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**TOWN MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL DATES**

JUN 2 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**JUN 4 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
(COMBINED) Jul-Aug 2008
issue, 12:00 NOON**

JUN 16 - 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. The agenda for Council Meetings will be posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall the Friday before each Meeting.

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

CONGRATULATIONS to Kady Ruth Ashcraft of Tuckerman Street and Sasha Goldberg of Clagett Road, two special members of Girl Scout Troop 2786 who were recognized as Gold Awardees at the Troop's annual closing ceremony on May 20th. The Gold Award is the highest distinction a Girl Scout can achieve. It was my and Chief Wyn-

nyk's pleasure to present these outstanding young women with a proclamation from the Mayor and Town Council honoring them for their stellar achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Mallino and Susan McPherson who were reelected to the Town Council for a second term, representing Ward 1 and Ward 3, respectively. Congratulations and a warm welcome to Ed DeSaussure, our new Council Member who is representing Ward 7. On a personal note, I would like to thank all the Town residents who came out and cast a ballot for me to continue in the office of Mayor for a second term. I genuinely am honored and privileged by your support.

The Council has proposed to launch **SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING** in the new fiscal year, probably by late summer. A discussion of this alternate recycling program is included in this (June 2008) NEWSLETTER, just after the Chief's Message.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS: During the past month, rental housing again has become a controversial issue in UP Council Chambers. The most prominent concern is with group or student rentals where up to five unrelated individuals may reside together. There is another issue of long-standing concern -- the complex instructions that often accompany Town building permits issued to residents for their construction projects. While Maryland municipalities have considerable authority to create and enforce their own Rental Codes,

their powers may be constrained by legal and constitutional protections, and/or zoning regulations.

Both the Town Rental Code and the Town Building Code need to be updated to streamline them, reduce confusing verbiage, and bring them into conformity with prevailing legal practices. The Mayor and Council will be reviewing both Codes during the summer; by September, they hope to have proposed changes that will simplify and strengthen the Codes. And at that time, one or two Public Forums will be held to discuss the Codes and any other options that could improve them.

"I hope everyone is enjoying our radiant spring and welcome showers. The vibrancy of the colors on the azaleas around Town has been quite remarkable this year."


FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

SOLICITATIONS FOR CHARITIES: As the economy tightens, criminals are becoming creative in their efforts to steal your money. Please be careful not to be "taken in" when you decide to donate to a charity. The following information is from the Maryland Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

The Consumer Protection Division of the
Maryland Attorney General's Office
(<http://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer/index.htm>)
Consumer Hotline Numbers:
Local: 410-528-8662
Toll-free: 1-888-743-0023

According to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, Maryland has a higher percentage of residents making tax-deductible charitable contributions than any other state in the country. Unfortunately, this accolade makes Marylanders good targets. Therefore it

is crucial that you, as a donor, know exactly where and to whom your money is going.

Solicitations can come in a mailing, by telephone, or from someone going door-to-door. Although many are legitimate requests for money, it is possible that the person soliciting does not represent a genuine charity. When you are solicited by phone, always ask the caller to send you written material about the charity. Even if the charity has an urgent need for money, that need still will exist after you have received and read what the charity sends. You will make the best use of your charitable dollars by following three rules:

1. Before donating to a charity, be sure it is registered. Check with the Charitable Organizations Division of the MD Secretary of State's Office (1-800-825-4510). Keep a record of all donations & include the charity's full name, address, and phone number.

2. **Never agree to give money over the phone.** Ask the caller (and the person at your door) for written information about the charity; then, read it and wait a day before making your decision.

3. **Find out what percentage of your donation goes to the charity's mission.** Some charities use paid solicitors to contact you for a donation. These fund raisers may keep a portion of your gift as their fee. Always find out how much of your gift actually goes to the charity; it might be better to send your check directly to the charity and bypass the fund raisers. The Charitable Organizations Division keeps a master list of approximately 2,500 registered charities and can provide information about their purpose, the amount and percentage of money they raise & how it's used.

Heed These Warning Signs → → Bogus charities frequently use names resembling well-known, legitimate organizations and fake charities often will surface after national emergencies or natural disasters. The only way to be sure a charity is legitimate is to do some research before you decide to donate. Donors have the right to ask as many

questions as necessary to make an informed decision about whether or not to donate. If the charity you are considering resists answering your questions, then don't give.

Remember, if you have ANY questions concerning a charity, call the **Charitable Organizations Division (1-800-825-4510)** before you write the check.

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

CRIME STATISTICS (Apr. 1st to Apr. 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
9to12/06	Theft	6800 WellsPky
Apr 2nd	Stolen Auto	6700 44th Ave
Apr 18th	Sex Offense	Q.C.Rd. & UPES
Apr 24th	Sex Offense	6500 40th Ave
Apr 26th	Rcovd Stoln Auto	6600 WellsPky

Theft – In 2006, between September and December, an adult male was hired to do contract work at the residence. Homeowner has pressed charges for a variety of alleged violations of theft of property regarding the building materials and monies involved in the business transaction. The incident was reported to the UPPD in April 2008. A follow-up investigation will be conducted by PGPD and

the PG State's Attorney's Office.

Stolen Auto – Between 7 PM & 6 AM, suspect/s stole a 1996 Honda Civic from in front of the residence. At 8 AM on the same date, the vehicle was recovered by the UPPD in the 4300 block of Clagett-Pineway Road. No suspect/s were located.

Sex Offense - At 11:45 PM, the UPPD received a report that one adult female and four adult males were riding bicycles on Queens Chapel Road in the nude. A UPPD officer responded and located the subjects near UPES where only one suspect was unclothed. Subjects were charged. **Case closed.**

Sex Offense – At about 1:45 PM in the Town Park, an adult female was walking *en route* to her job at the University Town Center when four young teenage males walked past her in the opposite direction. One of the males reached out and touched the woman's breast but kept walking with the other subjects. The victim was not injured physically. The area was canvassed by the UPPD, Hyattsville PD, and PGPD. No suspect/s were located.

Recovered Stolen Auto - At 8 AM, the UPPD recovered a 1999 Honda Civic that had been stolen in College Park. The vehicle's wheels and radio had been removed. No suspect/s were located.

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.



Our "Quest for the Best" Ended With SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

It has been proposed to introduce single-stream recycling (S-SR) as University Park's primary method for collecting and disposing of trash and recyclables. Provisions for the new system also have been included in the FY2009 Town Budget. Careful analysis of the system suggests that it will result in:

★ **Improved Service** - The most frequent recycling complaint from residents is mis-handling of the recycling bins by our outsourced vendor.

★ **Greater Convenience** - With S-SR, residents will use a single wheeled cart for all recyclables. The Town will continue to provide the same back-door service now enjoyed for trash collection or residents may opt to wheel the cart to the curb.

★ **Increased Recycling** - The Town expects a minimum 10% increase due to the improved convenience and the assurance from our intended disposal facility that they accept virtually all common household plastics, rather than only #1s and #2s.

★ **Operational Savings** - The Town expects to save approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 annually by: (1) eliminating the outsourced recycling contract for plastics and metal, (2) eliminating replacement expenses for damaged bins (the new carts have a 10-year replacement guarantee), (3) reducing fuel and labor costs, and (4) reducing tipping fees (our current facility is twice as far as the new one will be plus our annual trash tonnage should be reduced by the increased recycling).

