there was a Town clock, as

identified in the Budget. The Town does have a clock; it was purchased by the previous administration and is awaiting final installation. (Former Mayor) Freeman wondered if the budgeted amount for gasoline allotment was realistic. The Mayor said that at this time, the Town Treasurer and he felt that it was; however, Mr. Freeman thought it might be under funded by \$10,000-\$15,000. He also inquired where the operating funds for the Town bus were shown in the Budget and asked what the bus ridership was. Treasurer Baden said the bus was listed under item G24 (Transit) and the Mayor said there were about 75 rides per day. CM Winton mentioned that sustaining a Town bus achieved the benefit of reducing the Town's carbon footprint, and both she and the Mayor specified how the popular weekly grocery trips for seniors helped reduce the number of cars on the road. A Woodberry Street resident asked if the UP Public Works Department truly had three supervisors and nine employees, as stated in Budget item N2. The Mayor and the UPPWD Director explained that, titles aside, the Department had a Director and eleven employees doing Public Works activities. As to repairing the Town Tennis Courts on Queens Chapel Road, Mr. Brunner thought Budget item B7 should and could be increased from \$5,000 to \$15,400 by moving \$10,400 from Unreserved Undesignated Funds. CM Fischer felt there should be *consistent* funding *and* maintenance on both Town Courts, and added that the monies budgeted for FY 2008 had not been spent yet. CM Lucas said the Courts were not deteriorating at the same rate and the Courts adjacent to Wells Parkway actually had more serious structural problems. Mayor Tabori and Director Beall discussed the potential costs and approaches to handling the repairs, but the Mayor had concerns about repairing the Courts without repairing the fencing, as future fence repairs could damage the Courts. CM Carpenter moved to amend the Budget to increase B7, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

Before voting on Leg. Res. 08-02 (the FY 2009 Budget motion) an e-mail was read

that had been received from CM Dudinsky, who had been excused from the meeting: *"I believe single stream recycling funding should be removed from the 2009 budget pending both a public forum and council approval."*

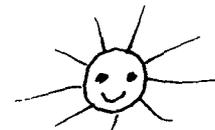
A motion was approved (with Carpenter opposed) to increase the Town's contribution to its employee's 401(k) plan from up to 3% of the employee's salary and up to 2% matching contribution by the Town to up to 4% of the employee's salary and up to 3% matching contribution by the Town.

A motion was approved unanimously to keep the constant yield tax rate at 0.60, the same rate as the previous year.

A motion was approved unanimously to accept Legislative Resolution 08-02 (FY 2009 Town Budget).

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the FY 2009 Budget transfer amounts as stated in Treasurer Baden's memo of April 17, 2008 (*i.e. to transfer \$15,000 from Red Light Camera Revenue and \$33,000 from Unreserved Revenue into: \$5,000 for Citations, \$15,000 for Public Works Salaries, \$7,000 for Public Works Payroll Taxes and Benefits, \$7,500 for Building Maintenance, \$8,500 for Work and Storage Space, and \$5,000 for Police Gasoline*).

A motion was approved unanimously to award Town Proclamations to Kady Ruth Ashcraft and Sasha Goldberg for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 20th COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Mallino; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Fischer, Lucas, and Winton. Mayor Tabori arrived during discussions of the Consent Agenda.

Two Consent Agenda Items were approved unanimously to: (1) **replace the hand railing on steps at 6510 41st Avenue**; and (2) **replace a fence at 4400 Holly Hill Road**.

Three building permits were approved unanimously to: (1) **construct a one-story addition at 4202 East-West Highway (Both the Town and the County Board of Appeals already had approved a variance request.);** (2) **replace an 88'x12' concrete driveway and an 88'x3.5' raised sidewalk at 4317 Tuckerman Street**; and (3) **convert an existing sun-room to an open porch at 6507 41st Avenue**.

CM Fischer asked for more information about the type of property survey required before a Town resident can receive a building permit. Mayor Tabori responded that the Town of UP had incorporated Prince George's County's rules concerning construction into its Town Ordinances, and did not grant the Council authority to waive this requirement. Further, the County Ordinance required a "full boundary" survey before granting a permit, not a "location-type" survey as is included in a typical mortgage-settlement package.

The permit issue, and the restrictions and requirements imposed by ordinance, are distinct from the situation where a covenant applies. The Mayor referred to an instance in Town where a homeowner requested a permit to install a fence. The property was governed by a covenant that restricted the right to install a fence; however, exceptions had been granted to the covenant. AND, once an exception is granted to a covenant for one property, the covenant becomes null and void for all the properties it covers.

CM Fischer asked if this was an unreasonable burden for homeowners -- and referred back to the permit request for a Wells Parkway property that was discussed at the May 5th Council meeting. After reviewing the background history of permits granted for that property, the Mayor said that the County still would not have approved a building permit based on the "location survey" that the home-

owners had. And, if a previous permit had been issued in error, the permitting authority would not be precluded from later issuing a correct permit. This is distinctly different from a covenant, which is a civil agreement and where the failure to enforce could lead to the collapse of the covenant.

Mayor Tabori concluded with a brief mention of the Park and Planning proposal to extend the commercial overlay zoning along US Route 1 to include University Park. The Mayor had raised the issue to Councilman Eric Olson's office; the meeting adjourned at 8 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 2nd COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMS) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, McPherson, and Winton; Chief Wynnyk; and UPPW Director Beall.

