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FROM THE MAYOR

Ward 1, 3 and 7 Town Council elections Congratulations to the winners of the elections conducted on May 1: David Brosch, Arlene Christiansen and Roy Alvarez respectively. I would also like to thank all the voters who came out to support my candidacy, even though I was unopposed. I hope that all of you will continue to come out and vote in future elections, as well as voice your opinions at council meetings on topics of interest. For those of you who wish to attend the swearing in of your favorite candidate or candidates, the installation ceremony will take place on June 18 at 7:30 PM at the start of the Council Meeting.

Staff Appreciation Day On June 16, the Mayor and Council, the UP Women's Club, the Historic Preservation Association and the University Park Civic Associa-

tion will celebrate Staff Appreciation Day. Special note will be taken of Town staff members who have served our community for 20 or more years. This should be a great event and an opportunity to talk to the wonderful individuals who work so hard for us all. The festivities will take place on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 3-4:30 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Lemonade and cake will be served.

The Town Council will honor the UPES Science Bowl team that recently won an unprecedented 5th County Championship and other students for their achievements in science at the June 4 Council meeting at 7 PM in the UPES library. Join us to honor, encourage and support a wonderful group of young people.

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council June 4 & 18
Staff Appreciation Day June 16
CM Swearing-In June 18

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at Univ. Park Elem. School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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On Friday, June 29 at 6 PM please join us at the UPES School Gazebo for a potluck picnic to recognize and thank all the volunteers who made our 75th Anniversary celebration such a grand success. Robin Rhodes and his Dear Creek Band will be playing songs from their new CD plus the lovely ballad "I'm Going to Go Back There Someday" which they performed for Heather Henson at the 75th dedication of Henson Green. The town quilt produced by so many talented artists in town will be officially dedicated at this gathering. Please bring a salad or main dish to share, along with lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Rain location: Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Custis Hall.

Cafritz Property The final evidentiary hearing on the Cafritz property was held on May 11. It has been a fascinating and important process. The vigor and passion with which residents participate in the policy process is remarkable and to be commended. Once the final vote is taken and announced, we will post it in full on the Town website under the Cafritz blog. I suspect it will not be the last time that we debate the topic. I promise that if the District Council votes to grant the rezoning, I will appoint a monitoring committee to ensure that all of the project's proposed conditions, contained in both the District Council's and our agreement, are met in full.

Taxes In light of some public confusion, it appears to be necessary to restate that University Park property taxes will not increase in the coming fiscal year. This does not refer to the rate that the Town applies, but the dollar amount you pay. This will represent the fifth straight fiscal year that we have held property taxes constant. We continue to work to be able to continue this policy through additional budget years while retaining current levels of service. At some point, we will have to allow our property taxes to rise with the level of inflation or we will have to reduce core services.

STEP-UP has achieved another major milestone with the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOU) with Prince George's County Public Schools to install a solar panel array on the roof of UPES. When

installed it should reduce the Town's PEPCO bill (street lights and Town Hall) to nearly zero and may even result in a small, positive cash flow, even further reducing pressure on taxes. In addition, STEP-UP is in the process of signing agreements with three neighboring jurisdictions, the College Heights Estates Association, the City of Hyattsville and the Town of Riverdale to expand the STEP-UP program into those jurisdictions. This will allow STEP-UP to more precisely determine if the residential energy efficiency program model developed here in University Park can work in other political and social environments.

9-Ponds Finally, the Town can return to looking at and moving forward with the 9-Ponds riverine park and storm water management development. If implemented, it will significantly reduce erosion pressures on the Town creek coming from the Prince George's Plaza area. It will also reduce pressure on Riverdale Park's extension of Wells Run and provide the opportunity to restore some of the stream bed there to a more natural form than the current concrete culverts.



Most importantly for University Park, it will help support maintaining the Town as an urban forest. It is worth noting that at the National Arbor Day ceremony by the school this year, Mr. Henry, the State Forest Ranger, pointed out that University Park is one of the finest examples of an urban forest in Maryland. Without a healthy creek, it will be difficult to maintain this status.

Enjoy the late spring and the early stirrings of summer. Take care of yourselves and I will see you around Town.

