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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JUN 1 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**JUN 3- NEWSLETTER Deadline for Jul-
Aug COMBINED issue. NOON**

JUN 15 - 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. **Agenda for Council Meetings is posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall on the Friday before each Meeting.**

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

CONGRATULATIONS to Anne O'Connor (Ward 6) and Tracey Toscano (Ward 5), the two newly elected Council Members, and to Mickey Lucas (Ward 2), who was reelected to a third term. By the time you read this, all three will have been sworn into office, so if you need assistance with a Ward or Town-related matter, please do not hesitate to contact them.

A TIP OF THE HAT to Len Carey and Sheldon Nickens, the Ward 4 nominees, who drew a record number of Ward 4 voters to the

polls. Unfortunately, that contest finished in a dead heat at 69-69, so a run-off election has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd. [See the "Notice of Election" box in this issue.]

A big **THANK YOU** to Stephanie Herold and Eddy Lee, the two Town Supervisors of Elections, who worked long and hard to ensure that the election went off without a hitch in the face of an unusually high turnout.

Our **ARBOR DAY** planting ceremony was quite special this year, and it turned into a wonderful teachable moment for Ms. Duffy's 1st grade class. The contractor who provided the tree, Mr. Masters, planted it with the assistance of all the students, and used the opportunity to explain the best way to plant and care for a tree. The class read a delightful poem and sang a song in honor of the occasion. At the end, Ranger Horace Henry, Maryland's Southern Region Urban Forester, presented our Town with a letter, a plaque, and a crystal award commemorating University Park's 5th straight year as a Tree City USA!

Most of you are aware that the Town suffered through a Swine Flu scare, during which time, the May Fair was postponed and University Park Elementary School was closed briefly (because of a suspected case at the school). **A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE** goes to UPES Principal Foxx and UPPD Chief Wynnyk. Along with their staffs, they secured the entrances to the School on May 4th and 5th, notifying any students and parents who had not heard that the school was closed.

In light of the **SWINE FLU SCARE**, it is worth noting that our Town was well prepared to handle a pandemic or any other emergency. The Town operates under a well-defined emergency plan that was created in 2003 and is updated regularly. The **University Park Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is one of the best organized and best prepared units in the State! Recently, **UP CERT developed a flyer that outlines how Town residents should prepare for pandemics or other emergencies. That flyer has been placed on the Town web site and should be consulted as needed.** The flyers were distributed at the May Fair and also are available at the Town Hall. For those of you who might be interested in joining CERT and getting the excellent training that is offered, please contact **Tom Stickles** (*tstickle1@verizon.net* or 301-864-0533) or another CERT member.

Finally, the **PROPERTY TAX RATE** that was requested in the Mayor's budget was passed by the Council, reducing the rate from 0.60 to 0.541. This should ensure that you do not see an increase in your Town property taxes. It also is an important milestone to ensure that we keep a balance between the excellent services that we enjoy and the taxes that we must pay for those services.

"I hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and that I will see you at the Town's Fourth-of-July Parade."

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FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

WALKING: University Park is a great place to walk! Whether it's for exercising, commuting, taking out the dog, looking at all the beautiful azalea gardens, or simply for pleasure, walking is good for us. **Walking for exercise is one of the easiest ways to get in shape.** Mile for mile, you can burn as many calories walking as you can jogging. And walking is one of the best stress-relieving

exercises that anyone can do, regardless of fitness level.

Generally, pedestrians have the right of way. However, **it is important for pedestrians to walk safely and stay alert.** If a driver doesn't see a pedestrian because he/she was inattentive, used poor judgment, or was speeding, or if the vehicle malfunctions, and the pedestrian is struck, the consequences can result in a critical injury or a fatality. **As a driver, it's even more important to be aware of and watch for pedestrians.** Remember... that more-than-a-ton-of-metal-and-plastic you are operating is no match for human impact.

These **SAFETY TIPS** are universal for children and adult pedestrians:

★ **Pedestrians need to be seen by drivers.** Stay out of their blind spots. Make eye contact with drivers while crossing busy streets. Don't assume a driver can see you; they may be distracted by tuning a radio, talking on a cell phone, drinking coffee, or even by their noisy riders, etc.

★ **Use a flashlight** if walking in the dark.

★ Walk on sidewalks when they're available. **If you must walk in the road, always walk facing traffic.** Cross only at crosswalks or intersections.

★ **Children should not cross streets by themselves or be allowed to play or walk near traffic.** Kids are small and unpredictable; they cannot judge vehicle distances and speeds.

★ Many senior citizens are dependent on safe streets for walking because they no longer drive. Because of the difficulty in judging traffic distances and speed, **seniors and handicapped individuals should allow themselves extra time when crossing a road.**

In University Park, there are many **GREAT LOOPS** you could develop to make a more enjoyable walk. The Town Park has a nice walking path and many Town roads have adequate sidewalks. And though the roads

without sidewalks may require extra care when walking on them, their extra width can accommodate walkers and vehicles safely.

I do recommend that walkers **AVOID** using **Baltimore Avenue between Queens Chapel Road and East-West Highway**; the sidewalk is narrow and traffic is excessive. Instead, choose 44th Avenue for traversing that part of Town. **With over 11 miles of roadway available in University Park, potential walking routes are unlimited.** The Azalea Classic 5K route has a good combination of flat and hilly roads that will test your aerobic fitness. The Center for Disease Control, which sponsors two annual walks within UP, offers a much flatter course. St. Mark's School makes a habit of using UP streets for their annual "Walk for the Homeless," and members of the National Guard on Baltimore Avenue often can be seen running and walking through Town. With so many others enjoying the wonderful and safe walking environment right outside your front door, it would be a wasted treasure not to take advantage of it.

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.

CLUBS: A limited number of steering wheel clubs have become available for **FREE** from the Auto Theft Prevention Council. Help deter your vehicle's theft by contacting the UPPD to get one, while they last.

REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS: There are registered sexual offenders in our zip code. The State of Maryland has a free sexual offender notification service for any resident; 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/online/servs/sor/>.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077; or call

the P.G. County Dispatch: 301-333-4000 and ask for a UP officer to respond). For **Chief Mike Wynnyk**, contact upchief@upmd.org or **301-277-0051. ALL EMERGENCIES: dial 911.**

CRIME STATISTICS (Apr 1st to Apr 30th)

| DATE | CRIME | BLOCK/STREET |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Apr17-18 | Theft from Auto | 6300 QC Road |
| Apr22-23 | Theft | 4100 Underwd |
| Apr 28th | B & E | 4000 Beechwd |
| Apr 28th | B & E | 6500 QC Road |

Theft from Auto – At 12 NOON, suspect/s broke the right rear window of a 1996 Honda Civic and stole a Panasonic car radio. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft – At 7 PM, the tenant reported that four car tires and rims were stolen **from the rear yard** of the residence. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering – Between 1:30-3 PM, the homeowner returned from being away for a short period of time and found the front door open. The UPPD was contacted and the home was searched for possible suspects with a Prince George's County K-9 dog. After thoroughly checking the home, it was determined to be safe. There was **no evidence found of forced entry.** Items stolen included an Xbox game system, a Wii game system, two cameras, a cell phone, an Apple laptop computer, a portable GPS unit, and some cash. A neighbor observed two possible suspects at the front door of the residence during the time frame of the incident; they were described as two white males, approximately 5'-5'4" tall, between 13-16 years of age, wearing light colored shorts and white t-shirts. The UPPD and PGPD processed the scene for fingerprints, searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses, and notified local jurisdictions of the incident.