★ **More Efficiency** - Finally, significant gains in efficiency will be apparent daily. Since S-SR bins will be wheeled to trucks that have automatic lifters, the risk of injury and repetitious strain to our Public Works staff will be greatly reduced, which will increase the PWD's ability to finish more tasks efficiently.

The conversion date for beginning single-stream recycling hinges on the availability of the new carts and the restructuring of the Town's collection schedule. At present, we anticipate a late summer transition.

"Strategy is better than strength."

— Hausa legend

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FROM THE UPPWD DIRECTOR
MICHAEL BEALL

➤ **YOUR GAS METER REPLACEMENT:**
Washington Gas has retained the certified contractor, Williams Meter Company (WMC), to replace older gas meters in University Park during the next several months. Our UP Police Department has been in contact with the Security Office of Washington Gas and has verified this information and all arrangements.

Each affected Town resident and Washington Gas customer has been or will be contacted by mail and phone to arrange an appointment. However, while in a specific location, WMC workers may make "cold calls" to houses that have not responded or that are adjacent to ones they are servicing. Please be advised that **ALL individuals involved with this project will have a WMC photo ID** with their name, employee number, and "*A Washington Gas Contractor*" on the front. The Security phone number and mailing address (contact information) is on the back of the ID card.

All meter replacement work is FREE. You should not be asked to make a payment for any work related to this maintenance upgrade. If you have any questions related to the scope of this project, or the logistics of scheduling your appointment, please contact either the Williams Meter Co. (301-736-8106) or Washington Gas (at the phone number on your billing statement). Or, if you feel I might be of assistance for more routine questions, please contact me at mbeall@upmd.org or 301-927-4262.

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ITEMS TO NOTE

➤ ★ **NOTICE TO UP RENTERS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease any residence in University

Park. Owners who reside in their house and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from this requirement. The rental license cost is \$250.00 per year. Rental license fees are used to 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).

➤ **★ REMINDER TO ALL UP LANDLORDS:** June is the month to renew your rental license for another year.

➤ **★ DARK STREET?** If a street light is burned out near your home, there are new instructions for getting it fixed. Please contact Pepco directly (1-877-737-2662); do not call the Town Hall. You just need to report the location of the pole and the pole number, BUT, you also should make a note of the date you call Pepco. If the light has not been repaired after 14 days, you should contact Mickey Beall, the UP Public Works Director (301-927-4262 or mbeall@upmd.org). He will get in touch with Pepco at that time, and can add more pressure to have the light fixed.

➤ **★ TENNIS SEASON REMINDER:** Don't forget your **2008 tennis stickers**, available at the Town Hall for only 25 cents each. They adhere to one's tennis racket, and allow UP residents priority access to the Town Courts.

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

★ HELP STOP CRIME: Get your blue & white "UP" Car Sticker/s **FREE** at the Town

Hall (M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM). All Town residents are asked to display a "UP" sticker on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are important to our Neighborhood Watch program. **They enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.**

★ YARD WASTE: Wednesday 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. To keep our Town looking beautiful, only put out yard waste on the day before collection.

★ BULK TRASH: Please call the Town Hall to arrange for a pick-up time and day. Please wait to place the items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon, i.e. freezers, air conditioners, refrigerators...

★ BLUE BINS (Thursday or Friday): Blue bins are for newspaper and mixed paper recycling. Put **telephone books, magazines, paper boxes, envelopes, cardboard AND NEWSPAPERS** in this bin and place it at the curb on your (Thursday or Friday) mixed-paper recycling day. **NOTE:** Waxed paper, Styro-foam, and any paper food containers contaminated with food particles are not acceptable. Please place the bin at the curb before 7 AM.

★ YELLOW BINS (Thursday): Yellow bins are for all non-paper recyclables. Put **glass, metal & aluminum cans, and plastic containers #1 and #2** in this bin and place it at the curb on the Town-wide Thursday recycling day. Please place bin at the curb before 7 AM.

★ TRASH TOTERS & RECYCLING BINS: Remember not to put out these items **earlier than the night before** your scheduled pick-up time. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to **return these items from the curb on the same day** following your pick-up

time. **NOTE:** If stored outside, totes and bins must be placed out of view from the street at the side or back of one's home.



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 visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM and 2 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 University Park.

Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Shoppers Food Warehouse (on Cherry Hill Road in College Park). Any senior or handicapped resident interested in using this **FREE door-to-door service** may participate simply by notifying 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.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILL

On Saturday, June 7th, our Town will conduct an emergency training drill related to a specific aspect of the National Pandemic Response Plan. This very narrowly-focused

drill has been designed to assess our ability to manage and coordinate a "Mass Prophylaxis" of antiviral medicines to residents of our Town. Essentially, the drill addresses the Town's internal ability to respond to an extreme outbreak of pandemic flu so severe that municipalities would need to "fend for themselves." The drill will assess our ability to construct a Dispersal/Vaccination Center and a Point of Distribution for the "self administration" of antiviral medicines provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Town residents should not be impacted. Most of the action will take place at the Town Hall and at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Several dozen homes will be targeted to receive a written note from the drill that will be delivered by emergency responders who will lay the note on the home's front steps. No action by residents is required.

The drill will begin at 8 AM and be completed by 12 NOON. Responders from surrounding jurisdictions will be participating, as will our Town administration, our Police Force, and our Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). In addition, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Prince George's Office of Emergency Management will be cooperating partners in this effort as well.

Residents who would be interested in participating as victims are invited to come to the Church around 10 AM. For more detailed information, access the following key words: mass prophylaxis, pandemic flu/the National Response Plan, or Point of Distribution/DVC. Question? Call Tom Stickles (301-864-0533).

	INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS Contact Jenn Mooney jtmoodock@aol.com
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Ed. NOTE:

The UP NEWSLETTER's "Highlights of Minutes" from monthly Council Meetings and Work Sessions are not complete official records. All residents are welcome to review the complete Council minutes after they are typed and returned to the Town Hall. Call 301-927-4262 for more information.]



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 31st
COUNCIL MEETING**

Present were Mayor Tabori; and Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson. Attending from WSSC were: Ms. Felicia James, P.E., Project Manager (PM); Mr. Steven Law, Phase I PM; Mr. John White, Communications; Mr. Jeff Andrews, Contract Manager; and WSSC consultants Mr. Thomas Fegley, P.E. (AMT & Associates, Inc.) and Mr. Jeffrey Ziegenfuss (Wilson T. Ballard Company).

Mayor Tabori informed the Council that negotiations would take place on April 1st to move the UPPWD vehicles to People's Supply.

A motion for an application (from WSSC's Project Manager, Felicia James) to conduct test borings for WSSC's Phase III water main replacement project on E-W Highway, Adelphi Road, and Queens Chapel Road, between Tuckerman and Sheridan Streets, was approved unanimously.

A motion for an application (from WSSC's Felicia James) to excavate and replace or relocate water mains on Tuckerman and Sheridan Streets and Forest Hill Drive as part of WSSC's Phase II water main replacement program was approved (with Dudinsky opposed). *(The Mayor noted that about 30% of the Town's water main lines and street roadways would be affected by the work. Ms. James explained that UP's water pipes were cast iron and were approaching or exceeding 30 years of usage.)*

The following information was given by the WSSC representatives in response to questions from the Mayor and Council:

Aside from the usual street cuts and excavations in the paved road surfaces necessary to reach the water pipes, the pipe locations for Forest Hill Drive, 40th Avenue, and Clagett Road would require cuts inside the curbs within the public right-of-way.