John Rogard Tabori

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Keeping children safe is one of the most important jobs we have as a community. Whether a child is focused on an electronic device or outside playing with friends, it is important to take responsibility for their development and follow safety precautions. Make sure you know where your children are at all times. Never leave children unattended in an automobile. Be involved in your children's activities at home and school, after school, in sports and while on vacation. Listen to your children, even when they are talking to others and take the time to talk to your children, even if you think they're not listening. Be sensitive to your children's behavior and attitude.

In most cases, dangers to children come from a perpetrator known to the parent/guardian or the child and that person may be in a position of trust or responsibility to the family. Be sure to screen babysitters and caregivers. Children ages 11-17 are equally at risk of victimization.

There is no substitute for your attention and supervision. Children should always check with you before they go anywhere or accept anything. Children should never walk up to or get into a car with a stranger, or share personal or family information.



According to the U.S. Department of Education, 81% of children as young as 3 years old are using the Internet. We cannot watch our kids constantly, but there are strategies that allow them to benefit from the Internet and avoid its potential risks. Exploring the Internet with your children greatly expands its capacity as an educational tool. Providing guidance and discussion along the way helps increase online skills and confidence along with the ability to avoid potential risks. Teach your kids to immediately tell you or another trusted adult if they see material that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Regularly check the computer's history to verify where your children have been.

Be vigilant in your home and community for the safety of everyone. If you see a child doing something dangerous to their self or others, do not hesitate to notify their parent or, if no parent is present, the police.

Breaking & Entering On April 3 between 8:30 AM and 5:50 PM in the 7000 block of Forest Hill Dr. suspect/s kicked in the rear door of the residence and stole a backpack, notebook computer, I pad, camera and a personal DVD. The scene was processed and the neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between April 4 5 PM and April 6 1 PM in the 4100 block of Woodberry St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2008 Toyota Avalon and stole coins and a GPS unit. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between April 13 4 AM and April 14 3 PM in the 4300 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2011 Subaru Outback and stole a GPS unit. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between April 14 3 PM and April 15 10 AM in the 6600 block of Baltimore Ave. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2004 Ford Explorer and stole a GPS unit, a jacket and a bag containing clothes and other personal items. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Attempted Breaking & Entering On April 16 at 2 PM in the 6700 block of Wells Parkway suspect/s kicked the rear door of the residence in an attempt to gain entry. The resident was at home, heard the noise and yelled. The UPPD were contacted and the area was canvassed for suspects. Five juvenile suspects were located and arrested. It was determined that they were truant students. No property was taken. Case Closed.

Theft Between April 16 10 PM and April 17 2 PM in the 4200 block of East-West Highway suspect/s stole the rear tag from a 1993 Geo Prism. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between April 22 2 PM and April 23 7 AM in the 4300 block of Clagett-Pineway suspect/s broke the driver side rear window of a 2006 Toyota Corolla and attempted to steal the car radio. Nothing was stolen. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

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STEP UP

SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM
FOR UNIVERSITY PARK

This summer, University Park's STEP-UP energy program will enter its final year. This is the last chance for you to take advantage of STEP-UP to make your home more affordable, comfortable and healthy through energy efficiency improvements. STEP-UP helps you by providing access to rebates worth, on average, 60% of the cost of improvements; STEP-UP Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet, who works with you at every step; and a preferred list of qualified contractors and STEP-UP's quality assurance process, giving you confidence that your efficiency improvements have been done correctly.

This summer, look for a letter from Mayor Tabori and a visit from our summer students inviting you once again to join STEP-UP. To begin, simply contact Suzanne Parmet by calling 240-695-3991 or e-mailing energy-coach@upmd.org or through our web site at www.mystep-up.org.

STEP-UP is pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with Sandy Spring Bank to offer attractive financing to those STEP-UP participants who want access to a loan for their home energy efficiency improvements. Sandy Spring is able to offer STEP-UP participants rates as low as 4% APR to qualified applicants for unsecured loans. Contact Suzanne for more details.

STEP-UP is preparing to launch into three neighboring communities this summer: Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and College Heights Estates. STEP-UP will be re-branded for these new partner communities and the expanded program will run throughout the final year of the grant. This expansion is an important part of our obligation to the Department of Energy to demonstrate that the STEP-UP model is both scalable and replicable outside of University Park. This planned expansion will not dilute the STEP-UP services or incentives available to UP residents.