Mayor Tabori reported that the Town had collected the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) material recently requested by a resident and was waiting to hear whether the resident wished to view the material at the Town Hall or have it copied and provided to him. CM Dudinsky asked that it be copied and placed in his mailbox for him to convey to the resident. Mayor Tabori will contact the individual to confirm that this is acceptable.

Responding to CM Dudinsky's request for information on improvements to a Tuckerman Street property, Mayor Tabori said the homeowner has both County and Town permits and is doing work that is fully within his rights; he is not putting any plumbing into the garage.

CM Dudinsky asked for an update on the status of the Town web site since its presentation and discussions, which began in February. The Mayor said the company had been requested to set a date for the final contract negotiation. However, the com-

pany's contract indicated copyright ownership of our site's content, something forbidden by Town ordinance. PLUS, the company wanted the contract arbitration to take place in California! Consequently, the Town had to propose alternative language to the arbitration clause. To this, the company has responded by proposing more contract modifications...

CM Dudinsky then asked about the contract to store Town vehicles at People's Supply (PS). Director Beall responded that he did not feel that contract was in the best interests of the Town. Access to the site would be restricted only to hours that PS was open to the public; the space available for parking our Town vehicles was a small corner of the yard; the maintenance bay would have to be shared with PS employees; and the contract terms were for five years. Also, the area available to the Town was next to a dump truck access road which would require the Town to erect fencing at the Town's expense. Consequently, alternative locations in the area were being researched.

In response to several CMs questions, Mayor Tabori said that: presently, the packer trucks were being stored at Hyattsville Nursery; some vehicles were parked next to the Town Hall; and the maintenance bay and other vehicles were stored at Shankle Body (SB). The rental fee at SB with utilities was \$2300/month; PS without utilities would be \$2000/month (with a 5-year contract and with PS holding the right to terminate with 90-days notice). Director Beall said his goal was to locate an alternative property and have a contract in place by the end of 2008. CM Fischer also expressed reservations about entering into the 5-year contract.

Under **Public Comment**, a Sheridan Street resident mentioned a letter he just had received from WSSC that said the water pipe replacement work on his street would be postponed for at least one year. He also mentioned that the speed hump in front of his home was ineffective because drivers would

swerve across the lane to avoid the sections of hump. He requested that either a full-width speed hump be installed or the hump be removed.

Responding to the WSSC letter, Mayor Tabori said that cancelling or postponing the work would have broad repercussions for the Town, since the timing of WSSC's work would affect the timing and total capital outlay required by the Town for both street repairs and the installation of the speed humps. He said, for example, Clagett Road was in need of repair in the near term. CM Winton suggested having a Public Forum on the speed hump issue. Director Beall said he would check on whether Public Works had sufficient parts available for a full-width speed hump to be installed at the specified location.

During **Chief Wynnyk's report**, CM Dudinsky expressed concern about occasional gaps in phone responses from the UPPD officers. The Chief explained that gaps could result from the oversight of an officer going off duty and not handing the cell phone over to the officer coming on duty. Also, he said the Town Hall experienced gaps in coverage and signal strength with the Verizon phones used by the UPPD. He said that, if need be, residents should use the alternative option of calling the County dispatch number and requesting that a UPPD officer respond. The Chief, Mayor, and Council then discussed the various complexities of handling and forwarding calls to the non-emergency number.

CM Dudinsky asked the Chief what percentage of time UPPD officers had traffic duty on the Town's perimeter roads, i.e. Route 1, E-W Highway, and Adelphi Road. Although the Chief didn't have a breakdown time-wise, he noted that an average of 60 traffic tickets were written each month by the Department. CM Dudinsky then expressed his thoughts on how to allocate police resources effectively. The Chief, Mayor, and other CMs discussed the fine line necessary to allocate our police resources so as to ensure their best use in preventing crime.

Director Beall reported on the Department's opportunity to purchase a dump truck from College Park, on the state of the Town Tennis Courts, on Pepco, and on the need for an inclement weather policy for the Town Field. CM DeSaussure asked what agent would be used for mosquito spraying; Mayor Tabori replied that it would be BT, the same agent used for the gypsy moth spraying.

CM Dudinsky asked about the status of installing painted crosswalks. Director Beall said he was researching it, but did not have enough information yet to make a presentation to Council. Then CM Dudinsky said he was concerned about single-stream recycling and requested that a Public Hearing be held on the topic. Further discussion for the evening was cut short as the hour was late. (NOTE: The sequence of the agenda items did not follow their usual numerical order and this was actually the final topic of the evening.)

Four Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously to: (1) replace a fence at 4416 Van Buren Street; (2) replace and repair a rear porch at 6802 Baltimore Avenue; (3) replace a walkway at 6707 Queens Chapel Road; and (4) re-board a deck at 6502 44th Avenue.

One building permit was approved unanimously to construct a 26'x38'8" second-story addition over a one-story house at 4102 College Heights Drive.

