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FROM THE MAYOR

Budget Planning Process While the Town received good news in that our overall property tax base only shrunk about 3 percent over the last 3 years, unfortunately there was considerable variance in the assessments throughout the Town. It appears that a significant number of home owners received lowered assessments, while others received increased assessments. In the past, with some exceptions, variations in percent changes in assessments were spread evenly throughout the Town. As a consequence, changes in the property tax burden were evenly distributed from year to year. This year will see a less even change in the tax burden. If you want to estimate the impact of the new assessment on your Town property taxes, multiply your assessable tax base by 0.006047 and compare the results to last year's tax bill.

If we are able to maintain our budget at the constant yield level of the past five years, it will reflect your final bill within a few dollars. In addition to the new assessment, this year will see the completion of the street work and the end of the Department of Energy energy efficiency project, affectionately known as STEP-UP. In order to explain the impact of these two sets of changes, I will present a historical review of budget trends on March 4 and lay out some of the assumptions that Town Hall will make in preparing the budget to be presented to the Town and Council on March 31.

The Cafritz development team has been reconstituted and has sent out informational letters indicating that they will be filling both a Preliminary Plan of Subdivi

Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	March 4 & 18
Cafritz Oversight Meetings	Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

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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sion and a Detailed Site Plan (DSP) in the very near future. Larry Taub has replaced Richard "Chip" Reed as legal counsel and Marc Regulinski has taken over as the project manager. Larry Taub has represented both UTC and EYA, and has over 25 years of experience working as an attorney representing developers in Prince George's County. Marc Regulinski is a partner in the architectural and engineering firm of Skidmore, Owen and Merrill, with extensive experience as a manager of large scale development projects. The Town will continue to post Cafritz filings on the Town website as we receive them. In addition, we will continue to post all meetings in which this subject is to be discussed.

PEPCO and the Town have reached an agreement on removing and trimming trees around their power lines. The Town will issue three separate permits. The first allows for the removal of some 30 trees from the Town right of way. The second governs tree pruning and establishes a review mechanism under the control of the Town's arborist to assure all pruning is done according to ANSI and International Arboreal Cultivar standards. Trees that would be severely damaged by pruning and where agreement on pruning outcomes cannot be achieved will be removed from the pruning list and the Town will establish a maintenance plan for them to ensure energy reliability and safety.



Finally, a separate permit will be issued for Bradford pear trees and results in the removal of an additional 20 trees with special pruning standards for those trees under power lines. All removals and pruning will be under the watchful eye of the Town's arborist. The negotiations leading to the three permits were difficult and at times, onerous. A huge

thank you should go to Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, Town Arborist John Anna and Director of Public Works Mickey Beall for their hard work during the negotiations. Finally, thank you to the Town Council who

stayed the course under very difficult circumstances, balancing the needs of the community for reliable service against the quality of life that we enjoy as a consequence of our tree canopy.

On a delightful note, I had the great pleasure to be a judge for the UPES Science Fair. The quality of the student science projects was outstanding. UPES students continue to demonstrate knowledge, skill, innovativeness, and talent in ways that give me a great deal of hope for the future. I will report back on how UPES students did in the County Fair later in the spring.

I am sorry to report that for the second year in a row, the UPES PTA will not hold a May Fair, but will instead concentrate on the Azalea Classic as their main fundraising event. Costs and the



burden on volunteers have made it difficult to staff and manage both events within such close proximity in time. I encourage everyone in Town to sign up for one of the races on Saturday, April 8. It is a lot of fun and good exercise.

Finally, the Town has recently hired two recording secretaries who will take minutes at Town Council and the Cafritz Oversight and Monitoring Committee meetings. This should allow for a return to more complete and informative minutes and reduce the burden on our Town Clerk.

Have a great month, keep safe, and enjoy the end of winter and the first days of spring. Hope to see you around Town.

John Rogard Tabori

FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

The UPPD continues to work with our Department of Public Works to improve crime prevention through environmental design by implementing some basic concepts, improving the appearance of our community and working to make our town safer and cleaner. The most important concept of crime prevention is that if an area appears to be unclaimed, someone will claim it. Often that could be a person that intends to use the area for illicit activities. Well-traveled, high activity, designated use areas rarely attract a meeting ground for criminal activity. An eyewitness is the criminal's worst fear.



