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**TOWN MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL DATES**

SEP 3 - Labor Day

(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

**SEP 5 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the October issue, NOON**

SEP 10 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEP 17 - COUNCIL MEETING

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the 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 the Council Meetings are posted on the Town's website and on the Town Hall bulletin board the Friday before each Meeting.**

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

As summer ends and a new school year begins, let us offer **CONGRATULATIONS** and a very special **THANK YOU** to Sheridan Street resident **Jeff Bender**, who left University Park this summer to take a position as Chancellor of a new University campus near Dulles International Airport in northern Virginia. For many years, Jeff faithfully raised the American flag at the pole by the Town's Christmas Tree. He also created and maintained a pet

database for the Town to help reunite lost pets with their anxious families. Jeff will be missed sorely for his contributions to our Town and as a friend to many in University Park. We wish him the best and much success in his new endeavors.

On a personal note, I would like to thank **Joseph Robinson** of our Public Works Department for the assistance he proffered to my wife in early July. While walking to catch the Town Commuter Shuttle at Queens Chapel Road and Route 1, she tripped and fell very hard onto the ground. Mr. Robinson observed her fall while he was in the cab of his vehicle. Without hesitating, he stopped the truck and went to my wife's aid. He helped her get up and made sure that she did not need any further assistance. We only knew about his kindness by virtue of a call we received from a Town resident who had witnessed the incident and wanted to commend the gesture, although she did not know who the people were. Only later, after talking to my wife, was I able to identify who had assisted her, and then, only by her description of him. When I went to thank Joe the next morning, he was surprised at the fuss. His self-effacing kindness is the mark of a gracious human being and speaks volumes about the quality of the individuals who work for our Town. **THANK YOU**, Joe Robinson.

On another positive note, the **NEW TOWN HALL SERVER** is up and running. On September 15th, we will switch all our e-mail traffic onto the new server, making it far easier for residents to communicate with the Town Hall. Soon, one will be able to enjoy

other electronic services such as accessing online applications for permits. We also expect to expand the capabilities of our web site further, increasing the ability of community members to interact with it. Keep an eye on the UP NEWSLETTER where we will announce the new services and capabilities as they become available.

Finally, I am happy to report that we had the opportunity to present the Town's perspective at the Park and Planning board meeting on **THE LANDY PROPERTY**, July 26th. During a long, open, arduous but ultimately successful discussion with Marvin and Diane Blumberg (the developers), Susan Lareuse (the assigned Park and Planning staff officer), and Bill Gardiner (the Mayor of Hyattsville), we were able to win a number of concessions. The most important of these were: improved pedestrian entrance and exit routes for the property that would encourage use of the Metro system to commute (especially to and from work); the right to review and comment on all stormwater-management plan changes in a timely manner; and a further setback for the security fence to reduce its visibility.

All of the aforementioned individuals, as well as Suellen Ferguson (our Town Attorney), former Mayor John Brunner, and the attorneys and architects for Mr. Blumberg deserve our thanks for continuing with the negotiations, working through the process, and balancing the needs of both organizations in a civil, constructive, and clear manner. I am looking forward to working with all of these individuals as the project moves toward the formal adoption of the Planning Board resolution on September 5th and the District Council hearing in October/November. At both of these meetings, we will continue to argue for two more requirements: (1) initiating a shuttle bus service to the Metro station and (2) reducing the average number of parking spaces per apartment.

"I hope all of you have a safe and wonderful Labor Day weekend."

FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

School is now in full session. This summer was shorter for students and the quiet serenity that prevailed in Town during those lazy hazy days has disappeared quickly. Now, as more people walk about, as school buses drive through Town, as commuter traffic becomes heavier, and as the days slowly become shorter, it is crucial that we concentrate on staying safe. **Please be extra careful when driving, biking, walking and playing.** This year, University Park Elementary School has a new population of very young *pre-kindergarten* children who have ventured away from the security of their homes for the first time. It is our responsibility as a community to provide a safe environment where even the youngest students can learn, grow, and play.

Also this year, the roads adjacent to the elementary school will be even busier since the parking lot has less space due to the installation of yet another temporary classroom.

❖ **If you only are commuting through Town, please choose a route that avoids the school area in the morning.**

❖ **Please walk your children to school if you can.** School-day parking will be at a premium and driving will be hectic. If you must drive, always wear your seatbelt, stop for "Stop" signs, drive slowly, and watch for pedestrians and cyclists.

❖ **NOTE:** When dropping off students, drivers may no longer "park" and exit their vehicles in the drop-off lane to walk children to the door. If we all work together, we CAN make our school area a safer place.

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, e-dress, and a contact phone number. After doing so (by mail, e-mail or telephone), you will be added to the 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. Just call **1-866-559-8017** to be put on the call list or go on-line 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) and ask for a UP officer to respond - **Chief Mike Wynnnyk (301-277-0051 or upchief@upmd.org)**.

For emergencies, always dial 911.

The following crimes occurred in June and July 2007:

CRIME STATISTICS (June 1st to July 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Nov11-30	2006 Theft	4300 Sheridan
June 6th	B & E 1	6300 Q.C.Road
Jun 12th	Theft 1	6800 Pineway
Jun 18th	Theft 2	4300 Clagett
July 7-8	B & E (Garage)	6900 Pineway
Jul 12-13	Theft 3	4200 Sheridan
Jul 16-17	B & E 2	6500 Adelphi

2006 Theft - A resident advised that a box of blank checks had been ordered but not delivered. In June 2007, illegal checks were forged and used for purchases in Enola, Pennsylvania. Suspect's photo information has been obtained; suspect's ID has not been established. The investigation is ongoing.

B & E 1 - Between 6:30 AM-3:15 PM, suspect/s broke the glass in the kitchen door and gained entry to the home while the homeowner was away. Two laptop computers, some jewelry, and a GPS unit were stolen. The scene was processed and possible suspect/s were questioned. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft 1 - Between 7:45 AM and 1 PM, suspect/s stole an area rug from the rear porch. No suspect/s were located.