A motion was approved unanimously to transfer up to \$7,000 from Unreserved Funds to Public Works as a capital outlay for the purchase of a dump truck and accessories.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the following Council Committees:

Policy, Traffic, and Public Safety:

Dudinsky, Lucas, Winton

Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure:

DeSaussure, Fischer, Dudinsky

Public Facilities and Services:

McPherson, Winton, Mallino

A motion was passed unanimously to approve emergency repairs to the water pipes at 4401 Sheridan Street (with a condition of permit approval being that a plat of the property be supplied to the Town Hall). The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.



CERT DRILL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

UP's second Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training drill took place on June 7th and focused on the self administration of antiviral medicines that were delivered to the homes of Town residents by teams of CERT volunteers. The model for this exercise was based in part on the National Response Plan (for medical emergencies resulting from a pandemic flu outbreak) in which a community's residents were asked to "fend for yourself."

The completed drill was judged to be an overwhelming success by emergency management observers from both County and State Health Departments, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the CERT volunteers and the police. The drill was extreme in its complexity and thoroughly challenged all those who participated. Consequently, everyone was very pleased with the final results.

The core group of responders from University Park included eight UP CERT team members: Kate and Bruce Beveridge of 40th Avenue, Ward 7 CM Ed DeSaussure, Art Garroway and Tom Stickles of Clagett Road, Ward 2 CM Mickey Lucas, Ward 6 CM Peggy Winton, and Kirk Wurzberger of Woodberry Street; Chief Wynnyk and UPPD Officers Bacon, Enig, and McCulley; and Mayor Tabori. They were supported by CERT volunteers from Berwyn Heights, Bladensburg, Bowie, Clinton, College Park, Hyattsville, Laurel, New Carrollton, and Riverdale, and by an Officer from both the PG County Police Force and the Riverdale Police Force.

The UP CERT Team would like to thank those Town residents who, in great good spirit, welcomed the volunteers who delivered medicines to their homes, and the volunteers from the nine communities and the County who gave their time and expertise to our drill; UP CERT hopes to return their favor. The Team also wishes to express sincere appreciation to Riverdale Presbyterian Church for sharing their facilities so generously with our Town, as always. In addition, Chief Wynnyk is to be commended for his leadership and support, and for the emergency training he has given to the UPPD. Likewise, Mayor Tabori and his administrative team deserve much credit for the difficult task of establishing an organizational scheme for leadership in our Town during a worst-case situation.



YOU TOO CAN FEEL PREPARED!

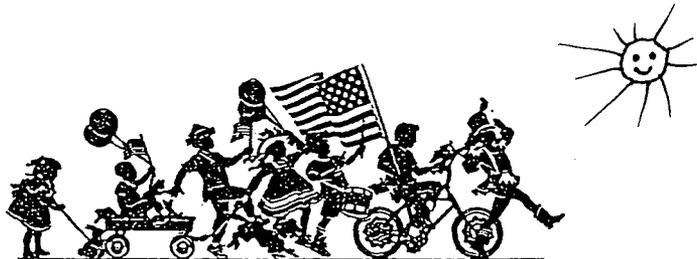
Did you know that UP CERT member Tom Stickles is certified to teach the Community Emergency Response training? Any group of teens and adults can become CERT trained right here in University Park! If you would like to know more about what's involved in the training or in being a part of UP's wonderful Community Emergency Response Team, or in Teen CERT, please contact Tom (tstickle1@verizon.net or 301-864-0533). This summer is the perfect time to sign up for some cool life-defining, life-saving fun during these hot and steamy days. Remember, the information and skills you learn at CERT training can benefit your family in many every-day situations as well as make you an asset to your community. Becoming an active UP CERT member after completing the training is, of course, an option, but taking the training carries no commitment. *Every town would do well to have a trained emergency responder living on each block.* UP doesn't even have one living in each Ward.

When CM Winton was trained, she said the training was intense, but actually lots of fun as the group learned basic response

techniques in three main areas: fire suppression, light search and rescue, and medical triage. She also said that her technical training instructors were very impressive and used personal experiences they had with Hurricane Katrina relief and post-9/11 search efforts to demonstrate some of the techniques. And, she added, all training participants receive an emergency backpack, complete with a hard hat, flashlight, gloves, and other nifty devices.

Consider getting trained this summer. Training can be in regular (21-hour) sessions or in an accelerated (one-weekend, 16-hour) session. **Mr. Stickles will arrange your choice of training session for any group of a minimum of ten people.** The primary reason for making CERT training available is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills necessary to offer immediate reassurance and assistance to their family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help to arrive. **It is valuable, comforting and, just possibly, life-saving knowledge to have.**

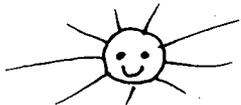
Remember, the purpose of a Community Emergency Response Team member is just to be able to respond immediately with some basic rescue and lifesaving skills and equipment whenever the "Professional 911 First Responders" are overwhelmed or otherwise not available. The Federal government began to encourage local level CERTs following the September 11, 2001 attacks on American soil.