A managed growth approach has been implemented throughout the Town park areas with specific attention given to the walkways, pathways and sight lines. Careful pruning and tree replacement has been taken into consideration to ensure the environmental integrity and green beauty of our town is maintained. In consultation with the Town arborist, discussions with the stream committee, community members' assistance and consideration of park use activities, a balance has been struck that improves many design aspects of Town public areas. We have worked to convey that UP is cared for at all times by the entire community.

Signage is an ongoing project. Improving the visibility of stop signs by replacing, relocating and pruning vegetation, along with continued reminders with enforcement and education, serves to make our roads safer. Please help in this effort by stopping for all stop signs, even if no one is looking. The removal of illegal signs (pole posters, various service offers, etc.) is a constant effort by both the UPPD and the UPPW. Residents are encouraged to assist in the removal of these signs whenever possible. We have noticed that if we are more persistent in removal of illegal signs, the culprits will eventually give up and we win.

Communicating pride in ownership through proper maintenance and use of your property serves to increase safety and security and helps in the prevention of loss. Outsiders and neighbors should be able to see their neighbors do things like play in the yard, sit on the

porch, mow the lawn and more. Good maintenance of all areas and items on the property communicates to potential criminals that the place is carefully watched over and that they are likely to be seen and caught. Potential criminals will often move on to a less risky target. Maintenance includes keeping the landscaping trimmed, the lighting functional, the home and vehicles clean, the trash picked up and all structures maintained in good repair. The care of your property impacts the entire community.

Theft from Auto Between January 15 7 PM and January 16 8 AM in the 6500 block of 41st Ave. suspect/s broke the right front window of a 2012 Honda Civic and stole a tobacco pouch, a briarwood pipe and a custom tobacco blend of approximately 6 oz. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between January 16 7 PM and January 17 2:30 PM in the 4100 block of Woodberry St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2011 Volkswagen Jetta and stole a black GPS unit, GPS charging cord and a phone charger and docking station. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto Between January 23 10 PM and January 24 8:44 AM in the 6500 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s entered a 2007 Toyota Camry and stole a GPS unit and a power cord. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Notice of Introduction of Ordinance 13-O-02

On March 4, 2013, Emergency Ordinance 13-O-02 is to be introduced. This ordinance would change the effective date of Ordinance 12-O-03, which prohibited placement of construction and other storage receptacles on private property without a permit and provided for a permit fee and penalty, to 20 days from the date of adoption of the Emergency Ordinance. The meeting set for March 4, 2013 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.

TOWN NEWS

ELECTION NOTICE

The Town of University Park
for the
Offices of Council Member for
Wards Two, Four, Five and Six
will be conducted on



TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2012, 7 AM-8 PM
Riverdale Presbyterian Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road

CANDIDATES Candidate packets (ballot petition and financial disclosure statement) are available at Town Hall during business hours and on the Town website www.umpd.org under Elections. If residents have any questions please contact the Town Clerk at 301-927-4262 or email TownHall@upmd.org

REGISTER TO VOTE Residents may register to vote at Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782, 301-927-4262, Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-5 PM or with Prince George's County Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Telephone: 301-430-8020, (TDD 301-627-3352). Residents may download the voter registration form at the following address http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/documents/2011_English_Internet_VRA.pdf

DEADLINE To file as a candidate or register as a new voter the deadline is Monday, April 8, 2013. The deadline for write-in candidates is Thursday, May 2, 2013.

Town Reminders

Snow Storms During snow storms, please consult the Town website at www.upmd.org or call Town Hall to find out if parking restrictions are in effect. If you have a driveway, park your car in it during the storm. This makes it easier for Town crews to plow and emergency vehicles to pass through the streets.

Please trim your bushes and trees if they overhang the sidewalk. If Town trees in the curb box present a hazard to pedestrians, please inform the Town, do not trim them yourselves.

