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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JUNE 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the combined July/August issue, NOON

JUNE 7 - Belcrest Hearing, 10 AM

JUNE 7 - COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 21 - 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

[ED.Note: To allow for the inclusion of timely comments on changes to the proposed Budget (that required Council action on May 17th, long past the deadline for the June NEWSLETTER), the Mayor's monthly Message has been positioned at the end of this issue so the body of the June NEWSLETTER could be edited and finalized in time to meet the printer's schedule.]



FROM THE CHIEF MICHAEL WYNNYK

CRIME PREVENTION: The criminal act of breaking into homes or vehicles with the intent to steal property increased in April when we experienced a rash of these crimes within a short period of time. Individuals who commit these types of crimes purposely, do them in spurts and then stay away for a while so residents will let down their guard or forget about what happened a couple of months ago. The UPPD is asking for your help to stop this current spike in "Breaking & Entering" activity. **Please contact the police IMMEDIATELY by dialing 9-1-1 whenever you see anything suspicious, even if it seems minor.** Crime Prevention is a constant effort that requires consistent action to remove or reduce the crime potential.

These **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS** have been published regularly previously, as a reminder, but they need to become a habit:

AROUND YOUR HOME:

★ When a home's appearance implies that a resident is present and attentive to the condition of the property, that is a potent deterrent to would-be criminals. So, fix those broken windows and loose gutters, etc.

★ Physical security equipment is absolutely worthless unless it's used. Lock your doors. Use your dead bolts. Turn on your alarms.

★ If you have a burgler alarm, use it with the exterior audible alarm option.

★ Check your exterior lights to make sure they are working; utilize motion sensor lights if available.

★ Replacement windows usually have a device to keep them from being opened beyond six inches. Choose to use this option.

★ Keep first-floor windows locked.

★ Use a lock to secure ladders left outside so they can't be used to climb into upper floor windows.

★ Keep your garden tools locked up in a secure location. Such objects left in the open are being used to pry open the home's windows. The tools thieves find around your house are the tools they are using to break into your home and vehicle -- shovels, weed diggers, screwdrivers, etc.; use your imagination; thieves do.

★ Writing down serial and model numbers for your important pieces of property is a big help for identification purposes.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

★ Another asset for home crime prevention is being a good neighbor. Get to know your neighbors and their habits to the extent that you can recognize deviations from their normal behavior -- and they should do the same for you. Become familiar enough with them that you know who should and who should not be in their back yard.

★ Call 9-1-1 if you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner (loitering -- observing -- approaching multiple residences without any apparent business purpose -- and especially, removing property from your neighbor's residence).

★ **In UP, house-to-house solicitation requires permission from the "UP Town Hall."** Request to see every solicitor's written permission letter. Advise all solicitors that you are not interested through your locked door.

★ Cooperative neighborhoods increase everyone's collective home security with very little individual effort or time.

★ Video surveillance is a great way to keep watch in your neighborhood. Several UP residents do monitor their property with video cameras -- and they have provided video evidence to the UPPD for area crimes.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ?

★ The component in a security system that is most likely to fail is the human one.

★ If you see a vehicle you don't recognize that is idly driving around your neighborhood, jot down the tag number. It may be the link needed to close a case.

★ If you're driving away from your home and see an unfamiliar vehicle on your block, loop back and get the tag number.

★ If you are home during the day, regularly look out your back and side windows and into your neighbors' yards to check for someone you don't recognize.

★ Whether you're working in your yard or just walking outside, take a good look around for anything that seems amiss and listen for sounds that are not the norm.

★ When you're on vacation, don't let your mail accumulate; occasionally, leave a radio/TV on loud enough to be heard outside.

★ Document the serial numbers of your laptops. If you have an expensive newer laptop, consider purchasing "computer lo-jack" software (such as <http://www.absolute.com/>). Not only is it inexpensive, but it is a tool that can track your stolen property. Password-protect your computer, laptop, cell phone, Blackberry, PDA, etc. to protect your personal information from possible identity theft.

★ Be creative in your vigilance. **Be that person who called 9-1-1 when he heard a noise in his neighbor's back yard.**

The UPPD thanks you very much for your efforts. The arrests made in some of the April incidents have been a direct result of concerned residents calling in regard to suspicious activity. The Town of University Park is such a great place to live, because everyone is engaged in community activities.

"Make policing your community a regular activity and a habit!"

THE UPPD E-LIST: This e-mail service gives residents crime alerts for incidents soon after they happen. To be added to the E-List, please provide the UPPD with your name, address, address, and a contact phone number. After doing so (by mail, e-mail, or telephone), you will be added to the UPPD E-List.

REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS:

There are registered sexual offenders in our zip code. The State of Maryland has a free sexual offender notification service for any resident; call **1-866-559-8017** to be put on the call list or go online at the following website: <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/>.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077; 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
Apr 1st	Theft from Auto	6900 40th Ave
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Apr 6th	Identity Theft	4200 E-W Hwy
Apr 9th	Assault	6600 Adelphi
Apr 13-14	Theft	6900 Forest Hill
Apr 19th	Theft	4000 Beechwd
Apr 23rd	Theft from Auto	6800 Pineway
Apr 27th	B & E	6700 Wells Pky
Apr 27th	B & E	6800 40th Ave
Apr 27th	B & E	6700 Forest Hill
Apr 29th	B & E	4400 Sheridan
Apr 30th	Attempt B & E	4300 Tuckrnm
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Theft from Auto (Between 1 AM and 8:30 AM): Suspect/s broke the passenger-side window of a 2005 Subaru Impreza and **stole a Garmin GPS unit** and an **Oakley duffle bag**. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between 1 AM and 8:30 AM): Suspect/s broke the passenger-side window of a 1998 Honda Accord and **stole a Magellan GPS unit**. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Identity Theft (At 11:14 PM): It was reported to the UPPD that between February 25, 2010 and March 25, 2010, the victim's identity was used to make **unauthorized purchases through a credit union account**. No suspect was identified. Further investigation will be conducted by the financial institution.

Assault (At 7:30 PM): A 17-year-old male was walking home from Northwestern High School when he was assaulted by two unidentified suspects, who knocked him to the ground, punched him, **took a set of head phones**, and ran toward PG Plaza. No description of the suspects was available. The victim did not require medical attention. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft (Between NOON and 10:30 AM): It was reported that someone had **stolen the rear license tag** from a 2000 Buick LeSabre.. No suspect/s were located.

Theft (At 8:05 PM): The resident advised that a suspect wearing a blue jacket had **stolen a blue Trek mountain bike FROM THE REAR YARD**. The suspect exited the yard and fled through the Park area. The area was searched but no suspect was located.

