

# University Park Newsletter

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## TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

MAR 30 - COUNCIL MEETING

APR 1- NEWSLETTER Deadline for  
May, 12:00 NOON

APR 20 - 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

February and March have been exciting months. The Town was notified that for the fifth year in a row, it has been designated a "TREE CITY" by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Town will celebrate this wonderful news on Friday, April 24th, National Arbor Day, at University Park Elementary School. If you wish to attend, call the Town Hall for the exact time and place, and, give a **BIG THANKS** to all the wonderful **volunteers and staff** who work to maintain our Town Park and street trees.

Other wonderful news comes from the University Park Elementary School: The school finished 2nd in the County Science Bowl, continuing an almost unbroken streak of finishing in the top 3 over the past decade. **CONGRATULATIONS** are due the team, the science teaching staff, and the volunteers who supported this effort. This is an outstanding accomplishment! And...under the leadership of **Michelle Rowland**, the school's Science Fair went off without a hitch on February 11th. As a judge, I can attest to the quality of the projects that were put on display. A big **THANKS** is due the school science staff, the volunteer judges, and the young students who worked so hard to produce an excellent group of projects that had to meet stringent experimental standards.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Mrs. Florence Payne who reached her 100th year on March 28th and who has been a member of our community for over 40 years. (See Editorial article following the "Community Wish List.")

On March 16, 2009, I presented the Mayor's **PROPOSED BUDGET** for FY 2010 to the Council. As a consequence of three years of careful effort at increasing the efficiency of the Town government, and careful stewardship of public finances, I am pleased to say that **we have been able to create a balanced budget and prevent any increase in property taxes** for the coming year. And, if Council elects to follow the plan we have outlined, there will be **NO INCREASES** in property taxes for the next five years!

Also, after careful consideration of all the facts, we have proposed that University Park join the Maryland Pension Plan, funding 70% of the back service of each employee. At this level, there is enough cushion built into the system that we will be able to absorb a 3% increase in our contribution rate for approximately 20 years, if necessary, without having a negative impact on the tax payers (i.e. a tax increase). For those who wish to follow my proposal at a detailed technical level, you will be able to find the necessary documents on the Town website, or you may get an electronic or paper copy at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Finally, please join your neighbors for the Eighth Azalea Classic on April 18th. This is always a fun-filled family event.

*"And, enjoy the early days of spring as you soak in these first warm rays of sunshine."*



**FROM THE CHIEF**  
MICHAEL WYNNYK

**SPRING IS SPRINGING:** As you begin to work in your yards and gardens and enjoy the great outdoors, remember to take a few precautions to make your days safe and enjoyable. For those who opt to out source their yard work, the UPPD recommends you have those you hire provide adequate identification, addresses, and phone numbers for your files (including a photo ID). Always take particular care to know who is working in or around your home -- "an ounce of prevention is worth its weight in gold."

As more people take advantage of the fair weather, so do the door-to-door salesmen and panhandlers. If they knock on your door, please ask them if they have written permission to solicit before you buy anything or donate to their cause. The UPPD gladly will respond to verify their credentials so, please, contact an officer when you notice anyone going door-to-door in University Park.

Spring cleaning is critical to the continued beautification of our Town. The UP Public Works Department labors diligently on our roadways and parks. The UPCA is sponsoring a Stream Clean-UP on April 11th, and Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops regularly help clean our stream. The Azaleas and Pear Trees will beautify our Town with their blooms and the grass is turning greener daily. As so many entities already are doing their share to make our Town beautiful, the UPPD asks that residents rid their driveways of untagged, unregistered, and inoperative vehicles. Not only are they an eyesore, they are not permitted by Town Code. Be proactive and, if you find a place to donate your vehicle before the 15th of April, you may be able to claim a tax benefit. Plus, the fine for this violation is hefty and often more than the vehicle is worth! A clean town is a safe town.

**YOU CAN HELP:** Lock the doors and windows of your home and your car. ♦ Get a steering wheel club and use it. ♦ Keep valuables out of sight within your vehicle or take them in your house; and, never leave any amount of change in your console trays. ♦ **Create and update your inventory list of valuables** by documenting the serial numbers and keeping a photograph of the item. ♦ **Be alert to suspicious activity** around your home and the community. ♦ If you see something suspicious, make a mental, or preferably written, note of the following details: people: gender, height, weight, clothing; vehicles: make, model, tag number, occupants.

**UPPD WEBSITE:** First, go to "upmd.org;" then, click on "Police." This (developing) website for the UPPD has some valuable links for a variety of resources. But, it is a work in progress and any input for improvement is encouraged. Currently, the site is somewhat static and the photos are being updated. Interactive forms, surveys, and other helpful details will be incorporated as they are developed. The ultimate goal is to make the website as community-friendly as possible; therefore, helpful suggestions from the community are critical to its success.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** This hardly is a new idea. It is based on one of the oldest and simplest concepts known to man, "neighbor helping neighbor." If everyone in Town simply applied this concept, we would have the most effective anti-crime effort anywhere. However, to ascertain if the University Park community might be interested in a more formal approach (with block captains, active patrols, community involvement, and coordinated law enforcement efforts), residents are asked to go to the UPPD website (see above), scroll down to "Patrol Services," and click on "Starting a Neighborhood Watch" for more information.