Snow Removal All residents (including renters) are required to remove snow from their private and public front sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Editors' Note: We apologize again for the brevity and quality of the minutes and wanted to share several additional ways for residents to stay up to date on meetings and activities in the Town of University Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

The Town electronic notice system offers several lists to receive notices regarding official Town business, events, meetings, and agendas for Town Council and committee meetings. We strongly encourage you to sign up and participate. All meetings are open to the public. Visit upmd.org and click on Register in the upper right corner to sign up.

UPPD safety alerts are sent out by Police Chief Michael Wynnyk. Subscribe to this list by contacting the UPPD and providing your contact info.

Univ. Park Listserv Google Group is a list for residents of the Town of University Park, Maryland and the adjacent neighborhood of College Heights Estates, Maryland. This listserv is not an official listserv of any municipality, government, civic association or other official entity. Search on Google for the list name to sign up for this and the next group.

WATCH UP & CHE Google Group is a neighborhood watch-type list and public safety officials do not monitor it. Any concerns should always be called in to the appropriate number: emergencies go to 911 and non-emergency calls to 301-352-1200.

January 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, Christiansen, Carey, Sorensen, Cron, Alvarez.

Public Comment

CM Cron reported large potholes in need of repair. Mayor Tabori noted the potholes when he filled in as bus driver for the morning drive of the Town Shuttle Bus. The mayor has reported the problem to Mickey Beall. Repairs will be done as soon as possible.

A resident inquired on the process for removing Pods from properties. The Mayor and Ms. Ferguson discussed the process for using different options to resolve this issue. The Town will issue letters stating the new law and requirements. The law requires a permit application be applied for and approval issued by the Council. A

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letter explaining this process will be issued to the property owners. If the Pod is not removed or permit applications applied for, fines will be issued.

Mr. Ripley expressed concerns about a commercial vehicle advertising a dog walking business that is continually parked on Town streets. Ms. Ferguson discussed parking laws as listed in the Town code and Mr. Ripley's specific concerns. Mr. Ripley also inquired on the Town's tax rate for next year. Mayor Tabori stated that the Town will discuss taxes and the budget for FY14 at length beginning in March. Budget hearings will be scheduled and the budget will be discussed at regular Town meetings and budget hearings. Public input is encouraged throughout this process.

Permits

Application to Replace Existing 4' Fence, 6523 40th Avenue Motion to approve the application to replace existing 4' wood fence along the north side and rear of the property located at 6523 40th Avenue. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to Approve Moving into a Work Session to Discuss the PEPCO Permit Request to Trim and Remove Trees in Town. Motion approved 7 to 0. CM Gekas reported that he and CM Brosch took a bike ride through Town to do a review of utility poles in town and to research how much voltage each pole carries to evaluate how the Town may limit tree trimming around the power lines. Most utility poles in town deliver power at 7,000 volts near homes; however, some poles deliver at 13,000 volts. CM Gekas discussed the state laws called Blue Sky laws that govern PEPCO. He suggested Council allow PEPCO to remove the trees the Town Arborist and PEPCO agree should be removed. However, CM Gekas suggested Council not allow PEPCO to trim trees in Town around the 7,000 volt lines. CM Gekas also asked that PEPCO provide the Town with a schematic map of all power lines to each home in University Park.

CM Carey discussed the Blue Sky standards for pruning and their effects on trees in University Park, specifically how they may have led to the designation of a tree in front of 4315 Van Buren Street for removal. Ms. Ferguson discussed specific trees of concern for CM Carey in Ward 4. She provided information on ways to interpret recommendations from arborists for the Town and PEPCO.

Ms. Bridget Warren, Van Buren St., must work despite power outages and drives to the public library because we lose power so often when storms pass through the area. Ms. Warren asked that Council take a step back and consider the need for reliability. She encouraged Council members to allow professional arborists to make those decisions on which trees to trim or remove.

CM Carey stated that the blue dots of doom markings on trees in Ward 4 were not the trees that went down during the recent storms. CM Gekas suggested that the Council is trying to create a compromise. Ms Ferguson and other Council members discussed reasons for trimming and removing trees this year vs. in the future. Mayor Tabori asked for Council to move back into the regular session motion to move back into regular session approved 7 to 0.

Department and Council Reports

Mayor Tabori reported that legal action is being taken against Maryland Book Exchange (MBE). More information will be provided as this issue moves forward.