Theft 2 - At 4:57 PM, suspects in a minivan drove up next to an adult female who was exiting her vehicle and grabbed her shoulder bag. The bag contained a portable DVD player and assorted DVDs. The victim was not a UP resident and was there to pick up a relative who was employed at the residence. The bag was recovered later in the 4200 block of Tuckerman St. minus the contents. Investigation revealed that the vehicle used in the theft was registered in Pennsylvania and reported stolen on the same date in Washington D.C. No suspect/s were located.

B & E (Garage) - Between 10 PM and 11 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** garage and stole a Stihl chain saw, a red 5-gallon gas can, and a red tool box containing assorted hand tools. No suspect/s were located; the investigation is ongoing.

Theft 3 - Between 6:30 PM-7:45 AM, suspect/s broke the driver's side window of a 1996 Volvo and stole a "Leatherman" tool from the vehicle. No suspect/s were located.

B & E 2 - Between 10:30 PM and 11:30 AM, suspect/s broke the glass of a basement door and possibly entered the basement area. No items were stolen. A tenant recently had been evicted and possibly had returned to retrieve property. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in University Park should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential. PLEASE: Remember to keep all your serial numbers, and to ID all your valuable property.

NOTE TO RESIDENTS: Please call PEPCO to ensure that they have your current phone number. This is important during times when you are experiencing an electrical outage.

**CALL PEPCO NOW: 202-835-1007
NO ELECTRICITY? Call 1-877-737-2662**

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

The holiday trash pick-up schedule is as follows: **There will be NO trash collection on Monday, September 3rd** (Labor Day). Monday's collection will take place on Tuesday; Tuesday's collection will take place on Wednesday. There will be no change in the Thursday or Friday collection schedules.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

REMINDER: There will be no UP bus service on Labor Day, September 3rd.

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 may reserve pick-up times between 10 AM and 2 PM. Small groups also may use the bus for excursions. Please call the Town Office (301-927-4262) to schedule your weekday pick-up. **NOTE:** Bus reservations should be made one week in advance so the driver's schedule can be arranged accordingly. Also, destinations should be within 5 miles of University Park.

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



ITEMS TO REMEMBER

➔ **◆ NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CHANGE:** **ANY TIME** an outbuilding, a fence higher than 4 feet, or any structural work (such as an addition or deck) is being constructed -- even

if the work is a replacement -- the Town Building Permit application and the stamped County plans MUST be received at the Town Hall **no later than 10 days before a Council meeting.** There are **NO exceptions!**

◆ **TENNIS SEASON REMINDER:** Please make a note to get your **2007 tennis stickers** at the Town Hall now. These yearly stickers only cost 25 cents each, adhere to one's tennis racket, and allow UP residents priority access to the Town Courts.

◆ **HELP PREVENT CRIME:** Blue and white "**UP**" stickers are available **FREE** at the Town Hall with proof of residence and your car's registration. 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 an important part of our Neighborhood Watch program as **they enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Town Hall hours are M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM.

◆ **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. air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers).

◆ **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 day 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, **toters and bins must be placed out of view from the street** at the side or back of one's home.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 4th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Dudinsky, Fischer (who left at 9 PM), Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; and Chief Wynnyk.

Mayor Tabori spoke on the status of the **gypsy moth infestation in Town**. He said Prince George's County had withdrawn from the State Cooperative for gypsy moth suppression, and egg counts, that normally are taken in the fall, were not done in PG County. He proposed engaging a grad student (of UM gypsy moth expert Dr. Raupp) to conduct an egg count this fall, with a \$2000 stipend. The State of Maryland will assist in gypsy moth management if the egg count meets a certain level.

In an emergency session, the Mayor and Council approved having Bartlett Tree Service perform a spraying program on Town Park and street trees with the biocide Conserve. Also, homeowners will have the option of paying to have trees on private property sprayed. The

spraying should reduce the natural population between 80%-90% by reducing the reproductive population before egg masses can be deposited. Mayor Tabori said most oaks will survive a severe impact on leaf cover for one year, but will be in real trouble if the cycle of infestation and leaf cover damage continues. Unfortunately black crows, who are the natural enemy of the gypsy moth, have virtually disappeared due to the impact of the West Nile virus.

The Mayor discussed the five property development issues that will be affecting UP: **the Landy property** (34 acres off Belcrest Road between Northwestern High School and Toledo Terrace), **the Cafritz property** (35.8 acres between Route 1, Albion Street, the Postal Facility, and the train tracks), **Wachovia Bank** (SE corner of Route 1/E-W Highway intersection), **EYA Arts District** (along both sides of Route 1 in Hyattsville), and **UM East Campus** (38 acres along Route 1 between Fraternity Row and Paint Branch Parkway and bordered by the city of College Park). He observed that MD Park and Planning doesn't integrate the effects of multiple development proposals in a single geographical area; each is evaluated individually. This means aggregate effects of traffic or environmental impact are NOT assessed. Also, neither the State Highway Administration nor the School Board are considered County entities, so they are rarely, if ever, included in the planning process!

There was inquiry about the fence being constructed without a permit at 6706 Baltimore Avenue. The Mayor replied that a stop work order had been issued by the Town.

Under public comment, a Woodberry Street resident addressed several issues: (1) In light of the serious gypsy moth infestation, he was pleased the Town moved forward with a spraying program; (2) He expressed appreciation for the Mayor's letter explaining the Town Bus program, but felt the bus should be integrated into an overall transportation system with a fare or fee structure in place for residents who use the bus; (3) He feared the

Cafritz property development would bring absolute tragedy to the Town in terms of traffic impact and said the Mayor and Council had fought this development years ago when the plan put an exit directly opposite Van Buren Street; (4) He also expressed concerns about "edge decay," whereby properties located on the Route 1 and E-W Highway portions of UP become very undesirable; and (5) He thanked the Council for taking the time and effort to support the Town's interests in the Cafritz development discussions.

CM Lucas went on record to say that he opposed the Cafritz property opening a road opposite Van Buren Street and did not want to see a "Cafritz 500" raceway running through UP as drivers looked for shortcuts around Route 1 and E-W Highway. He said the #1 issue expressed by almost 100 people who attended the June 2nd meeting was the Route 1 traffic situation.