FUN & FIREWORKS FOR THE 4TH

College Park's Traditional Fireworks and Fun: Families and friends begin to gather near Lot 1 at 5 PM when the refreshment stand opens. Enjoy a **Hubcaps Concert** at 7 PM and a 30-minute fireworks extravaganza at dusk, usually around 9 PM. Lot 1 is off of Campus Drive and President's Drive. (301-864-8877)

Greenbelt's Family Fourth of July: Each year, an exciting free fireworks display reflects in the lake at Buddy Attick Park on Crescent Road (off Kennilworth Avenue). Come for a family picnic and stay for the fun. At 4 PM you can enjoy free fun art projects, view the floating sculpture garden, and then enjoy the **Greenbelt Concert Band** at 7 PM. The fireworks display begins at dusk. (301-397-2200)



CONGRATULATIONS

✧ To former Underwood Street resident **Andrew Donnelly** who received his Bachelor of Science degree from Vanderbilt University in May. Mr. Donnelly majored in Human and Organizational Development, with a concentration in Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness. He now is happily job hunting.

✧ To **Ruthanne Marie Curtis** of Wells Parkway, who graduated *summa cum laude* from Washington Bible College (WBC) in Lanham, MD, with a B.A. degree in Bible and Counseling. She was awarded the Grace Scholarship toward continuing work on her masters degree at Capital Bible Seminary, a WBC affiliate. While an undergraduate, she was able to complete a third of her master's requirements. Ms. Curtis was valedictorian of her class and was made a member of the Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society. She also was the 2008 recipient of the Christian Service Award. In September, she will be working as the Resident Assistant of her dormitory.

Ms. Curtis' love of service to others was evident throughout her college years and has spanned the globe. Besides volunteering at the Bowie-Crofton Crisis Pregnancy Clinic, she has worked at drug rehabilitation centers in Russia, and at an orphanage in Uganda, where she offered physical and emotional care to children from birth to five years. This July she will join a group of 126 (mostly) teens and adults who will spend a week working at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic. Sponsored by the McLean Bible Church in

Vienna, Virginia, the group hopes to complete a construction project and run a Vacation Bible School, an older-girl retreat, and a baseball clinic. They also plan to donate baseball gloves and a thousand pairs of shoes to needy children, as well as enough money to cover the cost of food for the orphanage for six months. Ms. Curtis' proud parents are **Dr. Ed and Anne Curtis** of Wells Parkway.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

✧ **University Hills Swimming Pool** would like to contact all members in good standing (those who received an initial payback in 2003). You are asked to e-mail Michelle Deck (MDeck@cpa-crd.com) and confirm your current address. Anyone with questions or without e-mail may contact Victor Stone (4219 Woodberry Street, UP or 301-779-3846).

✧ University Church Nursery School on Campus Drive in College Park is a half-day nursery school with a learning-through-play philosophy. It is accredited with the Maryland State Department of Education. Currently, the school is **seeking a director** (10-12 hours per week) and a **lead teacher** for the 2-year-old program (4 mornings per week). Residents who might be interested in either of these positions should contact Karen Nazareth (301-422-1400 X13 or uumc.dce@verizon.net) for more information or e-mail your resume.

✧ **Hebrew School classes are forming now** for this fall (Pre-K through High School) at Beth Torah Congregation (6700 Adelphi Road, 301-927-5525). For more information, please call Robin Cohen (301-864-1528) or the Synagogue office. **The summer Shabbat schedule is as follows:** Friday night services begin at 7 PM; Saturday morning services start at 10 AM.

✧ On May 17th, **two yellow-crowned night herons** were spotted posing near a flooded area in the median near the west side of the Wells Parkway Tennis Courts. **Sandy**

and Toby Eichbaum of Van Buren Street saw them while on an early-morning walk. Then on May 30th, Catherine Plaisant of 41st Avenue heard them at dusk. They stayed for a while in the tall trees of her back alley, then in the Park between 41st Avenue and the Town Field. She said they were dancing, displaying, and pretty noisy. First she saw the two, then three, and then six of them all at once...SIX!

And although they still were there on June 12th, there's no guarantee they will be when you read this, but if you walk through our lovely Town at dawn or dusk, watch for a short stocky slate-gray wading bird about two-feet long, with a short neck, a black head with a white streak on the side and red eyes, a light-yellow crown (or a plume of yellow feathers, when breeding) and yellow or orange legs. The babies are a mottled grayish-brown.



FREE FUN & EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

The Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex (8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, 301-583-2400 or TTY 301-583-2483) is offering free swimming and fitness times for seniors. All Prince George's County residents, ages 60 and older, are welcome to enjoy FREE access to both the aquatic center and the fitness center each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. (Note: Times may vary slightly by season.) Registration is not required, although a free Smartlink card is needed to sign in and enter.

Seniors may use the aquatic center from 6 AM to NOON. It includes a 50m x 25yd competition pool for lap swimming, a leisure pool where one can float along on a constant current, a water slide, and an 18-person spa where warm jets of water can ease away aches and pains. Both pools are wheelchair accessible. Seniors also may use the expansive 20,000-square-foot fitness center from 8 AM to NOON. It features separate areas for cardiovascular equipment, free weights, strength training, and jogging. (Note: Sign-up IS required for a free fitness orientation to learn the equipment.)

LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

✧ The Southern-MD farms' producers-only Hyattsville Farmers Market is open from 2-6 PM each Tuesday through October 28th. It is located in the parking lot behind the Queens Chapel Town Center at the intersection of Queens Chapel Road and Hamilton Street. This market (that includes a Spanish-speaking vendor -- **incluye a vendedor de habla hispana**) offers the freshest fruits and vegetables from the same friendly vendors that sell what they grow and pick most of it that very morning!