In cases where trees are in the public right-of-way or near the pipe lines, WSSC will work with the Town Arborist.

WSSC's standard for water outages is a maximum of 8 hours, with none overnight.

WSSC imposes completion dates on all their contractors, as well as a \$571 per day liquidated damages fee for work that runs over schedule.

Typical construction procedures allow crews to dig up only the amount of pipe that can be replaced in one day. All roads must be accessible at all times, although delays may occur, and access to homes/businesses must be maintained. After work hours, open trenches are covered with steel plates. And, if a main line to a fire hydrant is shut off, a temporary fire hydrant connection is made.

Mayor Tabori emphasized that permit language restricts hours of construction to being from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Construction traffic is restricted to specific routes through Town, and there are requirements for overnight storage of work equipment and trucks. The permit also includes an agreement on how the pavement and the affected streets' restoration will be done, and this agreement must be in place before any work begins.

A motion for an application (from WSSC's Phase I PM, Steven Law) to excavate and replace or relocate water mains on 44th Avenue, Beechwood, Clagett, and Oakridge Roads, Pineway, and Underwood Street as part of WSSC's Phase I water main replace-

ment program was approved (with Dudinsky opposed). *(Language will be added to point #28 to cover the special condition on the restoration of streets, to determine who will perform the paving, to formally define the relationship between WSSC and the Town, and to state when the paving agreement must be in place.)*

Mr. Douglas Duncan, UM Vice President for Administrative Affairs, made a **presentation on the status of the UM's East Campus Development Project** as it entered its "design phase." This College Park Project is bounded by Ritchie Coliseum to the south, Route 1 to the west, Paint Branch Parkway to the north, and the railroad tracks to the east. Plans call for it to have 2000 apartment units, 420,000 square feet of retail space, and a 200-bed hotel. The Project is planned to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) "silver" certification. This third-party certification program is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

Mr. Duncan acknowledged that a key concern is transportation, especially on Route 1. A Purple Line Metro station will be located at Ritchie Coliseum but the path to there from Prienkert Hall is still under discussion. UM is considering having a shuttle bus travel along Route 1 from IKEA to Franklin's in Hyattsville.

State funding is being sought only for the Birchmere (a world-famous music hall). Parking is being funded through a Tax Incentive Fund (TIF). The UM bus depot and UM Police Department, located in the Project area, will be relocated near the Comcast Center next year; the UM power plant will remain as is. Phase 1 (half the housing units, the hotel, and the office space) is scheduled to break ground in 2010 and be completed in 2011. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 7th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, and UPPW Director Beall.

Mayor Tabori reported that a meeting was set for 10 AM on April 21st with MD State Highway Administration (SHA) representatives to discuss the intersection improvements for the Queens Chapel Road/Adelphi Road project. CMs Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson plan to attend the meeting as well.

CM Lucas expressed appreciation for both the Mayor's and Director Beall's efforts in communicating with SHA about this project.

The Mayor announced that the gypsy moth helicopter spraying contract had been signed and spraying would take place between April 15th and May 15th. Two separate sprayings of Bt would be applied; each is effective in the environment for 3-5 days. He added that a certified arborist would make an egg mass recount in Ward 3.

Under **public comment**, three 44th Avenue residents addressed the Mayor and Council about the level of gypsy moth infestation seen last year in Ward 3 and the need for spraying to preserve its trees. UPPW Director Beall said the incremental cost for two applications of Bt in Ward 3 would be \$129 per acre for 50 acres. One resident expressed worry about Town finances if the decision to spray was being made on a financial basis, and felt the Town could ill afford to lose its trees. Mayor Tabori responded that the decision was not driven by finances; there was an intentional effort to balance the risks of the poison to the environment as the Bt will kill all caterpillars, not just the gypsy moths.

A Van Buren resident addressed the nuances of the various levels of infestation and raised the concern that the caterpillars are able to move on the wind to unsprayed areas of Town. If the Town has made a commitment to spray and has assessed the safety of Bt, then Ward 3 should be included in the spraying. CM McPherson of Ward 3 asked about Ms. Scott's egg mass survey methodology and reflected on the significant damage gypsy moths caused to her trees. Director Beall said two sprayings of the additional 50-acre area would cost about \$6500.

Two motions were approved unanimously to: (1) move \$8000 from undesignated reserve to the pest control line item as an emergency transfer; and (2) approve performing aerial spraying in Ward 3 pending verification of egg mass count and/or the expressed request of Ward 3 Town residents.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he was working to resolve the parking issues along Pineway that were due to overflow parking from the apartment residents across Route 1.

UPPW Director Beall reported that (1) the pedestrian bridge by the school ground tennis courts had been closed until further notice because the metal framing supporting the bridge was eroded and dangerously rusted. (2) He said that restricted parking signage had been placed along Pineway and Oakridge up to Holly Hill. He also announced that (3) single-stream recycling would begin in the new fiscal year. A new route plan for the Town trucks and an operations plan is in the developmental stage. CM Mallino complimented Director Beall for his contributions to the Town and the detailed attention he has given to the Public Works needs of our community.

Five Consent Agenda Items were approved unanimously to: (1) install a 4-foot wooden fence at 4412 Sheridan Street; (2) replace the front stairway to the house at 4404 Underwood Street; (3) replace a driveway at 4307 Van Buren Street; (4)

replace a 4-foot fence at 4313 Van Buren Street; and (5) replace the patio at 6707 Queens Chapel Road. (*NOTE: A County permit is not required for an approved Consent Agenda project.*)

Two building permits were approved unanimously to: (1) install a 10'x12' vinyl shed at 4412 East-West Highway. (*A "Stop Work" order was issued in September for construction without a permit. The resident ceased working, paid the \$100 administrative fee, and came into compliance with Town requirements. The delay in completing her packet was for needing a copy of her survey, which she hadn't been given. The Town was able to assist her in locating a copy and she thanked the Town for this assistance.*); and (2) replace both an existing 33'x5'x1' block-and-brick retaining wall and a 10'x42' gravel-covered concrete driveway at 4323 Woodberry Street. (*A "Stop Work" order was issued for construction without a permit. The resident complied and halted work, paid the \$100 administrative fee, got a County permit, and applied for a Town permit. Normally, this would have been a Consent Agenda item.*)

Two on-street, six-month parking waivers for up to five vehicles were approved unanimously for: (1) 6904 40th Avenue; and (2) 6511 40th Avenue.

A motion was approved unanimously to adopt a **Town Arbor Day** Proclamation and designate Monday, **April 28, 2008** as Arbor Day in University Park.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the application for the 7th annual **Azalea Classic 5K/1K** on Saturday, **April 19, 2008**, beginning at 8:45 AM to benefit the UPES PTA.

The proposed **FY 2009 Town Budget** was presented to the Council by Mayor Tabori. The Mayor reviewed the cover sheet and announced that a "five-year plan" will be presented at the April 21st Council Meeting,

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UPPW Director Beall reported that (1) the pedestrian bridge by the school ground tennis courts had been closed until further notice because the metal framing supporting the bridge was eroded and dangerously rusted. (2) He said that restricted parking signage had been placed along Pineway and Oakridge up to Holly Hill. He also announced that (3) single-stream recycling would begin in the new fiscal year. A new route plan for the Town trucks and an operations plan is in the developmental stage. CM Mallino complimented Director Beall for his contributions to the Town and the detailed attention he has given to the Public Works needs of our community.