Breaking & Entering – At 5 PM, a witness observed a suspect (described as an adult male, black, 5'8" 150 lbs, wearing blue jeans and a dark t-shirt) inside Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The suspect had a screw-

driver in his hand and was carrying boxes out of the building to a Blue Dodge Durango, MD Tag #954M892. A church employee confronted the suspect, who entered his vehicle and fled up 43rd Avenue. Police were contacted and searched the area for the vehicle. The church was **unlocked**. Two computer monitors and a computer were taken from 3rd-floor rooms. The monitors were located in bushes by the Church. PGPD processed the scene for fingerprints, and re-searched the area for the suspect. The vehicle tag was invalid. No suspect/s were located; investigation is ongoing.

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

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



➤ ★ **KIDS RIDING** big wheels, skateboards, or on roller blades, especially when crouched down, are very difficult to see from a car and are nearly invisible at twilight or on cloudy evenings. **Please have your children use the sidewalks with these items, ALWAYS yielding immediately to pedestrians, and as well, wearing helmets & other protective padding. We want our kids to thrive and survive!**

★ **PLEASE REMEMBER:** It is the law; all **dogs and cats must be "on leash"** when away from their owner's property. Also, all dog walkers (kids to seniors) **are required to bag their pup's droppings**. Bags should be disposed in the pet owners' trash receptacles.

★ **PERMIT PROCEDURE REMINDER:** It is standard operating procedure for all UP residents planning to initiate **ANY construction projects** on their property to check first with the Town Hall to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. And 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.

★ **NOTICE TO UP LANDLORDS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease any residence in University Park. Owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. A rental license costs \$250.00 per year. Rental license fees 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).

★ **HELP STOP CRIME:** Blue and white "UP" car sticker/s are **FREE** at the Town Hall. Please adhere to the driver's side of either your car's back bumper or low on the back window. The stickers **enable UPPD officers and residents to recognize UP vehicles immediately**. Town Hall hours are 9-5, M-F.

★ **TOWN HOT-LINES:** For Town Field status updates: **301-927-4262-x-600**. For general Town Bus info: **301-927-4262-x-601**.

★ **YARD WASTE** is collected each Monday 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.

NOTE: **BAMBOO, VINES, and IVY are considered trash**. Please bag and include with your Tuesday/Friday trash collections. To keep our Town looking beautiful, **put yard waste out only the evening before collection**.

★ **BULK TRASH:** Visit www.upmd.org and click on "Town Info" and "Contact Us" to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday pick-up. Please wait to put items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon, i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers...

★ **BLUE RECYCLING TOTE (Thursdays):**

The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream recycling is used to collect all types of mixed paper (telephone books, magazines, boxes, envelopes, aseptic milk/juice cartons, newspapers, etc.), some metal (aerosol cans, aluminum foil, and food/beverage containers of aluminum-bimetal-ferrous/iron-steel), most plastics (grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap & stretch film (collected in one bag), drinking glasses/cups & dinnerware, narrow-neck containers #1-7, all wide-mouth containers, flower pots, and Rx containers), all glass, and all hangers. RECYCLING should be ready for COLLECTION each THURSDAY at 7 AM in the same manner and place as your trash cart. **NOTE:** Rinse all food & beverage containers.

We can **NOT** recycle: Light bulbs, broken glass, windowpanes or mirrors, any auto parts, motor oil or antifreeze containers, hazardous waste products or medical waste items, or any (hard or soft) **STYROFOAM**.

★ **TRASH AND RECYCLING TOTERS:**

Remember not to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/Friday and Thursday pick-up days. Likewise, it is each resident's responsibility to **return them from the curb the same day after pick-up**. Toters stored outside must be out of view from the street, at the side or back of one's home. If the most convenient place to locate your toters is a visible one, consider installing attractive wooden surrounds, barrier walls, or lattice and plants to block their view.



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 or Community Center visits, club meetings, or to visit a

neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM-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 Town.

Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway across from the Plaza. Senior or handicapped residents interested in this **FREE door-to-door service** simply need to notify 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** and **eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM**. Get a map (showing the stops) at the Town Hall or at www.upmd.org under "Other Documents."



**OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE
MAY 5, 2009 TOWN ELECTION**

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|---------|--------------------|----|
| Ward 2: | Francis M. Lucas* | 43 |
| Ward 4: | Lenford C. Carey | 69 |
| Ward 4: | Charles S. Nickens | 69 |
| Ward 4: | Void | 1 |
| Ward 5: | Tracey J. Toscano | 27 |
| Ward 5: | None of the Above | 2 |
| Ward 5: | Void | 2 |
| Ward 6: | Virginia L. Myers | 12 |
| Ward 6: | Anne V. O'Connor | 39 |
| Ward 6: | Void | 1 |

* Denotes Incumbent

NOTICE OF ELECTION

A Run-off Election
for
University Park, Ward 4
For the Office of
Council Member

between candidates

Lenford C. Carey
and
Charles S. Nickens

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at
UP Church of the Brethren
4413 Tuckerman Street, at Rte.1

said there were many potholes on Woodberry and Van Buren Streets. Mayor Tabori said that about 25% of the Town's streets would be affected by utility work, and WSSC/WGL would be responsible for those streets. UP needs to repair some areas in advance of the utility work, with the permanent milling and paving performed after WSSC/WGL finishes in those areas. He added that the remaining UP roads would be repaired according to the Town's maintenance life cycle for road replacement. CM Mallino explained in more detail. The Mayor said monies for repair and replacement were held in the Budget reserves.

A Clagett Road resident requested that Council consider legislation to prohibit keeping large commercial vehicles on private property. His neighbor keeps a large ice cream vending panel truck parked in his driveway and periodically runs it, sending diesel exhaust into the complainant's back yard. Attorney Ferguson said such code violations were matters for County enforcement; the Town only can regulate parking on public property.

The Mayor reported that the clock contract with County school authorities had been signed and shipping arrangement were being made to send the clock from the manufacturer to UP Elementary School. He thanked CM Dudinsky and PG County school employee Mr. Vince Curl for their efforts with the clock. He said the UP proposal for archiving records was resurrected with the State Archivist and should move forward within the next 45 days.

Chief Wynnyk reported that (1) there had been a fatal auto accident along Baltimore Avenue (between Tuckerman and Sheridan Streets) on April 3rd; (2) UPPD had provided assistance to the FBI and DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) for a raid on an owner-occupied home on 40th Avenue; (3) during a high-speed chase by the Hyattsville PD (HPD) on April 10th, the suspect struck an HPD vehicle; (4) UPPD provided support at the Azalea Classic Dog Walk on April 17th, where over 30 dogs participated; and (5) the Boy Scout

[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 APRIL 20th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, Attorney Ferguson, and UPPWD Director Beall.

Under public comment, a Woodberry Street resident asked if there was a plan for WSSC/WGL to repave all the roads in UP, and

working on his Eagle Scout qualifications had begun coordinating pet registration in Town.

Two Woodberry Street residents had questions for **Treasurer Baden**. One asked about the impact of foreclosures on property tax revenues. Mr. Baden explained that any Town properties that hadn't paid taxes would go to foreclosure sale and the Town would realize the tax revenues from the proceeds of the sale. The Town Council controlled the tax rate and planned to maintain a constant yield. The second question asked which homes had not paid property taxes or how much money was outstanding. Mr. Baden didn't know the specific homes because monies are collected by the State; however, he did know the dollar amount was approximately \$15,000.