Twenty-five percent of UP is already improving the value of their home through STEP-UP!

Public Input Meeting on Future Cable Television Needs Monday, June 18, 7:30 PM, UPES

As part of the cable television franchise renewal process with Comcast, the Town will be conducting a public input meeting on to

allow residents to comment on desired future cable television service needs and local public, educational and governmental (PEG) access programming needs and interests.

The public input meeting will be held at University Park Elementary School in the library. These meetings are not intended to just examine past performance, but rather to look at what is needed by the community going forward. The public will be allowed to offer brief opinions and views on future needs for cable television and PEG access programming and information.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 12-O-05

On May 21, 2012, Ordinance 12-O-05 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Ordinance 12-O-02 to increase the amount of employee recognition bonuses and to clarify certain terms. The meeting set for June 18, 2012 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.

For more information or a copy of the proposed ordinance, call Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

Crime Report continued

Theft from Auto Between April 22 5 PM and April 23 9 AM in the 4300 block of Underwood St. suspect/s broke the passenger side front window of a 1999 Honda Accord and stole a Panasonic car radio. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between April 22 5:30 PM and April 23 7:30 AM in the 6700 block of Queens Chapel Rd. suspect/s broke the passenger side rear window of a 2010 Toyota Highlander and attempted to steal the car radio. Nothing was stolen. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.



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April 16 Council Meeting Highlights

At 7 PM, an executive session was called to discuss a personnel matter and consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, McPherson, Cron, Carey, Sorensen; Bradley Chacón (present for the executive session only).

Public Comment

Mr. Mickey Lucas said the stream clean-up day was held on Saturday, April 14 with over 80 people participating. He raised the concern to Mr. Beall that residents of houses along Beechwood with backyards abutting the park have been dumping refuse over their fences onto the public property.

Ms. Erica Jackson and Ms. Sharon Haven, town residents and students attending Seton High School, asked that the Town consider installing a stop sign at the intersection of College Heights Drive and 40th Avenue, preferably at the end of 40th Avenue near Beechwood. Mayor Tabori asked Mr. Beall and Chief Wynnyk to review this location and discuss the matter with the residents.

Permits

Application to Construct a 15'X17' Deck, 6817 Pineway Applicant said the adjacent neighbors have been contacted and had no objections to the construction. Motion to approve the application to construct a 15'x17' pressure treated wood deck located at 6817 Pineway. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department Reports

Mayor Tabori said that Mr. Abbey provided a detailed plat showing the location of his shed and has contacted his neighbors to notify them of the project. Town Hall issued the building permit.

Mayor Tabori provided information on the Maryland Municipal League event, which will be held at Ocean City. Mayor Tabori said that he and Mr. Chuck Wilson will join the city of Salisbury in a one-hour discussion on the STEP-UP program.

The District Council met on April 11 regarding the Cafritz property. The hearing was suspended until April

30, at which time an evidentiary hearing will be held. Rules for the hearing are still in the process of being clarified.

CM Carey said that a meeting will be held at Town Hall on April 25 to report on the traffic signage study.

Mr. Chuck Wilson reviewed the status of the STEP-UP program activities. He requested permission from the Council to extend the kitchen waste compost pilot by three months, in order to address questions about possible odors and vermin problems during warmer weather. The project budget has funding to cover the extension, which costs \$1400 per month. *Motion to Approve Extending the Kitchen Waste Compost Pilot for Three Months.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mr. Wilson discussed the public bids that were received in response to the solicitations for a communications consulting firm and for a program evaluation consultant. Eleven bids were received for the communications consulting firm; the recommended vendor is Pinnacle Communications Resource Company. Seven or eight responses were received for the program evaluation consultant; Skumatz Economic Research Associates, Inc. is the recommended vendor. *Motion to Approve Pinnacle Communications Resource Company as the STEP-UP program's communications consulting firm.* Motion approved 6 to 0. *Motion to Approve Skumatz Economic Research Associates, Inc. as the STEP-UP Program's Evaluation Firm.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mr. Wilson announced that a loan loss reserve program has been created with Sandy Spring Bank. The caps on the program are \$10,000 to an individual homeowner and \$50,000 for the program as a whole. *Motion to Authorize Mayor Tabori to Endorse the Loan Loss Reserve Program with Sandy Spring Bank.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

Director of Public Works Mickey Beall reported that road construction has resumed. The concrete work in Ward 1 has been completed; Ward 3 concrete work has started. He has asked the contractor to stay away from the Azalea Classic route and away from University Park Elementary School until the school session ends. WSSC is conducting a GPS survey of their water line replacement work. The speed humps in Ward 1 will be made permanent. Mr. Cook is carrying out a series of three

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traffic studies on 40th Avenue, College Heights Drive and Tennyson Road.