Chief Wynnyk reported that the red light camera was now in operation. (Ed.Note: **The red light camera is at the southbound Route 1/ East-West Highway intersection**. The sign to alert drivers of the camera has been posted at the Route 1/Wells Parkway intersection for about six months. It is still in a warning phase now and the exact date that it will begin issuing tickets is not known.) The Chief also said he had attended a recent National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) conference to discuss major evacuation plans for the Washington, DC area.

Three building applications were passed unanimously to: (1) **construct a 12'x13' addition at 6409 Queens Chapel Road** (with the condition that the Town has one day to verify the lot coverage calculations before issuing the permit. *If a dumpster is required, either placement must be on the resident's property or a Town permit must be obtained to put the dumpster on a Town street.*); and to (2) **replace a concrete driveway and a 2'-5' stone block retaining wall at 6400 Queens Chapel Road** (*The homeowner expressed sincere apologies for having begun the work*

before the permit was granted and agreed to bring to the Town Hall copies of the County permits for the concrete footers.); and (3) **construct a 19.5'x17.75' addition and a 16'x3' porch at 4305 Clagett Road**. (*If a dumpster is required, either placement must be on the resident's property or a Town permit must be obtained to put the dumpster on a Town street. The Town Engineer will inspect the draining system that is put in place.*)

A building application was passed (with Lucas and McPherson opposed) to **install a non-conforming solid board non-conforming 6' fence at 4339 Clagett Road**. The variance was granted on the condition that restrictions 1-5 be included in any permit granted: (1 - *The project does not adversely affect the public health, safety, welfare, or interest, nor the reasonable use of adjoining properties;* 2 - *It will not violate any covenants applicable to the property;* 3 - *It can be granted without substantial impairment of the purpose and intent of the Town building regulations;* 4 - *It will not interfere or unduly obstruct visibility of motorists or cyclists;* and 5 - *It will not unduly impede the enforcement of any other applicable law. The reasons for installing the 130' long, 6' high fence made from pressure treated pine wood were because the owners' use and enjoyment of their property had been affected by two recent developments. Hemlock trees that previously acted as a natural screen between their and the adjacent property had died due to infestations of pests, despite appropriate treatments from a tree service, and the next-door neighbors recently installed a new patio, without obtaining Town permits, which comes to the edge of their property line. The owners will plant trees and shrubbery to naturalize the end of the fence line, and have offered to install two trees, at their expense, on their neighbors' property.*) The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

***'You cannot shake hands
With a clenched fist.'***

Indira Gandhi

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 18th COUNCIL MEETING

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

CM Carpenter revisited the 6-foot fence height regulations and noted that there had been plans for former CM Jackson and him to work on ways to amend the regulations so that rulings against 6-foot high fences could be upheld more effectively. He then expressed an interest in reviving the Fence Regulations Committee, whereupon CMs Lucas and Winton offered to serve on the committee as well.

Mayor Tabori reported that Bartlett was very responsive in their service, spraying over 1200 trees in just one week to help control the gypsy moth infestation. However, he was negotiating with the company because the bill had come in over the \$12,000 ceiling set for the work. He attributed the over-run to an undercount of the number of white oaks on Town property. He added that Bartlett's services probably protected at least twenty of our larger trees from damage serious enough to kill them, which certainly was worthwhile when you calculate the cost of \$3000 per tree for its removal if it fails to thrive.

The Mayor also added that both Doctor Raupp of the UM and certified arborist Mr. Chris Larkin **recommended watering affected trees heavily to help them recover from leaf damage and from the drought conditions we're experiencing currently.**

Unfortunately, about 50% of the Town cannot be sprayed aurally due to chemical sensitivities of residents. Next year, the treatment will need to begin earlier, and that will allow the use of more benign chemicals.

Mayor Tabori announced that new mulch had been delivered and installed at the Tot Lot by the Public Works staff. Watering of the Town Field has begun; unfortunately,

WSSC's fees this year have increased from \$1000 to \$1500. He said he had been playing soccer on the Field on Saturdays, and he is optimistic that following a plan of replacing dirt and seeding in low spots will work to improve the overall condition of the Field. A small contract will be let to reset the soccer goal posts to a vertical position and to set the goal post holders correctly; currently, they are a hazard to the players.

Chief Wynnyk reported that a lightning strike on June 14th damaged his PC in the Town Hall and he had not recovered full access to his files and e-mail messages. On a happier note, he said that he and Mayor Tabori had been pleased to attend UP Girl Scout Troop 2786's award ceremony to recognize the three graduating Senior Scouts who had earned their Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Chief Wynnyk said that in May, there had been 232 State Citations, 17 Warnings, 4 Parking Citations, and no Parking Warnings.

Four consent agenda applications were approved unanimously to: (1) **install a fence at 4007 Underwood Street**; (2) **replace a fence at 6701 44th Avenue**; (3) **replace steps and a retaining wall at 6501 Queens Chapel Road**; and (4) **replace steps at 6506 41st Avenue**.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve a budget transfer of \$8,000 from B-4 (Tree Replacement) and \$8,000 from S-5 (Street Tree Replacement), both to B-5 (Upkeep of Park) for necessary repairs to three Town foot bridges. The repairs (deemed necessary by the Town's insurance provider after a recent infrastructure review) include installing a more child-safe railing that is fastened securely and removing tripping hazards from deteriorated concrete. The Mayor is negotiating a bid received from Long Fence.

Two building permit applications were approved unanimously to: (1) **replace a garage floor and bring it up to grade with the alley, and replace garage doors with a single**

electronic garage door at 6907 Oakridge Road (If a dumpster is required, either placement must be on the resident's property or a Town permit must be obtained to put the dumpster on a Town street.); and (2) **remove a 4'x5' stoop and replace it with a 12'x21' screened-in back porch at 4425 Underwood Street (Dumpsters must be placed on the resident's property, or a Town permit must be obtained to place the dumpster on a Town street.).**

A motion was approved unanimously to hold an emergency meeting at the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on June 19th to approve or disapprove an application to **install a non-conforming fence at 4310 Clagett Road**. (Because the permit application, which had been submitted properly to the Town Hall with a cash payment, failed to be included on the June 18th agenda, the Mayor and Council decided to include it on an agenda which would be published on the morning of June 19th and then vote on it at a special meeting they would hold the evening of June 19th. Motions may not be placed on the agenda and voted on during the same meeting. This was done to avoid a delay of several weeks, until the next Council meeting in July, which could impose a hardship on the homeowners.