**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.dpss.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](mailto:upchief@upmd.org) or 301-277-0051. **ALL EMERGENCIES: dial 911.**

**CRIME STATISTICS (Feb 1st to Feb 28th)**

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Feb 6th	Atmp Stolen Auto	4400 Tuckrnn
Feb11-17	Theft	4300 Tuckrnn
Feb 18th	B & E	6800 ForestHill
Feb 18th	B & E	4400 Tuckrnn
Feb 18th	CDS Arrest	4400 E-W Hwy
Feb 21st	DWI	6500 Balt Ave
Feb21-22	Theft from Auto	6900 Oakridge

**Attempt Stolen Auto -** At 7:40 AM, a citizen contacted the UPPD about an illegally parked vehicle in front of his residence. Further investigation revealed the 1998 Accura Integra was owned by a resident on Wells Parkway. Someone had attempted to steal it from the Church of the Brethren parking lot. The suspect/s only went a short distance before abandoning the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft -** Between February 11th and February 17th, the victims advised that they had been notified of a sweepstakes winning. The suspect convinced the victim to send several checks to the caller in excess of \$11,000.00 to be eligible to receive the winnings. The incident was determined to be a fraudulent scam. The UPPD took the initial report; the follow-up investigation will be handled by the PG Financial Crimes Unit. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Breaking and Entering -** Between 9 AM and 5:45 PM, the home owner arrived home from work and, upon opening the front door, noticed the living area was in disarray. The UPPD was contacted and the home was searched for possible suspects. After checking the home thoroughly, they determined it to be safe. Further investigation revealed that the suspect/s **entered through a rear window** to gain entry into the home. No property was stolen. The UPPD dusted the scene for fingerprints, searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses, and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

**Breaking and Entering -** Between 8 AM and 7:45 PM, the home owner arrived home from work and, upon opening the front door, noticed the living area was in disarray. The UPPD was contacted and the initial investigation revealed that suspect/s **entered through a rear window** to gain entry into the home. A Nikon camera, an Olympic camera, and a wide angle lens were stolen. The UPPD searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. Possible suspect/s were described as two males of dark complexion who were 18-25 years of age, wearing black clothing, and

carrying a green sweatshirt. The investigation is ongoing.

**CDS Arrest** (Controlled Dangerous Substance) - At 1:35 AM, Officer Barreto of the UPPD observed a 2007 Ford SUV driving erratically. Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver, an adult male of Beltsville, was arrested, taken into custody, and charged with possession of drugs (PCP). **Case Closed.**

**DWI** -At 1:45 AM, Officer Earley of the UPPD observed a 2001 Honda Civic driving southbound with the lights off -- in the northbound lanes. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, an adult male of Norfolk, VA, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol.

**Theft From Auto** -Between 11:30 PM and 9 AM, suspect/s entered a 2000 Honda Civic and stole two Peavey music amplifiers and an electronic control unit. No suspect/s were located. An investigation is ongoing.

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

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



### **ITEMS TO NOTE**

❖ **PLEASE REMEMBER!** In University Park (and according to Prince George's County law), all dogs and cats must be "on leash" when away from their owner's property. Also, dog walkers of all ages (kids to seniors) are required to bag their pup's droppings. These bags should be disposed of only in the pet owners' trash receptacles after they have returned home.

❖ **PERMIT PROCEDURE REMINDER:** It is standard operating procedure for all UP residents planning to initiate **ANY** construction projects on their property to check first with the Town Hall to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. And remember; without

exception, **Town building permit applications and stamped County plans MUST be received in the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting.** This allows time for your Ward CM to inspect the project.

❖ **NOTICE TO UP LANDLORDS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease any residence in University Park. Owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. A rental license costs \$250.00 per year. Rental license fees pay for an annual inspection program for every licensed rental property in the Town. If you have questions about this law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

❖ **HELP STOP CRIME:** Get your blue and white "UP" car sticker/s FREE at the Town Hall. All Town residents are asked to display one of these "UP" stickers on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are important to our public safety efforts. **They enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Town Hall hours are from 9 AM until 5 PM, Monday-Friday.

❖ **YARD WASTE:** As of September 8, 2008, **Monday** is the day designated for all yard waste collection in UP. Since yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. **NOTE: Bamboo, vines, and ivy are considered trash** and should be put out with your Tuesday/Friday trash collection. To keep our Town looking beautiful, **put yard waste out only the evening before collection.**

❖ The **TOWN FIELD HOT LINE** is in service. Interested individuals may call **301-927-4262x600** to hear Field status updates.

❖ A **TOWN BUS HOT LINE** is now available. Interested individuals may call **301-927-4262x601** for general Town Bus info.

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

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

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

❖ **TRASH AND RECYCLING TOTERS:** Remember not to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/Friday and Thursday pick-up days. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to return these items from the curb on the same day following the pick-up time.

If stored outside, toters must be placed out of view from the street at the side or back of one's home. If the most convenient place to locate your toters is a visible one, consider installing an attractive wooden surround, barrier wall, or lattice with plants or vines to block its view.

To dispose of your unwanted blue or yellow bins, please mark them with a large

black "X" and set them out "empty" beside your recycling tote to be collected on any Thursday Recycling Day.



## UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, Library or Community Center visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM-1:30 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of Town.

Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway across from the Plaza. Senior or handicapped residents interested in this **FREE door-to-door service** simply need to notify the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

A UP Metro shuttle service runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are **seven morning runs from 6-9 AM** & **eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM**. A map with the stops is available at the Town Hall.



## ➔ IMPORTANT REMINDER ←

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

## **NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**An Election**

for the

**Town of University Park**

For the Office of

**Council Member**

for

**Wards Two, Four, Five, and Six**

will be conducted on

**TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009**

**8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at  
Riverdale Presbyterian Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Road**

**DEADLINE**

**TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE**

or

**TO REGISTER AS A NEW VOTER**

is

**Monday, April 6, 2009**

**NOTE:** Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:  
(1) a citizen of the United States,  
(2) eighteen years of age or older on the date of the election, and  
(3) a resident of University Park.