Theft from Auto (Between MIDNIGHT and 7:30 AM): Suspect/s broke the passenger side window and **stole four tires and rims** from a 2007 Chevrolet Corvette. The neighborhood was canvassed and the scene processed for fingerprints. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (At 12:05 PM): A concerned resident reported observing a suspicious person enter a rear window of the residence. Officers responded and upon arrival observed the suspect jump out of a side window and run east on Wells Parkway. UPPD and PGPD officers established a perimeter and the suspect was apprehended on Tuckerman Street at Queens Chapel Road. Mr. Taryvon Carey of Riverdale Park was charged with B & E. He also was charged for the B & Es discovered in the 6800 block of 40th Avenue & the 6700 block of Forest Hill Road. **Case Closed.**

Breaking & Entering (At 12:30 PM): The resident arrived home and found a rear window screen had been damaged and **property had been stolen**. The UPPD responded, and a suspect was identified and charged with Breaking & Entering. **Case Closed.**

Breaking & Entering (At 12:45 PM): After recovering a **laptop computer** and a **backpack** from a B & E crime scene on Wells Parkway, the UPPD discovered that the rear window of the residence had been broken. The homeowner arrived and identified the

property that had been recovered as his. The suspect was identified and charged with Breaking & Entering. **Case Closed.**

Breaking & Entering (Between 12:15 PM and 2:35 PM): The resident arrived home and noticed that a rear window had been broken and items were missing. The UPPD responded and it was determined that suspects had **stolen two flat screen TVs and a laptop computer.** The area was canvassed for possible suspects and the scene was processed for fingerprints. A witness described the suspects as two black males, 5'9", wearing blue jeans and black T-shirts. The investigation is ongoing.

Attempt Breaking & Entering (At 1:00 PM): A resident contacted police about suspicious persons in the rear yard of a neighbor. The witness observed the suspects leave the area on the bike path toward Baltimore Avenue. The area was canvassed for possible suspects but none were located. It was determined that **A STORM WINDOW HAD BEEN PUSHED OPEN**, but entry was not made and nothing had been stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (At 1:00 PM): A resident contacted police about suspicious persons in the rear yard of a neighbor. The UPPD were checking homes in the immediate area and discovered an **UNLOCKED FRONT AND REAR DOOR** of a residence. The resident arrived home and it was determined that suspects had entered through a rear window and **stolen three laptop computers and a red duffle bag.** The witness described the suspects as two black males, 5'10", one wearing blue jeans. The area was canvassed for additional witnesses and the crime scene was processed for fingerprints. The suspects were not located. The 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, ID all your valuable property, and never leave valuables in your vehicles.

2010 UP ELECTION RESULTS

The total votes for Mayor included: **Mayor - John Rogard Tabori: 119** (On the Mayoral ticket, there also were: "None of the above: 7", and "Invalid: 3;" so the total votes cast were 129.) None of the Ward elections received any "None of the above" or "Invalid" votes. So those total votes cast were:

Ward 1 - Margaret S. Mallino: 15;

Ward 3 - Susan McPherson: 7; and

Ward 7 - Jacqueline Bradley Chacon: 35.

This will be the last two-year term for Mayor Tabori, Council Member Mallino, and Council Member McPherson. All three were first elected in 2006. Candidates for Mayor and Council only are allowed to serve up to three two-year terms. Council Member Bradley Chacon was elected in December 2009 to fill a vacant Council seat, so this election in 2010 officially begins her first two-year term.



UNIVERSITY PARK'S NEW ARCHIVES

The Town Archives will be a collection of all the documents created by or received by the Town of University Park. This includes Council minutes, Town correspondence, and official proclamations. Work already has begun to create and organize the Archives. Town Clerk **Amy Headley** and volunteer librarian **Angela Prikockis** of 44th Avenue have been organizing and cataloging the Archives according to the new UP Document Retention Schedule. This Schedule, which was created by the Town Council and approved by the State Archivist, will serve as the guideline for determining the length of time a document needs to be retained. After the University Park Archives have been cataloged, any documents deemed to be permanent (i.e., correspondence, financial records, legislative and election documents, etc.) will be transferred to the Maryland Archives in Annapolis, a state-of-the-art building specially equipped to handle such collections.

All other papers and correspondence -- documents pertaining to local development projects or related to Town history (e.g., newspaper clippings, programs from special Town events/celebrations, like the Arbor Day ceremony), as well as Town building permits, official proclamations, and the like -- now, will be scanned for retention by the Town. After scanning, most documents will be shredded since the Town has very limited secure storage space. However, scanned documents are safer and much easier to re-locate!



STREAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The **UP Stream Committee** has been busy finalizing their assessment of Wells Run. This month, they will present their findings, recommendations, and concerns to the Mayor and Town Council. Among the items to be addressed is the ongoing problem of trash and the efficiency of the trash trap that was installed on March 7th. **To date, the trap thoroughly has exceeded its expectations by reducing the amount of trash downstream by 98%! As part of the Clean-UP day demonstration, the trap was placed 200 yards downstream from Adelphi Road so a comparison could be made between upstream trash and downstream trash. By actual count after a 3-week run, 234 pieces of trash were removed above the trap; 2 pieces below the trap!**

Because the trap requires cleaning, a schedule needs to be created and a group of volunteers enlisted to keep the trap in good working condition. The cleaning requires only a rake, a bag, and about five minutes for the job to be done. The rewards are immediate; the trash is in the bag and not in the Stream! The Committee recommends that two additional traps be placed near the Adelphi Road bridge to prevent trash from entering the Town.

The UPCA Stream Clean-UP volunteers did an outstanding job this year and at the end

of the Clean-UP, the Stream was sparkling and it has remained fairly clean since. Two Eagle Scout projects also have focused on our Stream. They included removing invasive plants and lots of debris, as well as repositioning rocks that had fallen from the stream bank. Also, Stream Committee members removed several large tree branches that had formed complete blockages to the flow of water.

The Stream's water chemistry has remained the same since October. Nitrate levels remain a trace, phosphates have increased to 0.05 ppm (with the coming of spring and lawn care) but remain low compared to past tests. Oxygen levels are normal, temperature is constant, calcium hardness is around 30 ppm, and ev values have remained steady at 10 mv. This indicates that dissolved solids in the Stream are fairly low and have remained constant since October. The initial report from the "clam absorption lab testing" indicated that the very low levels of toxins in the Stream may have been reflecting the absence of industry upstream. That final report is still forthcoming.

The Committee has several erosion-control projects in the works, including two bio-retention ponds, and it is experimenting with "riffle barriers" as a method to control water velocity during heavy rains. It also plans to continue addressing the invasive plant problem -- currently by clipping and removing, followed by a control phase. Eventually, the plan will be to do away with the invasive plants and allow only native plants to populate the Stream. This may well be a five-year project.

So...the Committee continues to assess, continues to experiment, and continues to seek solutions to the problems that impact our Stream. There is concern about the future development upstream and Committee members have been active in expressing their demands for adherence to the storm water regulations that not only protect Wells Run, but also the Anacostia River, and

ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. UP residents, please NOTE: Everyone is welcome to join in these efforts to keep our Stream, our Park, and the beauty of our Town the wonderful place it always has been! There are many levels of ways to volunteer with the Stream Committee; please contact Tom Stickle (tstickle1@verizon.net or 301-864-0533).

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ITEMS TO NOTE

★ **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.**

★ **UP LANDLORDS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$325 per year and provide a yearly inspection program for all licensed UP rental property. For questions about the license or law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

★ **IDENTIFY YOUR CAR WITH A U-P STICKER AND HELP STOP CRIME:** Pick up your blue and white "UP" car sticker/s at the Town Hall. One sticker per licensed car is available **FREE** for all University Park homeowners. All Town residents are asked to display one of these "UP" stickers on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. **The stickers enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Town Hall office hours are from 9 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday. Please bring a proof of residency. Talk to your Ward CM if you're not able to get to the Town Hall.

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

★ **IT'S THE LAW:** All dogs and cats must be "on a 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 of in the pet owners' trash receptacles.

