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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

MAR 3 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**MAR 5 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the April issue, NOON**

MAR 9 - Daylight Saving Time begins
(Set clocks ahead one hour)

MAR 12 - Gypsy Moth Meeting
(Sponsored by UP, CP, and CHE)
UPES - 7:30 PM

MAR 31 - 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

University Park Elementary School's traditional **SCIENCE FAIR** for 2008 was held on February 6th. Students from the 4th through 6th grade presented their projects to a panel of more than a dozen judges from the local area, many of whom are distinguished

scientists from UM and NASA. This year, students were required to develop controlled experiments, use metrics when doing experiments and reporting measurements, and conduct at least ten experimental trials. They carried out their rigorous assigned tasks with grace, skill, and imagination! Congratulations to each student who participated for the wonderful job that was done! And a big "thank you" to UPES science teacher Ms. **Michele Rowland** who organized this year's event, and to all the volunteer judges.

Recently, the Town received the results of the gypsy moth egg mass count from the State Department of Agriculture. Significant infestations are located in Wards 4, 5, 6, and 7. The Town has been in ongoing discussions with the City of College Park, the College Heights Estates Association, and the Cafritz property owners in order to engage in an aerial spraying program together. A jointly-sponsored **GYPSY MOTH INFORMATION MEETING** will be held at University Park Elementary School on Wednesday, March 12th between 7:30-9 PM. Linda Scott, a specialist on gypsy moth suppression and the individual who conducted the egg mass survey, will be available to answer questions about the extent of the infestation, the aerial spraying program, and the selection of an appropriate suppression agent. All residents are encouraged to attend.

On a very positive note, we would like to announce that you will see a **BIG CHANGE IN THE TOWN WEB SITE** by the end of March. As I write this column, we are negotiating

with a new vendor who can provide us with a far more flexible and communications-oriented web site.

And on a final note, we are in the process of preparing the **FY 2009 BUDGET** to present to the Council at the April 8th Council Work Session. Residents who would like to have the Town consider a specific project or who have other budgetary concerns are asked to make those suggestions or inquiries at the **March 3rd** and/or **March 31st** Council Meetings. The Council also will be scheduling a public hearing on the budget and the property tax rate in late April or May. Other public concerns may be expressed at the Budget Hearing.

"Have a wonderful March, keep safe, and enjoy the approach of spring."



FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

"Robbery" is a serious crime that violates a victim's sense of self. A feeling of helplessness is inevitable and the resulting fear can have lasting effects. If you ever are confronted with a robbery situation, the appropriate decision that you should be prepared to make is the one that will **have the safest outcome**. One's safety and well being are paramount; property always can be replaced. **Being safe is a learned behavior that can become second nature when practiced.**

University Park continues to be a safe place to walk through Town. Many residents walk, bike, use public transportation, and drive; but regardless of one's reasons to be out and about, **basic "street sense"** is mandatory! Stay alert, tuned into your surroundings, and know where you are. Trust your instincts. (If someone or something makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave the area because when something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.) Know your neigh-

borhood and try to know one person on every block. Carry a cell phone and/or walk with a friend whenever you can.

"Breaking & Entering" is a violation of one's private space and personal property. **"Crime prevention"** is the initiation of an action to remove or reduce the potential for crime. Along that line, three basic concepts should be remembered:

1 - Fix those broken windows! When a resident appears to be "at home" and is **being attentive to the condition of the home and property**, it is a powerful deterrent to would-be criminals.

2 -**Lock your doors; use dead bolts; turn on that alarm!** Physical security equipment is absolutely worthless unless it's used.

3 - Remember! **The human component always is the one most likely to fail** in any security system.

Keep your residence neat and clean, in good repair, and appearing like someone is at home (i.e. being seen going in and out, and looking active inside). This is the first step toward preventing home crimes. The second step is to be a good neighbor. **Get to know your neighbors and their habits** well enough to recognize deviations from the norm (and have your neighbors do the same for you).

Call the police if you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner (loitering and observing, approaching multiple residences without apparent business, or removing property from a neighbor's residence). A cooperative neighborhood increases everyone's collective home security with very little individual effort or time. If you see a vehicle you don't recognize driving around the neighborhood, jot down the tag number; it may be the link needed to close a case. The Town of University Park is a great place to live because everyone is engaged in community activities.

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 (Jan. 1st to Jan. 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Jan 1st	Theft 1	6800 Balt Ave
Jan 7th	Rcvrd Stoin Auto	6500 41st Ave
Jan 20th	Assault	4300 Sheridan
Jan29-30	Theft 2	6500 41st Ave

Theft 1 - Between 2:15 AM and 2 PM, the victim advised that while attending a party she **left her purse unattended** and it was stolen. A red leather purse and assorted contents were taken. No suspect/s were located.

Attempt Theft - At 3:30 PM, concerned residents advised the UPPD of a suspicious vehicle parked near their residence. Investigation revealed the 2000 Ford truck had been stolen on January 2, 2008 in Montgomery County. No suspect/s were located.

Theft 2 - At 3 PM, two adult males, both residents of Washington D.C., were walking on Sheridan Street, and allege that a vehicle with three adult males pulled up beside them. One of the suspect/s exited the vehicle and struck one of the victims with a 4' section of ¾ inch plastic PVC pipe. No words were

exchanged; the suspect got back in the car and the vehicle drove away. The victim was not injured and refused medical treatment. No suspect/s were located; the investigation is on-going.

Theft 2 -Between NOON on the 29th and NOON on the 30th, suspect/s broke the driver side lock of a 1997 Ford Truck and stole tools and a briefcase from the vehicle's passenger compartment. The UPPD's search of the area resulted in locating the briefcase and a tool box containing wrenches and sockets. The property was located in the Park at the dead-end of 41st Avenue. Still missing are two cordless power drills, a power hand saw, and a calculator. No suspect/s 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. The UPPD is working in conjunction with the Prince George's County Police Department to identify and apprehend suspect/s involved in the recent increase in "Thefts from Auto" occurring in and around our community.

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

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NOTE TO UP HOMEOWNERS

This is a Post Script to the notice in the February NEWSLETTER reminding homeowners to apply for their Homestead Deduction: Most University Park homes were reassessed in 2007 and, therefore, will have until 2009 to send in their application; only those homes reassessed in 2006 will need to meet the April 1st deadline.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Be sure to mark "University Park" on your Maryland income tax forms. Your Town services such as sanitation and police are paid for partly by a share of our State taxes. The State only provides us with this share, however, if University Park (not Hyattsville) is designated as your residence.



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, the **Town building permit application 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.