**TO REGISTER:** Please contact the UP Town Hall at 301-927-4262

**CANDIDATES:** Contact the Town Hall for candidate packet

*[Ed. NOTE: "Highlights" of the minutes from monthly UP Council Meetings and Work Sessions are not complete official records. Residents always are welcome to review the complete Council minutes after they are typed and returned to the Town Hall. Please call 301-927-4262 for more information.]*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 2nd COUNCIL MEETING**

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); and Chief Wynnyk. (CM Dudinsky departed during the Mayor's report.)

Under public comment, CM Lucas said Rep. Steny Hoyer announced that MD was targeted to receive \$4 billion under the proposed stimulus program. A Woodberry Street resident inquired about the FY10 Budget. The Mayor said there would be a Budget presentation on March 16th (two months before it required approval).

Mayor Tabori reported on: (1) the timeline he constructed for budget and pension discussions. He said if the Town met the constant yield rate, a public hearing would not be required. There was concern whether a full budget presentation could be made on March 16th if full info had not been received from the State. The Mayor said that, historically, the State provides income projections by mid-February. He said the State estimate is based on income taxes, thus is "projected" information. Last year income taxes were \$490,000 out of about \$2 million Town revenues. Usually income tax is 20-25% of the Town's budget.

Mayor Tabori said the Budget vote would be taken on May 4th or 18th, at the Council's discretion. CM Dudinsky was concerned that new CM's would have to be bound by a Budget passed by out-going CM's. The Mayor said the Budget is tied to the constant yield rate, which is tied to State requirements that the Town Budget be approved by June 1st. The Mayor added that postcards will be sent to every household in Town on February 9th to announce the February 23rd Council Meeting. A second card will be sent to announce the Budget Hearing, and a third for the Rate Hearing.

(2) **Re the \$4 billion stimulus money:** One billion of it is targeted specifically for infrastructure improvements and must be

distributed down to the local level, but it is not clear how small or bounded municipalities would launch projects for streets or waterways controlled by the County or State.

(3) **Re the engineering study done to move forward on repaving internal Town streets, like Sheridan Street:** The Mayor said these projects were ready to move forward now, and the Request for Proposal (RFP) could be placed out for bid on short notice. (It was agreed that some monies should be held for removing trees killed by gypsy moths.)

(4) **Re Town Stream contamination:** It was questioned whether installing a sieve or catchment would cut down on the contamination flowing in at the Adelphi Road inlet pipe. The Mayor said that during UTC's development, a settlement pond was planned on the Hyattsville side, but was not completed due to the economic downturn. Discussions with UTC have reached no resolution, although it was noted that the City of Hyattsville had requested grates on an unnamed tributary to the Northwest Branch (which is under County management). CM Lucas spoke to his efforts to resolve storm water problems resulting from construction of both PG Plaza and UTC. He said a water management law would come into effect in October 2009 that would address feeder stream management.

(5) **Re the Cafritz property:** The Cafritz developers notified Delegate Olson's office that their traffic report was finished and they would set up meetings to notify the affected municipalities. The Mayor said the Cafritz property had three exits. The northern-most one does not align with any UP streets. The main exit will be on Van Buren Street and the southern exit will be on Underwood Street, which will be a serious concern for UP due to school bus access. It was noted that County Council Member Olson expressed an initial interest in the Cafritz development and is fully authorized within his jurisdiction to determine the future of the project. CM Mallino said the zoning application had not been submitted, and that now was the time for UP to make its

position on the development known publicly. She also felt UP should hear out the upcoming Cafritz presentation. But without a zoning application, there would be no formal venue for registering an opinion. She then suggested that UP invite Delegate Olson to a UP Council Meeting to hear the Town's position. CM Lucas re-emphasized that a bridge should be constructed over the railroad tracks. CM McPherson asked the Council to set a schedule for preparing the Town's position. The Mayor felt the timing should be no later than mid-March and asked for Council assistance in drafting a letter on the subject. The Council must send the letter to Delegate Olson by Resolution to formally convey the Town's position. The Mayor asked the CMs to send him their language for the letter and said he would assemble the draft.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve Leg. Res. 08-05 (Ward 5 Parking Restrictions) to modify and expand the permit parking system. Second Reading (*The Mayor said he would sign the legislation the following day, February 3rd, and it would take effect twenty days hence, on February 23rd.*)

A motion was passed unanimously to approve Leg. Res. 09-O-01 (Increase in Violation Fines) to increase violation fines for failure to obey parking, traffic, and speed limits. First Reading (*In Council discussion, the point was made that all tickets written as a civil violation would be raised to the level of a Prince George's County fine for the violation. Chief Wynnyk explained that, if necessary to enforce a fine payment, the UPPD would flag the license plate in the MVA computer system, where an outstanding debt would prevent license plate renewal.*)

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the transfer of \$8,000 from Park Bridge Replacement line item to Recycling Cost line item. (*Director Beall explained that drawings were in hand awaiting an engineer's certification stamp to be submitted to the County for a construction permit. The original monies allocated were estimates. Based on*

*engineering drawings, the estimated cost was refined so that the required amount would be well below the budgeted amount. The anticipated cost for bridge replacement now should fall below the \$10,000 limit required to solicit formal bids, and the replacement bridge should be in place this spring.)*

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the Landfill line item to the Public Works Vehicle Maintenance line item.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve a contract with World Recycling Company for a term of one year and suspend the normal bid process because of the lack of three available bidders. *(There are only two vendors available to handle recycling in the County, World Recycling Company and Waste Management.)*

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the declaration as "surplus," the presidential 4-dial, 15'7" pedestal public display clock, and to donate said clock to the University Park Elementary School. *(The School Board will undertake a similar approval process to formally accept the clock.)* The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 23rd COUNCIL MEETING**

Present were Mayor Tabori; all seven Council Members (CMs); Chief Wynnyk and Treasurer Baden.