Five Consent Agenda Items were approved unanimously to: (1) install a 4-foot wooden fence at 4412 Sheridan Street; (2) replace the front stairway to the house at 4404 Underwood Street; (3) replace a driveway at 4307 Van Buren Street; (4)

replace a 4-foot fence at 4313 Van Buren Street; and (5) replace the patio at 6707 Queens Chapel Road. (*NOTE: A County permit is not required for an approved Consent Agenda project.*)

Two building permits were approved unanimously to: (1) install a 10'x12' vinyl shed at 4412 East-West Highway. (*A "Stop Work" order was issued in September for construction without a permit. The resident ceased working, paid the \$100 administrative fee, and came into compliance with Town requirements. The delay in completing her packet was for needing a copy of her survey, which she hadn't been given. The Town was able to assist her in locating a copy and she thanked the Town for this assistance.*); and (2) replace both an existing 33'x5'x1' block-and-brick retaining wall and a 10'x42' gravel-covered concrete driveway at 4323 Woodberry Street. (*A "Stop Work" order was issued for construction without a permit. The resident complied and halted work, paid the \$100 administrative fee, got a County permit, and applied for a Town permit. Normally, this would have been a Consent Agenda item.*)

Two on-street, six-month parking waivers for up to five vehicles were approved unanimously for: (1) 6904 40th Avenue; and (2) 6511 40th Avenue.

A motion was approved unanimously to adopt a **Town Arbor Day Proclamation** and designate Monday, **April 28, 2008** as Arbor Day in University Park.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the application for the **7th annual Azalea Classic 5K/1K** on Saturday, **April 19, 2008**, beginning at 8:45 AM to benefit the UPES PTA.

The proposed **FY 2009 Town Budget** was presented to the Council by Mayor Tabori. The Mayor reviewed the cover sheet and announced that a "five-year plan" will be presented at the April 21st Council Meeting,

ment program was approved (with Dudinsky opposed). *(Language will be added to point #28 to cover the special condition on the restoration of streets, to determine who will perform the paving, to formally define the relationship between WSSC and the Town, and to state when the paving agreement must be in place.)*

Mr. Douglas Duncan, UM Vice President for Administrative Affairs, made a **presentation on the status of the UM's East Campus Development Project** as it entered its "design phase." This College Park Project is bounded by Ritchie Coliseum to the south, Route 1 to the west, Paint Branch Parkway to the north, and the railroad tracks to the east. Plans call for it to have 2000 apartment units, 420,000 square feet of retail space, and a 200-bed hotel. The Project is planned to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) "silver" certification. This third-party certification program is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

Mr. Duncan acknowledged that a key concern is transportation, especially on Route 1. A Purple Line Metro station will be located at Ritchie Coliseum but the path to there from Prienkert Hall is still under discussion. UM is considering having a shuttle bus travel along Route 1 from IKEA to Franklin's in Hyattsville.

State funding is being sought only for the Birchmere (a world-famous music hall). Parking is being funded through a Tax Incentive Fund (TIF). The UM bus depot and UM Police Department, located in the Project area, will be relocated near the Comcast Center next year; the UM power plant will remain as is. Phase 1 (half the housing units, the hotel, and the office space) is scheduled to break ground in 2010 and be completed in 2011. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 7th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, and UPPW Director Beall.

Mayor Tabori reported that a meeting was set for 10 AM on April 21st with MD State Highway Administration (SHA) representatives to discuss the intersection improvements for the Queens Chapel Road/Adelphi Road project. CMs Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson plan to attend the meeting as well.

CM Lucas expressed appreciation for both the Mayor's and Director Beall's efforts in communicating with SHA about this project.

The Mayor announced that the gypsy moth helicopter spraying contract had been signed and spraying would take place between April 15th and May 15th. Two separate sprayings of Bt would be applied; each is effective in the environment for 3-5 days. He added that a certified arborist would make an egg mass recount in Ward 3.

Under **public comment**, three 44th Avenue residents addressed the Mayor and Council about the level of gypsy moth infestation seen last year in Ward 3 and the need for spraying to preserve its trees. UPPW Director Beall said the incremental cost for two applications of Bt in Ward 3 would be \$129 per acre for 50 acres. One resident expressed worry about Town finances if the decision to spray was being made on a financial basis, and felt the Town could ill afford to lose its trees. Mayor Tabori responded that the decision was not driven by finances; there was an intentional effort to balance the risks of the poison to the environment as the Bt will kill all caterpillars, not just the gypsy moths.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 21st COUNCIL MEETING

as a supplement to the budget package he was presenting now. CM Carpenter commended the Mayor and Town staff on the professionalism and level of detail exhibited in the Budget proposal.

The tax rate will be \$.60 per \$100 of assessed value. There was a 6.4% reduction in the General Government budget level from FY 2008, mainly because the salary for the Public Works Director was transferred to the UPPWD portion of the budget. Inflation was pegged at 4.9% for FY 2009.

UPPW Director Beall addressed the Public Works portion of the budget which included the 4.9% cost-of-living increase and annual increases for the staff. A significant expense in FY 2009 will be the replacement or repair of at least three, and possibly all five, Town bridges that cross the stream in the Town Park. An increase in "playing field maintenance" will provide for regular maintenance in addition to the watering done in past years. Finally, Line Item W10 included the cost for single-stream recycling toters, three toter lifts (for the three refuse trucks), and GPS location systems for each vehicle.

Chief Wynnyk reviewed the Police and Public Safety portion of the budget. He explained that Line Item P19 would provide for the new police radios required by a Prince George's County communications upgrade.

Mayor Tabori mentioned the **storm water management issue** located at the rear of the property at 4412 Van Buren Street. He said some of the engineering monies were budgeted to address this issue. The essential question was whether property owners would grant the Town access to the area to implement a solution. He said the next step would be consulting with Engineer Sidhu. A 44th Avenue resident pointed out that when a large maple tree fell recently, water flowed across the ground where the root ball had been. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

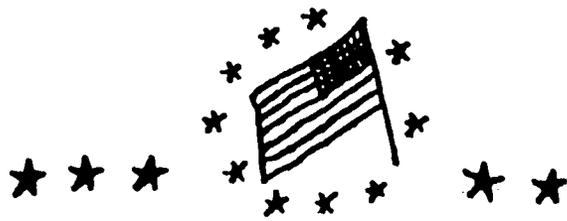
Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; Treasurer Baden, Attorney Ferguson, Chief Wynnyk, and UPPW Director Beall.

Mayor Tabori reported on his April 21st meeting with representatives from the State Highway Administration (SHA). SHA was receptive to the Town's input on alternative designs to address pedestrian and driver safety at the E-W Highway/Queens Chapel Road/Adelphi Road intersection. The two key points that were discussed were pedestrian safety and redesigning the intersection for both traffic and pedestrian flows. Currently, the right-hand turn lanes from west-bound E - W Highway onto north-bound Adelphi Road do not have signs or lights to control the intersection.

Under public comment, a Woodberry Street resident raised concerns about the physical condition and Code compliance of the rental property at 4315 Woodberry. Another Woodberry resident said the inside of the house also was in poor condition. The Mayor will have the Housing Code Officer inspect the property. Concerning the stormwater management issue of the alleyway between 44th Avenue and Route 1, it will be necessary to get a binding commitment from homeowner to grant UPPWD access to the area before planning for the work to begin.