✧ The producers-only Riverdale Park Farmers Market is open each Thursday from 3-7 PM through October 30th. It is 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 is open each Saturday from 7 AM to NOON through November 22nd. It is held in the Linson Pool parking lot on Paint Branch Pkwy. Shop for a wide range of fresh vegetables, fruits, plants, bakery items, and more.

✧ The new producers-only Greenbelt Farmers Market is open each Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM through October 26th. It is held in the parking lot to the left of Roosevelt Center (the commercial plaza where the Greenbelt Theatre is located). Please visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org for a list of vendors, produce in season, and more details.

✧ 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-mile 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/.

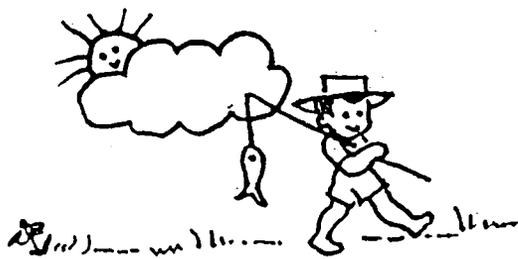


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>July is National Parks & Recreation Month</p>	<p>and Blueberries Month</p>	<p>1 Hyattsville Farmer's Market 2-6 PM (H*FM)</p> <p>(T-F) TRASH & YARD WASTE</p>	<p>2</p> <p>EAT → LOCAL ✓</p> <p>(M-Th) TRASH & YARD WASTE</p>	<p>3 Riverdale Park Farmer's Market 3-7 PM (RP*FM)</p> <p>T-F TRASH</p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p> <p>Greenbelt - 4 to Dusk College Park - 5 to Dusk</p>	<p>5 College Park Farmer's Market 3-7 PM (CP*FM)</p>
<p>6 Greenbelt & Takoma Park Farmer's Market 10 AM-2 PM (G&TP*FM)</p> <p><i>Greenbelt Artful Afternoon</i> Make wire sculpture - 1-3p "Mutts Gone Nuts" revue - 3p GCC 1-5 PM</p>	<p>7 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION</p>	<p>8 (H*FM)</p> <p>→ ID ← YOUR VALUABLES</p>	<p>9</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>10 (RP*FM)</p> <p>HY-LI Chess 7 PM</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>11 CPAM 1 PM "Dumbo"</p> <p>NHS Class of 1958 50th Reunion (NHS-50th) ~through 7-13</p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>12 (CP*FM) (NHS-50th) PP MOVIE+ Live Action: Magic Show Movie: "Night at the Museum" UM "FLUTE RECITAL" 8 PM UCC Family Movie 7 PM "Pride" or "Meet the Robinsons"</p>
<p>13 (G&TP*FM)</p> <p>ALWAYS ! LOCK ! YOUR CAR & HOME DOORS</p>	<p>14 PP 11 AM Seniors Platinum Movie "Pride"</p>	<p>15 (H*FM)</p> <p>Greenbelt Museum Lecture GCC 7:30 PM "Black WACs"</p>	<p>16 HY-LI-Book Group 10:30 AM "Freakonomics"</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>17 (RP*FM)</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>18 CPAM NOON-4 PM Flying Things Friday "Airplanes & Helicopters"</p> <p>CPAE Book Club 7:30-9 PM "Reading Lolita in Tehran"</p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>19 (CP*FM)</p> <p>UM 8 PM "Summer Chorus Concert"</p>
<p>20 (G&TP*FM)</p> <p>Parents Day 1st Moon Walk, 1969</p>	<p>21 VBS at UCC "Museums" 9-NOON ~through 7-25</p> <p>7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>22 (H*FM)</p> <p>VBS at UCC, 9-NOON</p>	<p>23 VBS at UCC, 9-NOON</p> <p>YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>24 (RP*FM)</p> <p>HY-LI Chess 7 PM</p> <p>VBS at UCC, 9-NOON</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>25 CPAM 1 PM Movie "Pete's Dragon"</p> <p>UM 4 PM Free Concert "Orchestra and Chorus"</p> <p>VBS at UCC, 9-NOON</p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>26 (CP*FM)</p> <p>→ READ ← 1-2 BOOKS EACH MONTH</p>
<p>27 (G&TP*FM)</p>	<p>28 E-mail upnews@yahoo.com NOW (or by July 30th deadline) with "Congrats," "Wish List," and family milestones for the September NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>29 (H*FM)</p> <p>! WALK ! AROUND TOWN</p>	<p>30 RHM Jazz, SandyAsirvatham</p> <p>12:00 NOON Deadline for <u>September</u> 2008 NEWSLETTER</p> <p>YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p>31 (RP*FM)</p> <p>YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>August 1 CPAM NOON-4 PM Flying Things Friday "Build and Decorate a Glider"</p> <p>UM 4 PM Free Band Concert</p> <p>T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p>2 (CP*FM)</p>