**Under public comment,** a resident from Ward 4 was worried about UP having a crime wave and inquired about creating a Neighborhood Watch program. Mayor Tabori said he had obtained a small grant to create the program in 2004 but there was no interest from the community to support the activity. Chief Wynnyk said he did not perceive a crime wave at this time and did not feel the program was necessary. He said the UPPD always

welcomes community involvement in working with the police and the Department does receive calls from residents about their concerns and observations. He said it was up to the community to activate a Neighborhood Watch program, if desired, and the UPPD would support it. He added that he meets weekly with area police chiefs to share information and concerns about local criminal activities. *[Ed.NOTE: See the Chief's message in this NEWSLETTER for easy access (via the UPPD website) to a wealth of Neighborhood Watch information.]*

The crux of this meeting was a presentation by Mayor Tabori and Treasurer Baden on tax revenue projections and a cost-benefit analysis of the pension plan. The Power Point slides used may be viewed on the Town website at <http://www.upmdorg/docs/11-576-1235497884.pdg>.

**Tax Revenue Projections:** Mayor Tabori stressed that his main assumption when developing the Budget was that **there would be no property tax increases for five years.** He responded to a Woodberry Street resident that it was unclear if property values would drop with upcoming assessments; possible impacts are being investigated. Treasurer Baden responded to a Ward 5 resident saying it could be possible to cut taxes if the pension plan was not changed to the State plan. CM Mallino added that the cut would require eliminating the current 401(k) plan, as the Town currently contributes 7% to that plan (and, she added, only would contribute 7.58% to the State plan).

**Pension Plan:** Mayor Tabori presented the pension plan calculations. Currently, UP has 25 employees aged 20-77 years old. Although there is no mandatory retirement age under the State plan, should the four oldest workers retire in the next five years, the adjusted net income would be a savings to the Town of \$351,465. Replacement employees to fill the open positions would have less experience and would be hired at a lower salary. He also agreed there was a risk to

defined-benefits plans if they had underfunded liability due to stock market downturns. But the fact that employees were constrained to participate in the funds and the plan selected by their employers was a weakness of 401(k) plans.

The Mayor responded to another resident saying that when employees were qualified as "disabled," the State plan would begin caring for such persons and they would leave the Town's employment rolls. CM Lucas quoted State Delegate Tawanna Gaines on the guarantee of the State plan's retirement fund and the fund's solvency as saying that the state of Maryland accepts all responsibility for the State plan's solvency.

The Mayor explained that due to the timing for UP to join the State plan and the State's legislative cycle, UP considered only the 100% service level funding. He added that no municipality has joined the plan at the 0% service level, and most join between the 50% and 75% level. A UP resident asked who kept the 401(k) funds if the Town converted to the State plan and was answered that the 401(k) fund wholly belongs to the employee. Another resident was concerned that the State plan's projections considered only the next five years. The Mayor said he had done a fifteen-year projection which showed the Town's net benefits would continue to accrue and, he added, in 15 years, 60% of UP's current employees were projected to retire.

Two motions were passed unanimously to approve an application for a 6-month on-street, parking waiver for: (1) up to five vehicles at 6704 40th Avenue (*this is an owner-occupied rental property*); and (2) up to three vehicles at 6713 Queens Chapel Road (*not an owner-occupied rental property*).

A motion was approved unanimously to declare as surplus 8 telephone hand sets (model Avaya partner 18D) and one module hub (model Avaya 103D9) and sell them, if possible, or recycle them. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

## LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

At the meeting on April 20, 2009, Legislative Resolution LR 09-O-02 will be introduced. This Ordinance would adopt the budget for fiscal year 2010. The meeting set for May 4, 2009 is the first meeting at which the Ordinance could be adopted.



## OBITUARIES

**RALPH HAMLIN ROBINSON**, 66, died on February 19, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. He was a former resident of 41st Avenue. Ralph was born in Washington, DC, in 1942, the son of Mary Helen and Hamlin Robinson. And although he had lived in many places around the world, his heart remained in Rosedale (Gig Harbor), Washington where his mother's family had purchased property in the early 1900's. The property evolved from a summer gathering place to a family home that brought delight to five generations. Growing up, he spent his summers there with his family, just as his parents had done.

Ralph also followed both of his parents to the University of Washington where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1966. He received his Master's Degree from Claremont Graduate School in Pomona, California in 1967. His professional career was spent working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), first in Washington, DC, and then at Moffett Field, California, where he served as the Chief Financial Operator for NASA's Ames Research Center. Following his retirement in 1997, Ralph enjoyed volunteering. He staffed the crisis hotline at the Bill Wilson Center in San Jose and supported the food program at the Sunnyvale Community Services Center. He also loved to play poker, golf, and attend Husky football games. But his greatest joy in life was the time he spent with his family. His devotion to family was obvious. Whether it involved baseball, soccer, volleyball, or play-

ing with trains and trucks, Ralph was actively a part of his children's and grandchildren's interests.