Mayor Tabori discussed the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 Environmental monitoring Project. He emphasized the critical importance of monitoring our Stream quality now, to establish a baseline of measurements before development of the Landy property begins. CM Lucas said a new bill was before the State legislature that addresses stormwater management.

Concerning the Landy property, Mayor Tabori proposed that UP advocate for both a green roof and environmental mitigation, since it would impact our Town Stream. The developer is proposing an either/or solution.

This development presents significant negatives. It will be rental units, which means families with children, which will have a tremendous negative impact on the local schools' infrastructure. (UPES is 28% over

capacity; and Northwestern, Hyattsville Middle School, and newly-constructed Rosa Parks Elementary are all over capacity.) There is no dialog between the Planning Board and the School Board, and the Landy developers relied on a 2001 staffing report which has erroneous numbers that were neither discussed or resolved. **Although the Landy property will pay school impact fees, the School Board can opt to use those fees anywhere in the County; they do not have to use them to build or expand school facilities in the immediate area of the development! Also, the impact fees are a one-time payment; on-going maintenance and personnel costs are borne by the municipalities indefinitely.** (NOTE: State Delegate Justin Ross has submitted a bill to allow the affected municipalities to retain 50% of the impact fees.

The proposed development includes a 16-story tower which is too tall for this area. Very tall buildings require specialized fire-fighting ladder trucks and pumper engines which are not in the current inventory of our responding fire stations. And, the Landy property will not even pay public safety fees because they grandfathered in the project. **The number of proposed parking spots per proposed apartment units is too high.** The effect on traffic on Belcrest Road could be complete and total gridlock.

Concerning the Cafritz property, Mayor Tabori discussed its potential impact on our University Park Police Department. If/when both the Landy and Cafritz properties are built, the Town will need one or two additional officers to sustain our current coverage and services. This is because of the amount of time an officer must spend at the receiving jail delivering an arrested suspect and/or testifying in court -- eroding the time our officers are available to cover the Town. There is a groundswell of awareness and activism being raised to multi-levels of elected officials from residents of College Park and Riverdale Park as well as here in University Park. Check the website www.route1growth.com to keep up to date on all the traffic and development issues. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 2nd COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; and Chief Wynnyk.

The following guests addressed the Council and/or responded to residents' questions about the Landy property development: Mr. Marvin Blumberg (developer); Ms. Megan Bramble (of the law firm Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan & Silver LLC); and Mr. Tim Madden (of Morris Richie & Associates).

Ms. Bramble informed the Council that the Landy property included 34 acres bordered by Northwestern High School, Toledo Terrace Road, and Belcrest Road. The original 2001 plan was a single facade composed on monolithic towers. It was redesigned to feature two groups of buildings, each with a 7-story base supporting a green roof and several 16-story towers that would be 168' high, comparable to the height of the University Town Center.

As the market changes, the properties will be converted to condominiums. Because concern is being expressed about the project's impact on traffic and schools, Mr. Blumberg is willing to restrict 1/3 of the units to active adult residents (ages 55+ and no residents under 18). As to where children would attend school, the property is bisected by the Town of Hyattsville and PG County property. A "Development Agreement" was mentioned as a means of retaining and applying impact fee monies to schools in affected areas.

Mr. Madden, a registered landscape architect, explained the "wrap structure" of the building and said the majority of exterior surfaces would be glass. The stormwater management plans include having half the site drain into the Belcrest watershed (which continues through UP) and half drain into the Northwest Branch. A storm management basin would retain, filter, aerate, and control the peak flow into the surrounding watershed.

Controlling the peak flow is important to reduce erosion. Truck wash-out will be handled on-site to prevent concrete and other materials from flowing into the street drains. Also, very little dirt will need to be removed from the site. Construction could begin in the fall of 2008 and would take 5-8 years.

The developer has relied on the County to handle traffic issues through the TDOZ. Mayor Tabori stressed that the County had significantly underestimated the traffic impact, and that neither the State Highway Administration nor the PG School Board have any systems knowledge of the Landy development -- which means **there are NO plans or preparations underway to manage or mitigate any traffic or school headcount impacts**.

A motion was approved unanimously for the Mayor to issue a letter to the PG Planning Board in support of the continuance request of the Planning Board hearing, to allow time for community review of the Technical Staff Report. This ended the Landy presentation.

Chief Wynnyk announced that the UPPD was preparing to surplus police car #173, as the replacement vehicle would be delivered in a few days. He **recommended** that, instead of selling the vehicle at auction, **the Council donate the car to the Colmar Manor Police Department**. Colmar Manor was one of the municipalities that rendered aid and assistance to UP after the July 4th storm in 2006.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the donation of surplus police car #173 to the Colmar Manor Police Department.

Two building permits were approved unanimously to: (1) **install a conforming 4-foot wooden stockade fence and two concrete retaining walls at 6706 Baltimore Avenue** (*The permit was granted on the condition that: (1) the back line of the fence be moved uphill approximately two feet off the embankment; (2) the final plans for the retaining walls be inspected by the Town Engineer with no work to begin before the inspection; and (3) the*

embankment be stabilized by planting perennial plants. Plantings must be shown on the final plan, and if a dumpster is required, it only may be placed on resident's property.); and (2) construct a 20.3'x24.9' one-story addition, a 6.9'x10.5' mud room, a 10.5'x6.8' open porch, and a 13.7'x9.6' screened porch at 6714 Queens Chapel Road (Dumpsters must be placed on the resident's property, or a Town permit must be obtained to place the dumpster on a Town street.).

Zoning Variance Appeal V-92-07 was approved unanimously to **allow for a variance of one foot side-yard width, seven-foot rear yard depth/width, and a 5% net lot coverage to construct a sun room and covered patio at 4416 Van Buren Street**. (Dumpsters must be placed on the resident's property, or a Town permit must be obtained to place the dumpster on a Town street.)