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	August is National Inventors Month	Get Ready for Kindergarten Month	& Happiness Happens Month		1 CPAM NOON-4 PM Flying Things Friday "Build and Decorate a Glider" UM 4 PM Free Band Concert T-F BLUE BIN	2 College Park Farmers Market 7 AM-NOON (CP*FM)
3 Greenbelt & Takoma Park Farmer's Market 10 AM-2 PM (G&TP*FM) Greenbelt Artful Afternoon GCC Make a peace pole - 1-3p "Cantare" Latin music - 3-5p NHS Class of '73 Reunion QWP 12:30-5:30 PM	4	5 Hyattsville Farmers Market 3-6 PM (H*FM)	6 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	7 Riverdale Park Farmer's Market 3-7 PM (RP*FM) YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	8 CPAM 1 PM "Space Camp" T-F BLUE BIN	9 (CP*FM) RHM NOON-3 PM Battle of Bladensburg Dzrszid Mielgor Showers
10 (G&TP*FM) NOON-4 PM CPAM "Air Mail"	11	12 (H*FM)	13 It's not too late to get your "priority access" Tennis Stickers from the Town Hall YARD WASTE RECYCLING	14 (RP*FM) HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	15 CPAM NOON-4 PM Flying Things Friday "Airplanes & Helicopters" T-F BLUE BIN	16 (CP*FM)
17 (G&TP*FM) National Friendship Week	18 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING National Aviation Week	19 (H*FM)	20 HY-LI Book Group 10:30 AM "We Need to Talk About Kevin"	21 (RP*FM) YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	22 CPAM 1 PM "Peter Pan" T-F BLUE BIN	23 (CP*FM)
24 (G&TP*FM) 31 (GLDF) (CPAM-T&P)	25 End the summer with blue UP Stickers on all your cars. FREE from the Town Hall.	26 (H*FM)	27 RHM Jazz on the Portico "Bruce Ewan" & Big Joe Maher YARD WASTE RECYCLING	28 (RP*FM) HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	29 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 9 AM-10 PM (GLDF) T-F BLUE BIN	30 (CP*FM) (GLDF - thru Sept. 1) CPAM (CPAM-T&P) "Trains & Planes" Exhibit

GREENBELT'S SUMMER EVENTS

✧ **Artful Afternoons**, Greenbelt's unique monthly "Open House for the Arts," has something new to see and do from 1-5 PM on the first Sunday of each month at the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Road). All activities are FREE and appropriate for all ages! At each Artful Afternoon, visitors may watch artists working in their studios from 1-5 PM. On Sunday, **July 6th**, you may make a wire mobile sculpture from 1-3 PM, and enjoy the "Mutts Gone Nuts" canine variety show at 3 PM. On Sunday, **August 3rd**, you may create your own "peace pole" from 1-3 PM, and enjoy the Latin music group "Cantare" at 3 PM, as they perform traditional folk songs and original compositions, and give audiences the chance to sing, dance, and make music too.

✧ **"Fighting for Freedom: Black WACs During WWII"** - The next bi-monthly lecture of the Greenbelt Museum will be held at 7:30 PM on **July 15th** in the multipurpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Road). *For the first time during World War II, African-American women were allowed to enter the military. The first contingent trained in Fort Des Moines, Iowa, where they were given segregated housing, and separate dining tables and recreational facilities. Despite the segregation, thirty-six of the original group persevered, graduated, and went on to train at Officers Candidate School, Cooks & Bakers School, the Transportation Pool, and Clerical School.* Everyone is invited to a lecture by Janet Sims-Wood discussing the courageous example set by this first African-American WAC unit in Europe. For more information, please contact: museum@greenbeltmd.gov.

✧ Since it began in 1955, the Greenbelt **Labor Day Festival** has become one of the oldest and largest Labor Day festivals on the East Coast. Shuttle rides will be available from Eleanor Roosevelt High School to save finding a parking space near the Festival site, around Roosevelt Center. Inquire about the discounted "shuttle bracelets" usually available at the

Co-op Grocery Store in early August. This wonderful 4-day festival offers an amazing variety of events from 9 AM to 10 PM, **August 29th through September 1st**. Plan to enjoy all the traditional activities: "Miss Greenbelt" contests, a huge Labor Day parade, bands and other entertainment, competitive hometown games and contests, carnival rides, information booths, exhibits, a huge book sale, plus ALL kinds of food and snacks. Please visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday for the complete daily schedule of events.



SOARING INTO SUMMER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer special family-friendly movies, Friday fun, a salute to "Air Mail," and a unique "Trains & Planes" exhibit during July and August. Hours are 10 AM to 5 PM daily. Children must be accompanied by an adult while at the Museum. For more information, contact 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765, or www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

✧ **Flying-Things Fridays** - From NOON-4 PM, swoop into summer on **July 18th & August 15th** as you design and create your own paper airplanes and helicopters. On **August 1st**, come build and decorate your own glider. All Friday Fun activities are FREE with normal Museum admission.

✧ **The Hollywood Flyers, Jr. Family Film Series** will present four of the best flight-related, family-friendly films for young people on the second and fourth Fridays of July and August at 1 PM. The regular admission fee includes popcorn and lemonade.

- Come and watch the 1941 animated Disney classic, "**Dumbo**," on **July 11th**: *What happens when Mrs. Jumbo wishes for a baby and the stork delivers one with gigantic ears.*

- On **July 25th**, see the 1977 (G) animated/live-action film, "**Pete's Dragon**:"

When an orphan finds a nice magical dragon, it's a grand big adventure.