★ **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. And NOTE: bamboo and vines (including ivy) are considered trash. Please bag vines and include with your Tuesday/Friday trash collections. To keep our Town looking beautiful, **put yard waste out only the evening before collection.**

★ **BATTERY RECYCLING:** The U.S. Department of Transportation established new regulations for the handling, shipping, and transportation of dry cell batteries. So now, ONLY Dry cell batteries weighing less than two (2) pounds may be recycled at the UP Town Hall. Recyclers need to **pad the positive (+) end of each battery with a criss-cross or strip of tape.** Keeping a roll of electrical tape and small scissors near one's collection receptacle will help make the recycling preparation a snap (and ensure the batteries an uneventful journey to the recycling plant without fear of leaking, breaking, or catching on fire)!

★ **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, etc.

★ **BLUE RECYCLING TOTE (Thursdays):** The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream recycling is for collecting: ♦ MIXED PAPER: [Telephone books, Magazines, Boxes, Rinsed aseptic milk/juice cartons, Envelopes, Newspapers, etc.]; ♦ SOME METAL: [Aerosol

cans, Aluminum foil, and Food & beverage containers of aluminum-bimetal-ferrous & iron-steel]; ♦ MANY PLASTICS: [Grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap & stretch film (all collected into one "bag ball"), Plastic glasses, cups, & tableware, Wide-mouth containers & narrow-neck containers #1-7, Flower pots, and Rx containers]; ♦ ALL GLASS [except: mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass, and windowpanes]; and ♦ ALL CLOTHES HANGERS.

Please have your blue tote ready for collection each Thursday at 7 AM in the same manner and place as your green trash tote. **We DO NOT RECYCLE**: The excepted glass listed previously ♦ Any auto parts, motor oil, or antifreeze containers ♦ Hazardous waste products ♦ Medical waste items ♦ Glass, china, or pottery tableware, & **NEVER** ♦ Any (hard or soft) **STYROFOAM**.

★ **NOTE**: All food & beverage containers and other recyclables must be rinsed clean of food and grease...or not recycled.

★ **TRASH AND RECYCLING TOTES**: 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. **Totes 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 totes 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 before 1 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."



[Ed. NOTE: "Highlights" of the minutes from monthly UP Council Meetings are incomplete unofficial records with a 2-month lag time. Residents who can not attend Council Meetings should review the minutes posted on line or at the Town Hall. Please call 301-927-4262 for more information.]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 12th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and O'Connor; and Chief Wynnyk.

Three **Consent Agenda** items were approved unanimously to: (1) **replace a driveway at 4319 Clagett Road**; (2) **replace a driveway at 4400 Underwood Street**; and (3) **resurface a driveway and install pavers at 4404 Underwood Street**.

Four motions for building permits were passed unanimously to: (1) **repair a brick walkway, repave a driveway, and install a new storm drain at 6602 44th Avenue**; (2) **install a non-conforming 6-foot board-on-board fence at 4403 Sheridan Street**. *(Said fence would surround an existing pond over 2-feet in depth, pending the receipt of a County permit;* (3) **install an 11'x13' deck at 4405 Underwood Street**; and (4) **install a new 4' board fence at 4317 Clagett Road**.

A motion was passed (with O'Connor abstaining) to **approve submitting a letter to County Council Member Eric Olson** in support of requesting funds from the 2011 National Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) budget for assistance in preparing the University Park Historic District nomination and supporting documentation.

Mr. Beall reported that in March 2010, the total amount of the UP Public Works Department yard waste removal was 100 tons of material (not including material removed by contractors such as tree removal companies). By comparison, in March 2008, UPPWD removed 32 tons on yard waste, and in all of 2008, a total of 280 tons was removed! He said the PWD would continue to collect yard waste on two days each week when needed.

Chief Wynnyk reported with sadness that he had attended the funeral in Pennsylvania of former UPPD Officer Travis Henry. Officer Henry served on the Force for several years before returning home to Shippensburg.

A motion was passed (with CMs Bradley Chacón, Carey, and O'Connor voting YEA, CMs Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson voting NAY, and Mayor Tabori voting YEA as the tiebreaker) to **approve the adoption of LR-10-O-05 (Request from LUPBGC for a grant of \$2,000 from the Town)**. *The full minutes include the reasons for individual votes.*

A motion was passed unanimously to **approve the introduction of LR 10-O-07 (Fiscal 2011 Budget)**. *This Resolution represents the formal transfer of the Budget to the Council*

for consideration and review. A Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for staff salaries was not included, as the inflation rate was negative. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 19th COUNCIL MEETING

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

A motion for a building permit was passed unanimously for **construction of a 160-square-foot patio at 6307 Queens Chapel Rd**.

A motion to table consideration for a building permit to **construct a conforming 4' fence at 4317 Woodberry Street** was passed unanimously. *The motion was tabled because the permit request was made without following the rules for notification of Town Hall.*

Under Public Comment, Mayor Tabori explained to Council that, although the **funding proposal for the LUPBGC** passed by a simple majority at the April 12th Council Meeting, the overall motion **FAILED** because a supermajority was required to add a line item to the Budget, and without a line item, money may not be disbursed.

CM McPherson reported that a young woman came to her door and was assertively canvassing her, using the pretext that she was not selling anything. CM Bradley Chacón and Mayor Tabori admitted to similar experiences. Chief Wynnyk said **residents should contact 301-333-4000 for a UPPD dispatch** in such instances. Door-to-door sales are NOT allowed in UP without a Town permit.

Treasurer Baden reported that the line item for legal fees needed to be increased, due to litigation against the Town and ongoing legal activity around the property developments in the surrounding area. He had

received no word yet on reimbursements for snow removal from the February storms.

He informed Council that funds for the Civic Association and the Azalea Classic **HAD** been disbursed. He said the appropriated funds for the Fire Department, the PTA, the NHS Marching Band (for uniforms) and for Records & Copying **HAD NOT** been disbursed.

Director Beall reported that during the February storms, a dozen or less street trees had been lost. He added that the count of DAMAGED street trees was much higher. Discussion followed about the shade tree list.

Attorney Ferguson reported that since the County had passed the school-zone speed camera legislation, a mechanism was in place for the Town to place speed cameras if it chose to do so.

Mayor Tabori reported that he had received a request for a fee increase for the Town Code enforcement inspector, Ms. Martino. Her last fee increase was in 2005. After discussions with the Mayor, Ms. Martino agreed to an increase of \$5,000 to her annual fee. This would be funded through an increase in the rental license fee from \$250 to \$325.

Two motions to approve six-month renewal parking waivers for Town rental properties were passed unanimously for up to: (1) **3 vehicles** at 4018 Beechwood Road, and (2) **5 vehicles** at 6904 40th Avenue.

Three motions were passed unanimously to approve: (1) the **CDC/FEMA/FMS Annual Spring Walk/Run** through University Park on Thursday, May 6, 2010 from NOON to 1:30 PM; (2) **entering into an Executive Session** at 9:30 PM on April 19, 2010, to discuss confidential matters concerning the Landy & Belcrest development proposals with the Town Attorney; and (3) **supporting the Mayor and Town Attorney to write a letter to the District Council in support of remanding the Landy Property DSP back to the Planning Board** and stating the Town's opposition to

the DSP as well as to other issues that have arisen since the original Planning Board vote in July 2007, including the Toledo Terrace Landscape, Belcrest, and Stormwater Management. Meeting adjourned: 10:05 PM.



JOHN CAMERON RAMSEN, 94, a Town resident for 46 years, passed away on April 1, 2010 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Silver Spring, Maryland.

John grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and went to college in Ohio, graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1937. In 1945, he married his war-time sweetheart, Jeanne Wirsing. John was a veteran of World War II, serving as a communications officer under Admiral Halsey in New Caledonia. After the War, John continued to serve his Country in the US Navy Reserve for over twenty-five years. In 1952, John and Jeanne purchased a new home on Queens Chapel Road, where John could commute to his job at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Electrification Administration, in Washington, D.C. Until he moved to Silver Spring in 1998, John remained interested in University Park's status, occasionally sharing his wisdom or offering his insight about Town issues with his Ward CM and the NEWSLETTER Editor.

At the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, John spent many years teaching an adult Bible-study class and Sunday School classes, as well as serving on the Church's Administrative Board. Later, he became an Elder at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. John also was a member of the Mount Herman Masonic Lodge in Hyattsville as well as other Masonic groups.

His wife of 46 years, Jeanne Ramsen, died on September 7, 2008. Survivors include his daughter Janet (and Chuck) Woods of Springfield, Virginia; his granddaughter Helen

Woods of Laurel, Maryland; and his sister Jane Lehman of State College, Pennsylvania. Memorial donations may be made "in memory of John Cameron Ramsen" to the Annandale Christian Community for Action, Family Emergency Fund, 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia 22003.



★ To 7-year-old resident **Sara LaVie Earnest** who received a Second Place award on March 20th for her entry, entitled "Fun in Our Parks," in the County's "Envision Art Contest." The challenge was to show "Why Prince George's County is a great place to live and play." Sara's drew a landscape depicting a group of multi-cultural children playing in a typical County park with a swing set, slide, sandbox...and kids jumping rope. What caught your eye, though, was the trunk of a very large, full, oak tree with glittery leaves that framed one side of the picture and made the viewer seem to be looking through the tree to see the park.....very PG County (and UP)! To create this masterpiece, Sara used a mixed media, mainly colored pencils and markers with glitter glue to highlight the tree. Sara is a first grader at Holy Redeemer School. She loves all forms of the arts and especially is fond of her Irish dancing and violin "fiddling" classes. After school she enjoys Tae Kwon Do, T-ball, and soccer. Sara's Clagett Road family includes her proud parents, **Ron and Robin Earnest**, and her kitty Jazz.



During June, the **Prince George's Plaza Community Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, by the Library; 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445-4512) will host an outdoor film, a workshop, game night, and a cool social! All events FREE with Center ID. IDs are free for seniors & kids.

★ Game nights can make families closer and create lasting memories. On Wednesday, **June 2nd** from 5-7 PM, drop by the Community Center for a **Family Game Night**. Whether you choose Monopoly, Rummy-Kub, Candy Land, or "?-your favorite," PGPCC has a game that all family members can enjoy.

★ On Friday, **June 11th** from 7-9 PM, come to the Center for a "**Movie on the Lawn.**" Just bring your blanket or chair, and enjoy a film in the open air! Light refreshments served; all ages welcome. (Call for film info.)

★ With school almost out and summer camps ready to start, let PGPCC's "**Custom Ink T-Shirt Design Workshop**" staff help your kids ages 4-17 create and design their own favorite T-shirt. Save Thursday, **June 17th** from 5-6 PM as the time for imaginations to be unleashed. Kids should bring a plain T-shirt and plenty of their best arty ideas. The Center will provide everything else.

★ A "**Dads & Grads Ice Cream Social**" will be held from 6 PM to 7:30 PM on Friday, **June 18th**. PGPCC's sunny staff will help you jump-start summer and celebrate Father's Day and school graduations with an old-fashioned ice cream social. All ages are welcome to share in this wonderful summer treat.



★ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is open each **Thursday** from **3-7 PM** through November 18th. It is located adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road. For the 13th year, shoppers may purchase fresh veggies (some organic), fruits, eggs, jams, flowers, bedding plants, baked goods, herbs, crafts, more! Contact is Jim (301-332-6258).

★ For their 31st year, the **College Park Farmers Market** in the Linson Pool parking lot will be open **Saturdays** from **7 AM to NOON** through November 20th. Shop for a wide

variety of fresh fruits, veggies, bakery items, plants, and more! Their Contact Person is Donna Almquist (301-345-2583).

★ The **Greenbelt Farmers Market** is open each **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM** through November 21st. It is held in the Greenbelt Aquatic Center parking lot (behind Greenbelt's 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 15th** to October 26th. 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)



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

★ 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 2010-11 catalog, contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405- 2787.

National Orchestral Institute (NOI) For its 23rd season, UM's NOI again will offer four weeks of orchestral musicianship and profes-

sional development for young musicians ready to embark upon their careers.

- The **NOI Faculty Chamber Music Recital** on **June 3rd** at 8 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Enjoy some of the finest chamber music repertoire, by NOI faculty. **FREE**

- The **NOI Chamber Music Marathon** on **June 6th** at 12:30 PM and 4:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - NOI students in small ensembles take turns performing intimate chamber music in a casual 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 12th**, Conductor **Daniel Hege** and the NOI will perform Samuel Barber's Overture to *The School of Scandal*, Op. 5; Jean Sibelius' Symphony No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 82; and Richard Strauss' *Also sprach Zarathustra*, Op. 30.

(2) On **June 19th**, Conductor **Asher Fisch** and the NOI will perform Paul Dukas' *L'apprenti sorcier*; Richard Wagner's Suite from *Die Meistersinger*; and Béla Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra.

(3) On **June 26th**, Conductor **Miguel Harth-Bedoya** and the NOI will perform Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. E in F Major, Op. 90; Jennifer Higdon's *blue cathedral*; and Edward Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, Op. 36.

★ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road; 301-277-1710; TTY: 301-277-0312) will conclude its season with a final "Platinum Movie for Seniors."

- On Tuesday, **June 8th** at 11 AM, the Platinum Series for Seniors will show "**Not Easily Broken**" (PG-13), based on the book by T.D. Jakes. *A car accident and shifting affec-*

tions test the bond between a married couple. Platinum movies are **FREE for ages 60 and older**; just advanced registration is required.

★ **The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC)** (123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op Grocery Store; www.greenbeltartscenter.org or 301-441-8770) holds performances on Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM and on Sundays at 2 PM.

- From **June 11th to 13th**, enjoy GAC's "**Local Playwrights Festival**" produced by Penny Martin. Original short plays by local amateur playwrights offer some pot luck fun!

- From **June 18th to 20th**, a visiting Thunderous Productions cast will present William Shakespeare's "**Twelfth Night**," everyone's favorite classic romantic comedy that features cross dressing and many mistaken identities. This production makes a great ending for GAC's successful 2009-10 season! The stage is dark until late August/September.



SOARING INTO JUNE

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a workshop, a film, and a scavenger hunt! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com or call 301-864-6029/TTY 301-864-4765.

★ On **June 4th** and each "**First Friday**," the Museum is open until 9 PM!

★ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's famous films series features Hollywood blockbusters, classics, and documentaries with a flight theme. On **June 6th**, the film "**Tora! Tora! Tora!**" (G) will be shown. This classic Pearl Harbor epic recreates Japan's attack on American forces. The screenplay was based heavily on former Sheridan Street resident **Gordon Prange's** book, "*At Dawn We Slept*,

The Untold Story Of Pearl Harbor." All Hollywood Flyer films begin at 1 PM. The movie, as well as lemonade and popcorn snacks, is **FREE with Museum admission** → → → FWMA

★ On **June 19th** at 1 PM, CPAM will offer a **Wright Aeroplane Make-a-Rib Workshop**. After a detailed, easy-to-follow demonstration, participants will build their own 1909 Wright wing rib. A \$7 workshop fee includes all your supplies and Museum admission.