Because the application had not been added to the agenda for the July 2nd Council meeting, a motion was approved unanimously to hold a special meeting of the Council to review and vote on the application to **install a retaining wall of 24" or less in height at 6701 44th Avenue**. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 3rd. The Council Work Session adjourned at 9:30 PM.



PG PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Prince George's County public schools will be closed for students (and workers*) on:

September 3rd - Labor Day holiday *

September 13th - Rosh Hashanah and
Ramadan *

September 21st - Professional Day

September 22nd - Yom Kippur *

**"A sense of curiosity is nature's
original school of education."**

~ Dr. Smiley Blanton

UP YOUTH IS PEACE AMBASSADOR

Montana Monardes of 41st Avenue, a 6th grader at Friends Community School, was chosen as a delegate to an international peace camp in Mexico this summer. Children's International Summer Villages (CISV) sends delegations of two boys and two girls (all 11 years old) from 12 countries (Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Norway, The Netherlands, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, and the United States) to spend four weeks learning about each other's cultures and engaging in peace-making activities. Montana was chosen to represent the US through CISV's DC Chapter. Montana and his parents filled out separate applications (which included essays) and sat for several interviews before he was chosen. He left home on July 5th and returned on August 2nd. His younger sister **Milan** missed him almost as much as his proud parents, **Carla and Noel Monardes**.

Montana is an active young man who loves to perform (and might like to be an actor on Broadway). He has sung at weddings and is beginning his fourth year with the Maryland Boy Choir. Both he and his sister have just begun rehearsing for the musical "*Carousel*" with the Goddard Space Flight Center theatre group. Montana also played on a baseball team this spring and swam with the Adelphi Dolphins swim team this summer. Recently, the four DC peace delegates got together with their families to share stories about their trip. Next month, there will be a debriefing for all the children who participated through CISV's DC Chapter. Below are excerpts from a report Montana wrote about his trip:

My Mexico Trip ~ Montana Mcneil Monardes

"I really enjoyed Mexico. I'm already missing the kids from camp. There were 48 kids. We were there for 4 weeks and stayed with two host families. One after we got off the plane and the other half way through the camp. Both were weekend visits. The host families were really nice. The first family took us water skiing, to a Mexican restaurant, and to caves. They had a really big house and

made me feel really welcome. The second family took me to the new "Harry Potter" movie and the next day took us on a tour bus sight seeing in Mexico City. I saw a really amazing church where the walls were coated with paintings and they were carved with a thin layer of gold. It was just incredible.

"At camp we played a lot of fun games where we all had to work together. We also went to the pyramids and this really cool place called Kid City. There you can work and drive. It looks exactly like being outside but it's not and Kids Rule! We went on a safari at a Mexican zoo. They gave us paper cups filled with food to feed the animals. We were in for a surprise! The animals came really close to us and stole a couple peoples' cups. It was really fun! One camel was following beside us for a while and all of a sudden jumped up at me and gobbled down all the food I had including my cup. The driver had to speed up so the camel wouldn't get us. We finally ended the safari and I have to admit it was pretty funny. I think Mexico was a life changing experience that I will never forget!"



OBITUARIES

SOPHIA K. HOLLINGSWORTH, 92, died of an arterial blockage on June 7, 2007 at Holy Cross Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Burtonsville. She had been a resident of Sheridan Street since 1946.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was born in Lowell, Massachusetts and came to Washington, DC as a girl. She graduated from (the former) Business High School and from 1931-1946, was secretary to the president of the (now-defunct) Second National Bank of Washington.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was known for her gorgeous azaleas, and for thirty years, her garden was a treasured highlight on the UP Woman's Club's annual Garden Tour. Always wearing a friendly smile, Sophie was an avid and gracious member of the University Park Woman's Club, serving on a variety of

committees and as president from 1963-65. She also was a member of the Paint Branch Garden Club, and had been recognized for her efforts to beautify Prince George's County.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Donald R. Hollingsworth, who died in 1995. Survivors include her sons Douglas Hollingsworth of Bangor, Maine, and Greg Hollingsworth of Charleston, South Carolina; her sister Mabel Karydakis of Avondale, Maryland; and five grandchildren.

MERNA FOSS PELCZAR, 92, died on June 20, 2007 of complications from chronic rheumatoid arthritis, at her home in Chester, Maryland on Kent Island.

Mrs. Pelczar was a native of La Porte City, Iowa. She received a teaching degree in 1936 from Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa). In 1940, she graduated from the University of Iowa Nursing School and worked as a registered nurse for a short time at the University's hospital.

Mrs. Pelczar married Michael J. Pelczar, Jr. in 1941 and left her native Iowa to live in the Washington, DC area, in University Park. She was a long-time resident. Having trained as a nurse, she was able to assist her husband, a microbiology professor, with several of his textbooks. Mrs. Pelczar was a former president of the UM Campus Club, a women's education, social, and service group. As the perfect campus hostess, from 1966-1978, she accompanied and assisted her husband when he attended conferences abroad on behalf of his position with the University of Maryland. She also served as the official photographer when attending national Council of Graduate Schools meetings with her husband. In 1984, Mrs. Pelczar moved from University Park with her husband to live in Chester on the Eastern Shore, where they enjoyed raising squab.

Besides her husband, survivors include her six children: Ann Markie of Denton, MD; Patricia Haddad of Edina, Minnesota; Michael R. Pelczar of Chestertown, MD; Rita Pelczar of

Chesapeake Beach, MD; Josephine Clark of Betterton, MD; and Julia Swartz of Owings, MD; two sisters; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

BROOKE GRAYSON O'KANE, SR., 71, died peacefully at his home on August 12, 2007. He was a long-time resident of University Park, having moved there in 1963. Mr. O'Kane grew up in Laurel, Maryland. After attending Laurel High School, he entered the United States Army. Unfortunately, he left the Army as a disabled veteran.