CM Sorensen reported that the committee on Policy and Rules finds that hiring a recording secretary to attend meetings and take minutes would be best. The tape has not been a foolproof method of recording Town meetings. The committee encourages Council to support the motion on item 13A which moves funds into the budget to cover the costs to fill the position and provide service for the remaining portion of the year. Mayor Tabori reported that the ad for the position will be posted and he suggested that the position will be filled by the end of February.

Mayor Tabori reported that a Special Session will be held on Monday, January 14. He has invited the Planning Board staff and Chip Reed to the meeting. The mayor addressed issues that are outstanding and described the key missing elements to the project with regard to the CSX bridge crossing, a landing agreement with the American Center of Physics and other important conditions which have not yet been satisfied. It is the recommendation of the Planning Board staff, Riverdale Park, Rushern Baker and others that the Cafritz project should be withdrawn until these conditions are met and in place.

CM Christiansen reported on the Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee, restating the position Mayor

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Tabori provided.

Mr. Papazian reported that he has worked with the COM committee, Ms. Ferguson and Mayor Tabori on the progress made on the TMP for the Town. Mr. Papazian stressed the importance of having those key issues on traffic management conditions established and ready for implementation before the preliminary plan is approved on January 17. He agreed with the Town that this project should not be allowed to move forward or be approved until these items are addressed.

CM Carey inquired if any collaboration efforts have begun with neighboring municipalities on the circulator bus. Ms. Ferguson and Mayor Tabori described the research data required and other important elements necessary before moving forward.

Continuing Business

The city of Hyattsville has requested that the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) undertake a review of the intersection on Adelphi Road & Wells Parkway to consider the installation of a dedicated left arrow turn signal on Adelphi Road and Wells Parkway.

In addition to items listed below, Council may wish to add appropriate safety measures to include in the letter to DPW&T on behalf of the Town of University Park. *Motion to Disapprove Authorizing the Mayor to Draft a Letter in Support of the Request from the City of Hyattsville to the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation to Undertake a Review of the Intersection on Adelphi Road and Wells Parkway and to Consider the Installation of a Dedicated Left Arrow Turn Signal* CM Alvarez described his concerns for this action and his reasons to disapprove. He is concerned that this will make it easier for traffic to cut through Town when/or if Whole Foods is built. CM Carey stated that he uses that intersection frequently, and that during rush hour it is often difficult to safely make a left turn from Adelphi Road onto Wells Parkway. A left-turn arrow could make this safer. CM Sorensen asked for advice from the traffic engineer. Mr. Papazian stated that his main concern would be to focus on the safety of the intersection.

Mr. Alvarez and Ms. Sorensen agree to modify the motion. *Motion to Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Draft a Letter in Support of the Request from the City*

of Hyattsville to the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation to Undertake a Review of the Intersection on Adelphi Road and Wells Parkway and to Make Recommendations for Improving Safety, and Request that the Department of Public Works & Transportation Be Invited to a Town Meeting to Present the Recommendations Before the Decision is Made to Install a Dedicated Left Arrow Turn Signal Motion approved 7 to 0.

The City of Hyattsville has requested that the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation undertake a review of the pedestrian signal timing to determine if adequate time is allotted for pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Adelphi Road & Wells Parkway. In addition to ideas listed below Council may wish to add appropriate safety measures to include in the letter to DPW&T on behalf of the Town of University Park.

Motion to Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Draft a Letter in Support of the Request from the City of Hyattsville to the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation to Undertake a Review of the Pedestrian Signal Timing to Determine if Adequate Time is Allotted for Pedestrian Crossing at the Intersection of Adelphi Road and Wells Parkway. In Addition, Council May Wish to Include Additional Intersections on Adelphi Road for Review for Pedestrian Safety Issues, Specifically the Crossings at Tennyson, Toledo Road and Belcrest/Underwood. Motion approved 7 to 0.

New Business

Motion to Approve the Transfer of \$2000 from Unreserved Funds to a New Account Labeled "Recording Secretary" to Cover the Costs of the Recording Secretary for the Balance of the Fiscal Year. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Executive Session

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Legal Advice on Legal Matters. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The meeting was closed by unanimous consent at 9:15 PM.