Survivors include his wife of twenty-seven years, Elizabeth Robinson; his children Dan of San Carlos, CA, and Erin and Emily of Gig Harbor, WA; his grandchildren Payton, Darren, Claire, Madeline, and Taylor; his siblings Katie Collins of Olympia, WA, and Alan Robinson of Tacoma, WA; his uncle Dick Robinson of Gig Harbor, WA; and his nephews Andy and Greg Collins. He is remembered for his endearing smile, his quick wit, and his sharp mind; he truly was one of a kind. On March 7th, a memorial service was held and guests were encouraged to wear purple in honor of Ralph's favorite U Dub Huskies. The family requests that any contributions be made either to "The Hamlin Robinson School," 10211 12th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98168, or "The Lung Cancer Alliance," P. O. Box 630972, Baltimore, MD 21263-0972.

**WILMER C. (BUD) DUTTON, JR., 88,** died of complications from a stroke on February 28, 2009, at his home in the Collington Episcopal Life Care Community in Mitchellville, Maryland. He was a former resident of 41st Avenue. Mr. Dutton was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey. He graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, with a degree in government in 1942. After graduating, he served in the Army during World War II as an engineering officer and a paratrooper with the Office of Strategic Services.

After the war, Bud studied city and regional planning at the University of North Carolina, and worked as a planner in Greensboro, Knoxville, Chicago, and Charleston. In 1958, he moved to Washington, DC, and became the first Director of the American Institute of Planners (now the AICP). From 1963-65, he served as the Director of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), overseeing the preparation of a 20-year comprehensive plan for the District of Columbia.

He served two terms as Chairman of the Prince George's Planning Board (PGPB), from 1966-1970 and from 1974-1978. Working together, the Planning Boards of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties constitute the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. And, as the chairmanship of the M-NCPPC rotates between the Chairmen of the two Planning Boards, Mr. Dutton also served as Commission Chairman during those two terms. During the interim period, 1970-1974, he continued to serve as a PGPB board member. A 1970 *Washington Post* article aptly described Bud Dutton as a "public relations man, promoter, drum beater, and lightning rod for citizen reaction." During his terms with the PGPB, he is credited with instilling a more professional approach to planning and a more formal public-participation process, as well as acquiring more park lands, and creating a first-rate County Parks and Recreation System.

In 1978, Mr. Dutton retired from the M-NCPPC, but continued to consult with public and private clients in planning, urban development, and land-use capability. He enjoyed his home on the Patuxent River, as well as gardening and travel. In 1989, he was named one of the "Prince Georgians of the Year" by the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce.

His marriage to Ann Pickells Dutton ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Frances Wilson Zerst Dutton of Mitchellville; a son from his first marriage, Christopher (and Louise) Dutton of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; three daughters from his second marriage, Sherri (and Lee) Earman of Rockville, Jan (and Bruce) Landsberg of Frederick, and Karen Burns of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and grandsons Matthew, Neil, Alex, Steven, and Sam. A service of remembrance and celebration was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Collington Episcopal Life Care Community Auditorium (10450 Lottsford Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721). Memorial donations may be made in memory of "Wilmer C. (Bud) Dutton, Jr." to The 82nd Airborne Division Association

Educational Fund, Post Office Box 65089,  
Fayetteville, NC 28306-5089.



## COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ Ed.NOTE: IT WAS AN AMAZING COINCIDENCE that this NEWSLETTER issue mentioned or highlighted seven current and former residents who all live or had lived on one block of 41st Avenue: two men who were remembered for their full successful lives, a centenarian, caring neighbors, and a couple who are happy to continue to live, serve, shine, and enjoy life in the childhood neighborhood of one of them. It also could be mentioned that this same block was the former childhood home: of our Town Clerk (her parents still live there), and of a young man mentioned in other issues for his successful career as a professional actor!

But the REALLY amazing thing is that blocks like this one can be found everywhere in University Park. Actually, in UP, there's probably a story lineage for every home! Too often, we don't get to know the worth and heart of people until we read their obituary. Get to know the folks who live on your block now, and get to know who used to live in your home -- that sounds like a good project for the lazy hazy days ahead.]

❖ This month, a group of UP residents will meet at Carolina Kitchen in the University Town Center on Sunday, April 22nd, at 1 PM. By sharing a meal there, they are trying to do their small part to help support local businesses. Those who might like to join the group this month, may contact Cathy Allen (301-734-3773 or Caffilone@hotmail.com).

❖ Immediate sign-up for LUP Baseball - Please register by March 31st so the County will know which age groups will support teams for LUP. Please don't tarry! Checks will be returned if we don't get the minimum number (12) of players. For questions, please contact Don Haw (don.haw@noaa.gov).

❖ Sign up for UP T-Ball now (www.lupsports.com) - Registration and a clinic will be held on April 1st from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. This sport is for children in grades K-2 (or ages 5-7 as of September 1, 2009). For more information, please contact Warren (war4jd@yahoo.com or 301-699-0507).



## A CENTURY OF MEMORIES!

The Town of University Park would like to wish a very happy 100th birthday to Florence Josephine Wendorff Payne, a resident of 41st Avenue for 43 years. Mrs. Payne was born in Tomah, Wisconsin on March 28, 1909, to Richard August Edward Wendorff (her father) and Martha Gertrude Kleinbauer Wendorff (her mother, who lived to be almost 103). She married Howard Brent Payne (now deceased) on October 13, 1934.

Mrs. Payne worked for the telephone company in Tomah, Wisconsin for one year after graduating from high school before she moved to Washington, DC. In Washington, she enjoyed a well-rounded career as a Federal employee: She worked for the Veterans Administration, the Department of Agriculture, the Farm Credit Bureau, and the Treasury Department. She retired from the United States Savings Bond Division after a combined Federal service of 36 years.