- On **August 8th**, see **"Space Camp"** (PG), a 1986 film with a super John Williams soundtrack: *Young attendees of a space camp find themselves in space for real when their shuttle is accidentally launched into orbit.*

- On **August 22nd**, fly again with **"Peter Pan"** (G) in the 1953 Disney animated classic: *Wendy Darling and her brothers are whisked away to the magical world of Neverland with the hero of their bedtime stories, Peter Pan.*

✧ **Air Mail Day** - On Saturday, **August 10th** from NOON-4 PM, CPAM will celebrate the **90th anniversary of the first U.S. postal Air Mail flight** which took place right at the College Park Airport. Plan a family visit and enjoy Air Mail-related activities, designing your own Air Mail stamps, or even dressing like a pilot, as you help commemorate the start of regularly-scheduled postal Air Mail deliveries.

✧ **Trains and Planes** - From **August 30th to September 1st**, enjoy a fascinating and constantly moving **display of model railroads** as the National Capital Trackers bring history to life and spark your imagination with their model trains, villages, tunnels, and depots. FREE with regular Museum admission.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

✧ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** offers a recital and several concerts this summer, all free. For more information, reservations, or the new 2008-2009 season's catalog, please contact 301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

- **"A Flute Recital"** will be performed with William Montgomery on flute and Roy Hakes on piano on Saturday, **July 12th** at 8 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - The opening event of the week-long 32nd Annual William Montgomery Flute Master Class. FREE

- The 7th annual **"UM Summer Chorus Concert"** on Saturday, **July 19th** at 8 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall - The concert will include Beethoven's *"Mass in C"* & *"Meeresstille und glückliche Fahrt"* and Vaughan Williams' *"Five Mystical Songs."* FREE

The week-long **Summer Youth Music Camps (SYMC)** are offering two concerts enjoyable by audiences of all ages:

- The SYMC **"Orchestra and Chorus Concert"** on Friday, **July 25th** at 4 PM in the Dekelbom Concert Hall - This concert will be performed by string and vocal musicians entering grades 6th-9th. FREE

- The SYMC **"Band Concert"** on Friday, **August 1st** at 4 PM in the Dekelbom Concert Hall - This concert will be performed by band musicians entering grades 6th-9th. FREE

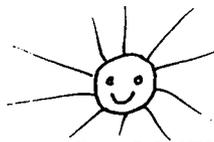
✧ **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers **FREE family-oriented quality movies each month**. Snacks are provided at 7 PM and the movie/s begin at 7:30 PM. On **July 12th**, the film will be your choice of two being shown: **"Pride"** (PG) - *The true story of Jim Ellis, an African-American swim coach, who saved an inner-city public pool from closing and recruited at-risk teens to try to be champions; or "Meet the Robinsons" (G-Animated) - *When Lewis, an orphaned child genius, has his science fair project ruined by forces from the future, he must join with a strange boy who also claims to be from the future to get back his invention, fix it, and save his new-found family from a bleak future.* Please phone for August's date and selection.*

✧ **The Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) continues the kids' movie+ and the seniors' platinum movie, each \$5.

- On Saturday, **July 12th** at 11 AM, the pre-show live entertainment, for the Movie+ will feature the amazing tricks of **"Don Juan, the Black Prince of Magic,"** known for his down-to-earth style of illusion, followed by

the (PG) movie "Night in the Museum:" *A new night security guard discovers that an ancient curse has caused the displays to come to life and wreak havoc.* The next Movie+ will be on September 13th; there is no show in August.

- On Monday, July 14th at 11 AM, the Platinum Senior Movie will be "Something's Gotta Give" (PG-13): *Find out what happens when a swinger on the cusp of being a senior citizen (with a taste for young women) falls in love with an accomplished woman closer to his age.* The next Senior Movie will be on September 15th; there will be no show in August.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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

Sir Richard Steele

- ✧ The Hyattsville Branch Library (301-985-4690) offers bi-monthly chess club meetings and their monthly morning book discussion group.

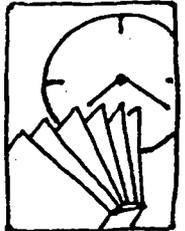
- For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (July 10th, July 24th, August 14th, and August 28th) with instructor Ted Fagan.

- The Morning Book Discussion Group meets monthly at 10:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. On July 16th, they will discuss "Freakonomics" by Steven Levitt. *Underlying all the subjects researched in this book is a belief that complex phenomena can be understood if we find the right perspective!*

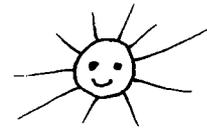
On August 20th, they will discuss "We Need to Talk About Kevin" by Lionel Shriver. *A harrowing, psychologically astute, sometimes even darkly-humorous novel about the parents of a cynical and malevolent child.* The selection for their September 17th meeting is "Free Man of Color" by Barbara Hambly. (Use summer as the perfect time to read ahead!)

- ✧ 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 their final session on July 18th is "Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books" by Azar Nafisi. The Club will resume in September.