★ Become one of CPAM's "**Airport Explorers**" and spend the day searching for surprises and fulfilling quests! On **June 26th** from 10 AM to 4 PM, CPAM has prepared an all-day scavenger hunt that takes place throughout the Museum and Airport grounds. Participants will compete in teams. All teams will begin at the same time, and the team that solves all the clues and claims their quests first will win the prize. This amazing fun-filled day is for children ages 8 and older. Preregistration (\$10) is required; call for more details.



JUNE 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 visits 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.pgparcs.com or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). *All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

★ "**Rome at Riversdale**" - History fans of all ages, prepare to step back in time and experience the days of ancient Rome! Many early 19th-century Americans were influenced by the classical world. On Saturday, **June 5th** from 10 AM-4 PM and Sunday, **June 6th** from NOON-4 PM, you can celebrate ancient Rome as you watch battle reenactments with Legio

XX, converse with the reenactors, view a catapult demonstration, enjoy refreshments at the Roman capona, and more, all around the grounds of Riversdale! Other activities from Roman times have been planned especially for children. Inside the historic mansion, you can celebrate the neoclassical trends of the 19th century with an architectural scavenger hunt, see a show of popular fashions of the time, and check out other surprises! Admission fees for "Rome..." are \$5/adults and \$3/students.

★ **"Seasonal Selections"** programs are held on one Sunday each month from NOON to 4 PM, as part of the regular House tour. Their focus is inspired by a holiday, seasonal produce, or just the recurring cycles of early 19th-century farm life. On **June 20th**, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will present **"In a Jam."** Watch as the Guild preserves berries from Riversdale's historic gardens and orchards. Viewing the Seasonal Selections programs always is FREE! You may view them along with, or without, taking a tour of the House Museum.

★ This year, RHM's **"Jazz on the Lawn"** summer concert series will be held once a month on Thursdays from 7-8 PM. 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, treat yourself to a night out for dinner when you get there (courtesy of the Calvert House Inn), or stop by the Riverdale Park Farmers Market and pick up some to-go dinner before heading to the performance. The concerts take place rain or shine; in the event of rain, everything will move inside. This summer, the concert dates are **June 17th (Cheek to Cheek)**, July 15th (Oklahoma Twisters), and August 19th (Buck Hill Quartet).

On **June 17th**, enjoy **Cheek to Cheek**, a jazz trio/quartet/quintet that performs a mixture of sultry vocals with some classic swing, cool blues, and soulful ballads. The group includes Tom Ruggieri on sax, Eric

Shramek on bass, Vince McCool on flugel horn and trumpet, and of course, Tuckerman Street resident **Julie Parsons** on keys and vocals. See them regularly at *Mulligan's* (in the UM golf course club house) on Thursdays.



JUNE EVENTS 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; or, you may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

★ Children ages 3-8 (and their parents) are invited to let their imaginations run wild as they create make-believe animals with multi-media supplies for a **Creature Feature**. Come to Aaron Springer's **Arts Drop-In** on **June 6th** from 2-4 PM at the CP Old Parish House. Arts Specialist Springer fosters a wonderful atmosphere of creative artistic energy where children can explore materials and have fun trying out new ideas.

★ **The College Park Youth Orchestra** will present their **"Spring Concert"** under the direction of the CPYO's organizer, Kenneth Whitley. It will be held on **June 6th** at 7 PM in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium in Greenbelt. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the talent of these dedicated young musicians.

★ **NOTE CHANGE**: Join the **"College Park Youth Choir"** as they celebrate the wonderful year in which the choir has grown to 50 enthusiastic young voices. Under the direction of (UPES Music teacher) Christopher Fominaya, the Choir's canceled Concert has been rescheduled and now will perform at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, CP on **June 15th** at 7:30 PM. A reception for everyone follows.

RPC's FESTIVAL OF BERRIES & SONG

IT'S BERRY TIME! For a sneak preview of summer, all Town residents, friends, and neighbors are invited most cordially to join Riverdale Presbyterian Church for its traditional **Strawberry Festival** on Sunday, **June 6th** from 3:30-4:30 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. For your donation, you will enjoy 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...at 5 PM, you might like to stay and top off your delicious afternoon by enjoying the final concert of the 2009-2010 Music at Riverdale series. Back by popular demand, "**The Chromatics**" are a unique high-energy vocal band that delights audiences with a combination of outrageous originals, crazy covers, and melodic insights into modern life. Their high energy sound and vibrant presentation will have you asking, "Where's the band?" But, there is none -- all the musical mayhem is produced with nothing but their six intricately linked voices. Free-will donations are collected at all Music at Riverdale programs -- well worth an evening of music, merriment, and family entertainment. For more information, please contact the Church office (301-927-0477).



GREENBELT'S JUNE EVENTS

★ On Sunday, **June 6th** from 1-4 PM, the **Artful Afternoon** will be honoring **Peace Month and Greenbelt's 73rd Anniversary!** From 1-3 PM, all ages are invited to enjoy some fun-to-do historically-inspired crafts organized by the Greenbelt Museum. Also, you are welcome to participate in an additional art workshop sponsored by the Prince

George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. At 3 PM, the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform a rousing tribute to honor the historic city of Greenbelt. Everyone is invited to help Greenbelt celebrate this festive occasion! For GAA information, contact 301-397-2208 or www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.



SUMMER CAMPS AND VBS

Riverdale Presbyterian Church (301-927-0477, www.riverdalepresbyterian.org) is offering a variety of summer programs for kids: Summer Youth Connection, Vacation Bible School, and After-VBS Camps. Contact RPC to enroll or for more information. You do not have to be an RPC member to participate.

★ "**Summer Youth Connection**" offers activities and trips for youths entering grades 7 to 12. Meetings begin on **June 10th** and are held at RPC each Thursday from 7:30-9 PM. The fun includes everything from Ultimate Frisbee, street hockey, and Capture-the-flag, to water games, service projects, and movie nights. Off-site activities are enjoyed each Sunday after the 10 AM service. The group car pools to enjoy lasertag, bowling, go-karts, and the like, and even a trip to the beach.

★ Register now for the 2010 **FREE Vacation Bible School: "Galactic Blast"** for children ages 4 to entering grade 6. They will enjoy an action-packed week of songs, Bible stories, games, crafts, and exciting adventures. From **June 21st to June 25th**, VBS will be held from 9:30 AM to NOON. Meet new friends and greet old ones; the program is co-sponsored with University United Methodist Church in College Park and Berwyn Presbyterian Church. **Volunteers** (youths entering grade 7 to adults) **ALWAYS are welcome, needed, and appreciated.** Registration forms are available on line and at all three churches.

★ Also available from **June 21st to June 25th**, RPC offers After-VBS Camps from 12:30-2:30. (Camps begin after VBS and a

supervised bag-lunch time from NOON-12:30.) Three Camps are available on a first-come first-served basis: Puppets and Sports are for children entering grades 3-6 and cost \$35; Service Camp is for youths entering grades 7-9 and is FREE. "The Magic of Puppets" involves making and performing with several types of puppets; "Sports" involves learning and playing competitive sports and games. "Service Camp" involves planning and implementing projects involving hunger, the outdoors, and working with senior citizens.