CM Gekas asked about a hazardous waste collection program and advocated that the Public Works Department arrange for one to be held. He proposed that one be held every six months. Mr. Beall said he was working on setting up that activity. The funds to cover the program costs are in the recycling line item in the Town budget.

Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson said the negotiating team for the Comcast cable franchise agreement has participants from all the Prince George's County municipalities and from the County government. She said the next step is for the negotiating team to hold a public meeting to determine what issues will be important as future issues for residents. Mayor Tabori asked Attorney Ferguson to submit information on the meeting to the Town newsletter.

Continuing Business

Police Department Budget Transfer-Introduction: *Motion to Approve the Introduction to Transfer \$8000 from Capital Outlay Police Radios to Accreditation for Costs Associated with CALEA Certification.* Motion approved 6 to 0.

The public meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



May 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Council Members McPherson (acting as Mayor Pro Tem), Brosch, Gekas, McPherson, Cron, Carey, Sorensen, Bradley Chacón. Tabori absent.

Presentations

Ms. Edith Chapman, Municipal Liaison, County Executive Baker's Office and Mr. Michael Lyles, Executive Director of Human Relations for Prince George's County, gave a presentation regarding the status of Human Relations in the County. Topics included:

- ◆ New Programmatic Thrust: Where we are going
- ◆ Training: County and Municipalities
- ◆ Q and A

Dan Strickman of USDA gave a presentation on mosquito abatement. Mr. Strickman discussed alternatives for addressing the Asian Tiger mosquito problem.

Permits

Application to Install A Driveway, 6712 44th Avenue Applicant addressed the Council and the Mayor Pro Tem to explain his permit application. He said he was previously unable to install a driveway on his property due to the location of the fire hydrant. The hydrant was relocated during the recent WSSC work. Applicant said he had discussed the driveway installation with the neighbor that borders the planned driveway location. This section of 44th Avenue only allows parking on one side of the street. Applicant said that the Park & Planning staff had said his lot coverage was below 30%, although this was not indicated on the plat. Motion to approve the application to install a 9'x 32' driveway located at 6712 44th Avenue, with approval from the neighbor on the left side of the property while facing the house. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Application to Replace Heat Pump and AC Unit, 4338 Clagett Road CM Sorensen raised concerns because the homeowners were not present to answer questions. CM Gekas raised concerns about whether or not the heat pump and AC unit was being installed in the existing or a new location, and if the existing location of the equipment as shown on the plat met lot line setback requirements. CM Sorensen asked that the permit application be tabled.

Application to Replace Front Stoop Railings, 4015 Tennyson Road Applicant addressed the Council and the Mayor Pro Tem to explain his permit application. He has notified his neighbors of his intention to install railings on his front stoop. Motion to approve the application to replace front stoop railings with pressure treated wood located at 4015 Tennyson Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Application To Erect A Shed, 4402 Holly Hill Road CM Sorensen raised concerns because the homeowners were not present to answer questions. CM Sorensen raised concerns about the fact that the shed location was not shown on the plat. She asked that the permit application be tabled.

Application To Install A 4' Fence, 7010 Forest Hill Drive Applicant addressed the Council and the Mayor

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Pro Tem to explain his permit application. Motion to approve the application to install a 4' high split rail wood fence located at 7010 Forest Hill Drive, contingent on notifying the neighbors. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Beall said the paving contractors are working through the concrete work. Pavement milling should start on Forest Hill Drive. The contractors are also working on the Pineway loop.

Mr. Beall noted that the grass had grown taller than normal on Town property. This has occurred due to the two weeks the Public Works Department staff has spent removing the temporary speed humps in advance of the paving work and to the wait for parts to repair the Town lawnmowers. Deep root fertilization has been applied to the Town holiday tree on Henson Green, which seems to be thriving.