- ✧ The After Eight Book Club, a group open to all University Park adults (men, women & couples) will begin their 2008-2009 Club year on September 17th at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "Pillars of the Earth," by Ken Follett. For those who want to read ahead during the summer, the other selections for the year will include, but not necessarily in the order given below:



The Dream of Scipio: Iain Pears
The Mayflower: Nathaniel Philbrick
The City of Falling Angels: John Berendt
The Gathering: Anne Enright
The Memory Keeper's Daughter: Kim Edwards
Widow of the South: Robert Hicks
The Uncommon Reader: Alan Bennett
North to the Night: Alvah Simon
The Pursuit of Love or *Love in Cold Climate:*
Nancy Mitford



UCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All children ages 3 through 12 years old are invited to attend UCC's FREE 2008 Vacation Bible School with its theme of "Bible Discovery Museum." Kids love museums! VBS participants will enjoy five things museums can offer (science, ancient artifacts, natural history, art, and hands-on learning) as they visit the five great halls of forgiveness, faithfulness, kindness, dedication, and love. Each day will introduce new Bible heroes, artifacts, stories, songs, games, and lots of hands-on activities to enjoy, along with a mid-morning snack. From July 21st-25th, UCC's "Bible Discovery Museum" will be open M-F,

from 9 AM until 12 NOON. Parents and caregivers are welcome to participate with their children or they may leave them in the excellent care of UCC's volunteer "museum guides" and staff. To register, please contact Associate Minister Rachel Frey (301-864-1520 or rachelfrey@earthlink.net).



SUMMERTIME AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on Fridays and Sundays from NOON to 4 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge 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.

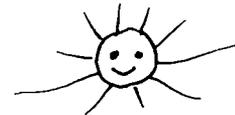
✧ RHM's "**Jazz on the Portico**" concert series is held on one Wednesday a month from 7-8 PM. The summer concert dates are **July 30th** (Sandy Asirvatham) and **August 27th** (Bruce Ewan). Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy some FREE summer jazz by area musicians. Bring a picnic basket too or purchase dinner on the grounds, courtesy of the Calvert House Inn. Concerts are held rain or shine. If rain, everything just moves inside.

On **July 30th**, enjoy **Sandy Asirvatham** (voted Best Jazz Debut for "Memoir" by the Village Voice) and her Memoir Band. She graduated in 1994 with a degree in fiction writing and won journalism awards while working for the Baltimore City Paper. Now she arranges piano music with her original lyrics. Visit www.sandysmemoir.com for more info.

On **August 27th**, enjoy world-renowned blues harmonica player **Bruce Ewan** who will perform with his band, The Solid Senders, and his special guest, **Big Joe Maher**. Bruce has toured Latin America and Europe, was part of Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, and has performed at such notable clubs as The Cellar

Door in D.C. and The Blue Note in NYC. "Big Joe and (his band) the Dynaflows'" release "I'm Still Swingin" on Maryland-based Severn Records won a Washington Area Music Association (WAMA) "Best Blues Recording" award. [Ed.NOTE: Severn Records was formed by and is owned by former Holly Hill Road resident **David Earl**.]

✧ Experience the **13th annual Battle of Bladensburg Encampment** from NOON to 3 PM on Saturday, **August 9th**. Join both British and American War of 1812 troops as they "camp on the lawn to prepare for the battle." Tour the campsites, see firing demonstrations, and visit with military and civilian interpreters as well as with the Mistress of Riversdale, Rosalie Stier Calvert. Light refreshments will be available for sale. Free admission to the grounds; regular fee for house tours.



ATTENTION NHS CLASS OF 1958

All UP NEWSLETTER readers are asked to relay any information (especially contact numbers/addresses) they may have about members of **Northwestern High School's graduating class of 1958** to Russ Savage (savage403@comcast.net or 202-387-0207), lead coordinator for the Class of '58's Golden 50th Reunion celebration. Current information about all class members (and teachers who were working at NHS in 1958), living or deceased, would be appreciated very much.

The Reunion is being held on **July 11th-13th** at the Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis. The highlights will include a "**Welcome Reception**" on Friday evening, July 11th; a "**Sit-down Dinner Dance**" on Saturday evening, July 12th; and a Sunday morning "**Farewell Brunch**" on July 13th. Optional events include a Saturday morning tour of the new Northwestern High School building and a Sunday afternoon excursion to Scientists' Cliffs. Details also have been made available for groups and individuals to arrange several kinds of tours and cruises of the Annapolis area.

Of the 471 students in the class 1958, the organizers were very pleased to have been able to locate 272 of them. Sadly, they also learned that 49 classmates were deceased. **Any readers who have information that might help locate one of the 150 still missing, should contact Russ (see above) or Flo Harris (upnews@yahoo.com or 301-864-0135), who can check the list of missing names for you.**



ATTENTION: NHS CLASS OF 1973

If you, your son or daughter, brother or sister, neighbor or friend graduated in 1973 from Northwestern High School, please have them contact the Reunion Committee (NHS '73, P.O. Box 540, Williamsport, MD 21795 or NorthwesternHS73@aol.com) and give the following information: e-mail address, current mailing address, and home/cell phone number.

A 35th reunion celebration has been planned for Sunday, August 3rd from 12:30-5:30 PM at the Blue Heron Center in Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, Maryland. It will be an indoor lunch buffet event with music and a cash bar. Positive responses have been received from about 60 classmates, but it is hoped the attendance will reach 100. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact **Carol Parker Cron** (carol.cron@hotmail.com 301-277-4718).



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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).

Inquire at the Town Hall:
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