UPWC Meeting: The State of the Bay

Monday, March 4, 11:30 AM

Designated a national treasure, the Chesapeake Bay is still far from pristine. It is plagued with agricultural, industrial and residential pollution. The last several years have seen improvement in water quality from a D- to D+ rating, but there is much to address before reaching A status. To learn more about what homeowners can do to improve the state of this precious resource, join the Woman's Club at their meeting to learn from Heather Tuckfield, Manager of Volunteer Services at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The UP Woman's Club is open to women in town and surrounding communities. Prospective members are welcome to visit the March meeting to learn more about the club's programs and civic projects. Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Registration at 11:30; lunch served at Noon; the program begins at 12:30 PM. Reservations, (301) 277-0414.

Woman's Club College Scholarships

Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship



This award is open to graduating students of Northwestern High School with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Economic need is a consideration. The applicants for this scholarship must complete parts A, B and C of the application and provide additional information requested in the checklist. One year, \$1000.

University Park Woman's Club Scholarship

This award is open to graduating students who are residents of University Park, or a nonresident child or grandchild of a member of the University Park Woman's Club. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. The applicants for this scholarship must complete parts A and B of the application and provide additional information requested in the checklist. One year, \$1000.

Applications and further information can be found at <http://www.upmd.org/?documents> or by calling Dianne Bukoski at (301) 277-6458. Completed applications must be received no later than Monday, April 1, 2013.

After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, March 19, 8-10 PM

The March selection is *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter. The After Eight Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550 for more information.

Life and Times of an Aviation Pioneer

Thursday, March 21, 7:30 PM

The University Park Historic Preservation Association presents a celebration of Women's History Month with a special program about early aviator Bernetta Adams Miller. Miss Miller earned her pilot's license in 1912, becoming the fifth woman in the nation to earn her wings. She would go on to serve with the Women's Overseas Service League Infantry Division in France during World War I. Ms. Chelsea Dorman, Museum Educator at the College Park Aviation Museum, shares her research on one of the earliest pilots to fly at the College Park Airport. For more information, write Chris Garcia at urbanipm@gmail.com. Town Hall conference room.

UPCCC Spring/Summer Clothing Sale

Saturday, March 23, 10 AM-Noon



The UP Children's Clothing Co-op will hold its annual Spring/Summer Clothing Sale. Quality, pre-washed, gently used children's clothing from newborn to teen sizes, toys, books, maternity and child-care items; all for sale at great prices. Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

UPCA Spring Egg Hunt and Games

Sunday, March 24, 1 PM

Children ages 0 through 12 are invited to participate in the Spring Egg Hunt and Games, a free event sponsored by the University Park Civic Association. The egg hunt will begin promptly a 1 PM for the youngest children (0-2 years) followed by older age groups (3-6 and 7-12). Other activities include face painting, crafts and games with a chance to win tasty prizes. Be ready to roll an egg and hop like a bunny! Volunteers needed. Come help paint faces, lead games and crafts, hide the eggs and set up/clean up. Contact Michelle Wedge at 240-770-6097 or mdwedge@gmail.com. UP Town Park Soccer Field.

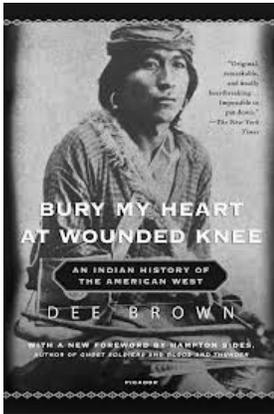
Hold the Date! Town Stream Clean-Up

Saturday, April 6, 9 AM-Noon

Groups, residents and friends are encouraged to join in beautifying our park and stream. Meet at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church parking lot for coffee, juice, doughnuts and trash bags for all. Bring gloves. There will also be demonstrations of conservation and preservation efforts by the Town Stream Committee. The cleanup will be associated with the area-wide Alice Ferguson Foundation's 25th Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Student community service hours earned will be documented. Enjoy the work and fun, rain or shine. Sponsored by the University Park Citizens Association, UP Woman's Club and the Town Stream Committee. Questions? Contact Kate Beveridge at BBeve@Verizon.Net or 301-277-4485.