Continuing Business

Police Department Budget Transfer Introduction Motion to approve the introduction to transfer \$8000 from Capital Outlay Police Radios to Accreditation for costs associated with Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Certification (CALEA). Motion approved 6 to 0.

Ordinance 12-O-02 An Ordinance to Establish an Employee Service Recognition Bonus CM Brosch asked to reconsider the recognition schedule bonus and make it more generous. CM McPherson said that should be taken up as a separate motion. Mr. Beall raised the point of recognizing people for their more recent service anniversary. CM Brosch briefed the Council on the progress in planning the celebration for June 16. The recognition ceremony will be followed by refreshments, coordinated by the Women's Club, the Civic Association and the Historic Association. **Motion to Approve Ordinance 12-O-02, to Provide that a Town Employee, Otherwise in Good Standing, in Addition to His/Her Regular Compensation, Shall Receive Monetary and Other Recognition for Specified Years of Service, According to a Schedule Approved by Council** Motion approved 5 to 0 (Sorensen abstains).

New Business

Ms. Ellen Thorp and Ms. Arlene Christiansen shared their insights into the most recent round of Cafritz hearings with the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.



Shade Tree Reimbursement Program

The Shade Tree Reimbursement Program offers residents up to \$300 towards the price of purchasing and planting a tree on private property. The purpose of the program is to enhance the town's tree canopy, which provides many benefits including conserving energy, reducing air pollution, increasing property values, enhancing wildlife habitat and providing aesthetic benefits.

The Town of UP recognizes these benefits and has an ongoing tree planting and maintenance program. But the town can only manage trees on public land, such as in parks and along streets.

To increase and maintain a healthy urban tree canopy, the town needs to ensure that trees are also planted on private property. To take advantage of this program, follow these steps:

1. Plant a tree from the Approved Shade Tree List.
2. Fill out the Shade Tree Reimbursement Request form.
3. Deliver the tree receipt and the form to Mickey Beall at Town Hall or mbeall@upmd.org.

Complete guidelines, the request form and the Approved Shade Tree list are available at the Town of UP website at: Public Works/Department Info. This program is in effect as long as funds are available.



Help UP Honor Our Armed Forces Veterans
Contact UPHPA or Town Hall

In 1957, the University Park Woman's Club presented our town with a Gold Star service flag to honor six men from UP who gave their lives in the United States Armed Services during World War II. Gold Star and Blue Star service flags had been awarded beginning in 1917 to families of those who fought or died in service to their country during armed conflict. Gold Star service flags designated U.S. families who had lost a direct relative in defense of the nation during wartime.



UP had more than 170 Blue Star families in the 1940s and its share of Gold Star families. UP residents who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II (December 1941-August 1945) are given here:

- T/Sgt. Arthur E. Brittain on August 12, 1943
- T/Sgt James R. Hoffman during the summer of 1943
- 1st Lt. James A. Thompson in May 1944
- Lt. Col. John H. Matthews in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944
- S/Sgt Albert D. Woodward in July 1944
- Corp. William H. Pearce in July 1945

Since the beginning of the Korean War, UP families have continued to qualify for Blue Star or Gold Star service flags or banners. The association plans a commemoration for later this year and all UP residents are invited to participate in honoring our Armed Forces veterans.

To help University Park assemble a full account of those UP residents who have served during wartime or have given their lives in any of our nation's armed conflicts from 1917 to the present, individuals may contact Town Hall or any member of the University Park Historic Preservation Association.

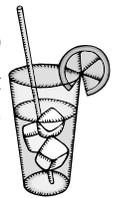
UP Civic Association News

The rain held off for the Town Yard Sale on May 5 and nearly 60 families signed up to participate. The sale was well-advertised with big new yellow and black signs and directional arrows. Many thanks to Ellen Jasinski, Lynn Desautels, Joe Schultz and Dawn Nichols for helping with collecting addresses, creating the map, designing the new signs and putting out and collecting the signs.

Staff Appreciation Day with Longevity Awards will be on Saturday, June 16 from 3:30 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The UPCA will co-sponsor with the Town, UP Women's Club and UPHA. We have many wonderful town employees who have worked for the Town of University Park for more than 25 years and some much longer. Light refreshments will be provided and it pleasant opportunity to thank our valuable town staff for their years of dedication.