Originally, Mrs. Payne lived in Riverdale, Maryland but, in 1966, she was forced to sell her home to allow for the construction of the Route 410 bridge and completion of East-West Highway. However, Riverdale's loss was University Park's gain because the Payne's moved to the home on 41st Avenue where she still resides, along with her son Dick. Besides her son Richard (Dick) Payne, Mrs. Payne's other children are John Payne, Margaret (Peggy) Payne McConnell, and Thomas (Tom) Payne; all are Maryland residents. She also is proud of her seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson (who will have a little brother in May).

Mrs. Payne is an active member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), the St. Mark's Senior Citizens, and the Senior Citizens of the Knights of Columbus. She had belonged to St. Bernard's Catholic Church but, currently, is a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church. Some favorite hobbies she enjoyed were knitting, gardening, and swimming.

Her 41st Avenue neighbors have fond memories of Mrs. Payne. Several commented that she always has been a walker. Krista Schejbal remembered that they had met over 40 years ago when she was walking through the Park where Krista was walking her young children. "And today, at nearly 100 years old, she STILL is taking walks on our block!" Krista also recalled that, when Mrs. Payne was 93-94, she and husband Dewey took her to Denton, MD to visit their former neighbor Ed Hosey. "They had a great time chatting about the old days when they were next-door neighbors, and Mrs. Payne said she was up for doing whatever was next on the agenda -- which included enjoying a meal with us in a new restaurant on the trip home." But what impresses Krista the most is that Mrs. Payne continues to be so upbeat about life.

We asked Mrs. Payne for some "words of wisdom" about her long life. She said that she always had worked hard and didn't resent it because she felt comfortable with working hard. This, she attributed to her German-Polish ancestry which she believed gave her such a strong work ethic. And she added, "I never felt like I would live this long...but I've had a wonderful life." Now, this year on March 28th, her 100th birthday, Mrs. Payne's family will draw near (arriving from as far away as North Carolina) to celebrate and honor their mom, grandma, great grandma, and great-great grandma on her special day.



## CONGRATULATIONS

◆ To Don and Josie Gibson of 40th Avenue who are the very proud grandparents

of twins! Their grandsons, **Nicholas Alan Poletti** and **Logan Thomas Poletti** were born on January 16, 2009 in Voorhees, NJ. The equally proud parents are former 40th Avenue resident **Daniel Poletti** and his wife Jennifer Poletti. Older brother Nick was born at 9:44 AM, weighing 4 pounds 3 ounces and measuring 17½ inches. Barely-younger brother Logan was born at 9:45 AM, weighing 5 pounds 7 ounces and measuring 18½ inches. Although the boys were born five weeks prematurely, they spent only one week in the neo-natal unit at Voorhees West Hospital before joining their mom and dad at home in Medford Lakes, NJ.

The happy parents are having a ball with their instant new family of four! And when they are not actively being daddy and mommy, Daniel works in center-city Philadelphia as an account executive selling litigation support services for Document Technologies, Inc. Jennifer is the owner of, as well as a full-time professional wedding consultant for, her company, Perfect Planners, that serves brides-to-be in the Philadelphia area.

◆ To **Malca Giblin** of 41st Avenue for her recent 2008 WATCH award! On March 1st, the Washington Area Theatre Community Awards (WATCH) ceremony was held at The Birchmere, and the musical that Malca produced for Kensington Arts Theatre (KAT), "*A New Brain*," not only won "Best Musical," but also won awards for "Best Actor in a Musical," "Best Music Director," and tied for "Best Director" -- an all-around success! And the show (actually, the producer) goes on... this May 8th-23rd, Malca will produce another show for KAT, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical." For info on KAT, or to see the new play, just contact [www.katonline.org](http://www.katonline.org).

◆ Actually, congratulations also could go to **Malca AND Den Giblin** for their continuing artistic work "together" as a couple! The empty nest syndrome never had time to take hold of Malca and Denny after their children **Josh** and **Leah** flew off to Philadelphia and Brooklyn, and a new little bird appeared -- **Oscar**, the grandson. Malca and Den have had

one hobby/interest that has continued to consume much of both their spare time -- community theater. They can attest that the Washington, DC, area is home to numerous excellent theater groups, and that *"there is no need to go to the Kennedy Center or other professional venues to see fine plays and musicals. One can see Shaw, Shakespeare, and (Neil) Simon at the Greenbelt Arts Center or the Silver Spring Stage for a fraction of the cost of a ticket to the Kennedy Center!"*

At first, the Giblins confined themselves to activities with the Music and Drama Club (MAD) at Goddard Space Flight Center, where Den spent his Federal career. As Den was mentored by his late friend, John Lindsay, he became more & more adept at designing stage lighting. Most recently, after Malca's WATCH-winning play with KAT, Den helped run the lights for KAT's March production, "One Red Flower." Malca's skills moved from makeup & hair design, to ticket sales, costuming, props & sets, serving as house manager, and now, producing -- a real Renaissance woman, she even acts when she gets the chance!

Seeking new challenges, the couple has gone on to lend their talents and energy to MD productions at Kensington Arts Theater, Greenbelt Arts Center, and Rockville Music Theater, and to VA productions at Dominion Stage and Port City Playhouse. However, not all the world's a stage, and after their full careers as Federal employees, Den still finds time for contract work with NIH and teaching classes in practical math applications and popular music for SAGE and UM's LC/OLLI, while Malca serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for a youngster in the Prince George's foster care system. With so much to do, and with their family not too far away, the Giblins say that they expect to remain in University Park and be engaged in the community for many more years!