 **♣ NEW SERVICE CONTINUES:** The Town Bus now makes **weekly trips to the Shoppers Food Warehouse on Cherry Hill Road in College Park each Tuesday at 10 AM.** Any senior or handicapped resident interested in this **free door-to-door service** may participate by notifying the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

♣ 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.**

*"We are judged by what we finish.
Not what we start."*



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 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.



SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

♣ The Town would like to thank those homeowners who cleared their sidewalks after last month's brief ice storm. The early February freezing rain, while short lived, did put a film of black ice on sidewalks, making significant sections quite treacherous. **Quickly clearing or salting sidewalks is a Town policy.** It is preferred that residents use environmentally safe and pet safe "salts" to melt ice.

♣ Should there be any more snow this month, please remember to use your driveway or garage to park your vehicles. Having fewer vehicles on the streets allows our Public Works crew to clear ice and snow more effectively. Plus, parking in your driveway means you won't have to clear the large expanse of snow that would have fallen in that area!

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 P.G. County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or TDD 301-627-3352

CANDIDATES: Contact the Town Hall for candidate packet



YOU MIGHT ENJOY SERVING AS A SUPERVISOR

Election Day requires more than qualified voters; it requires Election Clerks and Supervisors of Elections. A **PAID supervisor position is needed** for our Town Election Day, Tuesday, May 6th. Clerks work the polls in shifts, as their schedules allow. They also are needed after the polls close to help count and certify the votes. More duties are involved with the supervisor position. Residents interested in serving as a Supervisor of Elections should call the Town Hall (301-927-4262).



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 7th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); and Sergeant McCully.

A motion was passed unanimously to hire **Mr. Michael Beall** for the position of Director of Public Works for the Town of University Park.

Mayor Tabori reported that a company would attend the February 4th Council Work Session to demonstrate web site/interactive community-bulletin-board software. This type of software would allow Council Members to have a blog and would allow the Town NEWSLETTER to be online. It also might enable both the rent and permit application process to be online, and allow for online payment of permit application fees. Mayor Tabori thanked CM Dudinsky for arranging for the presentation.

The Mayor announced that the city of College Park, College Heights Estates, and the Cafritz property owners were on-board with UP to support a group aerial spraying program, done from a helicopter, to combat the gypsy moth infestation. He still was waiting to hear from Riverdale Park and one

other municipality. The Mayor said he was pressing the State to release the report on the gypsy moth egg mass count soon. There is concern that unseasonably warm weather will cause the trees to leaf earlier and the caterpillars to hatch earlier.

CM Lucas reported that the level of noise being emitted by the office towers at University Town Center was causing problems for Town residents.

Re the speeding on Sheridan Street: Although the Mayor still was reviewing the data from Mr. Cook's recent traffic study, he was considering recommending to Council that the Tuckerman speed table near Rte. 1 be replaced with a speed cushion and two other speed cushions be placed on 44th Avenue. (The cushions would need to be purchased). CM Mallino added that one resident had commented on increased speeding along 44th Avenue. Mayor Tabori also said that he had received requests from residents outside Ward One to have speed tables installed.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the use of funds from the Government Studies line item to finance a benefits package "study" that would assess the cost of funding such a program. *[Concerning a discussion about which actuarial assumption(s) to include in the benefits study, Mayor Tabori said special legislation would be required if the benefits package was funded at less than 100%. He also said this type of benefits package would impact personnel retention favorably. (He felt the UPPD had a high turn-over rate and the UPPWD had a steady turnover.) The Mayor also stressed that UP was the only nearby municipality that did not offer this type of a benefits package.]*

A motion to approve the transfer of \$8,000 from Unreserved-Undesignated Funds to IT Costs was passed unanimously.

A motion was passed unanimously to construct an 8'x12' first-floor addition, a 14'x29' second-floor addition, and a 6'x32' covered porch at 4404 Van Buren Street.

♣ Wells Rink offers **Hockey Skills** (practice with USA hockey-certified coaches) on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 PM (equipment required for bantam and older), and **Adult Pick-up Hockey** (for 18 years and older) on Sundays from 8-10:00 PM (must wear full equipment and full-face mask or shield). A **Cardio Workout** program (designed for a serious workout) is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 PM. Focus is on increasing heart rate, muscle toning, and strength.

♣ Wells Rink is excited to present "**Hairspray**," their 2008 Annual Spring Show, on Saturday, **March 29th** from 5-7 PM. This special skating show will include all ages and levels of skaters, and should be a treat for people of all ages to watch and enjoy. **FREE**

♣ Wells Rink also offers **Super Saver Times** (\$4 for admission and skates) on Mondays and Fridays at 2 PM & Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3:45 PM. The **Family Fun Skate Session** on Sundays from 1-3 PM allows free admission for a paying parent and 4 children (skates not included).



GREAT DECISIONS 2008

All Town residents are invited to attend the remaining **6 discussions** in the Great Decisions 2008 series **offered for groups by the Foreign Policy Association**, an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan organization that promotes foreign policy education. The group meets bi-monthly on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at the University Park Church of the Brethren. The six dates and topics include:

♣ March 6th - **Talking To Our Enemies**: How the U.S. deals with international challenges often depends on how it engages with allies, as well as enemies. How should the U.S. deal with countries like Cuba, North Korea, and Iran? What approach should U.S. take with groups like Hamas and Hezbollah?

♣ March 20th - **Russia**: During his two terms as president, Vladimir Putin has attempted to remake Russia into a major, independent world power. Some of his recent policies have provoked concern in the U.S. and Europe. With a 2008 Russian presidential election expected, what course will Russia take?

♣ April 3rd - **US 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.** Attendance at all of the sessions is not mandatory. To purchase the very informative 2008 discussion book, please call Maxie Phillips (301-927-0857). For more information, visit the website (www.fpa.org).



PG PLAZA RECREATION CENTER

During March, the **Prince George's Plaza Recreation Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, by the Library, 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445- 4512) will host a spring break camp and a children's cooking class, as well as its regular activities.

♣ On Tuesday, **March 11th** at 6 PM, the Rec Center will offer **Munchie Fighters**, a cooking class for ages 8-12. Kids will have fun learning to make yummy healthy snacks at this delicious workshop. Participants will take home all the recipes so kids can teach parents how to make the snacks at home. (\$3 fee)

♣ The Center is hosting a **Spring Break Explorers Day Camp** M-F, **March 17th-21st** from 9 AM to 4:30 PM for students in grades K-6th. This general recreation camp will offer arts & crafts, sports, games, and a variety of other fun activities for children. Extended care is available as well from 7-9 AM and 4:30-6 PM. Registration began the middle of February; please sign up asap before March 7th. Please call for more information, for camp/extended care fees, and to register.



MARCH TO MRNRC FOR NATURE FUN!