UPPW Director Beall reported that (1) the gypsy moth egg masses began hatching in mid April. With the additional Ward 3 acreage there will be a total of 201 acres to be sprayed within UP (\$26,000). Spraying will take place the first week in May.

(2) Details about the extremely large tree that fell on Clagett Road on Sunday, Ap



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University Park Monthly Planner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10a-2p Greenbelt & Takoma Park Farmers' Markets (G/TP*FM) <u>RAINBOW POTLUCK, UP 1-4p</u> Riverdale Presbyterian Church Strawberry Festival - 4:30p Marine Corps Band - 6p	2 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION	3 To Check On a Charity. Call: 1-800-825-4510	4 12:00 NOON <u>Deadline for Combined July/August 2008 NEWSLETTER</u> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	5 3-7 PM (RP*FM) Riverdale Park Farmers' Market World Environment Day YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	6 Speaking of Flight with Astronaut Jones CPAM 7 PM T-F BLUE BIN	7 College Park Farmers Market (CP*FM) 7 - NOON UPTH & RPC 8a-12p EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILL UM Benefit Show 7:30 PM "Pirates of Penzance" UCC - Family Movie 7 PM "Night at the Museum"
8 (G/TP*FM) <u>UM-NOI 12:30 PM → Marathon Concert</u> UM Benefit Show 3 PM "Pirates of Penzance"	9	10 This Friday is the ONLY Friday the 13th in 2008!	11 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	12 (RP*FM) HY-LI CHESS 7:00 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	13 <u>NOI FREE Rehearsal</u> CPAE Book Club 7:30 PM "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time" T-F BLUE BIN	14 (CP*FM) CPAM Spanish Language Tour Flag Day <u>NOI Concert 8 PM</u> <u>Ross conducting Bold Strokes w/Kapell pianist</u> PP MOVIE+ Live Action: Mandy the Clown Movie: "Shrek the Third"
15 (G/TP*FM) Father's Day	16 PP Sr.Movie, 11a "Pride" 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING	17 3-6 PM (PGP*FM) Hyattsville Farmer's Market UP 8 PM After 8 Book Club "A Thousand Splendid Suns"	18 HY-LI Books 10:30 AM "1421: The Year China Discovered America" YARD WASTE RECYCLING	19 (RP*FM) Emancipation Day YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	20 <u>NOI FREE Rehearsal</u> Potomac River Ramble Ft. Wash, MD to Mason Neck, VA June 20th-22nd Summer Begins T-F BLUE	21 (CP*FM) <u>NOI Concert 8 PM</u> <u>Stern conducting Beloved & Beholden</u>
22 (G/TP*FM) Greenbelt House & Garden Tour 12:30 - 4 PM	23 RPC 9:30 to NOON Vacation Bible School (VBS) <u>RHM History Camp 10a-3p ages 8-12 (RHM-HC)</u>	24 (HY*FM) (RPC-VBS) (RHM-HC)	25 (RPC-VBS) <u>(RHM-HC)</u> Jazz on the Portico at RHM 7 PM "Check To Check" YARD WASTE RECYCLING	26 (RP*FM) (RPC-VBS) <u>(RHM-HC)</u> HY-LI CHESS, 7:00 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	27 <u>NOI FREE Rehearsal</u> (RPC-VBS) <u>(RHM-HC)</u> T-F BLUE BIN	28 (CP*MF) <u>NOI Concert 8 PM</u> <u>Litton conducting Tilton's Roots</u>
29 (G/TP*FM)	30 <u>RHM History Camp 10a-12p ages 5-7 (RHM-HC#2)</u>	July 1 (HY*FM) <u>(RHM-HC#2)</u>	2 <u>(RHM-HC#2)</u> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	3 (RP*FM) <u>(RHM-HC#2)</u> YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	4 4th of July Town Parade & Celebration T-F BLUE BIN	5 (CP*FM)



CELEBRATE W.E.D. 2008 !!

World Environmental Day 2008 is on June 5th.

(Is there ONE of these ideas you could do on June 5th? or TWO of them? or MORE?)

(Is there ONE you would do on June 5th? or for a month? or FOREVER?)

Car pool

Eat local

Lobby local authorities to adopt sound environmental policies

Erase your carbon footprint in one way

Bike or use public transportation

Rain barrel: get one and use it

Adopt a "green" way of living

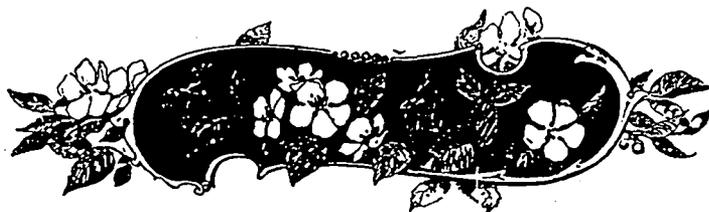
Take action: use energy-saving light bulbs

Electronics: switch them off while you sleep

Wind power: support it

Environmental education programs: start or support one in your local school

Donate to an environmental cause



20th were given. The tree took down power lines and damaged a car. Adirondack Tree Service removed the tree; Pepco restored power; and Verizon was restoring its lines.

(3) Director Beall is interested in replacing one of the Town dump trucks with one that College Park is surplus. It is compatible with the make, model, and capabilities of our UP trucks. This would be a budget consideration and he wanted permission to investigate further. (4) He also requested that the following information be posted in the NEWSLETTER:

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

**Browns Station Landfill
does NOT accept
construction debris from UP trucks
(e.g. tile♦timbers♦drywall♦linoleum)**

[Ed.NOTE: Construction & demolition debris IS accepted at the Ritchie Land Reclamation LP, 2001 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, 301-748-5412, FAX: 301-428-1736.]

Four building permits were approved unanimously to: (1) construct and install a 10'x30' steel backstop at 4315 Underwood Street (UPES) (A P.G. County Schools construction crew will install the backstop; once installed, it will become school property.); (2) construct a 26'x14' one-story addition with steps at 4312 Woodberry Street; (3) install a 4' wooden split-rail fence with an inner wire fence at 6500 44th Avenue (The wire would secure the fence for use as a dog enclosure.); and (4) install a porch roof and door at 6408 40th Avenue.

Two on-street, 6-month **parking waivers** were approved unanimously for: (1) **up to five vehicles at 6705 40th Avenue;** and (2) **up to**

three vehicles at 3900 Underwood Street (This waiver will not convey to a new owner if/when the home is sold.).

A motion was approved unanimously to introduce **Legislative Resolution 08-02 (FY 2009 Town Budget) (A notice was posted in the May NEWSLETTER that a Public Hearing on the Budget and the Town Property Tax Rate would be held on May 19, 2008.)**

A motion was approved unanimously to transfer \$15,000 from Red Light Camera Revenue and \$33,000 from Unreserved Revenue into: \$5,000 for Citations, \$15,000 for Public Works Salaries, \$7,000 for Public Works Payroll Taxes & Benefits, \$7,500 for Building Maintenance, \$8,500 for Work & Storage Space, and \$5,000 for Police Gasoline (as in the April 17th memo to the Mayor from Treasurer Baden). Meeting adjourned: 10 PM.



HELEN JOAN KEARNEY, 78, known as Joan, died of pneumonia on April 10, 2008 at Laurel Regional Hospital. She had lived on Sheridan Street for 18 years before moving to Riderwood Village in 2001.