❖ To University Christian Church (6800 Adelphi Road) who will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on April 26th. It was on that date in 1959, that 93 members of Mt. Rainier

Christian Church (3803 33rd St., MR) drove over to a barren parcel of land at Adelphi and Belcrest Roads, having been commissioned to form a mission church with the full support of the remaining members. During construction, for two years, UCC members worshiped at Northwestern High School, something that was an uncommon practice in the 1960s.

The greater community is invited to participate in two reenactments and joint services honoring UCC's 50th anniversary. On **April 26th**, MRCC will host a joint service for the two churches, memorializing the creation of the mission church; new and old members will be united as they were 50 years ago. On **May 3rd**, a symbolic drive-away from Mt. Rainier will be followed by a 9 AM service at UCC as they begin their second 50 years of worship and service to the community. A catered lunch will follow and a pictorial history with related memorabilia will be on display.

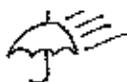
NOTE: UCC is avidly seeking old photos, videos, and any other interesting memorabilia from the early days of the Church and of the surrounding community (c. 1959 to 1964) that could be borrowed/copied for their displays. To share memorabilia, please contact Chris Bock ([bock75@verizon.net](mailto:bock75@verizon.net) or 301-464-8297); to RSVP for the May 3rd celebration, please contact Patrick Hindsley (301-529-2567 or [patrickhindsley@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickhindsley@yahoo.com)).



❖ To Joel Floyd of Pineway on this gorgeous vintage postcard design that was selected as the 2009 Azalea Classic t-shirt

logo! Joel took the suggestion of making the logo look like a vintage postcard and made the "card" the same era as the house -- early 30s. He chose the home because he liked its style; it may be a Sears Lynnhaven kit home. He also wanted the design to depict the ambiance of UP during its azalea bloom that coincides with the Classic. Joel hails from Arizona and actually created a few t-shirt logos when he lived there too. Currently he works for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. On the side, he does free lance scientific illustrations, mostly of insects and plants.

There are several homes of the logo's style around University Park. If you are not a runner, but happen to live in or grew up in a similar UP home, you may want to have one of the shirts. If so, you may purchase an official race t-shirt as a "virtual runner" (by registering for the race at [www.azaleaclassic.com](http://www.azaleaclassic.com)) or you may purchase a shirt with just the logo on the front (and no race details on the back) from Cafe Press, the Classic store (<http://www.cafepress.com/azaleaclassic>). There you may choose from many shirt styles as well as other items like bags or hats. All "logo" purchases will support the Classic.



### TOWN TEEN WORKER LIST

The following young residents are interested in finding summer jobs around our Town. Please **SAVE THIS LIST** and call them if you need any of the services they are offering. If you are a teen with a service and forgot to turn your name in to the Editor, you will need to wait for the fall-winter listing in the October 2009 NEWSLETTER.

 ----- Please clip and save for future reference -----

**LOUISE AHMANN (15)** 301-864-3829  
Ward 5 - Baby sitting/CFR-certified; Pet sitting;  
 Dog walking. After school & weekends.

**ABIGAIL CAHEN (15)** 301-699-2224  
Ward 5 - Cat sitting (& other small animals).

**AMY CARPENTER (18)** 301-277-7417  
Ward 4 - Pet sitting, baby sitting, house sitting.

**ALI LEONARDI (16)** 240-593-2180  
Ward 5 - Baby sitting: Red Cross-certified and experienced.

**JUSTIN McPHERSON (16)** 301-779-5249  
Ward 3 - Odd jobs.

**KYLE McPHERSON (18)** 301-779-5249  
Ward 3 - Lawn mowing.

**NIK RAMIREZ (14)** 301-864-3829  
Ward 3 - Baby sitting/mother's helper, yard work, window washing, dog walking.

**TEREZA SUKOPOVA (18)** 301-699-2224  
Ward 5 - Responsible, experienced baby sitter [Tereza is a Slovakian exchange student living with the Cahens; she is fluent in English.]

**ELENA TOSCANO (16)** 301-927-9022  
Ward 5 - Experienced baby sitter, pet sitter, and house sitter; local references available.

**KYLIE TOSCANO (14)** 301-927-9022  
Ward 5 - Experienced baby sitter, pet sitter, and house sitter; local references available.

**MARY WHELTON (12)** 301-779-7943  
Ward 7 - Pet sitting, mother's helper.

**TREY WHELTON (14)** 301-779-7943  
Ward 7 - Grass cutting, yard work.  
 (or cell phone 301-448-6757)



### SOARING INTO APRIL

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will hold an art Contest, close an exhibit, and offer a centennial film, a family movie, a lecture, afternoon fun for students,

a sale, and a Paper Airplane Derby! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact [www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com](http://www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com), 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765.

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

✦ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's famous films series features a monthly Hollywood blockbuster, classic, or documentary (with a flight theme). The shows begin at 1 PM, are FREE with Museum admission, and include lemonade and popcorn! On April 5th, see "The Rocketeer" (PG) - This action adventure follows a young pilot who stumbles onto a prototype jetpack that allows him to become a high-flying masked hero. "The High and the Mighty" will be the May 3rd film.

✦ "Paper Airplane Day" - On Friday, April 10th, from 12-4 PM, all ages are invited to make a paper airplane! Supplies and patterns are FREE with regular Museum admission and Museum staff will be available for assistance. Use your best creation to compete in the annual Paper Airplane Derby at 3 PM. AND, YES! Prizes will be awarded!