Visit the **Mt. Rainier Nature and Rec Center (MRNRC)**(4701 31st Pl; 301-927-2163 or TTY301-699-2544) for hikes, info, and fun.

♣ On Tuesday, **March 11th** from 1 to 3 PM, ages 8-12 are welcome to join the "Hands on Nature" group for a **Tornado Alley Hike**. Please meet at the Paint Branch Golf Course for the hike through Tornado Alley. Reservations are required; participants should pay the \$5 fee through SMARTlink #118347.

♣ On Saturday, **March 15th**, from 11 to 3 PM, visit MRNRC for a very special event,

"Earth Day Every Day." Prepare for Earth Day 2008 (April 22nd) by checking out the informative exhibits, friendly vendors, animal and puppet shows, crafts, games, refreshments, a moon bounce, & eco-conscious fun for the whole family. Although it's FREE, reservations are required; all ages welcome!

♣ On Friday, **March 28th** from 6:30 to 8 PM, all ages are invited to attend a **Spring Awakenings Campfire**. Enjoy a beverage and a S'more while a Center Naturalist explains the activities of animals in the spring. Pay the \$2 fee through SMARTlink #112369.



2008 LECTURE SERIES BEGINS

Greenbelt Museum's innovative and exciting lecture series for 2008 is going to be focusing on **black history during the 1930s-1940s**. Mark your calendar now for some thought-provoking "remember when..." evenings. On **March 18th**, Dr. Psyche Williams-Forsen, a former "Friends of Greenbelt Museum" board member and UM professor of American studies, will speak about her new book, **"Building Houses out of Chicken Legs."** Williams-Forsen will explore how chicken, both the bird and the food, has played multiple roles in the lives of African-American women from the days of slavery to the present, giving particular attention to women and food preparation during the 20th Century.

Future lectures in this fascinating bi-monthly series will include "The African-American Experience in the CCC" in May, "Fighting for Freedom: Black WACs During WWII" in July, and "The Art of Black WPA Print Makers" in September. A speaker for November still is being sought. All lectures are FREE and are held in the Greenbelt Center multi-purpose room at 7:30 PM. For more information, or to be a speaker in November, please contact museum@greenbeltmd.gov.



UPHPA: COOKING IN THE 1800s

All Town residents are invited to attend the Tuesday, **March 18th** meeting hosted by the **University Park Historic Preservation Association**. Michelle Kretsch, a member of the Riversdale Historical Society and a founding member of the Riversdale Kitchen Guild, will give a presentation on the fascinating era of "19th Century cooking & cook books, and open-hearth cooking." The meeting will be held in Riverdale Presbyterian Church at 7:30 PM.



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 a monthly morning book discussion group and bi-monthly chess club meetings.

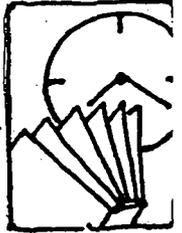
♣ The Morning Book Discussion Group meets monthly at 10:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. On **March 19th**, they will discuss the historical novel "The Children's Blizzard" by David Laskin. Though historical, it reads as a gripping novel about "an epic prairie snow-storm that killed hundreds of newly arrived settlers and cast a shadow on the promise of the American frontier." *Silent in the Grave* by Deanna Raybourn is the April 16th selection.

♣ For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**March 13th & 27th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

♣ 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 **March 7th** is Marjane Satrapi's "Persepolis," a powerful biography told in black-and-white comic strip images that details the author's life in Tehran from the age of six to fourteen (1975-1983). "Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume Two, 1933-1938" by Blanche Wiesen Cook (which you may want to get a head start reading) is the Club's selection for April 18th.

♣ The After Eight Book Club, a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - continues their 2007-2008 Club year on **March 18th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "100 Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Please call Norma Babington (301-454-0397) to attend. Their April 15th selection will be "In This House of Brede" by Rumer Godden.



MARCH NEWS FROM UPCA

On Tuesday, **March 25th** at 7 PM, the **University Park Civic Association (UPCA)** will meet at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Non-UPCA members are most welcome. The group always appreciates fresh input and ideas. It also is continuing its search for a new president and vice president. Perhaps a husband/wife combo or two friends might like to volunteer a year's time to help orchestrate the UPCA's activities for the Town. If so, please attend any meeting, held regularly on the last Tuesday of each month, or call the Membership Chair, Cathy (301-779-6791).

Watch for a flyer to be delivered soon that lists the various activities sponsored by the UPCA and includes a tear-off membership form. If your family enjoys any of the UPCA's activities, your donation will help support the year's events. On the back of the flyer is the exciting information about the UPCA's newly-published "Local Services & Activities

Directory." Now UP residents can have easy access to the "tried & liked" services of mechanics, builders, tutors, restaurants, medical workers, preschools, care givers, and more, each of whom "was referred by" or "is" a UP resident. The list may be accessed at the UPCA web site, www.upcivicaassociation.org, (under "Links" at the top left, click on "Local Services & Activities"). Residents without Internet access may view the Directory for free on any County library computer. All UP residents who would like to add a referral should call Shannon Sanford (301-699-1133).



LOCAL MULCH SALE

University Park Church of the Brethren (located at the corner of Tuckerman Street and Route 1) again **will be selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch** this spring. The bags of mulch will be available in the Church parking lot from 8 AM until as long as supplies last on Saturdays, **March 29th** and **April 5th**. The price 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, to destinations within a reasonable distance from the church.



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

  The **University Park Woman's Club** has offered scholarships to graduating high school students for over sixty years. The completed applications must be received no later than Saturday, **March 29th**.

The Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship is open to graduating students from North-western High School with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Economic need is a

consideration. The University Park Woman's Club Scholarship is open to all students who are residents of University Park. Non-resident children and grandchildren of Woman's Club members also may apply for this scholarship. Both scholarships are for \$1,000. Applications may be obtained from the UP Town Hall or from Kate Beveridge (301-277-4485).

 **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.



GET THOSE RUNNING SHOES READY

Now is the time to: form a team, choose a theme, start taking daily runs, and register to participate in the **7th Annual Azalea Classic 5K/1K Fun Run/1M Challenge Run** on April 19th. The Classic benefits the UPES-PTA and enriches the academic ventures of almost 600 children, while helping to make participants more physically fit as well! You may register online at www.azaleaclassic.com or by mail to: University Park 5K/1K/1M, %UP Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP 20782.

A motion to introduce Resolution 08-01 (Rental Properties Advertising) was approved unanimously.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve an on-street parking waiver for up to three vehicles for six months at 4429 Underwood Street. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY 28th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); Treasurer Baden, Attorney Ferguson, Public Works Director (PWD) Beall, and Chief Wynnyk.