He was a friend to many in University Park, partly because he always had worked in the community where he lived. For 25 years, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a faithful and loyal letter carrier on routes in University Park. He followed this position with his always-dependable service to residents of University Park when he delivered the Washington Post newspaper for 13 years. At the same time, he devoted 10 years working at Friendship Arms, a home for seniors in Hyattsville. Brooke O'Kane was a man who gave of his time freely, sharing his love of books (especially "How to Win Friends and Influence People"), making frames and signs to amuse his family, and enjoying living a generous and enriching spiritual life.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, James Bruce O'Kane, in 1965, and by his older daughter, Mary Lois O'Kane Howard, in 2006.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Estelle A. O'Kane of University Park; his children: Brooke Grayson O'Kane, Jr. (and Amy) of Owings, MD; Sharon O'Kane Johnston (and James) of Mt. Airy, MD; and David Kirkpatrick O'Kane (and Kim) of Summerville, SC; 14 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

A memorial to his life is being planned for a later date. Remembrances may be made to the Riverdale Fire Department, 4714 Queensbury Road, Riverdale, MD 20737, whose members assisted so compassionately during a sad time, or to your favorite charity.

CONGRATULATIONS

◆ To Van Buren Street resident **Martin Lampe** who was elected the board president for The Arc of Prince George's County. The Arc is the nation's largest voluntary organization committed to the welfare of children and adults with mental retardation and their families. Martin is a senior scientist at the Naval Research Laboratory.

◆ To **Dale and Sonja Lynn**, residents of Baltimore Avenue for sixteen years, who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 28th. The family's good news continues with each of their children.

Their daughter **Andrea Lynn** graduated from Stone Ridge School, Suitland School for the Visual and Performing Arts, and from the University of Maryland in 2001. Andrea now lives in Columbia and works as a Senior Loan Officer for a Greenbelt mortgage company.

All three of their sons graduated from UP Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Eldest son **Samuel G. Lynn**, a University of Maryland graduate, recently graduated from the Catholic University of America Law School. He and his wife of five years, Monika, are excited to be expecting their first child at the end of September. They currently reside in Germantown.

Zachary Lynn, also a University of Maryland graduate, recently moved to Charlotte, North Carolina to begin a career with the Bank of America.

Youngest son **Alex Lynn** is a Marine reservist and a student at Georgia Tech. He just returned from a 6-month tour of duty in Iraq and now is attending summer school at Georgia Tech, majoring in Nuclear Engineering.

◆ To former Clagett Road resident **Elizabeth (Beth) Tossell** who just graduated from Harvard Law School in June with a J.D. degree. Beth was awarded a two-year fellow-

ship by Equal Justice Works, and will begin her career by working at the Childrens' Law Center in Washington, D.C. She also received a Skirnick Public Interest Fellowship, awarded to graduating Harvard Law School students who have demonstrated the potential to become outstanding public interest lawyers, and who will be working in qualifying practice settings. Beth was a graduate of University Park Elementary School in 1992, Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1998, and Yale University in 2002. She is the daughter of **Julia and Jack Tossell** of Clagett Road.

❖ To Holly Hill Road resident **Luis William Dominguez** who recently received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Dartmouth College. His proud parents are **Connie Belfiore and John Dominguez**, also of Holly Hill Road.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

TEMPORARY PART-TIME POSITION: AM SHUTTLE & SENIOR TRANSPORT

The Town of University Park wishes to hire a temporary driver for the AM METRO Shuttle and Senior/Handicapped Transit Service that runs Monday-Friday. The hours are from 5:45-9:45 AM daily for the METRO Shuttle service as well as random hours/days from 9:45 AM-3 PM, as determined by the individual seniors' sign-up schedule. For more information concerning salary, benefits, and qualifications, please call the Town Hall (301-927-4262). The Town would like to hire a UP resident for this position.

❖ **The UP Civic Association wishes to recognize the following residents** who helped to make their 2007 Fourth-of-July celebration memorable: **Mary Crane** of Queens Chapel

Road, **Mike & Carol Cron, Chris & Kristi Ekman, and Karen Horn** of Underwood Street, **Megan Hurley** of Clagett Road, **Ray & Susana Limon** of Beechwood Road, **Rob & Michelle Martin** of Wells Parkway, and **Julie McLaren** of 41st Avenue.

NEW TOWN POSITION TO BE FILLED: PWD DIRECTOR/PROJECT MANAGER

The Town of University Park wishes to hire a Director for the UP Public Works Department. This individual will be responsible for managing all functions that are related to Public Works as well as all Town infrastructure projects. He/she will report directly to the Mayor. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, or equivalent work experience; plus experience in public works management, project management, and in leading small teams of individuals. Applicant must be willing to attend Council meetings and must have knowledge of municipal budgeting processes. He/she also must be willing to provide three references and undergo a criminal background check. A full job description, including salary range and benefits, and an application package is available at the Town Hall. If you have questions, please contact the Town Hall (301-927-4262 or townhall@upmd.org).

❖ The UPCCC would like all residents to mark their calendars for the Fall/Winter Sale of the **University Park Children's Clothing Co-op** that has been planned for Saturday, October 13th from 10 AM to 12 NOON at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The Co-op is **seeking residents interested in selling their children's items** who would like to participate as a substitute sellers. The Co-op also is **looking for individuals to serve as cashiers on Saturday morning** in exchange for shopping

privileges during the members-only shopping time on Friday, October 12th from 4-6 PM. Please contact Kimberly Nugent asap for more information about either opportunity (301-779-1149 or kimberlynugent@gmail.com).



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

❖ Every Saturday through November 18th from **7 AM to Noon**, the **College Park Farmers Market** is held in the Linson Pool parking lot on Paint Branch Parkway. Shop for fresh vegetables, fruit, plants, and more.

❖ The **Takoma Park Farmers Market** is located along the 6900 block of Laurel Avenue. For the 27th year, this **producers-only market** only offers **produce grown locally** within a 125-mile radius. It is open year round every **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM**. To see what currently is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.

❖ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is a **producers-only market** located on Queensbury Road adjacent to the MARC Station. For the 10th year, shoppers can purchase fresh berries, fruits, veggies, nuts, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, baked goods, herbs, and crafts! Visit www.riverdaleparkbiz.com for details. Shop every **Thursday** from **3 to 7 PM** through November 16th (only from 3 to 6 PM during November).