Director Beall had several announcements: (1) An electronics and bulk plastic recycling event would be held on May 30th. (2) Construction of the pedestrian bridge by the UPES tennis courts should be completed by mid-May. (3) An energy audit was completed for the Town Hall, with suggestions for ways to improve energy usage and lower costs. (4) Single-stream recycling disposal costs \$25 per ton, much cheaper than the \$45 per ton disposal costs at the County landfill (which will increase to \$54 per ton on July 1st). UP disposed of 400 tons of recyclables last year. This year, the Town has seen almost a 15% increase and may recycle as much as 500 tons of material! (5) Re the Town Field: A project to address the swale to catch run-off should take place in early May. The Budget will allow for topsoil, for crown-ing part of the Field, and for overseeding the areas. Since the current economy and market conditions for landscaping services work in the Town's favor, the project is much more affordable than it otherwise would have been. (6) **The UPPWD will accept water-based paints now; HOWEVER, they must be in their original containers, and the paint must have been allowed to dry in them for 72 hours with the lids removed.** (Town Clerk Headley suggested that residents might try advertising on *www.freecycle.org* to dispose of oil-based paints, and

said a drop-off box was available at the Town Hall for residents' convenience in recycling used CFL bulbs and ink-jet cartridges.)

Three **Consent Agenda** items were approved unanimously to (1) **replace the front walkway and steps at 4320 Woodberry Street**; (2) **replace a 4-foot fence at 4307 Tuckerman Street**; and (3) **replace windows at 4317 Sheridan Street**.

A motion introducing **LR 09-04** (the EY 2010 Budget for the Town of University Park) was passed unanimously. (*First reading*) The Mayor said this action formally transferred the Budget from the Mayor to the Council for their consideration. [It was advertised in the April 20, 2009 Prince George's County Post and the May 2009 University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER, sent by post card notice to all Town residents, and posted on the Town's web site.] Mayor Tabori said **the Budget was based on a "constant yield" concept**, meaning that while the tax rate may fluctuate, a constant dollar tax amount is levied, and Town property taxes will not rise. This Budget marks the first time the Town has accomplished this in 20 years! And as well, the Town's services also will be maintained at the current level!

Mayor Tabori addressed the Council and assembly about **how the Town would change its procedures to authorize joining the State Pension Plan at the lowest possible cost**. He said he always had been adamant that the Plan should be self-funding -- pay for itself through overall cost savings. His analysis relied on the authority granted by the State under Article 23A of the MD Annotated Code to borrow at private bond rates (bonds from sources other than the State of MD). He noted that there was a difference of opinion among bond attorneys as to whether or not the right to enter a private placement bond is implicitly granted by the State unless explicitly barred in the Town Charter, or whether the right must be explicitly allowed under the Town Charter.

He recommended the Town amend the Charter to allow the use of private placement

bonds and explained that, quite apart from the Pension fund situation, there always will be times when private bonds will be significantly cheaper than State bonds. He also endorsed the ability to use private placement bonds as a necessary and useful general fiscal tool.

The Mayor explained that if the Town chose to join the State pension plan, it would not be billed for the buy-in until December 1, 2009, and the funds would not have to be paid until December 30, 2009, as confirmed in writing from the State pension fund. He also said that he had received over 100 (possibly even 150) questions on the pension topic. When he completes answering the questions, they will be posted in a single document so that the entire discussion may be viewed in context.

There followed 15 verbal statements from residents: 6 were for the State Plan; 1 was for the current "IRA" plan; 6 were against the State Plan, 1 was a comment indicating confusion about a UPCA flyer stapled to a flyer opposing the State Plan; *[The Mayor explained that UPCA had not formally taken a position on the issue. CM DeSaussure had stapled the two unrelated items together before distributing them at the meeting.]* and 1 was a request for information via a resident, who presented a paper from another resident who could not be present. There were five written questions; the non-present resident wanted explanations in five areas of concern.

As was stated in the May issue, **all residents should read each of the comments in their entirety, with the speakers identified by name.** Every resident also should check the Mayor's blog for answers to questions from residents about the MD State Pension Plan, as well as answers to questions from those opposed to the Plan. NEWSLETTER "Highlights" only has room for brief summaries of public comments. All concerned residents are encouraged to go to the source and read the public comments in the undigested Minutes.

To read all the comments online, go to the Town's website (www.upmd.org). Under

"Documents," click on "Council Minutes," and under "Title," choose 2009/04/20. **If you don't have a computer, someone at the Adelphi Road Library could help you; it is a free service.** You also may call the Town Hall about reading or getting a copy of the minutes.

A motion introducing LR 09-O-06 (*First reading*) (authorizing the Town to participate in the State Employees' Pension System and to adopt certain terms and conditions by Resolution) was passed with the following vote: **YEA:** (CMs Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, and Mallino) **NAY:** (CMs DeSaussure and McPherson). The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



PANDEMIC FLU...A MESSAGE FROM CERT WERE YOU PREPARED?

If you can answer YES, good for you! If you answered NO, the reality of possibilities already should have gotten your attention. However, the message from CERT is always the same: Make a plan; collect the materials; be prepared. AND THAT MEANS be prepared to shelter in your home for up to three weeks, isolated from school, from work, and from daily interaction with others. **THAT is the extreme reality we will face if and when a pandemic occurs.**

A pandemic flu occurs when a new influenza virus appears, against which the human population has no immunity. Preparedness at every level (national, state, local, and municipal) is critical to combat the effects of such an outbreak. Most plans focus on the continuance of governance, including police, fire, and emergency responders. Only rarely does the preparation include the individual family unit. But as individuals, we NEED to be self-prepared to protect ourselves and our families (with the hope that emergency responders will get to us in time).

Obvious necessities should be secured safely and be conveniently available: food, water, medicines (including a simple inhalant),

cash (to pay for home delivery of food, etc.), important papers (deeds, birth certificates, credit cards, phone numbers), don't forget pets (they have needs too), plus things to occupy the kids in isolation, and a stash of essentials for personal use...the list can become longer and longer. But the basic idea is to **have in your possession all the things you would need to survive.**

For a pandemic response, additional "biggies" include: N95 or higher face masks, hand sanitizer, latex gloves, a bottle of bleach, and most importantly, common sense. Panic occurs when we allow our otherwise superior brains to be influenced by illogic. If only we would take a few steps back and think rationally, we just might be able to avoid the overreaction stage. Think about it.....

Finally, step up and be a part of the plan at your school, your workplace, and your neighborhood. When schools are closed for two weeks, child care can be a major problem. Solve it now, not the day after you need it. And this is another reality: Isolation can affect a larger group than your family; it might include a group of families who have formed a cooperative to solve such problems. But in the end, it still is all about planning -- having a plan and implementing a plan; so get YOUR plan finished NOW...just in case.

For more information, consult this web site: www.ready.gov. For more on preparing bleach solutions, consult: www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/surveillance/Annex7.pdf. To learn more about what is involved in CERT training, contact Clagett Road resident and UP CERT leader Tom Stickles (301-864-0533 or tstickle1@verizon.net). Call now...



★ To the UPWC's scholarship winners. For the past 53 years, the **University Park Woman's Club** has provided scholarships to

local promising high school seniors. And as always, the Club had a difficult job choosing the two finalists from many outstanding applicants for the UPWC Scholarship (given to a graduating senior from University Park) and for the Doris McPhee Scholarship (given to a graduating senior from Northwestern High School). At its June 1st meeting, the Club will present the scholarships to the two winners.