Mayor Tabori reported that he plans to have the two UP representatives attending the East Campus Steering Committee meetings share the information they have learned to date. This development will have a significant impact on the surrounding communities. The Mayor noted that the East Campus project is funded through the State of Maryland & the developer, and the Cafritz property development is self-funded as well. The University Town Center and the Landy property are not self-funded and, consequently, may be affected by the shake-outs in the banking industry.

Public Comment: Ms. Ginny May, a Queens Chapel Road resident and long-time pet owner who serves on the County Commission for Animal Control and has numerous other credentials in animal welfare, raised points **why she was not in favor of the UP Dog Park proposal:** (1) Unlike other UP Park land, the proposed location for the Dog Park is in full sun, and would be hot for dogs in the summertime; (2) It would be sad to see a fence around this particular piece of land; (3) the College Park Dog Park is very close and offers the same facilities being proposed for UP; and (4) information to date leaves many questions unanswered:

1 - Will there be **usage fees**?
2 - Would dogs need **shots**?
3 - Would **unaltered dogs be allowed**? -- or would all dogs have to be altered?
4 - **Where will records be kept** on each dog and **who will maintain the records**? This is important, as no one in Town was willing to take over the lost pet database after Mr. Bender moved.

5 - **Who could use the Dog Park**? The Town can not restrict use of the Park only to Town residents.

6 - **How will access be controlled**? The CP Dog Park experienced problems on this issue. After inception, there would need to be a process for mediating disagreements and modifying rules.

7 - CM Lucas added that **groups now play soccer** in the proposed Dog Park location.

CM Winton thanked Ms. May for her input and noted that she viewed the Dog Park project as being quite distant from implementation at the current time.

Ms. Emily Rhodes of Sheridan Street, a former member of the LUP Boys & Girls Club and currently a member of the Fireballs Girls Soccer team (a 14-and-under travel team), related her surprise when a UP police officer stopped her team's play on the Town Field one Saturday. The Field still was closed several weeks later. She **questioned why the Town Field should remain closed without even an hour of pick-up play allowed**. She also wondered why UP residents should have to commute elsewhere to play a pick-up soccer game. Since she is unable to drive to out-of-Town locations, she is unable to participate in off-site games.

Attorney Ferguson reminded everyone that UP has a full policy of rules in place for the Town Field, and that a closure covers the entire field, even the sidelines and edges. Mayor Tabori added that, by Town policy, it is the PWD who authorizes closing or opening the Town Field. So when PWD Beall decides whether or not to close the Field each Friday afternoon, that decision remains in effect

throughout the weekend. (This is because the causes for closure, usually snow, ice, or standing water, are unlikely to be resolved in less than a day or two.)

The Mayor explained that our Field has three main problems: physically, it is of a small size compared to a regulation field; it has major drainage problems which have killed the grass in several places; and it has several areas in particular that collect water and become very muddy with use. The crux of the matter, then, remains how to maximize use of the Town Field given these constraints.

PWD Beall said he had three individuals available with extensive credentials in the area of playing-field installation and maintenance who will be offering guidance on these very problems: field closings and openings, field maintenance, and ways to improve the current field. He said the City of Bowie's criteria for field closings included lightning, maintenance hazards, snow or ice, and standing water; and, even though Bowie uses its fields for competitive play, it still closes them to ALL use for several months each winter.

Coach Harley, a volunteer with LUP for 10 years, said that four years ago, a hard winter left the UP Field in poor playing condition throughout the entire following season. He agreed that the actions taken for maintenance and usage of the Town Field were as effective as could be obtained, given the current constraints. Mayor Tabori thanked Ms. Rhodes for addressing the Council.

Attorney Ferguson reported that the "Old Town College Park Historic District" designation was approved on January 28th. It is the first historic district in Prince George's County, a designation that carries zoning implications (unlike the federal historic designation held by UP). She also announced that **March 24th** would be the trial date for the CP rent control lawsuit. As to the implications for rental property conversion in UP (should CP lose the lawsuit), Attorney Ferguson felt that property costs in UP still were priced above speculative values for prospective landlords.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he is interviewing two candidates to fill the last vacancy on the force. He also said the UPPD property room experienced minor flooding from a ruptured frozen water pipe. When CM Dudinsky expressed concern that Town Officers do not come to full stops at "STOP" signs but proceed via "rolling stops," the Chief replied that the term "rolling stops" was a misnomer. He said all officers are accountable for their actions and appropriate steps are taken if a violation occurs.

PWD Beall reported that he had been conducting one-on-one interviews with the members of the Public Works Department. He also said he had met PWDs from neighboring communities, had met the Town's hazard insurance adjuster (no problems found), had taken a "ride-along" on trash-collection day, and had experienced his first snowfall in Town as well as his first fallen tree!

His future plans included investigating single-stream recycling, and holding a **Town-wide Computer Recycling Day**. [Ed.NOTE: It will be on **March 29th**; see the notice in this issue.] He also announced that by negotiating with pest-control contractors, he was able to reduce the Town's pest control expenses by 50%. He said there was some forward progress on the Town flag pole and clock; Pepco had come to do the electrical work, and now we were waiting for the meter to be installed.

A consent agenda was approved for a **shed to be replaced at 4316 Clagett Road**.

An application to **construct a 16'x19' deck and stairs behind a sun room at 6905 Pineway** was approved unanimously.

A motion was approved unanimously for the transfer of \$15,000 from Unreserved-Undesignated Funds to Pest Control. (*Mayor Tabori explained the necessity of having gypsy moth spraying funds available in advance of warming weather; we will obtain the maximum benefit by spraying before the caterpillars emerge. The city of College Park, College Heights Estates, and the Cafritz*

property owners, all were on-board with UP in making these plans. Recently, Riverdale Park indicated they also wanted to join the effort.) The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.



ATTENTION ENTERPRISING TEENS!

For your benefit, a Town Teen Worker List is published twice a year in the Town NEWSLETTER (spring and fall). All teens (ages 13-19) living in University Park and wishing to offer their services to Town residents this spring and summer (baby sitting, lawn work, pet care, window washing, etc.) should e-mail their name, age, phone number, Ward number, address (optional) and type of service/s to the NEWSLETTER Editor at upnews@yahoo.com before the deadline for the April issue (March 5th) OR hand deliver/mail the same information to Flo Harris, 1703 44th Avenue, UP. The Spring/Summer Town Teen Worker List is published in each April issue of the UP NEWSLETTER.



CONGRATULATIONS

♣ To Reverend Cecil H. Cook and his wife Robin Cook, new residents of University Park. Rev. Cook and his wife Robin are renting a home on Woodberry Street while searching for a permanent home. They arrived the last week of January from Wabash, Indiana. Rev. Cook is now the senior minister at University Christian Church (6800 Adelphi Road).