❖ The **Hyattsville Farmers Market**, located in the parking lot behind the Queens Chapel Town Center at the intersection of Queens Chapel Road and Hamilton Street, is held each **Tuesday** from **2 to 6 PM** through October. It is a **producers-only market** that offers the freshest fruits and vegetables from the same friendly vendors that sell what they grow and pick most of it that very morning.

"Autumn is the Spring of Winter."

Henri de Toulouse Lautrec

TWO ENTICING UM EXHIBITS

❖ This fall, the University of Maryland will be celebrating the **50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S GAME**. Do you remember that famous October afternoon when Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip visited Byrd Stadium and saw the Terrapins defeat the Tar Heels in a huge upset? A special exhibit will commemorate this landmark event in UM history with highlights of the game and the Queen's subsequent visit to the Giant grocery store in Queenstown. These memories will be on display in the Hornbake Library from **September 1st to December 21st, 2007**. Visit <http://www.lib.umd.edu/univarchives/Queen/index.html> for more details.

❖ **MYSTERIOUS MARYLAND: The Strange and Supernatural On Campus and Beyond,** can be viewed in the Maryland Room Gallery of Hornbake Library from **September 5th to December 20th, 2007**. See the most mysterious, haunting, and macabre legends in the history of the University of Maryland and surrounding areas. Learn more about College Park's most compelling unsolved mysteries and see such fascinating items as cryptic turn-of-the-century yearbook illustrations, eerie theater ephemera, even a coffin owned by a renowned author! Then, share your stories! The curators are eager to hear your tales of hauntings and mysterious sightings on campus or near your College Park neighborhood. Just visit <http://www.lib.umd.edu/blogs/mystery/> or contact Jennie (levjen@umd.edu or 301-314-2712)...don't you have a Goatman story?



SOARING INTO SEPTEMBER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer movies for kids and adults, a photo exhibit, a trains-and-planes display, fun for Scouts, and a Spanish language tour. The museum is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult when visiting the museum or participating in programs. For information

call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765, or visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

❖ **Trains and Planes!** - Once again, it's "All aboard!" for the National Capital Trackers Labor Day display at the College Park Aviation Museum. From 10 AM-5 PM on **September 1st -September 3rd**, enthusiasts from this local O-gauge model train club will be returning to CPAM to display and run their remarkably-detailed model railroad layout in the Museum's main gallery.

❖ **Hollywood Flyers** - Spend a Sunday afternoon at the movies! The CPAM's famous films series features blockbusters, classics, and documentaries, all with a theme about flight. On **September 2nd**, the show will be "Fighter Pilot Operation Red Flag" (Produced by IMAX). Get in the cockpit with the world's best pilots and witness their most challenging flying. Follow a young pilot as he makes his way through the world's most intense, simulated air-war training event - where pilots, ground crews, mechanics, and rescue personnel are taken to the limits of their endurance. The show begins at 2 PM; lemonade, popcorn, and the movie are included in the regular price of admission! On October 7th, the movie will be "*Five Weeks in a Balloon.*"

❖ **Spanish Language Tours** are held the second Saturday of every month at 11 AM. Plan a tour of the Museum's gallery with a Spanish-speaking guide. The next one will be held on **September 8th**.

❖ **Scout Wings Program** - On Saturday, **September 15th** from NOON to 4 PM, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels are invited to explore the history of aviation and the science of flight through a variety of fun and educational activities. Get badge requirements fulfilled. Please call for more details; pre-registration is required and there is a \$4 admission fee for all participants.

❖ **Family Movie Series** - On public school holidays, everyone is invited to enjoy a CPAM family movie complete with popcorn

and lemonade. Movies begin at 1 PM and are included in the regular Museum admission. On **September 21st**, the show will be "X-Men III: The Last Stand" rated PG-13 (intense fantasy violence, mild language/sexual content). Plot: The mutants are on the verge of extinction when a cure is discovered for mutation. This scientific breakthrough complicates and intensifies the physical and ideological battle between the integration-friendly X-Men and the human-hating mutants. Mark your calendars because next month, there will be two movies: "*Rocketman*" on October 18th and "*Bedknobs and Broomsticks*" on October 19th.

❖ **Triumph, Tragedy, and Taking Flight: The College Park Photographs of Charles MacCartee**- This priceless, memorable exhibit has been extended through Sunday, **March 31, 2008**. Come and view the soaring successes, grim disasters, camaraderie, and courage that photographer Charles MacCartee captured of the dramatic early years at the College Park Airport. MacCartee's camera has saved forever the stories of Hap Arnold, Paul Peck, Arthur Welsh, and many other pioneers who adventured into the sky.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS IN GREENBELT

❖ Since it began in 1955, the **GREENBELT LABOR DAY FESTIVAL** has become one of the oldest and largest Labor Day festivals in our East Coast area! Shuttles are available from Eleanor Roosevelt High School to save finding a parking space. The 4-day festival (August 31st to September 3rd, 9 AM-10 PM) includes all the traditional events you could want: "Miss Greenbelt" contests, a huge Labor Day parade, bands and entertainment, carnival rides, information booths, hometown games and contests, exhibits, and all kinds of food. For the full daily schedule of events, visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday/

❖ The Greenbelt Museum has opened a new exhibit, "**Sublime on a Dime: Fashions from the Great Depression to World War II.**" This **FREE EXHIBIT EXPLORES FASHION** as

interpreted by the women who lived in Greenbelt, from the mid-1930s to the war's end in 1945. See how women adapted their existing clothing with one eye on practicality and the other on current fashions to create a unique style all their own.

Various sections of the exhibit will focus on **home sewing**, Hollywood's influence, accessories & ensembles, **WWII and rationing**, **leisurewear**, and children's clothes. Artifacts and historic photographs help to illustrate women's efforts to dress not only frugally but fashionably. Exhibit hours are Monday-Saturday from 9 AM-9 PM and Sundays from 9 AM-7 PM in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. (Ed. Note: If you view the exhibit on a Sunday, plan also to **tour Greenbelt's unique historically-renovated "1930s Home"** at 10-B Crescent, open Sundays from 1-5 PM).

❖ The Greenbelt Museum sponsors a **FREE BI-MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES** that explores different historical aspects of the Great Depression-World War II era. Save November 20th for the lecture on the "Sublime on a Dime" exhibit.