The 2009 winner of the UPWC Scholarship was **Claire Gallagher** of Sheridan Street. Claire will graduate with a greater-than 4.0 average from the Science and Technology Program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Her research practicum area of study was "The effect of edge on the Virginia pine population." While at ERHS, Claire worked on the Literary Magazine, in theatrical productions, and with Operation Understanding DC, an organization focused on challenging group discrimination and sharing culturally. In the community, she was a Sunday school class aide and participated in social action activities. During the summer, she worked at a UM Sports Camp, as well as providing child care, pet care, and in-home services for out-of-town neighbors. She also taught UPES 4-6 graders an after-school Mathematics Olympiad course that challenged the students' reasoning and logic skills. Claire plans to study Elementary Education at the University of Vermont.

The 2009 winner of the Doris McPhee Scholarship was **Martin Ngwa** of Hyattsville. Martin immigrated with his family from Cameroon to the United States in 2005. While at Northwestern High School, Martin played varsity soccer for four years and was on the tennis team for three years. He placed on the Honor Roll, sang with both the gospel and concert choirs, and has been involved in a variety of mentoring and leadership roles at NHS. In the community, he tutored students at UP Elementary School, and was active with the Riverdale Presbyterian Church's youth programs. During the summers, he volunteered for several Habitat for Humanity projects in West Virginia, New York, and Cleveland, Ohio. And, throughout his high

school years, he has held landscaping, food service, and customer service positions in the local area. Martin plans to pursue a future in Environmental Science while attending the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.

★ To the nine **University Park winners of the Prince George's County 2008-2009 Write-A-Book Competition**, who were recognized at a County-wide ceremony on May 3rd at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. For more than thirty years, this annual program has given kindergartners through high-school seniors the opportunity to plan, develop, and write their own hand-bound books. All the winning County entries received a ribbon, and each First Place book was awarded a plaque to be given to the author's school for its award wall. All the following winners are students at University Park Elementary School:

Kindergartner **Sara L. Earnest** of Clagett Road won 3rd place for her individual picture story book, "*The Adventures of Superartist.*"

First-grader **Chloe Widman** of Clagett Road won 2nd place for her individual picture story book, "*Maddie Mouse's Missing Meal.*"

Second-grader **Emily Herberholz** of Beechwood Road won Honorable Mention for her individual illustrated fiction book, "*The Three Fairies.*"

Second-grader **Karli Waldrep** of 40th Avenue won 2nd Place for her individual illustrated fiction book, "*The Five Endangered Friends.*"

Third-grader **Fred Buchanan** of Wells Parkway won 3rd Place for his individual nonfiction book, "*A Third Grader's Handbook of Electronics.*"

Fourth-graders **Stella Hurtt** of Beechwood Road and **Clio Jensen** of 41st Avenue won 1st place for their group illustrated fiction book, "*A Tail of Two Mermaids.*"

Fourth-grader **Clio Jensen** also won 1st place for her group poetry entry, "*A Little Look at Limericks,*" that she wrote with Sarah Leonard of University Hills.

Fourth-grader **Maria Kisker** of Queens Chapel Road won 2nd place for her group illustrated fiction book, "*The Ghost, the Sword and Me,*" that she wrote with Isobel Springer of College Park.

Fourth-grader **Olivia Martin** of Wells Parkway won Honorable Mention for her group illustrated fiction book, "*Differences,*" that she wrote with Megan Leonard of University Hills and Michaela Bamfo of College Park.

★ To the **thirteen members of Girl Scout Troop 5857 who will fly up to become Senior Scouts** at their final award ceremony on June 2nd at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Troop members include University Park residents **Franny Ashcraft** of Tuckerman Street, **Emma Jonte'** and **Hannah Russell** of Woodberry Street, **Helen Lan** of Forest Hill Drive, **Harriette Shakeri** of Underwood Street, and **Michelle Williams** of Tennyson Road, and **Kate Coppess** of Calvert Hills, **Jie Guo** of Beltsville, **Zoe Hardy** of Glenn Dale, **Kimberly Melito** of Adelphi, **Caitlan Moore** of Hyattsville, **Gladys Ruiz-Malca** of New Carrollton, and **Laci Taylor** of Fairmount Heights. At the ceremony, **ten of the girls also will be celebrating the successful completion of their Silver Award, the second highest award in Girl Scouting.** The ceremony will include musical entertainment arranged by the girls and information about their Silver Award projects. **Mayor Tabori** and Prince George's County Council **Representative Eric Olson** plan to attend, and the girls will receive Certificates of Appreciation from the Prince George's County Council. All of the girls attended University Park Elementary School and many have been Troop members together since they were Brownie Scouts! They all will be attending local high schools in the fall, including Northwestern, Eleanor Roosevelt, High Point, and Charles Flowers High Schools.

With the support of Troop 5857's four Co-Leaders (Ann Rowe, Georgia Deal, Donna Jonte', and Judith Barnes), the **13 Scouts** took on a community service project "to beautify and preserve their local environment." Each girl committed to forty hours of work on the project. They began with a canoe trip to the Jug Bay Sanctuary to learn about the environmental challenges to the Chesapeake Watershed. Then, locally, the girls chose to focus on the Town Park in University Park as part of the broader aspect of improving water quality and stream environment. For three years, they removed invasive species and trash from the Town Stream banks and did plantings and weeding to maintain the Town Park 9/11 Memorial (designed by Troop dad **Tom Ashcraft** of Tuckerman Street). However, while they were learning the benefits of a clean green environment, they also experienced the havoc that nature can wreak on unsuspecting "Scouts:" First, drought caused a dearth of acorns for their seed collection project for a local nature conservancy; next, flooding forced cancellation of their stream restoration project; then, along with their invasive-vine removal, came... poison ivy; and most recently, the swine flu scare sent the Troop scrambling to reorganize and consolidate the environmental education activities they had planned.

In working toward their Silver Award, the Troop had researched and designed displays about environmental issues, then set up a booth at the UPES May Fair to raise money to purchase a tree to plant in the UP Town Park. They used their creative skills and crafted bee houses and made soap and jewelry to sell (to benefit their tree fund). They also baked cookies to tempt the crowd's interest in their environmental tips and projects such as San Francisco State University's "Great Sunflower Project" (where people observe bees by growing sunflowers and reporting the data back to a scientist). The Troop had procured seeds from SFSU and distributed them with a cookie and directions for participating. At the same time, the Scouts offered environmental activities for younger children to learn from

and enjoy while at the May Fair. In addition to working 40+ hours on their extensive community service project, the Silver Award required the girls to learn about time management, college and career planning, goal setting, dealing with peer pressure, and developing leadership skills by working with younger Girl Scouts. Also, several girls did research projects (on invasive species, treatments for poison ivy, Colony Collapse Disorder in bees, and growing native tree species). And now, ten Scouts can celebrate the successful completion of their Silver Award. **All those associated with Troop 5857 deserve to feel proud!**

★ To new residents **Larry and Angela Prikockis** and their 2½-year-old daughter **Abby Prikockis** who are moving the first of June from Arlington, Virginia to be nearer Larry's work. He is a System Administrator at Vecna Technologies in Greenbelt, and Angela is a Research Specialist for AMT. Besides caring for their curly-headed little girl, the Prikockis' enjoy gardening and home brewing. They are moving to 6701 44th Avenue. (For UP home genealogists, that would be the Colleen O'Malley home and, previously, the Walter and Ila Deshler home!)



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

★ This month, on Sunday, **June 14th** at 1 PM, the **UP Lunch Bunch** will be "meeting and eating" at the **University Town Center's Wild Onion Restaurant**. By regularly sharing a meal together at area restaurants, the group is trying to do their small part to help support local businesses. More diners always are welcome; if you'd like to join the friendly group for food and camaraderie, please contact Cathy Allen (Caffilene@hotmail.com or 301-734-3773) so enough seats may be saved together. Cathy says, "Wild Onion has the best macaroni & cheese I've ever tasted!"