♣ To Patrick and Allison Renzi of 44th Avenue who would like to announce the birth of their second son, **Connor Patrick Renzi**, on December 18, 2007 at 4:12 PM. Connor weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Big sister **Madelyn** (who will be 4 years old in April) and big brother **Daniel** (who soon will be 2 years old in March) are very excited to have a new little brother.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

📅 ♣ **Advance Notice:** Mark your calendars now and start cleaning! The UP Civic Association's TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE will be Saturday, May 3rd from 9 AM to 2 PM. To help, or for info, contact Sue (301-277-8346 or perryandsue@verizon.net). Details in April issue.

♣ The Town could use 2 or 3 more residents who would be willing to help the seniors using the Town grocery shopping shuttle. Volunteers are needed to help load folks' groceries onto the bus and carry the groceries into their homes. In return, the helpers get a free door-to-door ride to shop at the College Park Shoppers Food Warehouse. If you might be interested in helping once a month...or more often, please call the Town Hall now (301-927-4262). Thanks to the two volunteers who have been lending a hand ♡



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSES, 08-09 REGISTRATION & AUCTION

📅 Registrations are being accepted at Saint Matthew's Episcopal Parish Day School (36th and Nicholson, HY) for the 2008-2009 school year. In operation since 1955, the school offers quality nursery classes for children ages 2-4 (9:30 AM to NOON, daily) and an exciting accredited kindergarten class for 5-year-olds (9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, daily). Extended day care is available from 7:30 AM until 6 PM, before and after school hours.

The active curriculum at St. Matthew's is enhanced by field trips, special guest visits, weekly child-oriented worship services in the "big" church, the much-anticipated student-prepared Thanksgiving feast, and special Christmas and Spring programs presented by the students for their families. Tours of the school are available for drop-in visitors, or

may be scheduled in advance. If you would like more information or to request a registration packet, please call 301-935-5026.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

♣ **University Church Nursery School (UCNS)** (3621 Campus Drive, CP, in University United Methodist Church) is **accepting registrations** for their 2008-2009 nursery-school year. Families interested in finding out more about this half-day nursery school program for children ages 2-4 years old are warmly invited to arrange a tour of the school and visit the classrooms at their convenience. There is an optional lunch session for all ages. Each class is staffed by two qualified and experienced teachers. UCNS is accredited with the Maryland State Board of Education. For questions or more information, please contact 301-422-1404, x14 or uumc.dce@verizon.net.

♣ On **March 1st** from 10 AM to 1 PM, the **College Park Nursery School** (4512 College Avenue, 301-864-535) will hold an **Open House** for prospective parents and students to meet the teachers and have fun. There will be food, used clothing and toys, games, face painting, raffles, and more. Registration now is open; programs are available for ages 2-4. CPNS also has a new half-day kindergarten program for 5-year-olds, and an after-care program.

♣ On Saturday, **March 15th** from 6-10 PM, the **Christian Family Montessori School** (301-927-7122) is sponsoring their "**El Festival**" **Silent Auction** at the St. Anslem's Abbey School gymnasium. Proceeds will benefit the CFMS scholarship fund. Highlighting a fantastic evening will be Georgetown U's "Ritmo y Sabor" Latin dance group, salsa music and dancing, Latin catering from "Through the Kitchen Door," and a raffle. Top auction prizes include: 4 lower-level Wizards tickets for April; an iPod Classic 80GB; and a week at an ocean-front condo in Nosara, Costa Rica! Please call for registration information for the 2008-2009 school year or to advertise your local business at the Auction.

♣ **Side Door Coffee House** - As reported in the February NEWSLETTER, Town residents are reminded to join the **Side Door Coffee House Players of Riverdale Presbyterian** on **March 1st** for "**The Do-Gooders**," a story about a courageous teen challenging her friends and her father to confront pollution. The doors open at 6 PM; complete performances are given at 7 and 8:30 PM. Admission is free; but all proceeds from the delicious refreshments will benefit the County Help-By-Phone program. For more information, please call 301-927-0477.

♣ **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.

♣ "**The Tallis Scholars**" on **March 2nd** at 7:30 PM in Dekelbourn Concert Hall - The Tallis Scholars will shine their beautiful voices on the works of composers Mendes, Cardodo, and Lobo, and culminate with Tomas Luis da Victoria's six-voice Requiem, probably the greatest single piece of music written in the High Renaissance.

♣ "**Laura Schandelmeier & Stephen Clapp**" on **March 4th** at 5:30 PM in Kogod Theatre - This "Take Five" performance offers a glimpse into the dance duo's shared celebrations and intimate moments through their unique blend of artistry, cultural synthesis, and contemporary commentary. **FREE**

♣ "**A Celebration of Women's Voices**" on **March 8th** at 7:30 PM in the Memorial Chapel - A concert featuring the UM Women's Chorus and the Walt Whitman High School Women's Chorus performing a special program of works by female composers. **FREE**

♣ **"Alif Laila"** on **March 11th** at 5:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - In this "Take Five," Alif plays the sitar as if it's the instrument of her soul, capturing the essence of traditional Indian classical music while accompanied by a prominent tabla player's artistry. **FREE**

♣ Blind Summit Theatre's **"Low Life"** on **March 12th-14th** at 8 PM in Kogod Theatre - Visit a Charles Bukowski-inspired "Low Life" cabaret to capture moments of animated grace in the eerily human lives of its forlorn beautifully crafted Bunraku-style puppet inhabitants.

♣ **"Men's Chorus Invitational"** on **March 28th** at 8 PM in the Memorial Chapel - This 2nd Invitational brings talented male choirs from around the region together with the UM Men's Chorus. **FREE**

🌀 **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** continues its 2007-08 season with performances from its Children's and Guest Artist Series. For more information or tickets, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

♣ On Saturday, **March 8th** at 11 AM, TheatreworksUSA will present **"Max and Ruby,"** a charming new musical inspired by author Rosemary Wells' bunny siblings, Max and Ruby. *When Ruby recruited her little brother to help her put on a show for their grandma, Max wants the opposite of all Ruby's suggestions. Can Ruby's Bunny Scout friends help get grandma's play finished in time?* This play full of fun and sibling revelry is recommended for ages 5 and older.

♣ **"Giselle"** will be performed by the St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre on Wednesday, **March 12th** at 8:00 PM. As the "younger brother" of the Kirov and Bolshoi Ballets, the St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre is one of the most distinguished classical companies in Russia. It will perform a fully-staged, full-length production of *Giselle* featuring gold- and silver-medal principals. The ballet *Giselle* tells the story of a young, innocent village

maiden who falls in love with a nobleman, disguised as a peasant.