Mrs. Kearney was born in 1929 in Elizabeth, New Jersey and was raised in West Hartford and Fairfield, Connecticut. Her father, James Joseph Gaffney, began working as an accountant with United Aircraft in Connecticut and rose through the ranks to become secretary-treasurer of Chance Vought Aircraft in Dallas, famous for the F4U Corsair, F-8 Crusader, and the A-7 Corsair II.

Mrs. Kearney moved to Washington, D.C. in 1947 to attend Trinity College. She graduated from Trinity in 1951, earning a BA in Sociology. After graduation, she settled in the Brookland neighborhood of Northeast Washington. She then taught second and fourth grades at St. Ambrose Catholic School in Cheverly for three years. In 1954, after

marrying Jim Kearney on June 26th, she left teaching and focused on raising their four sons. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Mrs. Kearney returned to the workforce as a courtroom clerk in the Montgomery County District Court in Rockville. During the 1980s and 1990s, she worked as a periodicals acquisition clerk in the McKeldin Library at the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Kearney loved to travel, starting with her honeymoon to England, Ireland, France, and Germany and, more recently, with Elderhostel trips to France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and many areas of the United States. The Kearneys moved from Brookland to Kensington, Maryland in 1972, and then to University Park in 1983. While living in University Park, Joan found much pleasure in the OASIS classes she attended for many years that were held at the nearby Prince George's Plaza Hechts, and then Macys store. She especially like the new friends she made through OASIS and her Thursday morning short story and poetry Literature class.

Mrs. Kearney always had been concerned with social and political issues, especially in opposition to the war in Viet Nam and in support of the civil rights movement. She also participated in the successful grass roots defeat of the North Central Freeway that would have extended U.S. Route 95 through Brookland and other neighborhoods. Her activism included bringing her young children to anti-war marches in downtown Washington, D.C. and supporting protests at homes that were to be condemned for the new Freeway. It continued with her gentle political advocacy among fellow Riderwood residents.

Mrs. Kearney had been an active member of three churches: St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Brookland, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hyattsville, and Resurrection Catholic Church in Burtonsville. For the last two decades of her life, she served as a Eucharistic Minister, taking and administering Catholic communion to those who were shut-ins and sick; her most recent

ministry was to the residents of Riderwood's Renaissance Gardens health care facility. Joan Kearney was someone who really lived the old adage, "Bloom where you are planted."

Mrs. Kearney's love for animals helped involve her in some undercover antics as well as helped her make friends. She and her next door neighbor on Sheridan Street proceeded, in a kindly manner, to trap a huge groundhog that had been burrowing in their yards. The antics came when they went to set it free in Greenbelt Park -- under the cover of blankets!

Mrs. Kearney also loved Bonnie, the small, short-haired lhasa apsa she had rescued from the New York Avenue Animal Shelter. Bonnie was like a magnet. Whenever Mrs. Kearney walked the pup around Town, new friends would have to stop to talk and pet the very friendly little black-and-white dog, especially children.

Joan Kearney was predeceased by her husband John James Kearney, in 1989. Survivors include her sons, Stephen Kearney (and Julie) of University Park, John Kearney (and Paula) of Rockville, Paul Kearney of Washington, D.C., and Joseph Kearney (and Karen) of Gaithersburg; her brother James Gaffney of Richardson, Texas; and her grandchildren, Justin and Caitlin Kearney of University Park; Liz, Jack, Clare, and Michael Kearney of Rockville; and Dylan and Jason Kearney of Gaithersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Helen Joan Kearney to the charitable group "So Others Might Eat," % Donor Relations Coordinator, 71 'O' Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Please list next of kin as Stephen Kearney, 4339 Clagett Road, University Park, MD 20782.

DR. RUTH L. STEERMAN, 65, a former resident of Adelphi Road for 26 years, died of coronary and pulmonary failure on May 2, 2008 at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Virginia.

Dr. Steerman was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Pennsylvania State University and then earned her medical degree from George Washington University in 1967. She completed her pediatric residency at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. from 1967 to 1969, as well as a fellowship there in pediatric hematology. She was awarded a research fellowship at Harvard Medical School in Boston from 1971 to 1972.

Dr. Steerman served as the Director of Pediatrics at Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly from 1972 until 1989, when she established her private pediatrics practice in College Park. She also maintained an office in her University Park home. Her younger daughter spoke to the extent of her mother's care for her patients -- and agreeing to see ailing children even in the middle of the night! [Ed. NOTE: Dr. Steerman also was my children's pediatrician, and I remember one weekend evening medical emergency we had when, instead of sending us to an emergency room, Dr. Steerman said to come to her home office. When we arrived, she excused herself from the party she was hosting upstairs, slipped a lab coat on over her cocktail dress, and proceeded to calm and cure my crying child with great care and expertise. My experience was multiplied by many other parents in University Park. This wise and brilliant pediatrician was a gem and a gift; how perfect that she was born on December 25th!] However, in 2000, while continuing to battle diseases she would not be able to overcome, she closed her pediatric practice at the College Park office.

In 1996 and 1997, Dr. Steerman was the Assistant Medical Director of the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. and, from 1999 to 2008, she served as an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University.

Dr. Steerman was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and she served on the Board of Directors for the

George Washington University Alumni Association. During her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital, she won the Maynard Cohen Award (an award similar to Resident of the Year). She also wrote many articles for journals and other medical literature.

Dr. Steerman and her husband resided in six homes during their marriage. After living in Southeast D.C., Hyattsville, and College Park from 1962 until 1972, they moved into the home they built in University Park on Adelphi Road. In 1998, they semi-retired to live in a condominium in Lansdowne, Virginia (at Leisure World) until 2002, when they moved into the second home they built, in Ashburn, Virginia (at the Belmont Country Club). Even with her busy schedule as a pediatrician and GWU professor, Dr. Steerman still found time to enjoy antiques, jewelry making, and her favorite pastime -- shopping.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Dr. Charles E. Steerman of Ashburn, Virginia; her daughters Catherine R. Grady (and Sean Grady) of Cumming, Georgia and Sarah S. Breen (and Patrick Breen) of Alexandria, Virginia; her brother Allen E. Lebo of Sterling, Virginia; and her grandchildren Anna and Sara Grady of Cumming, Georgia. The family requests that memorial donations be made in memory of Dr. Ruth L. Steerman to the charity of your choice. **The family will receive visitors from NOON until service time at 1:30 PM on Saturday, May 31st at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, MD, www.gaschs.com.**



★ To the University Park Woman's Club Scholarship winners for 2008 -- Robin Rhodes of Sheridan Street and Jenifer Vasquez of Hyattsville. Robin won the University Park Woman's Club Scholarship (given to a graduating senior from University Park). Robin

attends the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science and Technology Center. This fall he plans to enter Shenandoah Conservatory to pursue his interest in classical music. **Jennifer** won the Doris McPhee Scholarship (given to a graduating senior from Northwestern High School). This fall, Jennifer plans to major in criminal justice at the University of Maryland in College Park. The University Park Woman's Club will recognize these scholarship recipients at the Club's luncheon meeting on **June 2nd**. This is the 62nd year that the Club has sponsored scholarships for our community. The winners always are chosen for their high academic standing as well as for their community service and extracurricular activities. This year, the choice was not easy, as there were outstanding applicants for both scholarships.