★ **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!** YOU can perform publicly with the **UM School of Music's 2009 Summer Chorus!**

Any adult, college student, or advanced high school student may **sign up prior to the first rehearsal**, which begins at 7:30 PM on **June 29th**. No audition is required. The pieces to be sung include Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and Henry Purcell's *Welcome to All the Pleasures*, led by conductor Timothy Reno. **The performance will be held at 8 PM on Saturday, July 18th, in Dekelbourn Concert Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.** There is a nominal, non-refundable membership fee to offset the cost of scores, orchestral players, and administration (\$45/adults and \$35/students). For any questions, more information, or the on-line registration form, please contact Lauri Johnson, the Choral Administrator, at 301-405-5571 or umchoirs@umd.edu.

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SOARING INTO JUNE

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will hold a hunt, offer a centennial film, a family movie, afternoon and Friday fun for students, two workshops, and a new photographic exhibit! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765.

★ Get ready for a **Centennial Scavenger Hunt!** During the Golden Age of Aviation, aero clubs across the country would sponsor aviation scavenger hunts, pitting teams of pilots against each other, and against the clock, to collect items and win prizes. From **June 1st to August 31st**, CPAM is partnering with the Prince George's County History Consortium to host a summer scavenger hunt. As you visit historic sites during the summer, you can collect clues and qualify for prizes. Pick up a copy of the rules and **get Clue # 1 at the Museum beginning on June 1st.**

★ **"Amid Cheers of Thousands: The Wright Military Flyer at Fort Myer and College**

Park, 1909-2009" - From **June 1st through November 30th**, this exhibit of large-scale, richly-detailed photographs will present the Wright Brothers' record breaking flight trials at Fort Myer, Virginia and the pilot training that took place in College Park, Maryland, 100 years ago. These successes resulted in the development of the world's first military airplane and the establishment of the College Park airfield. Drawn from several collections, the details of the images reveal the many facets of this milestone: the innovative Flyer itself; the Wright brothers and their family; the Signal Corps officers flying for the first time; the President of the United States, his cabinet, and leaders of Congress; and the thousands of citizens from the Washington, DC area who came to witness history. The exhibit was organized by Paul Glenshaw and the CPAM.

★ At 1:00 PM every Friday through **December 2009**, in honor of the College Park Airport's **100th anniversary year**, the new film, **"College Park Airport: The Early Years,"** will be shown FREE with Museum admission!

★ Plan now for some **Soaring Summer Fridays**. Drop by CPAM from 1-4 PM for some special activities, free with your admission.

- **June 5th:** Zing Wings - Decorate a glider.
- **June 12th:** Paper Airplanes & Helicopters
- **June 19th:** Hollywood Flyers, Jr. - Enjoy the family-friendly movie, *Inspector Gadget*
- **June 26th:** Paper Airplanes & Helicopters

★ **Hollywood Flyers** - Enjoy a Sunday afternoon at the movies with CPAM's famous films series that features monthly Hollywood blockbusters, classics, or documentaries with a flight theme. The shows begin at 1 PM, are FREE with Museum admission, and even include lemonade and popcorn! On **June 7th**, see **"Explorers."** *Three young boys create a homemade spacecraft and embark on a secret adventure to another galaxy where they find that things are not always as different as they seem.* On, July 5th see "The Rescuers."

★ On **June 9th**, **Afternoon Aviators** will offer fun with "Color Me" Frisbees. It is a year

round program. However, in July, it will move to Friday from 2-4:30 PM and replace the Soaring Summer Fridays program, offering a random assortment of fun, hands-on, aviation-themed activities for ages 5 and older.

★ On Sunday, **June 14th** at 1 PM, a **“Wright Aeroplane Rib-Making Workshop** will begin with a demonstration, after which each participant will get to build their own 1909 Wright wing rib. The \$7 Workshop fee includes Museum admission and supplies. Call the Museum to sign up for the Workshop.

★ **Wilbur’s Workshop** will be presented at 3 PM on **June 23rd** and thereafter monthly on the 4th Tuesday. Come to Wilbur’s Hangar and get a feeling for the kind of work that went into making early aircraft at this rib-making demonstration. After watching construction of a 1909 Wright wing rib, one lucky attendee will win the rib to take home with them! FREE with Museum admission.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

★ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) offers a children’s play, the seniors’ movie, and the Movie+ . \$6/\$5/\$5

• On Monday, **June 1st**, at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON, **Madeline and the Bad Hat**, an original musical comedy based on the much-loved children’s book, will be performed by the Arts Power National Touring Theatre. *Despite starting off on the wrong foot with a mischievous new neighbor, Madeline learns that first impressions aren’t everything.*

• On Monday, **June 8th** at 11 AM, the **Platinum Seniors’ Movie** will be **“Summer’s End.”** *James Earl Jones stars as a doctor returning to his lakeside childhood home and still confronting prejudice from a boyhood rival’s family. A 12-year-old boy who just lost his dad befriends the doctor and helps turn around the community’s racism.*

• **“Saturday Morning at the Movies”** (Movie+) for ages 7 to 12, recalls the charm of yesteryear’s weekly movie matinee: a half-hour of live entertainment and a feature-length family movie. On **June 13th** at 10 AM, the live pre-show will feature the zany antics of **Mandy the Clown** who’s been clowning around for 27 years! The feature film will be **“Rise of the Silver Surfer”** (PG). *All seems great for the Fantastic Four as they prepare for Reed and Sue’s wedding. However, when a silver surfer cosmic force enters Earth’s atmosphere, they have to deal with an old foe and the powerful planet-eating “Galactus.”*

★ The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (**CSPAC**) is offering ticketed and free NOI programs this month. For NOI’s complete schedule, more information, reservations, or a 2009-10 Catalog, contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405- 2787.

National Orchestral Institute (NOI) For its 22nd season, UM’s NOI again will offer four weeks of orchestral musicianship and professional development for young musicians ready to embark upon their careers.

• The **NOI Chamber Music Marathon** on **June 7th** at 12:30 PM for Part 1 and 4:30 PM for Part 2 in Gildenhorn Recital Hall. - NOI students in small ensembles will take turns performing hours of intimate chamber music in a “casual-audience” format. **FREE**

• The **“National Orchestral Institute in Concert”** will perform at 8 PM in Dekelbourn Concert Hall on three consecutive Saturdays. Each concert will feature a different conductor and repertoire. **[NOTE: A FREE** open dress rehearsal will be held from 9:30 AM to NOON on the Friday before each performance.]

(1) On **June 13th**, Conductor **Michael Stern** and the NOI will perform **Symphonic Dances:** Silvestre Revueltas’ *Sensemaya*; Sergei Rachmaninov’s *Symphonic Dances*, op. 45; Ludwig van Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 8*, op. 93; and Maurice Ravel’s *La valse, poèm chorégraphique*

(2) On **June 20th**, Conductor **Eri Klas** & the NOI will perform **Breakthrough: George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess: A Symphonic Picture**; **Richard Strauss's Don Juan, op. 20**; and **Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 1, op. 68**.

(3) On **June 27th**, Conductor **James Ross** and the NOI will perform **Descent and Return: Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, op. 74, Pathétique**; **Thomas Adès' Asyla**; and **Leos Janáček's Sinfonietta**.