🌀 **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 books; \$5/\$5/\$6/\$6.

♣ The **"Saturday Morning at the Movies+"** series for ages 7-12, recalls the charm of yesteryear's weekly movie matinee; a half hour of vaudeville-style live entertainment is followed by a feature-length family movie. On **March 8th** at 11 AM, the live entertainment will be the **"Reptiles Alive!,"** a wildly exciting educational live animal program. The feature movie will be **"Pirates of the Caribbean at World's End"** (rated PG-13), the third movie in the Disney series. (The next Movie+ will be on April 12th.)

♣ On Monday, **March 10th** at 11 AM, the **Platinum Movie for Seniors** will be **"Daddy's Little Girls,"** a reverse-Cinderella tale about a successful attorney who falls in love with a financially-challenged mechanic who is a single father of three children. (The next seniors' show will be on April 14th.)

♣ On Tuesday, **March 11th** at 10:15 AM & NOON, see **"James and the Giant Peach,"** based on the book by Roald Dahl. Young James' life is turned upside down when a rhinoceros arrives... in this exciting adventure performed in English and American Sign Language. Recommended for grades K-5.

♣ On Tuesday, **March 28th** at 10:15 AM & NOON, see a musical version of the book **"Harry the Dirty Dog."** Although the little white dog with black spots has everything he could want, he hates baths so much that he runs away. But he gets so dirty that, when he returns home, his family doesn't recognize him. Recommended for grades K-2.

🌀 **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers **FREE**

family-oriented quality movies monthly. Note time change due to DST - Snacks now will be provided at 7 PM and the movie will begin at 7:30 PM. On **March 29th**, UCC will show "**Bridge to Terabithia**" and "**One Night with the King**" concurrently, making which film to see this month a difficult choice for families.

Based on Katherine Paterson's 1978 Newbery Award-winning book, "Bridge to Terabithia" (PG) is an imaginative magical adventure and a touching story of friendship. *After training to become the fastest runner in school, 5th-grader Jesse (Josh Hutcherson) is beaten by a newcomer girl, Leslie (Anna Sophia Robb). Although rivals at first, Jesse and Leslie become fast friends and create Terabithia, a land of monsters, trolls, ogres, and giants. The two friends have many adventures together and show each other how to stand up to the bullies at their school.*

"One Night with the King" (PG) chronicles the historic legend of Hadassah, a brave Jewish orphan with exceptional beauty who became Queen Esther of Persia and saved the Persian Jews from genocide. *By revealing her heritage to the king, Esther thwarts the evil Prime Minister Haman's plan to annihilate all the Jews in the Persian Empire.* The annual festival of Purim is inspired by Queen Esther's heroism. The UCC family movie for April 19th will be "Evan Almighty."



MARCH 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.

♣ **New Arts Workshops for Adults and Teens** - Make new friends and learn a new art skill by participating in two hands-on-arts

Saturday workshops. Pre-registration and payment by check is a must; send \$15 per workshop to CPAE.

♣ **A Comedy Improv Workshop** will be held on **March 1st** from 1:30-3:30 PM. Improv is a fun way of combining acting and playing. Drama Specialist Jesse Folks will help you stretch your creativity, think on your feet, and react to constantly changing situations, a skill that's fun for beginners and more-experienced players alike! Register in advance to hold a place or contact us to ask about a drop-in registration.

♣ **A 3-D Collage Workshop** will be held on **March 22nd** from 1:30-4 PM. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will help you use photos and memorabilia in a multimedia project that takes scrapbooking to the next dimension. You will create a remarkable piece of framed art using your own significant items along with the interesting materials provided. Pre-registration is required by March 14th to have enough materials for each participant.

♣ At the **Arts Drop-in** on **March 2nd** from 2-4 PM, instructor Aaron Springer will lead children ages 3 to 8 in an imaginative and creative free-form arts afternoon that is enjoyable for both children and parents. Children are invited to paint on a grand scale and "**Make a Massive Mural**" for Maryland Day! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

♣ A "**Musical Instrument Petting Zoo**" will be held on Sunday, **March 9th** from 3-5 PM. Open up the world of musical instruments for your child with some awesome hands-on experience! Join UM music education students as they introduce a variety of musical instruments and allow each child a chance to make a sound on every instrument. Then, work with CPAE Director Melissa Sites to build your own wind instrument. All children ages 3 and older must be accompanied by an adult.

♣ See a delightful performance of "**Mistress of Riversdale**" on **March 14th** from 7:30-9:30 PM. The play was adapted from her

atters, which were published in Clagett Road resident **Margaret Calcott's** book of the same name. The show was SRO at the Clarice Smith Center in 2006. Cherie Weinert will repeat her one-woman performance of this historical drama about Rosalie Calvert, who married into the Calvert family and became mistress of the Riversdale estate in the early 1800s. Seeing the show performed in the Old Parish House is especially appropriate; it was built as part of the Calvert estate in 1817, originally serving as a dairy barn! To hold your seat, send \$5 per ticket to CPAE.



SOARING INTO MARCH

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) is offering "Jay Jay," a lecture, and a workshop. Hours are daily, 10a-5p. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the Museum (www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765).

♣ As reported in the February 2008 issue, **March 1st** is the day "**Jay Jay the Jet Plane**" lands at CPAM. SMARTlink ticket times and barcodes are: 11 AM, #110308; NOON, #110309; 1 PM, #110310; 2 PM, # 110311.

♣ "**Speaking of Flight**," CPAM's popular 2 PM Sunday lecture series, highlights the past, present, and future of aviation. On **March 9th**, the award-winning actress Mary Ann Jung will give a not-to-be-missed performance of "**Amelia Earhart: Dreams Take Flight**." Ms. Jung will bring Amelia Earhart to life right before your eyes and lead you on a journey through both the good and the difficult times experienced by this courageous aviatrix. Reservations are recommended; please call to reserve a seat. [Ed.NOTE: You also may see Ms. Jung portraying Julia Child at Riversdale Museum; details in next column.]

♣ A "**Scout Wings**" Program will be held from 12 to 4 PM on Saturday, **March 15th**.

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels are invited to explore the history of aviation and the science of flight through a variety of fun and educational activities that fulfill badge requirements. The \$4 fee includes admission, but pre-registration is required.



MARCH 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.

♣ Advance registration is required for the delightful historical bus tour, "**Mistresses and Murderers**," being held on Saturday, **March 1st** at 10 AM. The tour will begin and end at Darnall's Chance House Museum, home of Lettice Lee. It will continue to Riversdale, the home of Rosalie Stier Calvert, and to the Surratt House, whose owner, Mary Surratt, became the focus of the Lincoln assassination conspiracy. A box lunch will be provided. Call 301-952-8010 for fees and to register.