Socially Conscious Seasonal Book Club

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM



David Harrington, retired National Park Service deputy assistant director/budget officer, will present a talk on the conflict among Indian tribes, western pioneers and the United States Army in the settlement of the American West. The talk will discuss not military maneuvers but the origins and outcomes of the Great Sioux War of 1876. The talk will also center on the great chief of the Lakota Sioux,

Sitting Bull. Dee Brown's seminal book *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* provides essential background on the story. The book tells the well-known story of American western expansion and settlement, but from the Indian perspective. David Harrington served as acting Superintendent of Little Bighorn Battlefield during the summer of 2012. Riverdale Presbyterian Church, simple supper 6:30 PM, book discussion 7 PM.

Vacation Bible School

June 24 through June 28

University Baptist Church, on Campus Drive in College Park and Riverdale Presbyterian Church in University Park will again combine forces to offer a free, full day Vacation Bible School from 9 AM-Noon at UBC and Noon-3 PM at RPC. This joint program will be offered for all children ages 5-12. Transportation will be pro-

vided from RPC to UBC just before 9 AM and back from UBC to RPC at Noon. For a small fee aftercare and camps (art, sports, service camp for teens) from 3 until 5 PM will be available at RPC. Registration information will be available soon at www.rivpres.org and www.weareubc.org.

New Officers for UPCA

The University Civic Association had a great January meeting when we planned our events for all of 2013. Most of the events have an event manager, and a few are still pending. UPCA has some new officers. Leatha Thome, who served as Treasurer for the past year, has stepped up to become the UPCA President, and Tracey Toscano will take over as the UPCA Treasurer, working with Leatha. Carol Cron will continue as the UPCA Secretary. The number of households making an annual supporting contribution increased by nearly 400%, from 25 households to about 100 in 2012/2013. With about 900 homes in University Park, surely we can have more than 10% supporting the UPCA with a \$25 financial donation. Let's keep up this trend, because with more financial support, we can have more fun community events. Visit the UPCA website at www.upcivicassociation.com for up-to-date information on our events and projects. Remember, you can pay online using PayPal or with a credit card at one of our events. We still accept cash and checks, too.

Seeking Apprentices and Interns for Spring/Summer Seasons @ ECO City Farms

ECO City Farms is committed to providing a quality practical hands-on education. We will provide a curriculum and opportunities to learn on and off the farm. Our farm is small, but the work is intensive and demanding. Farmers are often called upon to do different and sometimes tedious jobs in all kinds of weather. Our apprentices and interns must be reliable, on-time, creative, passionate, flexible, fast and have a good sense of humor in spite of the hard work! We are looking for folks who are willing to work hard when required and enjoy the benefits of being a farmer. Positions are unpaid, but we work to apply the hours towards community service hours or school credit. Thursday availability is a plus, as it is our harvest and market day. Prior farm experience is a plus, but not required. For questions, application and self-assessment forms, contact amanda@ecocityfarms.org.

Azalea Classic Run Inspires

Budding Athletes and Community Ties

The University Park Azalea Classic 5K-1K-1M race, this year taking place April 20 for the 12th year in a row, not only raises money for our local elementary school but also promotes neighborhood ties, inspires a healthy lifestyle and showcases our town.

“It’s a great community event,” says Sarah Elder of Forest Hill Drive, who founded the race 12 years ago. “It’s fun to see how happy everyone is who participates. Everyone is really having a great time!,” says Elder, whose own children are long out of elementary school. Originally established as a fundraiser for University Park Elementary School (UPES) in cooperation with the town, the Azalea Classic has evolved into a chance to jumpstart better habits and make our town shine as well.

Many participants feel the unimposing atmosphere of the race gave them an opportunity to get started. “If I can do it, anyone can,” says Carrie Murphy of Underwood Street. “I did start running because of the Azalea Classic,” Murphy says. “I wanted to be an example for my daughter and joined a Couch-to-Classic (training) group two years ago, never having run a race of any sort,” she says. “I’ve kept running with neighbors since then and we’ve ratcheted it up slowly and done an 8k, 10k and now are training for the cherry blossom 10-miler.”