• For details about performing with the UM's **2009 Summer Chorus** on July 18th, see the article in the "Community Wish List." All adults, college students, and advanced high school students may participate. Register any time before the first practice on **June 29th**. No audition is required, and there is just a very small nominal membership fee...*tra - la - laaa!*

★ The **Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC)** (123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op Grocery Store; www.greenbeltartscenter.org or 301-441-8770) - On **Fridays & Saturdays** at 8 PM and **Sundays** at 2 PM, from **June 5th to 20th**, see **"Catch 22,"** directed by Bill Jones and produced and performed by guest artists **Out OfTheBlackBox Theatre Company**. This is a very "adult" comedy by Joseph Heller on the mal-adaptations human beings make to being at war. The play is a satirical historical fiction set during the latter stages of WWII. The events in the story are described repeatedly from differing points of view. Its pacing is frenetic, its tenor intellectual, its humor largely absurd; and it's interspersed with moments of grisly realism. Not recommended for children.

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JUNE FUN AT CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE)** events are **FREE** and are held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue) unless otherwise noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for special activities, please contact

301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org; you also may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

★ The College Park Youth Choir will present their **Spring Concert** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on **June 2nd** at 7:30 PM. Join the Choir's celebration of the wonderful year it grew to 50 enthusiastic young voices, under the direction of Christopher Fominaya. A reception will follow for all attendees.

★ The College Park Youth Orchestra will present their **Spring Concert** at 7 PM on **June 7th** in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, located on Greenbelt Road.

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LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

★ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is open each **Thursday** from **3-7 PM** through **November 19th**. It is located adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road. For the 12th year, shoppers may purchase fresh veggies, fruits, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, baked goods, herbs, crafts, and more! Contact Jim (301-332-6258)

★ For their 30th year, the **College Park Farmers Market** in the Linson Pool parking lot will be open **Saturdays** from **7 AM to NOON** through **November 21st**. Shop for a wide range of fresh fruits, veggies, bakery items, plants, and two new vendors! Contact Person: Donna Almquist (301-345-2583)

★ The **Greenbelt Farmers Market** is open each **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM** through **November 22nd**. It is held in the Greenbelt Aquatic Center parking lot (behind the Greenbelt commercial plaza). 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 27th year, this **producers-only market** is offering

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.com.

★ The Southern-MD farms' producers-only **Hyattsville Farmers Market** will be open from **2-6 PM** each **Tuesday** from **June 16th** to **October 27th**. 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 what they sell that very morning. Contact Person: Peggy Campenella (301-627-2583)



JUNE EVENTS AT PGPC

During June, the **Prince George's Plaza Community Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445-4512) will host activities for animal lovers, teens, seniors, and Dads. Fees listed are for PG Co. residents.

★ For ages 8-13: Don't miss **Nature 101** on **June 3rd** from 3:30-4:30 PM. Park Rangers will visit the Center for a slide show on insects, plants, snakes, and more. **FREE!**

★ **TEENS 13-17!** There's **LOTS** of **FUN** every **Friday & Saturday** in **June** from 7-10 PM: a **FREE** Sports Night, Father's Day Craft Night, Free-style Friday (with open gym, game room, arts & crafts, Play Station, etc.), Chess Challenge, and Sundae Saturday! Also, three teen trips are planned for June. **PRE-TEENS 10-12!** You can enjoy it all from 6-8 PM!

★ Area seniors are invited to an afternoon with **Jazz and Soul** at the Center. On **Thursday, June 11th** from 1-2 PM, ages 60 and older can enjoy a free jazz performance featuring the Center's local saxophone musician, Wayne Sulc. Along with the music, light refreshments will be provided. **FREE**

★ Have **Triple the Fun with Dad** on **Saturday, June 20th** from **NOON-1 PM**. The Center will help you have triple the fun by celebrating **Father's Day**, the first day of summer, and **National Ice Cream Soda Day!** Kids ages 3-13 can team up with their dads to try to create the most original and unique combo of ice cream & soda...and the best combination will get a special gift for dad! (FEE: \$2)



RPC STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

IT'S STRAWBERRY TIME! For a sneak preview of summer, all Town residents, their neighbors, and friends are invited most cordially to join Riverdale Presbyterian Church for its traditional **Strawberry Festival** on **Sunday, June 7th** from 4:30-5:30 PM. The treats will be served on the front lawn of RPC (on Queens Chapel Road across from UPES). In case of inclement or threatening weather, the event will move indoors to Custis Hall. Your nominal donation will include a generous serving of ice cream topped with sumptuously sweet, just-picked strawberries along with cake, lemonade, and the ambience of a small-town gathering. All contributions will be donated to "Help by Phone." And after the berries, you might like to stay and top off your delicious afternoon by enjoying a concert of wonderful music by a professional woodwind ensemble. For more information, please contact the Church office (301-927-0477).



A HISTORIC ARTFUL AFTERNOON

★ **Greenbelt's next Artful Afternoon** will be held on **Sunday, June 7th** and will celebrate **Greenbelt's 72nd Anniversary!** From 1-3 PM in the Community Center, everyone will have fun creating a historically-inspired craft that will be led by Greenbelt Museum docents. Also from 1-3 PM, attend a reception with the Greenbelt Photo Club and view the entries in their members' spring photo contest. At 2 PM,

reenactor Suzan King will portray Eleanor Roosevelt giving a special address. At 3 PM, enjoy a rousing performance of the all volunteer Greenbelt Concert Band (301-384-5674). The Band is composed of members from several local communities and is open to anyone with playing experience who enjoys performing and could practice on Monday evenings. The Band performs at civic and charitable events, including veterans' groups, retirement communities, nursing homes, and hospitals. Their concerts always are free.



SUMMER CAMPS AND VBS

★ Riverdale Presbyterian Church (301-927-0477, www.riverdalepresbyterian.org) offers a variety of summer programs for kids: Vacation Bible School, Service Camp, and Summer Youth Connection. Please contact RPC to enroll or for more information. You do not have to be an RPC member to participate.

- **Summer Youth Connection**, with activities and trips for youths entering grades 6 to 12, will begin on **June 10th**. Meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9 PM and include many types of group fun, from street hockey, ultimate frisbee, and capture the flag, to water games, service projects, and movie nights. Off-site activities are enjoyed each Sunday after the Church Service, car pooling to enjoy lasertag, bowling, go-karts, and the like, and even a trip to the beach.

- Register now for RPC's **FREE Vacation Bible School**. This year's "Studio Go!" theme will have a game show flair emphasizing real teamwork, real service and real fun. From **June 22nd to June 26th**, VBS will be held at UP's Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 9:30 AM to NOON. Children ages 4 to entering grade 6 will make crafts, play games, sing songs, hear Bible stories, and meet new and old friends. The program is co-sponsored by Berwyn Presbyterian Church and University United Methodist Church. **Volunteer help in**

any way is always welcome and appreciated. Registration forms are available online and at all three churches. (Several afternoon art and sports camps will continue the fun from NOON to 2 PM. Please call the RPC office for fee details and to register.)

- Also, for youths entering grades 7-9, an afternoon **Service Camp** will be offered from NOON to 3 PM. Activities will involve working together and doing projects for the Church, the neighborhood, and the greater community.

★ Paint Branch Montessori School (301-937-2244, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, info@pbmontessori.com) offers a **Unique Summer Program** for children ages 2 to 12 years. Each week (from **June 22nd to August 21st**) has a different theme: Science, Nature, Animals, Music, World Cultures, Art, Cooking, and Carnival Fun! **The programs focus on developing children's natural interest in their world while fostering in-depth knowledge.** There are half, full, and all-day options, and discounts for 4-weeks or more enrollment. Small classes and experienced staff will help complete an exciting summer odyssey!