♣ Riversdale's popular **Spring Lecture Series** will be held on Tuesdays, at 7 PM on **March 11th**, April 8th, April 22nd, and May 13th, and at 1 PM on **March 18th**. Each lecture is \$5 except for the first two which were made possible by a grant from the Maryland Humanities Council and are free.

♣ **March 11th - "Fighting Old Nep: The Food Culture of Enslaved Afro-Marylanders"** - Historian Michael Twitty, Director of Interpretation for the Menare Foundations, will trace the roots of slave foodways over three centuries using his own family traditions and years of research on specific West and Central African civilizations through their arrival in America in the 1600s to colonial Maryland.

♣ **March 18th** - The UM Campus Club and the Riversdale Historical Society are co-hosting "**Julia Child: America's Favorite French Chef**," a costumed living-history presentation that's full of energy, passion, and playfulness. Mary Ann Jung portrays the Queen of Cuisine in this story of the groundbreaking charismatic American woman who founded her own French cooking school and co-authored the comprehensive cookbook classic, "*Mastering the Art of French Cooking*." [Ed.NOTE: You also can see Ms. Jung portraying Amelia Earhart at the CP Aviation Museum; details in previous column.]

♣ **April 8th** - Dr. Nancy Struna, UM Professor and Chair, American Studies Department, will discuss "Taverns in Early America."

♣ **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."



YEAR-ROUND FARMERS MARKET

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/.



UPWC "LOCAL FOODS" MEETING

The University Park Woman's Club will hold its monthly meeting and conservation

program on **March 3rd** at 12:00 NOON in Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Residents are invited to come for a light lunch of locally grown foods and then enjoy a discussion with **Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen** of Queens Chapel Road and **Renee Brooks Catacalos** of Beechwood Road about the "eating local" phenomenon. Kristi and Renee are the publishers of "*Local Mix*," a monthly e-mail newsletter, and "*Real People Eat Local*," the accompanying website. Renee also is the publisher of "*Edible Chesapeake*," a quarterly publication about seasonal foods of the Chesapeake watershed, to which Kristi is one of the contributing editors. This delicious UPWC program will have you anticipating the fresh summer produce at your local farmers' markets. For more information on eating local food, you might like to visit www.realpeopleeatlocal.org.



"SMOOTH O'ER THE ICE" FUN

The **Herbert Wells Ice Rink** (5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park; 301-277-3717) offers camps for 6-12-year-olds, a Spring Show, hockey skills & cardio workout days, and "special rates" & "kids free" times.

♣ "**Ice & Easy Day Camps**" - Ice and Easy Days (Tuesday, **March 4th**, Friday, **March 14th**, and Monday, **March 24th**) offer a beginner ice skating lesson, games, fun, and free ice skating for ages 6-12. Campers must bring a bag lunch and wear warm clothes. Save your spot early; registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The camp runs from 9 AM to 4:30 PM; also available is Before Care (7-9 AM) and After Care (4:30-6 PM). A full-week "**Spring-Break Camp**" (same times as Ice and Easy Days) is available from M-F, **March 17th** through **March 21st**. Also available this week is a **Hockey Skills Camp** from 7 AM to 6 PM for novice-intermediate players ages 7-16. Please call for fees, more information, and/or to register for all options.

For your convenience, a registration form has been included in this NEWSLETTER; please feel free to make copies.

On Friday, April 18th, Cadet/Senior Girl Scout Troop 1069 is holding a "Pre-race Pasta Party Spaghetti Supper" at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Race day festivities will include a live DJ, lots of random prizes, and refreshments donated by Smoothie King, Fractured Prune donuts, Three Brothers, and others! Contact www.azaleaclassic.com to find out how you can become a "race sponsor" and have your name printed on the official shirt! Sponsors also receive 4 entries to any of the racing events and 4 official t-shirts.



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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UP Police Department: upchief@upmd.org
UP Town Website: www.upmd.org
UP Cable TV Channel: 71
PGC Government Hot Line: 301-952-4810

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)

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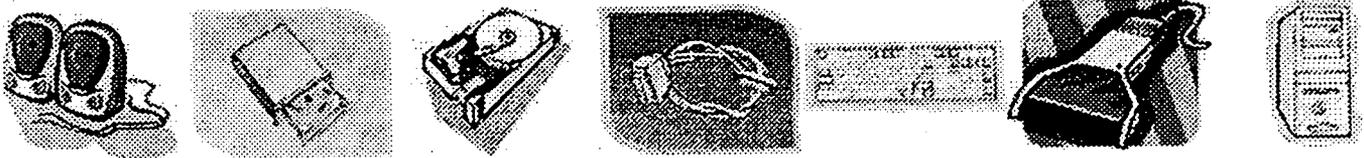
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**INFORMATION
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UP RESIDENTS**
Contact Jenn Mooney
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LOST PET DATABASE

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.



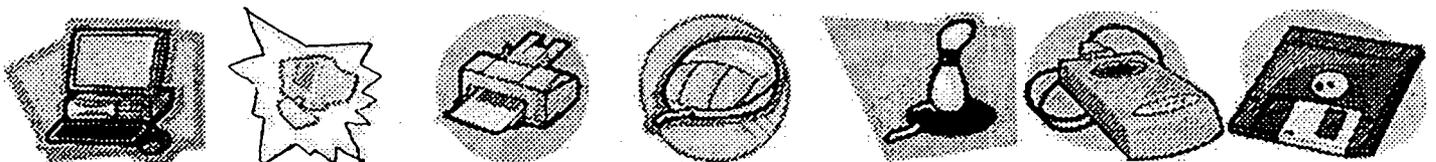
COMPUTER RECYCLING DAY FOR UNIVERSITY PARK RESIDENTS

from 8 AM to 1 PM on
MARCH 29th

Collection Site: On Queens Chapel Road by the Town Field
NOTE: Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency

New Town Public Works Director Mickey Beall has organized a convenient way for UP Town residents to recycle their outdated or surplus computer components. All items collected will be recycled at the "Subtractions, LLC" recycling facility in Laurel. For almost ten years, "Subtractions, LLC" has been recycling computers on the highest level by reusing components when possible, then refurbishing and re-marketing when possible, before finally recycling the components, including all peripherals, in a safe and recognized EPA-approved method.

Please do not bring your items in boxes or bags; there will be trash carts for smaller items. Components ACCEPTABLE for recycling include: computers, servers, routers, monitors, LCDs, CRTs, hard drives, memory, Nicad batteries, UPS devices, and all peripherals (mice, speakers, keyboards, etc.). Items NOT ACCEPTABLE include: floor-model printers & copiers, and televisions. Questions? Please call the Town Hall (301-927-4262).