Eleanor Kerr, of Tuckerman Street, agrees. “Azalea Classic was my very first race in 2004,” Kerr says. “Since then I’ve done multiple marathons and races of all lengths, and have discovered I’m a good athlete for the first time in my life!”

Showing off the town at peak azalea bloom, the University Park Azalea Classic also reveals our strong neighborhood spirit. Karoline Mortensen and her family were even drawn to move here because of it. “Bill and I both accepted jobs at the University of Maryland in February 2009,” she notes. “I was studying the UPES and UP town website because of their proximity to UMD and found out about the Azalea Classic,” Mortensen says. “We happened to be in town looking for housing the weekend of the Azalea Classic so I signed up. Michelle Hermanson was the one who registered me! Bill and the kids made friends while I ran the race, and we looked at

houses in UP that weekend. We ended up renting so we could move if we didn’t like the area, but now we are buying a house in UP and can never imagine moving!”

“I don’t think we would have ended up in UP if it hadn’t been for the Azalea Classic—it showed us just what an incredible place UP is to live,” Mortensen says.

To get started, some residents are coordinating an informal beginning-runner training program, affectionately known as “Couch to Classic,” in which people walk and run in the neighborhood. For days and times, go to www.azaleaclassic.com.

Proceeds from the University Park Azalea Classic provide much-needed support for classrooms, teachers and the library at UPES. Contributions help fund things such as math and science enrichment, art instruction, and computer and media assistance. To register, donate or learn more, speak to a UPES student, email Kristi at kristibjanzen@gmail.com, or go to www.azaleaclassic.com. -Kristi Bahrenburg Janzen

the new Azalea Classic director



Events take place at Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park, Maryland. Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.



Seasonal Selections & Storytime *Sunday, March 17, Noon-3:30 PM* The Riversdale Kitchen Guild hosts Soup’s On. As a brand new part of our Seasonal Selections program, kids should gather at 12:30 and 2:30 PM for Seasonal Storytime. Staff will be reading a story related to what’s cooking in the kitchen, this time featuring the children’s classic Stone Soup.

Riversdale Kitchen Guild Open House *Sunday, March 17, 3:30-5 PM* Guild members invite to you to an Open House, where guests will be welcome to sample soups, assorted breads and other dishes prepared over the open hearth. If you have ever thought about volunteering in the open hearth kitchen, this is the perfect opportunity to learn a bit more. Guild members prepare

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seasonal foods using 19th century recipes and demonstrate open hearth cooking techniques on Sunday afternoons and during special events. Free. Registration required by March 15.

Tavern Night at Riversdale Saturday, April 6, 8 PM
The 1812 sailors of Ship's Company bring a night of rousing entertainment, and costumed hands serve up tavern-style foods and beverages. Riversdale is proud to partner with Franklin's Brewery, Restaurant and General Store, who will be providing beverages. Come raise a glass! \$25/residents, \$30 nonresidents. Advance payment required by March 29; must be at least 21 years of age.

Hyattsville Library HiLi Book Discussion Group March 16, 3 PM
March's book discussion is of *Up from Slavery*. Booker T. Washington's autobiography reveals his innermost thoughts as he transitions from ex-slave to teacher and founder of one of the most important schools for African Americans in the south, The Tuskegee Industrial Institute. Participants may also want to look at W.E.B. DuBois' attack on Washington's program in his classic collection of essays, *The Souls of Black Folk*. Hyattsville Library, Upper Level Meeting Room (next to the Children's Dept.).

Hyattsville Library Independent Film Series: *The Visitor* Monday, March 25, 6:45 PM
Monthly screenings of independent films in partnership with the local film collaborative, The Creative Edge Studio of Prince Georges. In filmmaker Tom McCarthy's *The Visitor*, Richard Jenkins stars as Walter Vale, a disillusioned Connecticut economics professor whose life is transformed by a chance encounter in New York City. Through newfound connections with virtual strangers, Walter is awakened to a new world and a new life. The evening concludes with a discussion with local filmmaker Andrew Millington. Refreshments and door prizes are included. Hyattsville Library, 6530 Adelphi Rd.