The Third Annual UPCA Battle of the Bags will be on Saturday, June 23 (check site for time). This much-anticipated event has become a great fundraiser for the UPCA. Teams of two will participate in a tournament-style game with a trophy going to the winning team. An entrance fee helps to offset the expense and helps the UPCA sponsor even more great events for our town.

The UPCA Social is Tuesday, June 26 at 7-9 PM. Join us for this bi-monthly gathering that will be hosted by Leatha and Kurt Thome, 4108 Van Buren Street. Come for as long as you like at any time during the evening.



We are still in need of a president or co-presidents for the UP Civic Association. It's not a lot of work, as our events are scheduled and staffed for the year. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact UPCA Secretary Carol Cron at carol.cron@hotmail.com or UPCA Treasurer Leatha Thome at upcatreasurer@gmail.com. Finally, be sure to visit our new UPCA website at www.upcivicassociation.com. You may pay your \$25 annual supporting contribution via PayPal on the website. All of our upcoming events, socials and meetings are listed on the website, so you can put them on your calendar!

Two Presidential Scholars are UPES Alumni
Two of this year's Presidential scholars are alumni of UPES. Now attending Saint Anselm's Abbey School, UP resident Jacob L. Wasserman is one of the Maryland winners. Now living in Kansas, Jiemin (Tina) Wei was on the 2006 winning UPES Science Bowl team.

One young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and from U.S. families living abroad, are selected to be Presidential Scholars, as well as 15 chosen at-large and 20 Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

UP Woman's Club to Install Officers and Name Scholarship Recipients

Monday, June 4, 11:30 AM

The University Park Woman's Club will conclude their 2011-2012 year with their annual awards luncheon June 4 at the Argyle Country Club. Newly elected officers for 2012-2014 will be installed as part of the program. Officers to be installed include: President Anna-Mae Kobbe, Recording Secretary Michelle Wedge, Corresponding Secretary Margaret Callaghan, Treasurer Leatha Thome and Vice President Peggy Misback.

In addition, UPWC scholarship recipients will be announced at the luncheon. Two \$1,000 scholarships are presented annually to local graduating seniors bound for college.

Membership in UPWC is open to all women in UP and surrounding communities. Women interested in learning more about the club's mission and activities are welcome to visit a club meeting or may email the club at upmdwc@gmail.com for more information.

RPC Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 3, 3:30 PM



It's strawberry time! For a sneak preview of summer, all Town residents, their neighbors and friends are most cordially invited to join Riverdale Presbyterian Church for its traditional Strawberry Festival. 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. After the berries, you might like to stay and top off your delicious afternoon by enjoying a concert of wonderful music by a Music at Riverdale program. For more information, call 301-927-0477.

Staff Appreciation Day & Longevity Awards Ceremony

Saturday, June 16, 3-4:30 PM

The Mayor and Town Council and University Park's Women's Club, Civic Association and Historic Preservation Society, will host the Longevity Awards Ceremony at Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Custis Hall. All town residents are invited to this awards presentation when five members of the police and public works staff will be publicly recognized for their long service to our town which spans from 20 to 43 years. These men have each contributed to making University Park the special place it is and we will have the opportunity to thank them. The short awards ceremony will be followed by refreshments.

Great Decisions 2012



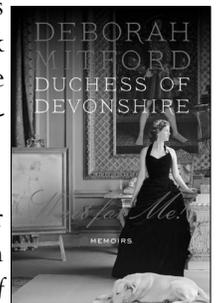
Town residents, friends and others are invited to join us for the final discussion in this annual series offered by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The FPA is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan organization that promotes foreign policy education. The group meets bi-monthly on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at Church of the Brethren. For more information and a copy of the discussion materials (\$20), contact Maxie Phillips at 301-927-0857. **Energy Geopolitics: Quandaries Intensify June 14** will be our final discussion in this series.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, June 19, 8 PM

June's selection is Deborah Mitford's *Wait for Me*. The After Eight Book Group meets from 8 to 10 PM on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June.