***** 7th ANNUAL UNIVERSITY PARK AZALEA CLASSIC *****

5K/1 Mile Challenge Run/1K Fun Run in University Park, MD

Saturday, APRIL 19, 2008

To Benefit the University Park Elementary School PTA



Course: Rolling hills along lovely, azalea-lined residential streets closed to traffic. Friendly volunteers and live music along the course to encourage and entertain you!

Registration: Register online at: www.azaleaclassic.com or www.signmeupsports.com

Register by Mail: One person per entry form. Please submit family entries together. You may copy this entry form as needed. REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 10th.

Entry Fees: 5 K and 1 Mile Challenge Run: \$18 (**\$22 on Race Day**) * Family rate: \$50 (4 t-shirts) * 1K: \$12 * **Early Birds:** Register by April 1st for \$15 * **"Virtual Runners":** Make a \$15 donation by 4/1/08, pick up your official race t-shirt at UPES, and pretend you ran!

Registration & Packet Pickup: Friday, April 18th: 4-8 PM at UPES * Saturday, April 19th: 7-8:15 AM

Awards: Top 3 male/female finishers * First 3 in each 10-year age group * Prizes for all 1 Mile and 1K runners * Exciting random prizes * Great food * A beautiful, multi-color, 100% cotton tee shirt for every participant and volunteer!

Location/Directions to UPES: University Park Elementary School (UPES) is located at 4315 Underwood Street, University Park, MD. **From Maryland:** From I-495, take US Rte 1 South for 3 miles to Underwood Street. Right turn onto Underwood. UPES is just past 2nd "STOP" sign. **From DC:** US 1 (Rhode Island Avenue) North. Follow through intersection of Rte 1 and Rte 410 (East-West Highway). Turn left onto Underwood Street and UPES is just past 2nd "STOP" sign.

***** **Entry Form** ***** **One Per Person** *****

Name: _____ Age: LL Gender: L

Address: _____ City: _____ State: LL Zip: LLLLLL Phone: _____

Tee-shirt Size: **Adult:** L M, L L, L XL; **Child:** L M, L L

Email: _____

Payment: L 5K: \$15, \$18, \$20 * L 1Mile: \$15, \$18, \$20 * L 1K: \$12 * L Virtual runner: \$15

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I waive for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, any and all claims and rights for damages against the race sponsors, representatives, successors and assigns of the April 19, 2008 Azalea Classic including PVAUSAT&F for any and all injuries suffered by me in the said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name and image for any legitimate purpose without expecting model's remuneration.

Signature of Participant (parent or guardian if runner is under 18 years of age)

Mail to: University Park 5K/1K, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782.
Checks should be made payable to: UNIVERSITY PARK PTA *



March 2008

University Park Monthly Planner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March is	Women's History Month	Nutrition Month	and	Music in Our Schools Month		1 CPNS "OPEN HOUSE" 10a-1p CPAM "Jay Jay" 11a-2p Bus Tour: "Mistresses & Murderers" 10 AM Call RHM CPAE "Improv" OPH 1:30 RPC Coffee House, 7 & 8:30 "The Do-Gooders"
2 Takoma Park Farmers Mkt (TP*FM) 10a-2p CPAE - Kids' Arts Drop-in "Make a Massive Mural" 2-4 PM OPH UM "Tallis Scholars" 7:30 PM	3 UPWC RPC NOON "Local Food" Program 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION	4 WR "Ice & Easy Days" 9a to 4:30p (WR-I&ED) UM "Dance Duo" 5:30 PM TOWN BUS TO SFW	5 ♣ 12:00 NOON ♣ Deadline for April NEWSLETTER YARD WASTE RECYCLING	6 Great Decisions UP COB 7:30-9 PM "Talking to Your Enemies" YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	7 CPAE Book Club OPH "Persepolis" 7:30-9 PM T-F BLUE BIN	8 PP Movie+ 11 AM "Reptiles Alive!" and "Pirates of Caribbean III" MCPAC, 11a "Max and Ruby" UM Women's Concert Memorial Chapel 7:30p Free
9 CPAE 3-5 PM OPH "Instrument Petting Zoo" CPAM "Amelia Earhart" 2 PM Daylight Savings Time (TP*FM)	10 PP 11 AM Platinum Movie for Seniors "Daddy's Little Girls"	11 UM Free Sitar Concert 5:30p PP 10:15 AM & 12 NOON "James and the Giant Peach" MRNC Tornado Alley Hike, 1p PGP Ctr Munchie Fighters 6p RHM Afro-Am Food Culture 7p TOWN BUS TO SFW	12 UM "LowLife" 8p (UM-LL) UPES 7:30 PM UP - CP - CHE Gypsy Moth Meeting MCPAC "Giselle" 8 PM YARD WASTE RECYCLING	13 (UM-LL, 8 PM) HY-LI - CHESS 7 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	14 (UM-LL, 8 PM) (WR-I&ED) CPAE 7:30-9:30p OPH "Mistress of Riversdale" T-F BLUE BIN	15 Mt. Rainier Nature Ctr. 11 AM to 3 PM "Earth Day Every Day" CPAM "Scout Wings" 12-4p CFMS, 6-10p, SAASG Latin-theme Silent Auction
16 (TP*FM)	17 Wells Rink 7a to 6p Two Spring-Break Camps St. Patrick's Day PGP RecCtr Camp 9-4:30	18 RHM "Julia Child" 1p UPHPA 7:30p RPC "19 Century Cooking" GB RecCtr 7:30 PM "Building Houses...Chicken Legs" UP After-8 Book Club "100 Years of Solitude" TOWN BUS TO SFW	19 HY-LI BOOKS 10:30 AM "The Children's Blizzard" YARD WASTE RECYCLING	20 Great Decisions "Russia" UP COB 7:30-9 PM Spring begins! YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN	21 T-F BLUE BIN	22 CPAE WORKSHOP 1:30-4 PM OPH "3-D COLLAGE"
23 (TP*FM)	24 (WR-I&ED)	25 UPCA MEETING RPC 7 PM TOWN BUS TO SFW	26 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	27 HY-LI - CHESS 7 PM YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN	28 PP 10:15a & NOON "Harry, the Dirty Dog" MRNC 6:30-8p Spring Awakening Campfire 8p, UM Men's Concert, Chapel	29 WR "Hairspray" 5-7p FREE! UP CB - MULCH SALE, 8 AM UPWC Scholshp. Applications due ♣ Computer Recycling Day UP QC Road 8-1 PM UCC Family Movie 7 PM "Bridge to Terabithia" or
30 (TP*FM)	31 7:30 PM UPES GENERAL TOWN MEETING					

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 March 28, 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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