2010 MAY FAIR IS ON MAY 43rd
OOPS...MAKE THAT... JUNE 12th!

The **41st annual May Fair!** will be held on Saturday, June 12th from 11 AM until 3 PM, rain or shine. Because of a dearth of May Fair Chairs this year, the UP Elementary School PTA got a late start in planning. But happily, two conscientious Co-Chairs have stepped in to preserve the traditional event's continuity. Only the date will be un-traditional.

All Town residents and their friends are invited to attend and enjoy a day of **popcorn, food, make-and-take crafts, spin art, carnival games/prizes, a moon bounce, rock climbing wall, large slide & laser tag, hair braiding, face painting, DJ "Lisa," and entertainment!** All proceeds will benefit UPES PTA projects for the school. Local clubs, organizations, groups, and businesses are encouraged to set up a booth at the Fair (as long as it contributes to the fun)...*and It's easy! Booths only need to register with a Fair Chair (see below).* Pre-sale **discounted tickets are available** and may be purchased at **UPES** on **June 10th and 11th.**

NOTE: Volunteers still are needed! All middle school /high school students (especially UPES graduates) can earn service hours. Parents and interested Town residents also are encouraged to volunteer and become part of

the fun! To register a booth, volunteer, or for more info, **please contact either** Co-Chair: **Steven Benson** (steven.benson@navy.mil) or **Ann Warrick** (annmwarrick@yahoo.com).



University Park Community Solar LLC and the **University Park Church of the Brethren** invite you to their historic opening celebratory event on Saturday, **June 12th** at 11:30 AM. Come and see the newly installed photovoltaic solar panels that will be producing electricity for the Church for decades to come. The panels will help power the Church as well as generate more than two dozen clean-energy credits, which UPCS will sell to utilities for about \$250 each. Plans are for the celebration to include comments and interaction with public officials, local environmentalists, many UPCSLLC members, and Church officials. A solar panel will be on display, hooked up to a fan as part of a Standard Solar demonstration.

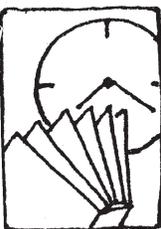
UPCS members and Standard Solar will be available to answer questions about the energy process and explain how the system works. Being entirely paid for by a group of Maryland residents (most of whom live in University Park), UPCS may be the first community group of its kind, possibly in the country, to sponsor a solar energy arrangement. Initiated by Tuckerman Street resident **David Brosch** (now the group's first president) and a small corps of dedicated organizers, UPCSLLC is the culmination of more than two years of work. The UP Church of the Brethren is located at the intersection of Route 1 and Tuckerman Street. All UP residents are invited to stop by and soak up some historic solar fun and information! If you have questions, please contact Richard Scorza (301-277-5388) or Dave Brosch (301-779-3168).

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"A good book has no ending."

R. D. Cumming.

★ The **After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, will conclude its 2009-2010 Club year on **June 15** at 8 PM by discussing "**Straight Man**" by Richard Russo. For questions, or to join this month's discussion, please call (301-927-6550). The Club breaks for the summer and will resume meetings on September 13th. Watch for their reading list next month.



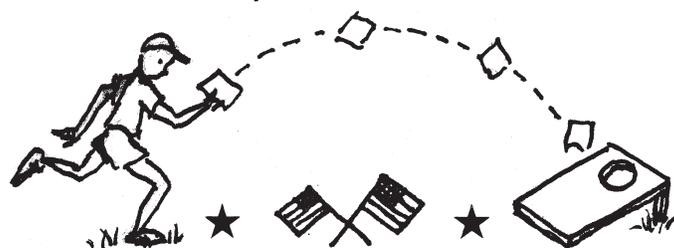
★ The **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly (except August) on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox & Dartmouth) for lively conversation in a fun, casual setting. The ongoing theme is mostly literary non-fiction by women. Their **June 18th** selection is "**First Darling of the Morning: Selected Memories of an Indian Childhood**" by Thrity Umriger. *This memoir is colorful and moving as it alternates between sweet and biting accounts of Umriger's middle-class Parsi upbringing in 1960-70 Bombay. It ends when she is 21 and leaving for America (where she now works as a freelance journalist and associate professor of English).* Please check the CPAE web site for the possibility of a July meeting. **Guests are welcome to drop in on a meeting any time!**

★ The **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) offers a monthly afternoon book discussion group.

• **NOTE to Chess Players:** The **Chess Club** that met with Ted Fagan on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7 PM, has disbanded until a new meeting time can be chosen. Because of a budget funding cut, the Library now closes at 6 PM on Thursdays.

• The **HY-LI BOOK GROUP** meets monthly on the third Saturday at 3 PM. On **June 19th**, they will discuss their nonfiction selection, "**Not a Genuine Black Man or How**

I Learned to Be Black in the Lily-white Suburbs" by Brian Copeland. On, July 17th, their selection will be "**Gentlemen and Players**" by Joanne Harris. **New members and visitors always are welcome and may drop in on a discussion at any time.**



"BATTLE OF THE BAGS" TOURNAMENT

Plan right now to join the University Park Civic Association (UPCA) for their first annual fund raiser to help support UPCA Town events...a **BATTLE OF THE BAGS (CORN TOSS** Tournament) on Saturday, **June 19th** at the UP Town Field! Easy on-site registration opens at 4 PM and Tournament play will begin at 5 PM. The Tournament welcomes donations of snacks and desserts to share. They may be dropped off beginning at 4 PM as well. (Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.)

The game of **CORN TOSS** is similar to Horseshoes except you use slanted wooden boxes (with a round hole near the center top) called "platforms" and one pound "bags of corn" instead of metal stakes and horseshoes. Contestants take turns pitching their corn bags at the platform hole until one contestant reaches a score of 21 points. A corn bag in the hole scores 3 points, while a bag on the platform scores 1 point. (For more details, visit www.playcornhole.org.)

Woodberry Street resident **Alex Heitkemper** actually has a specialty toss, "The Heitkemper," named after him! When he heard about the tournament, the "Godfather of UP BAGS" remarked, "I just can't believe it. This Tournament is going to mean so much to so many people who have worked hard over the years to bring mainstream recognition to this sport, this...art form. I'm looking forward to seeing some regular players and lots of first-timers out there having a good time!"

CORN TOSS, aka **BAGS**, once was destined only for tailgate parties and backyard barbecues. But fortunately, University Park is home to some of the East Coast's "**BAGS** pioneers" who have helped the game mature into a sport all on its own. Another Woodberry Street resident, **Rafael Lorente**, is a local **BAGS** legend who once sprained his hand from playing over 100 games in a single weekend! Rafael says, "**BAGS** madness has caught on like wildfire in UP. If you're serious about this sport, then UP is where you want to live!"

The entrance fee is \$30 for each team of two. All proceeds will go toward the numerous free events which the UPCA hosts throughout the year. All ability levels are encouraged to play in the Tournament. Prizes will be awarded for first place, last place, and best costume. The UPCA **BATTLE OF THE BAGS** is an 18-and-older event. For questions about the Tournament or for more details, please contact Julie McLaren (301-602-6656). A rain date has been set for Saturday, June 26th. For registration forms, official rules, **BAGS** advice, and Tournament updates, please visit upbagstournament.blogspot.com.