For those who'd like to read ahead over the summer, selections will be: Alan Bradley's *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, Abraham Verghese's *Cutting for Stone*; Joyce Maynard's *Labor Day*, Alexander McCall Smith's *44 Scotland St.*, Kate Morton's *The Forgotten Garden* and Hilary Mantel's *Bring Up the Bodies*. Please call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.



TOWN EVENTS

It's Easy Being Green: A Celebration of Sustainability in Your Neighborhood Saturday, July 14, 2 PM



UP Community Solar presents their second program focusing on science in your local neighborhood. The program begins with the ceremonial transfer of Pepco's payment to UP Community Solar LLC for the clean energy the project produced for the grid. There will be a presentation called "Ins and Outs of Composting" explaining the science and technology of state-of-the-art composting, followed by a presentation is a description of the upcoming county rain barrel project being developed by the University of Maryland Extension Service. Church of the Brethren, University Park.

College Park Arts Exchange

All events are free and take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. Parking passes are available. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.

Coffeehouse Concert, Tuesday, June 5, 8 PM Janel and Anthony: Elegant Experimental Music for Cello and Guitar. Lots of effects, creative arrangements and amazing musicianship. Janel and Anthony's music has been featured on NPR and the BBC. Prolific, accomplished instrumentalists touring in support of their new record *Where is Home*. Free with \$5-\$10 requested donations for the artists.

CPAE Book Club Friday, June 15, 7:30 PM Discuss Literary Nonfiction by Women at the CPAE Book Club. This month's selection is *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff. The **Underexposed Photo Club** meets alongside the Book Club. Like photography? Want to meet some great people who share your love of photography? Come to the Underexposed College Park Photo Club for a fun, social and photography filled time.

Coffeehouse Concert, Thursday, June 21, 8 PM Hammer No More the Fingers: catchy and fun modern rock trio from North Carolina's vibrant Triangle arts scene. Three friends who've been making music together since elementary school, Hammer No More the Fingers' music

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and synergy are unmistakably infectious. A great rock band to catch live, Hammer is touring in support of their latest record *Black Shark*. Free with \$5-10 requested donations for the artists.

Raq Out, New Directions in Belly Dance, Friday, June 22, 7:30 PM Advanced dance students of Belly dance who are studying with local teachers perform exciting pieces from traditional raq sharki and cabaret to tribal and world styles.



Riversdale

Events take place at 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.

Rome At Riversdale, Saturday, June 9, 11 AM-4 PM and Sunday, June 10, 12-4 PM Early 19th century America was greatly influenced by the classical world. Celebrate ancient Rome as you watch ancient battle reenactments with Legio XX, view a catapult demonstration, take part in children's activities, enjoy refreshments at the Roman caupon, chat with reenactors and more. Inside the historic house, enjoy an architecture scavenger hunt, tours of the house and more. \$5/adults and \$3/students.

Father's Day Tours, Sunday, June 17 12:15-3:15 PM George Calvert was father to nine children who lived at Riversdale. Five lived to adulthood, including Charles Benedict Calvert, founder of the University of Maryland. Celebrate the special fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and other gentlemen in your life with a free, guided tour of the historic house. Limited to one free tour per paid admission. \$3/adults, \$2/seniors, \$1/students and free children 4 & under.

Jazz on the Lawn, June 27, 7 PM As the sun sets, bring a blanket or lawn chair to Riversdale's beautiful grounds and enjoy the grass under your toes and the jazz wafting through the air. Pack a picnic or purchase dinner on the grounds before the show courtesy of the Calvert House Inn. Concerts are free. The first concert of the season kicks off with Project Natale. Rain date June 28.

June 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Strawberry Festival 3:30 PM					1	2
10	4 Yard Waste UPWC 11:30 AM Town Council 7:30	5 Trash	6	7 Recycling	8 Trash	9
17	11 Yard Waste	12 Trash	13	14 Recycling Great Decisions 7 PM	15 Trash	16 Staff Appreciation Day 3-4:30 PM
24	18 Yard Waste Town Council, New CM Swearing- In & Cable Public Input 7:30 PM	19 Trash After 8 Book Group 8 PM	20	21 Recycling	22 Trash	23 UPCA Battle of the Bags
	25 Yard Waste	26 Trash UPCA Social 7 PM	27	28 Recycling	29 Trash	30 75th Anniversary Volunteer Gathering 6 PM



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