★ To former Pineway resident **Nora Elizabeth McDermott-Tabori, M.D.** On May 7, 2008, Nora received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Mount Sinai Medical School in New York City. Prior to entering medical school, Nora was a summer research fellow at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, followed by a year and a half as a laboratory technician and researcher in the Neurological Sciences Laboratory at NYC's Rockefeller University. Nora's current plans include a year's internship at Manhattan's Lenox Hill Hospital, an acute-care facility and major teaching affiliate of the NYU Medical Center. She will complete her residency in the field of interventional radiology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with the University Medical Schools of both Cornell and Columbia. Nora was a 2002 graduate of Vassar College where she earned a BA with dual majors in Physics and Biology. She is a life-long Town resident and a graduate of University Park Elementary School. Her proud parents, **UP Mayor John Rogard Tabori and Susan E. McDermott**, continue to live in the family home on Pineway.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

★ **Missing A Book?** To whomever purchased 12 hardback books on Clagett Road during the UP yard sale and got home with only 11, we have your book! It was found where you were parked. Please call Diane or Joe (301-864-0156).

★ **New phone number!** NOTE to all NEWSLETTER readers who saved the Spring/Summer 2008 Teen Workers List printed in the May issue: Please change the phone number for **Nik Ramirez** to 240-731-1100.



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

★ You can eat locally year round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 28th year, this **producers-only market** offers **produce grown locally** within a 125-miles 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.org/.

★ The **producers-only Riverdale Park Farmers Market** will be open each **Thursday** from **3-7 PM** through October 30th. It is adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road. For the 11th year, shoppers may purchase fresh berries, fruits, veggies, nuts, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, baked goods, herbs, crafts, and more! For details, please visit www.riverdaleparkbiz.com.

★ The **College Park Farmers Market** will be open each **Saturday** from **7 AM to NOON** through November 22nd. It is held in the Linson Pool parking lot on Paint Branch Pkwy. Shop for a wide range of fresh vegetables, fruits, plants, bakery items, and more.

★ The new local-vendors producers-only **Greenbelt Farmers Market** will be open each **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM** from **June 8th** through **October 26th**. It will be held in the parking lot to the left of Roosevelt Center (the commercial plaza where the Greenbelt Theatre is located). Although it is not an organic market as first planned, one of the six vendors is an organic farm. The market hopes to expand to fifteen vendors. For more details, please visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

★ The Southern-MD farms' producers-only **Hyattsville Farmers Market** will be open from **2-6 PM** each **Tuesday** from **June 17th** to **October 28th**. 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 it that very morning.



RAINBOW POTLUCK

On **Sunday, June 1st** from **1-4 PM**, Mickey Parish and Ronnie Roeri (6902 Wells Parkway) will host the quarterly social for the LGBT community and their families; non-gay friends and supporters are welcome as well.. Please RSVP to mickeyeparish@verizon.net.



RPC EVENTS IN JUNE

★ **IT'S STRAWBERRY TIME!!** For a sneak preview of summer, all Town residents, their neighbors, and friends are invited most cordially to join Riverdale Presbyterian Church for its traditional **Strawberry Festival** on

Sunday, June 1st from **4:30-5:30 PM**. The treats will be served on the front lawn of RPC (on Queens Chapel Road across from UPES). In case of inclement or threatening weather, the event will move indoors to Custis Hall. Your nominal donation will include a generous serving of ice cream topped with sumptuously sweet, just-picked strawberries along with cake, lemonade, and the ambience of a small-town gathering. All contributions will be donated to "Help by Phone." For more information, please contact the church office (301-927-0477).

After the berries, you might like to top off a delicious afternoon with a concert by the President's own "**U.S. Marine Corps Band**," sponsored by the Music At Riverdale series.

★ **SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:** To enroll or for more information, please call the church office (301-927-0477).

- Register now for RPC's **FREE Vacation Bible School**. The "**Big Backyard**" will have an outdoor flair and an undercurrent of service to others. VBS will be held at UP's Riverdale Presbyterian Church from **9:30 AM to NOON** on **June 23rd to 27th** for children ages 4 to entering grade 6. Activities include Bible stories, singing songs, make crafts, and play games. The program is co-sponsored by Berwyn Presbyterian Church and University United Methodist Church. Volunteer help in any way will be much appreciated. Registration forms are available online at www.riverdalepresbyterian.org and at all three churches.

- **Some child care** may be available for younger children from **NOON to 2PM**, with a separate registration and fees. Please call the RPC church office (301-927-0477) for details.

- An afternoon **Service Camp** will be offered for fifteen youth entering grade 7 and older. Activities involve working together and doing projects for the church, the neighborhood, and the wider community.

- **Summer Youth Connection** will return again with activities and trips in June and July for any youths going into grade 6 and older. Activities are held on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9 PM **beginning June 11th** and will include street hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, movies and, of course -- food! Sunday trips begin with the Worship Service at 10 AM, and afterward gathering to car pool to enjoy Lasertag, bowling, go-karts, and the beach, among other destinations. The full schedule of activities will be available at the RPC website (www.riverdalepresbyterian.org) and at the church. You do not have to be a member to participate.



GREENBELT'S JUNE EVENTS

- ★ **Artful Afternoon - June 1st:** There's always something new to see and do at Greenbelt's monthly Open House for the Arts held from 1-5 PM on the first Sunday of each month at the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Road).

Most activities are FREE and appropriate for all ages!

- **1-3 PM: Free workshop** - Help make squares for a Greenbelt memory quilt, led by Artist-in-Residence Celestine Ranney-Howes.

- **1-5 PM:** The Greenbelt Photo Club will host their **First Photo Contest**. To become and member and participate, please contact Anita Woodruff at greenbeltphotoclub@yahoo.com.

- **2 PM: "Tales Tombstones Whisper"** - Scholar Michael Dixon will present a fascinating tour of the community and a family history as reflected in Maryland graveyards.

- **3 PM:** Plan to enjoy a rousing FREE performance of the **Greenbelt Concert Band**.

- ★ **Greenbelt House and Garden Tour** on Sunday, **June 22nd** from 12:30 to 4 PM. All are invited to this FREE tour of the homes and

gardens in Greenbelt's Cooperative Community. See how the original Greenbelt housing has been modernized for living in 2008. Start with a FREE tour of the Greenbelt Museum, and original restored home and compare! Call 301-474-1936 for more information.



SOARING INTO JUNE

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) presents the final "Speaking of Flight" lecture and offers information about a Spanish tour. Hours are 10 AM to 5 PM daily. Children must be accompanied by an adult while at the Museum. For more information, contact 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765, or www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

- ★ **Speaking of Flight** - At 7 PM on **June 6th**, the final program in CPAM's seasonal Sunday lecture series will feature **Dr. Thomas D. Jones, pilot, astronaut, and author** discussing his adventurous career piloting B-52s and, after entering NASA in 1990, flying in four missions on the space shuttle. Afterward, Dr. Jones will be available for questions and to sign his books *Sky Walking* and *Hell Hawk! (The true story of WWII fighter combat)*. There is a \$5 fee. Reservations are recommended; please call 301-864-6029 to reserve your seat.