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FROM THE MAYOR
JOHN ROGARD TABORI

ARBOR DAY: On the beautiful spring day of April 30th, **University Park celebrated Arbor Day and the Town's fifth year as a Tree City USA** by planting a cedar tree in the Town Park. The ceremony was attended by over 100 students from University Park Elementary School who presented a program of songs and poetry recitations in celebration of "Trees." Having had the honor of attending all five Arbor Day presentations and tree plantings, I can attest to the fact that the interest and involvement of the Elementary School students has grown each year. **SPECIAL THANKS** to **UPES Principal Nancy Schickner** for making it possible for so many students to attend; to **Mr. Bob Masters** for his wonderful

presentation on the art of planting a tree; to **UP Public Works Director Mickey Beall** who helped organize and orchestrate the ceremony; and to **Mr. Horton Henry**, MD Department of Natural Resources, who presented the Town with an Arbor Day flag and certificate (as well as a wonderful cap that UP Mayors can wear around Town). It was the best Arbor Day so far, among many great ones, and here is hoping there will be many more.

LANDY/BELCREST: As many of you may be aware, the **Landy Property Development Plan**, which was proposed in 2006 and granted preliminary approval by the M-NCPPC Board in 2007, **finally came up for review by the County Council on April 26, 2010**. Acting with the unanimous support of the Council, I presented the Town's position, first articulated in 2007, adding concerns that had arisen since then. Of particular note was the lack of coordination between the various projects, particularly in the areas of street design, public transportation, traffic management, and storm water management. The latter two are of particular concern to the Town as potentially they may have serious negative impacts on the Town Stream and the quality of life in our community. There are fairly serious defects in the "permit" approval process that make it difficult to ensure coordination on these topics in any given area. The rules that govern planning reviews tend to force a site-by-site focus so wider issues tend to get set aside. A major problem with this "narrow" focus is that carefully-crafted regional or sector plans get chewed up piecemeal. As a consequence, developments that might be successful individually can end up as failures collectively -- the so-called "tragedy of the commons" effect. We will continue to follow the developments at PG Plaza and expect to testify on June 7th at the Belcrest Plaza development hearing before the District Council in Upper Marlboro. I seriously urge **ALL Town residents who have any questions or anxiety about this development project** (and particularly with such negative items as the 31-story tower and the poor traffic plan) to **attend this hearing and express their concerns**. Every voice counts.

TOWN ELECTION: I would like to extend my **CONGRATULATIONS** to Council Members **Margaret Mallino** (Ward 1), **Susan McPherson** (Ward 3), and **Jacqueline Bradley-Chacón**, (Ward 7) who won re-election on May 4th. Personally, I would like to express my **THANKS** to all those voters who came out and cast a ballot in the Mayor's race. I very much appreciated the fact that so many of you came out to support my candidacy – or oppose it – in an uncontested election. That meant a great deal to me, as I am sure it did to the other candidates who ran. And special **THANKS** also to **Supervisor of Town Elections Eddy Lee** for his highly efficient organization of this year's Town Election.

BUDGET: On May 17th, the Town Council unanimously adopted the new **FY2011 budget**. While it generally followed the initial proposed budget, there were a number of changes that are worthy of comment. Based on the fact that the Town had not yet received sufficient information to develop a fixed street repair plan, **Council decided to postpone developing and adopting a street infrastructure plan until the first quarter of FY2011**. Town Hall has opened communications with WSSC and Washington Gas to determine their future plans for University Park and be able to plan better street repair schedules. The budget was adjusted to reflect this change while still keeping the necessary options open for major work to begin in FY2011. Council **also decided to continue the replacement of one Police car per year**. This resulted in \$31,000 added to the Police budget and a corresponding amount withdrawn from the vehicle replacement fund. **Also, all Town Grant funds for community organizations were consolidated under a single line item** and a Grant application process was developed to allow a greater range of organizations to apply for the funds.

An important innovation in this year's budget process was the **incorporation of a five-year budget projection into the FY2011 Budget**. The five-year plan will allow the Mayor and Council to track the potential impact of Budget changes on future outcomes.

This will be particularly important if the Town is to continue to maintain relatively low real property tax rates.

EXPENDITURE OR REVENUE CATEGORY	PROPOSED FY2011*	FINAL FY2011**
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (GG)	\$ 434,184	\$ 447,124
PUBLIC WORKS (PW)	\$1,399,950	\$1,187,594
POLICE & SAFETY (PD)	\$ 761,800	\$ 792,800
UNRESERVED DESIGNATED	\$ 132,000	\$ 101,000
RESERVED DESIGNATED	\$ 240,200	\$ 500,200
UNRESERVED UNDESIGNATED	\$ 972,614	\$ 901,635
DEB SERVICE FUND	\$ 240,600	\$ 240,600
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$2,595,934	\$2,427,508
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$2,583,739	\$2,584,346
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$12,195)	\$ 156,838
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 240,600	\$ 240,600
TOTAL OPERA'G SURP/(DEFICT)	(\$252,795)	(\$83,762)
DESIGNATD RESRVS ALLOCATD	\$ 255,000	\$ 87,012
FINAL OPERATING SURP/DEFICT	\$ 2,205	\$ 3,250

NEW GRANT SYSTEM: The Council has established a new grant system for University Park community groups. The new system sets aside a lump sum of money (\$30,000 in FY2011) to be given in grants to any of the many community groups that the Town has supported in the past. It also requires that groups submit a proposal and a budget for the projects that they wish to have the Town support. **This system should ensure the future transparency of the Town's grant process.** The initial deadline for applications for the FY2011 Budget will be **June 30, 2010**. Application packages may be picked up at Town Hall or downloaded from the Town web site.

WSSC: As WSSC's contractors continue to complete their work in Town, **please be patient**. The pace of the work has been slower than planned -- and more complicated. Unfortunately, old lines have been found to be more fragile than expected and have broken when serviced. This has resulted in unexpected service disruptions beyond the control of the contractors. We are working with the contractors to ensure that the

impacts of these disruptions are short and that you are notified quickly of any problems. The more dangerous situations have come when natural gas lines have been breached. In some cases, these events have created serious traffic disruptions. About half the water line replacement work has been finished as of the writing of this column, so we can expect service interruptions to diminish here in Town, with the exception of Sheridan, Tuckerman, and Underwood Streets, where most of the work will be conducted during the June-August period. Clagett Road can expect street repairs to commence sometime in the first week of June and again either in the fall or spring. Other systematic street work will commence in spring 2011. **All schedules associated with this work will be advertised widely.**

THE 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

Previously, I noted that University Park will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in April 2011. To ensure that this will be a spectacular event, I have asked two members of the community to co-chair a planning Committee for the celebratory event: **Nicole Lucier** of 40th Avenue and **Bridget Warren** of Van Buren Street. A number of other individuals have agreed to join the Committee and provide their experience and expertise in archival research of the Town's history. I expect to announce the full Committee in the combined July/August issue of the NEWSLETTER. However, if anyone not already tapped would like to join and contribute to what will be a fun event, please contact me at the Town Hall.