✦ **Afternoon Aviators** - This new after-school program offers aviation-themed activities on the second Tuesday of each month from 2:30-4:30 PM. On April 14th, you will enjoy constructing "Pinwheels and Windsocks" -- free with Museum admission. The next program will be on May 12th.

✦ **ENTER NOW** in CPAM's Centennial Art Contest: Dreams of Flight (Theme: "As long as people looked to the sky, they dreamed they could fly.") In honor of the College Park Airport's 100th birthday, the Museum is sponsoring an art contest for three grade categories: K-3rd, 4th-8th, 9th-12th.

The entry deadline is April 15th at 5 PM. The top entries will be on display in the Museum during the month of May -- and a prize will be awarded to the winner of each category. Please call the Museum for Contest details.

✦ "Hap Arnold and Early Aviation" - On Saturday, April 18th at 2 PM, Dik Daso, Curator of Modern Military Aircraft at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, will discuss the career of Hap Arnold, who advanced military aviation from the Wright Brothers to World War II. (After demonstrating their airplane to the Army, Orville and Wilbur Wright began to train the first generation of army pilots. Fortunately, one of their early students was Hap Arnold. Come hear why!)

✦ There will be a **High Flying SALE** on Saturday, April 25th from NOON-4 PM. The Museum will offer books, art, and aviation memorabilia located throughout the Museum at discounted prices. Come and show support for the College Park Airport and the College Park Aviation Museum by finding your special memento! Free with Museum admission.

✦ **Triumph, Tragedy and Taking Flight: The College Park Photographs of Charles MacCartee** will end on Thursday, April 30th. MacCartee, a pilot and photographer, captured the soaring successes, grim disasters, camaraderie, and courage of the dramatic early years of College Park Airport. His camera saved forever the stories of Hap Arnold, Paul Peck, Arthur Welsh, and many other pioneers as they adventured into the sky.



#### APRIL SHOWERS EVENTS ON 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 to visit Gift Shop 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](http://www.pgparcs.com) or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). \*All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

◆ **Local Artist's Exhibit** - Until 1816, Rosalie Stier Calvert, Mistress of Riversdale, was the custodian for her father's collection of the European masterpieces she loved to display on her home's walls. Now, RHM is pleased to have the superb realist painter and Riverdale Park resident Gerald King ([www.geraldking.com](http://www.geraldking.com)) continue this tradition with an exhibit of his work. As the Town and the Museum have been an inspiration for a number of Mr. King's works, so may you be inspired as you view his paintings enhancing the Mansion's walls. Some displayed art will be for sale to the public; prints will be available in the Museum Shop. The exhibit will run from **April 3rd to May 31st**, and may be viewed during all the regularly-scheduled tour hours or by appointment (for groups of ten or more).

◆ Riversdale's popular **Spring Lecture Series** will continue at 7 PM on Tuesdays, **April 14th, April 28th, and May 5th**. The pay-as-you-come admission is \$5 per lecture.

◆ On **April 14th**, Susan Pearl, a retired historian with M-NCPPC, will talk about "**The Stier-Peeters Art Collection.**"

◆ On **April 28th**, Ann Wass, a History/Museum Specialist at Riversdale, will speak on "**A Great Variety of Articles Both Elegant and Useful: Antebellum American Agriculture Fairs.**" Come hear about these wonderful fairs that took place before the Civil War!

◆ On **May 5th**, the Series' final lecture will focus on slavery on the UM campus.

◆ **RHM's Dependency Kitchen** - As April begins, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild (RKG) resumes its **regular cooking schedule** -- each Sunday during the open tour hours. However, on one Sunday a month, the schedule will expand to its more-informational **Seasonal Selections** program that began in fall 2008.

The availability of seasonal fresh produce, the traditional cycles of early 19th-Century farming, and/or holidays will provide the inspiration for each month's "Seasonal Selection." ALL the weekly cooking demos are FREE to Museum visitors. In addition, this month, the RKG also will hold an **open-hearth cooking class** and co-sponsor a **mini-cooking class!**

◆ On **Saturday, April 18th** from 10 AM to 3 PM, basic open-hearth cooking techniques and seasonal ingredients will be the tricks of the trade for **RKG's Spring Cooking Class** to create and serve a menu of: roast turkey, baked cheese, Apoquiniminc cakes, the dressing for a salad, and batter pudding! Please **NOTE: Class capacity is limited and advance payment of the \$38 Class fee is required by Monday, April 13th.**

◆ On **Sunday, April 19th** from NOON to 3:30 PM, the Seasonal Selection program will be "**The Cat's Run Away With the Pudding String!**" (**Steamed and Baked Puddings**). You'll learn the meaning of this old Mother Goose rhyme as you watch Kitchen Guild volunteers prepare two types of early 19th-Century puddings -- a baked pudding in a paste, and a pudding boiled in a bag tied with string. **NOTE: "Seasonal Selections" programs are included in the Museum admission price.**

◆ On **Saturday, April 25th** at 10 AM, RKG and Giant's Historic Foodways Guild of MD will present "**Not Your Mother's Packaged Gelatin - The How and Why of Calves' Feet Jelly.**" Food historian Sophie Frederickson will explain the process of preparing gelatin from scratch and demonstrate various ways it can be used. So if you're one who enjoys a low-calorie dish of jiggly, fruit-flavored gelatin, come ponder the fact that it did not start from a convenient package found in the grocery store, but from the feet of calves! There is a \$5 class fee and pre-registration is required. **[ED.NOTE: For those who'd like a gelatin dish without using calves' feet, I use agar agar (a tasteless gelatinous substance derived from seaweed) to make my jelled fruit salads.]**