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.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday Saturday March 2, Noon-2 PM
Hear Dr. Seuss's great classics read out loud

and enjoy Seussical arts activities with CPAE. Contact the Community Library at colparklib@gmail.com. Church of the Nazarene, 9704 Rhode Island Ave.

Open Rehearsal of *Romeo and Juliet* Friday, March 8, 7:00 PM
Baltimore Shakespeare Factory uses original practices to bring Shakespeare alive, as it would have been performed originally. Enjoy the vividness of Shakespeare up close and personal in this open rehearsal.

Culkin School Celtic Dancers Sunday, March 10, 3 PM
These young dancers kick up their heels and lift your heart with merriment.

CPAE Book Club Friday, March 15, 7:30 PM
Discuss Literary Nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. March's book is *George, Nicholas and Wilhelm: Three Royal Cousins and the Road to World War I*, by Miranda Carter.

Special Town Excursion: War of 1812 Events
The University of Maryland's Department of Residential Facilities, Maryland Humanities Council and Maryland Milestones present two free events based on the War of 1812. The town bus will leave Riverdale Presbyterian's parking lot at noon on both dates. Bus reservations may be made by calling Town Hall at 301-927-4262. Seating is limited.

The War of 1812 at Riversdale Plantation Wednesday, March 13, 1 PM
Learn about two growing plantations in early 1800s Maryland through the remarkable story of Rosalie Calvert. The story of what happened to this unusual businesswoman, her husband and their nine children during that tumultuous time provides an overview of the War of 1812 and places the founding of the Maryland Agricultural College into human perspective. UMD campus, Ulrich Recital Hall (inside Tawes Hall).

The Search for the Scorpion Wednesday, March 27, 1-2:30 PM
In this presentation by Dr. Susan Langley, underwater archeology reveals Commodore Joshua Barney's flagship, The Scorpion. Barney led the Chesapeake Bay Flotilla during the War of 1812. A small fleet of armed barges, the flotilla harried the British Navy in the Chesapeake. Under orders to avoid their capture by the British, Barney scuttled all the flotilla vessels in the Patuxent River. A vessel presumed to be Barney's flagship was located in the late 1970s and an underwater archeological survey is now underway. UMD campus, Ulrich Recital Hall (inside Tawes Hall). Contact Chris Garcia at (301) 314-7552 or Garcia@umd.edu during business hours for more information.

FREE E-CYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, April 27 9 AM to 1 PM

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you can't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale...don't put it in the trash. Recycle or shred it!

Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. All E-cycle items collected will be reused, refurbished, or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc. in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. Residents must arrange to bring acceptable items to the scheduled recycling events or dispose of them at the Prince Georges County Landfill personally.

Acceptable Items

Answering Machines
Ballasts-non PCB
Batteries (see list below)
Cables
Camcorders
CDs/ DVDs
Cell Phones
Circuit Boards
Compact Disc Players
Computer Equipment
Computers
Copiers
Cords
Duplicators
DVD Players
Electric Typewriters
Electronic Games
Fax Machines
Hard Drives
Keyboards / Mice
Household Electronics
Ink / Toner
Lab Equipment
Laptops
Laptop batteries
LCD Monitors
Mainframe Equipment
Media
Metal Scrap
Microwave Ovens
Modems
Monitors
Networking Equipment
Pagers
PDA's
Printers
Printed Circuit Board
Radios
Rechargeable Batteries
Remote Controls
Scanners
Stereo Components
Stereos
Tapes

Tape Players
Telephones
Telecom Equipment
Televisions
Testing Equipment
Toasters
Transparency Makers
Two-Way Radios
UPS - Power Supplies
VCRs
Word Processors
Other Electronics



What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners
Broken CRT monitors
Console Televisions
Dishwashers
Dryers
Light bulbs
Medical Waste
Nuclear Waste
Paint
PCB Ballasts
Radioactive Waste
Refrigerators
Thermostats
Washers

What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries
Lithium Batteries
Magnesium Batteries
Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries
NiCd Wet Cell Batteries
Nickel Iron Batteries
Nickel Zinc Batteries
Silver Oxide Batteries
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