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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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MANAGING THE ASIAN TIGER MENACE

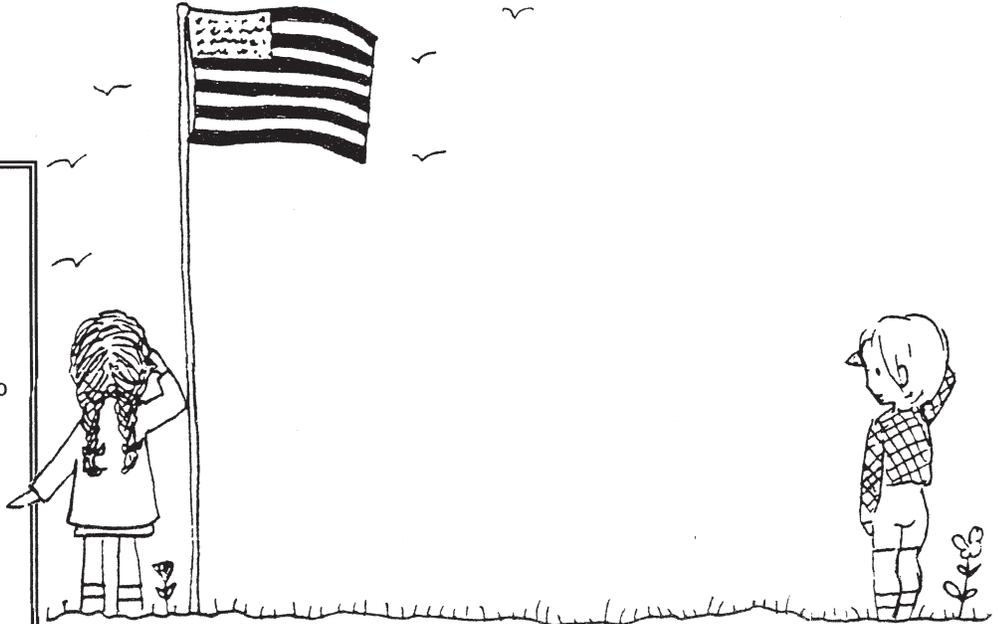
It's time to eliminate possible breeding spots for mosquitos in and around your yard, especially the Asian tiger that bites during the day. **Think very small; even 1 tablespoon of water can serve as a breeding ground for these mosquitos.** Full details will be in the combined July/August NEWSLETTER and on www.upmd.org. UP spraying will be every three weeks, **June 2nd** until September 8th.



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Inquire at the Town Hall:
6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP
(301-927-2997/TDD 1-800-735-2258)

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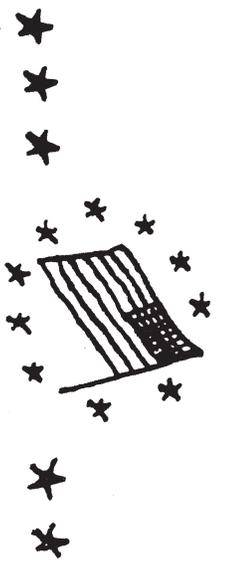
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Contact Jenn Mooney
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LOST PET DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill (301-927-6743). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.

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Next month's NEWSLETTER will be the **COMBINED July-August issue**. Please submit summer articles by June 2nd.

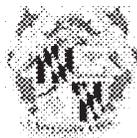


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June is National Safety Month Takoma Park Farmers Market Greenbelt Farmers Market 10 AM-2 PM (TP&G*FM)	and National Rose Month	1 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	2 PGPCC 5-7 PM Family Game Night 12 NOON DEADLINE for Combined July/August NEWSLETTER	3 3-7 PM (RP*FM) Riverdale Park Farmers Market UM NOI 8 PM "Faculty Recital"	4 CPAM "FIRST FRIDAY" Museum open until 9 PM	5 7-12 PM (CP*FM) College Park Farmers Market RHM 10 AM - 4 PM "ROME at RIVERSDALE" (Time travel for all ages) (R&R)
6 (TP&G*FM) (R&R) 12-4 PM GB Artful Afternoon GCC 1-3p: Making plastic peonies 3p: Concert by GB Band UMANOI "Marathon" 12:30 & 4:30 CP&E-OPH, 2-4p, make "Creatures" RPC Strawberry Festival Berries-3:30 "Chromatics"-5:00 CP&E Children's Orchestra Spring Concert ERHS 7 PM	7 Bestest Hearing, 10 AM Upper Marlboro 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING	8 PP 11 AM Platinum Senior Film "Not Easily Broken" CPAM Hollywood Flyers 1p "Toral Toral Toral" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	9	10 (RP*FM) RPC 7:30-9 PM Summer Youth Connection	11 PGPCC 7-9 PM "Movie on the Lawn" GAC 2 PM (GAC-LPF) Local Playwrights' Festival A Program of Short Plays TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	12 (CP*FM) (GAC-LPF) UPES May Fair! 11-3 UMANOI #1, 8 PM "Here" A SOLAR CELEBRATION UPES LLC 11:30 AM, UPES
13 (TP&G*FM) GAC 2 PM Local Playwrights' Festival → enjoy an evening of → Short Plays	14 Little League Baseball Flag Day YARD WASTE RECYCLING	15 Hyattsville Farmers Market 2-6 PM (HY*FM) CP&E Children's Orchestra Spring Concert ERHS 7p UPWC 8 PM UP Middlebrook Book Group "Straight Man" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	16 Is there a cup sticker on your car?	17 (RP*FM) PGPCC 5-6 PM T-shirt Workshop RHM 7-8 PM Music on the Lawn with "Cheek to Cheek" SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING	18 PGPCC 6-7:30 PM "Dads & Grads" Social CP&E Books 7:30-9p, OPH "First Darling of the Morning" GAC 8 PM "Twelfth Night" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	19 (CP*FM) CPAM Rb Workshop, 1 PM HILL Book Club LEM "Not A Genuine Black Man" UP&A 1 PM, UPTE BATTLE OF THE BAGS GAC 8 PM "Twelfth Night" UMANOI #2, 8 PM "Fisch"
20 (TP&G*FM) RHM "In A Jam" 12-4 PM Father's Day GAC "Twelfth Night" 2 PM	21 Summer Begins 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING	22 (HY*FM) RPC VBS 9:30a - NOON TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	23 RPC VBS 9:30a - NOON	24 (RP*FM) RPC VBS 9:30a - NOON SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING	25 RPC VBS 9:30a - NOON TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	26 (CP*FM) CPAM 10 AM - 4 PM "AIRPORT EXPLORERS" (Search for surprises; fulfill your quest!) UMANOI #3, 8p "Hard-Bedoya"
27 (TP&G*FM)	28 Beginning 5-21-10 RPC VBS 9:30 AM - NOON Afternoon Camp 12:30-2:30 PM YARD WASTE RECYCLING	29 (HY*FM) TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	30 Make Casual Community Policing Habit!	July 1 (RP*FM) SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING	2 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	3 (CP*FM)



Town Of University Park

A Maryland Community

Saturday
June 19, 2010

Free Residential Electronics Recycling Event

9 am – 1 pm



Funded by the Town of Brentwood
through a grant by the Maryland
Department of the Environment

In celebration of
Communities Coming Together
to Protect our Environment &
to Assist Those in Need
Please join us in exhibiting
community spirit by
Recycling & Donating
unwanted electronics to
Goodwill of Greater Washington

*For specific guidance on acceptable
items, please visit www.dcgoodwill.org*

*Tax - Deduction receipts will be available
upon request*

Drop-Off Location:

University Park Elementary School
4315 Underwood Street

This event is open to University Park
residents only. Proof of residency will be
required.

For More Information, Please Contact:
Michael Beall, Dir. Of Public Works
(301) 927-4262 or
Jaime Selvin, Brentwood e-Cycling
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