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"Reading is to the mind
what exercise is to the body."*
Sir Richard Stodd

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

- For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**June 11th & 25th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

- The Morning Book Discussion Group meets monthly at 10:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. On **June 17th**, they will discuss

the novel "Tipperary" by Frank Delany. (*The fascinating story of a young Irish doctor and his chance encounters that befall him, like meeting famous people such as Wilde, Yeats, and the Sinn Fein founders. A vivid portrait of late-19th-century Ireland with well-crafted characters intermingling with real-life events.*) The selection for July 15th will be "Peace, Lysistrata" by Aristophanes.

★ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, continues its 2008-2009 Club year on **June 16th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "**The Gathering**" by Anne Enright. Please call Margaret Callaghan (301-864-1031) to attend. The Club breaks for the summer but will resume in September 2009.



★ **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. Their selection for **June 19th** is "**My Life in France**" by Julia Child with Alex Prud'homme. (*Alex Prud'homme (Julia Child's husband's great-nephew) wrote this book in the voice of his great-aunt after spending many afternoons interviewing her. The book focuses on her years in Paris with her photographer husband Paul Child, during the fifties.*) The Club's selection for July 17th will be "**Thinking in Pictures and Other Reports from my Life with Autism**" by Temple Grandin.



UPCB'S FAMILY WELLNESS FAIR

On Saturday, **June 20th**, University Park Church of the Brethren (301-864-4328) is sponsoring a **Wellness Fair** in their parking lot at Route 1 and Tuckerman Street. From 11 AM to 3 PM, you will have a chance to cater to yourself and give a little extra attention to your own health -- you might start

with sampling the **grilled veggies and healthy lunch options** that will be available.

Children are invited to watch morning and afternoon performances of a "**Kids on the Block**" **puppet show** (about bullying and ways to prevent it). Other kid activities include an interactive Internet safety space, **games of fun**, and making nutritional snacks.

Teens and adults will have a chance to learn about and/or try out a variety of ways to care for one's body, mind, and spirit -- through **local and organic foods**, good nutrition, growing herbs, **creating salad boxes**, pastoral counseling and mental health awareness, **reflexology**, dance, **Tai chi**, yoga, and more! **Free health screening and prevention services** (for blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, and body fat checks) will be provided by Doctors Hospital. Plan now to stop by; just follow the scent of the grilled goodies!



JUNE EVENTS AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the lovely early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on the quarter hour, Fridays and Sundays from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge for Gift Shop visit during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544. **Sign up for classes and activities at www.pgparks.com or 301-583-BOOK** (w/touch-tone phone). *All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

★ On your regular Museum House tour on Sunday, **June 21st** from 1-3 PM, celebrate the 375th anniversary of the founding of our Great State of Maryland at RHM's **Maryland Charter Day** festivities. There will be period refreshments, musical entertainment by John DuRant (the strolling Olde World troubadour), a Charter-decorating craft for children, and even special activities to enjoy in the kitchen.

2009 POTOMAC RIVER RAMBLE

★ On Sunday, June 21st at 12 NOON, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will present its June Seasonal Selections program, "From the Ice House: All About Ice Cream, Creams, and Jellies." We all love ice cream flavors such as vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry, but have you ever heard of Parmesan cheese, millefruit, or burnt filbert flavors? Come and watch as the Kitchen Guild volunteers prepare early 19th-century-style ice cream. They also will be making custard creams and gelatins using isinglass, a gelling protein found in the air bladder of fish! Free with regular admission.

★ RHM's "Jazz on the Portico" summer concert series is held once a month on Wednesdays from 7-8 PM. This summer, the concert dates are June 24th (Sandra Johnson Quintet), July 29th (Apothecary), and August 26th (MSG, an Acoustic Blues Trio). So at day's end, grab a blanket or lawn chair, and go enjoy some FREE summer jazz performed by local musicians on Riversdale's beautifully-landscaped, toe-tickling grassy grounds. Bring a picnic basket, or treat yourself to a night out for dinner when you get there (courtesy of the Calvert House Inn). The concerts take place rain or shine; in the event of rain, everything will moves inside.

On June 24th, enjoy the Sandra Johnson Quintet as they perform "jazz standards by all the greats." Sandra's lifetime of singing edged toward a career in 1985 as she participated in several local gospel choirs. She began singing solo in the early 90s. In 2005 she was selected as one of the soloists to perform with the WPAS at the Kennedy Center, and she won 2nd place in the 2006 Billie Holiday Vocal Competition in Baltimore. She's a classy, smooth, sultry jazz alto with soul.



★★★★★ REMEMBER ★★★★★

Next month's NEWSLETTER will be the **COMBINED July-August issue**

Please submit summer articles by June 3rd.

The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (www.potomacriver.org/cms) sponsors a yearly multi-day canoeing & kayaking expedition that offers environmental programming, riverside camping, restoration projects, festive meals, meetings with elected officials, and much more. From June 24th to 28th, novice and experienced paddlers alike can enjoy a unique on-the-water experience focused on building a strong environmental ethic, and have a lot of fun in the process. The purpose of the Rambles is to elevate awareness of the Potomac River's importance to the region and encourage local residents to play an active role in its restoration.

This year's Ramble will be a pleasant **ultra-easy cruise** down the scenic Monocacy River from the city of Frederick to the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area. Compared to last-year's rough waters, this Ramble will be like floating on a raft! Some of the great programs planned include:

- Studying aquatic invaders with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Hood College Biology Department;
- Enjoying programs at the Monocacy National Battlefield Park, and exploring the C&O Canal and Monocacy Aquaduct;
- Helping make amphibian and wetland surveys with ICPRB and DEP biologists; and
- Impromptu evening jam sessions, an assortment of sports and games available at the various campsites, and relaxing downtime.

The Rambles are informative group "water hikes" led by professional river guides and spiced up with time for exploring, educational programs, stewardship activities, over-night tenting, and relaxed evening camaraderie. Food, water, guides, amenities, and a shuttle to your car are included. For more information or to register, please contact www.potomacriver.org/cms or 301-984-1908. Online, along with details about the Ramble, you can view a video from the 2008 Ramble.

UCC'S FAMILY FUN FOR JUNE

University Christian Church (6800 Adelphi Road, 301-864-1520) hosts an assortment of **FREE Saturday-night entertainment** each month, alternating between Family Game Night, Family Movie Night (G/PG movies), and Older Teen/Adult Movie Night (more mature-themed quality movies). On **June 27th** from 7 to 9 PM, all are welcome to enjoy a **Family Game Night**. An assortment of board games and free drinks always are available. And, if desired, participants may bring their own favorite games and/or a snack to share. For the Older Teen/Adult Movie Night to be held on July 25th, the film, "*Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*," will be shown.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER loves publishing the milestones of former and current UP families (births, weddings and obituary notices; graduations and honors; school, sports & community awards, etc.) and club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents. Please send articles to upnews@yahoo.com or to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.