- ★ **June 14th - Spanish Language Tours** are held the 2nd Saturday of every month at 11 AM. Come and tour the Museum's gallery with a Spanish-speaking guide.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

- ★ The **UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** is performing a light opera and offering free and ticketed NOI programs this month. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the new '08-'09

season, please contact 301- 405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

- The Washington Savoyards "**Pirates of Penzance**" on **June 7th** at 7:30 PM (the scholarship benefit performance) and **June 8th** at 3 PM in Kay Theatre - With a cast that includes UM alumni Robert E. Fischell and Stacey Mastrian, this Gilbert & Sullivan classic will benefit UM students of the performing arts. *Relive apprentice-pirate Frederic's quandry as he tries to give up the pirate life and marry his lovely Mabel.*

NATIONAL ORCHESTRAL INSTITUTE (NOI)

For its 21st season, UM's NOI again will be offering four weeks of orchestral musicianship and professional development for young musicians ready to embark upon their careers.

- The **NOI Chamber Music Marathon** on **June 8th** at 12:30 PM for Part 1 and 4:30 PM for Part 2 in Gildenhorn Recital Hall. - NOI students in small ensembles will take turns performing hours of intimate chamber music in a "casual-audience" format. **FREE**

- The "**National Orchestral Institute in Concert**" will perform at 8 PM in the Dekelboun Concert Hall on three consecutive Saturdays. Each concert will feature a different conductor and repertoire.

NOTE: A **FREE** open dress rehearsal will be held on the Friday before each performance from 9:30 AM to NOON.

- On **June 14th**, Conductor **James Ross** and the NOI will perform "**Bold Strokes:**" Claude Debussy's *Fetes*; Johannes Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1, Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1, and Edward Elgar's *In the South*. The featured pianist will be **Sofya Gulyak**, winner of the 2007 William Kapell Piano Competition..

- On **June 21st**, Conductor **Michael Stern** and the NOI will perform "**Beloved & Beholden:**" Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier* Suite, David Diamond's *Music*

for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, and Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* (arr. Ravel).

- On **June 28th**, Conductor **Andrew Litton** and the NOI will perform "**Titan's Roots:**" Gustav Mahler's *Blumine*, Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 1 *Spring*, and Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 1 *Titan*.

- ★ **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers **FREE** family-oriented quality movies every month. Snacks are provided at 7 PM and the movie begins at 7:30 PM. On **June 7th**, the film will be "**Night at the Museum**" (PG). *Chaos reigns at the Natural History Museum when night watchman Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) accidentally stirs up an ancient curse, and awakens Attila the Hun, an army of gladiators, a T-rex, and other exhibits. Larry tries desperately to keep marauding Neanderthals and Mayans in check, but fighting a losing battle until President Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams) comes to the rescue.* Owen Wilson and Dick Van Dyke also co-star in this family-friendly fantasy. Please save July 12th to join us for your choice of *Pride* or *Meet the Robinsons*.

- ★ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) is offering the kids' movie+ and the seniors' platinum movie, each \$5.

- On Saturday, **June 14th** at 11 AM, the Movie+ will feature "**Mandy the Clown,**" a classic clown act full of laughs and a host of circus skills, as the pre-show live entertainment followed by the (PG) movie "**Shrek the Third:**" *Shrek has become the new head of the Land Far Far Away where Princess Fiona and her royal girlfriends must fend off a wicked plot.* The next Movie+ is on July 12th.

- On Monday, **June 16th** at 11 AM, the Platinum Senior Movie will be "**Pride**" (PG). *True story of Jim Ellis, an African-American swim coach, who saved an inner-city public pool from closing and recruited at-risk teens to*

try to be champions. The next Senior Movie will be on July 14th.

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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"Reading is to the mind
what exercise is to the body."*

Sir Richard Steele

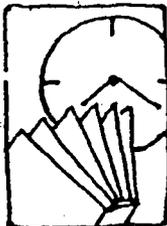
★ The Hyattsville Branch Library (301-985-4690) offers bi-monthly chess club meetings and their monthly morning book discussion group.

- For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (June 12th and June 26th) with instructor Ted Fagan.

- The Morning Book Discussion Group meets monthly at 10:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. On June 18th, they will discuss "1421: The Year China Discovered America" by Gavin Menzies, a book of compelling evidence that the Chinese were the first great maritime explorers! The selection for July 16th will be "Freakonomics" by Steven Levitt.

★ The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Friday from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to discuss non-fiction by women authors. The selection for June 13th is "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin is "an inspirational story of one man's efforts to address poverty, educate girls, and overcome cultural divides." The Club's July 18th selection will be "Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books" by Azar Nafisi.

★ The After Eight Book Club a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - continues their 2007-2008 Club year on June 17th at 8:00 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "A Thousand



Splendid Suns," by Khaled Hosseini. The Club breaks for the summer but will resume meeting in September 2008.

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SUMMER RIVER RAMBLE

Potomac River Rambles are a series of weekend canoeing and kayaking expeditions that feature educational programming, river-side camping, restoration projects, festive meals, meeting with elected officials, and much more. **Novice and experienced paddlers alike and adventurous families will enjoy this unique on-the-water experience.** Rambles aim to elevate awareness of the Potomac River's importance to the region and encourage local residents to play an active role in its restoration.

This summer's spectacular paddling journey will travel from Fort Washington, MD to Mason Neck, VA on **June 20-22**. This section of river is flat and open, ideal for a relaxing weekend. Participants will learn the history of the area and watch for birds in this ecologically rich area. Each night will be a camp out. The registration fee covers food, a shuttle the first night so your vehicle will be at the trip's end, educational programs, camping fees, and expert guide services. Contact <http://www.potomacriver.org/cms/images/ramblereg.pdf> for an information sheet and registration form to learn more or call 301-984-1908 x103.

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JUNE AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on Fridays and Sundays from NOON to 4 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 on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

★ RHM's "Jazz on the Portico" concert series is held once a month on Wednesday from 7-8 PM. This summer, concert dates are **June 25th**, July 30th (Sandy Asirvatham), and August 27th (Bruce Ewan). Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy some FREE summer jazz by area musicians on Riversdale's beautifully-landscaped grounds. Bring a picnic basket too or purchase dinner on the grounds, courtesy of the Calvert House Inn. The concerts take place rain or shine. In the event of rain, everything just moves inside.

On **June 25th**, enjoy Tuckerman Street resident Julie Parsons' light jazz group "**Cheek to Cheek**." This band formed right on UM's campus and has been together since 1998. It is comprised of Julie on piano and vocals, Tom Ruggieri on alto & tenor sax, and Eric Shramek on the acoustic upright bass. They play throughout the DC and Baltimore metro areas at the Black Cat, the Calvert House, and the Kennedy Center, and they are regular Thursday performers at UM's Mulligan's Grill. Find out more at www.cheektocheekjazz.com.

★ RHM's two **Hands-on-History Camps** may still have a few openings. Call asap.

- The first camp, "**Hands-on-History Days**" for ages 8-12, will run from 10 AM to 3 PM, M-F, **June 23rd to 27th**. The fee for Prince George's & Montgomery County residents is \$30/day or \$135 for all five days. Each day will feature a different theme -- from exploring light and color, to cooking on the open hearth.

- The second camp, "**Fairytale Days**" for ages 5-7, will run from 10 AM to NOON, M-Th, **June 30th to July 3rd**. The fee for Prince George's & Montgomery County residents is

\$15/day or \$55 for all four days. Each day will focus on a different fairytale that relates to the heritage of those who lived at Riversdale:

Monday - Flemish Fairies & Flowers
(Belgian & Dutch tales)

Tuesday - A Grimm Story
(German - Grimm Brothers)

Wednesday - The Calvert's Nursery
(American/Nursery rhymes)

Thursday - Kitchen Kabouters
(Open-hearth cooking)



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

LOST PET DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Barbara Wilson (301-779-4139). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.

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