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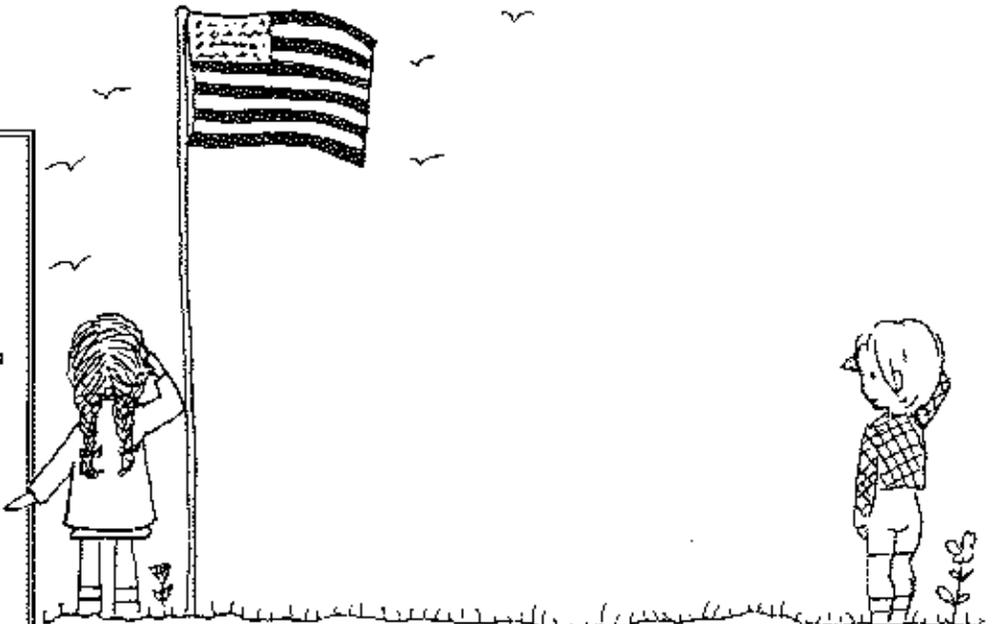
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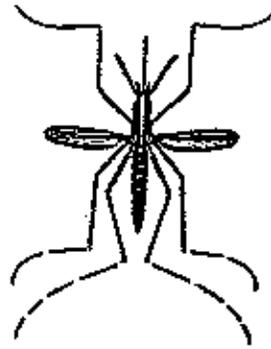


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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| June is National Safety Month, Rose Month & Rivers Month | 1 <small>8P-10P</small> CPAE "Meditation and the Mind" <small>12:00-1:00 PM</small> Get Out of the CPAE's Summer Swimmer Meet 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION YARD WASTE RECYCLING | 2 CPAE Children's Choir Spring Concert SAEC 7:30 PM TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 3 PGPPCC Nature Show, 5:30P 12:00 NOON Deadline for <u>Combined July-August NEWSLETTER</u> | 4 <small>8P-9P</small> <i>Riverdale Park Farm</i> Market 5:27 PM <small>(CP*NSA)</small> | 5 GAC's "Catch 22" begins! CPAM 1-4 PM "Zing Wing Friday" | 6 <small>CP*NSA</small> College Park Farmers Market 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM <small>(CP*NSA)</small> |
| 7 <small>CP*NSA</small> Greenbelt Farmers Market & Yachara Park Farmers Market <small>(CP*NSA) 7P-9P 10-12 PM</small> LADDER "Meditation" 12:00 & 4:30P GB Artful Afternoon GOC 1-4P CPAE "I PM: 'Energize'" RPC Strawberry Festival Berries: 4:30 Music: 5:30 CPAE Children's Orchestra Spring Concert 8PM 7 PM | 8 PP 11a Senior's Film "Summer's End" YARD WASTE RECYCLING | 9 CPAM 2-4:30 PM Color-Me Fishbees TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 10 <small>CP*NSA</small> RPC 7:30-9 PM Summer Youth Connection <small>(RPC-STYC)</small> | 11 <small>CP*NSA</small> PGPPCC 1-2 PM Senior Jazz & Soul Hour HY-11 Chess 7 PM SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING | 12 CPAM 1-4 PM "Planes & Copters Friday" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 13 <small>CP*NSA</small> MP MOVIE+ 11 AM Live Action: "Along the Cloven Movie: "Rise of the Silver Star" UMANOI Concert 8 PM with Michael Stern |
| 14 <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>CP*NSA</small> Flag Day CPAE 1a Fibre-fab Workshop UP Lunch Bunch 1 PM UTC Wild Onion Restaurant | 15 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING | 16 <small>CP*NSA</small> UP After-8 Book Club "The Gathering" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 17 <small>CP*NSA</small> HY-11 Books 10:30 AM "Tigersey" SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING | 18 <small>CP*NSA</small> SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING | 19 CPAE Book Club 7:30-9 PM OPH "My Life in France" CPAM "Inspector Gadget" 7P TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 20 <small>CP*NSA</small> UPCB 11 AM to 3 PM FAMILY WELLNESS FAIR <i>UMANOI with Dr. King</i> PGPPCC with Dr. King PGPPCC 12 NOON to 1 PM Triple-for Father's Day Fest |
| 21 <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>CP*NSA</small> Summer Begins! at Father's Day! RHM...NOON "Ice Cream in the Kitchen" & 1-2 PM: MD Charter Day Celebration | 22 <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>CP*NSA</small> PRAS CAMPS BEGIN RPC YBS THIS WEEK 9:30-11P (RPC-YBS) YARD WASTE RECYCLING | 23 <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>CP*NSA</small> WARD 4 ELECTION UPCB 8a to 8p CPAM "Father's Workshop" 2P TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 24 <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>CP*NSA</small> RHM's Jazz on the Porch "Satcha Linton Carter" 7-9P <i>Delmarco River Rambles</i> (through June 28th) | 25 <small>CP*NSA</small> HY-11 Chess 7 PM SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING | 26 CPAM 1-4 PM "Planes & Copters Friday" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 27 <small>CP*NSA</small> UCC 7 to 9 PM Family Game Night UMANOI with James Ross |
| 28 <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>CP*NSA</small> Last day to register for the 3500 LB Summer Choir! | 29 YARD WASTE RECYCLING | 30 <small>CP*NSA</small> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | July 1 <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>CP*NSA</small> <small>(RPC-STYC)</small> | 2 <small>CP*NSA</small> SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING | 3 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION | 4 <small>CP*NSA</small> Independence Day ** UP TOWN PARADE ** |



BE AWARE AND PREPARE!

With warmer days upon us, we now must prepare to discourage the "Asian tiger!" This aggressive mosquito (black with white stripes on its legs and a white stripe down the middle of its head and back) will bite during the day and even follow people into their cars and homes. Because of these mannerisms, the State's control program can't contain the species adequately. However, there are four valid lines of defense against these mosquitos:

The **FIRST** is the most important, yet the least expensive: habitat reduction or alteration. The Asian tiger mosquito is a weak flyer; it flies no more than 100 yards from its breeding site. Therefore, the mosquitos that are biting you in your yard most likely are breeding in your yard. **Even the smallest amount of standing water (1 T) can serve as a breeding ground for these mosquitos.** Some of the most common, and most overlooked, areas of standing water are: plant saucers, watering cans, children's toys and wading pools, black corrugated pipe, tarps, leaking outdoor faucets, and clogged gutters -- even a hollow stump can be a breeding site. **NOTE: It is effective to treat standing water that you can't or don't want to dump** (such as rain barrels) with a spoonful of vegetable oil, which will suffocate the larvae. Water in items such as bird baths should be changed weekly.

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

The **SECOND** line of defense is to introduce natural predators. These include frogs, mosquito fish, purple martins, and bats. For detailed information on introducing some of these natural mosquito predators to your yard, call the MD Department of Agriculture, Mosquito Control Office (301-475-9123).

The **THIRD** and **FOURTH** lines of defense are larvaciding and spraying. To protect ponds, birdbaths, or other standing water on your property, mosquito dunks are available at home & garden centers. Our Town Stream and Park areas are covered by the State larvaciding program. **NOTE: Spraying is on a 3-week schedule from June 15th to September 30th.** Residents should report major problem areas to the Town Hall so the info can be forwarded to the County. Remember, **keeping the mosquito population controlled** (especially the Asian tiger) **demands an organized, consistent community clean-up effort involving EVERY resident and defense.**