This month's lecture, "**Cooperatives in America**," will be presented at 7:30 PM on **September 18th** in the Greenbelt Community Center (Room 201). The speaker will be Greenbelt City Council Member Leta Mach, former Director of Communications and Cooperative Education for the National Cooperative Business Association. Cooperatives are businesses owned and controlled by the people who use and benefit from their services; the first successful US cooperative was formed by Benjamin Franklin! In city of Greenbelt, cooperatives provide financial services, housing, food, news, and education. **Explore the history of cooperatives and the proven principles that make them successful.** For more information, contact museum@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-507-6582.



SEPTEMBER FUN AT CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange** "Connecting People through Arts Experiences" (**CPAE**) events are free and held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue) unless otherwise noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for special activities, please contact 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org; or, you may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

❖ The **College Park Youth Choir** will begin their fall semester with an **Open House** on Tuesday, **September 4th** from 6:30-8:30 PM. Sponsored by CPAE, students ages 6-12 work with high-energy director Christopher Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills. The choir rehearses Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and has several performances throughout the year. Fees for the semester are \$75 per child. If your young singer is interested in joining this fun and educational experience, please come to the Parish House to sing and learn more about the choir. Contact CPAE for more information or to register.

❖ **AHA! Kids: Take it Apart Day** - On Sunday, **September 9th** from 3-4 PM, join local children's science writer Amy Hansen for a crazy fun hour of demolishing objects to see what makes them tick -- ideal for ages 3 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This activity will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4512 College Avenue, CP). **Registration is necessary** as space is limited. Ms. Hansen is the author of the book, "How Things Work," part of the "Time For Learning" series. Enjoy more high-quality monthly AHA! Kids events offered the second Sunday of each month at 3 PM.

➔ ❖ On Friday, **September 14th** at 7:30 PM, the Cultural Connections will present **Maryland Poet Laureate (2001-04) Michael Collier** who will read and discuss the craft and life of a poet. In addition to teaching at the University of Maryland and directing the well-known Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Mr. Collier is the author of "The Clasp and

Other Poems," "The Folded Heart," and "The Neighbor." Cultural Connections offers free lectures and performances focused on culturally exploring music, art, history, and literature the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

❖ **The College Park Youth Orchestra** will have its first meeting of the 2007-08 season on Sunday, **September 16th** from 3 to 6 PM. Young string players who are interested in developing their ensemble and sight-reading skills should inquire about registering with the orchestra, now starting its third year under the direction of conductor Ken Whitley. Students rehearse twice monthly culminating with concerts at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The yearly fee is \$275 per child. Contact CPAE for more information or to register.

❖ Looking for a hands-on art program for your child? Help instructor Aaron Springer make art from "**This, That and the Other Thing: Art Made From Odds & Ends!**" At the FREE Children's Arts Drop-in program on Sunday, **September 23rd** from 2-4 PM, instructor Aaron Springer will lead an imaginative and creative free-form art afternoon for children and parents to enjoy together. This program is ideal for ages 3-8. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

❖ A **Family Fun Fest** will be held on Saturday, **September 29th** from 11 AM-3 PM at Duvall Field on Rhode Island Avenue. Come and enjoy a magic show, balloon animals, a moon bounce, pony rides, games & prizes, and musical performances. CPAE will sponsor and arts and crafts table. Food & drinks will be sold along with free popcorn & cotton candy!

❖ On October 12th and 13th, Julie Geschwind will lead an Arts Workshop on Making Mali Mudcloths. After the introductory lecture on Friday at 7:30 PM, you'll be prepared to try the process and make your own mudcloth from 11 AM – 3 PM on Saturday. Recently, African Mudcloth has had a big impact in the world of fashion and textiles. You'll make new friends as you learn new art skills in CPAE's hands-on arts workshops. **All participants must be pre-**

registered and pre-paid by October 1st. Send your check for \$15 to CPAE, PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740. [Ed.Note. **Try your hand at making a paper mud cloth** by going to: www.mnh.si.edu/africanvoices/mudcloth/index_flash.html and clicking on "Make Your Own Bogolanfani;" then go make the real thing!]



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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

Sir Richard Steele

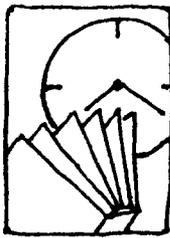
❖ During September, the **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) will introduce its newly-reformatted evening group, and will continue to offer its chess club meetings and morning book discussion group.

◆ The Dialogues discussion group has been replaced with a new evening program called **READERS' CIRCLE**. This monthly group still will center around a theme, but participants are asked just to contribute ideas from their own reading sources (books, articles, or blogs). Two books focused on the theme always will be suggested, but as optional readings. **FAME** is the theme for **September 6th**; optional readings are "**Fame Junkies**" by Jake Halpern and/or "**The Importance of Being Famous**" by Maureen Orth. The group will meet on the first or second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. "Happiness" will be the theme for October 11th; and the optional readings are *It's All in Your Head* by Stephen Pollan and *Do you!* by Russell Simmons.

◆ For all ages/levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**September 13th & 27th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

◆ The Morning Book Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. At their **September 19th** meeting, they will be discussing "**The Book of Daniel**" by E.L. Doctorow. The selection for their October 17th meeting will be "*Welcome to Higby*" by Mark Dunn.

◆ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - will begin their 2007-2008 Club year on **September 18th** at 8 PM to discuss **"White Teeth"** by Zadie Smith. Call Sarah Starrett (301-699-8112) to attend. The selection for their October 16th meeting will be *"Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World"* by Mark Kurlansky.



◆ ~Another great Book Group option! The **College Park Arts Exchange** (301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org) began sponsoring a Book Club in 2006-07. That season the club concentrated on Science Fiction books. For their 2007-08 season, the club will focus on **Non-Fiction by Women!** On Friday, **September 28th** from 7:30- 9 PM at the Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth in College Park), they will kick off with a discussion of Ruth Reichl's **"Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise."** The Club will be led by volunteer Krista Park. Please contact CPAE for more information. For their October 19th meeting, read *"Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic"* by Alison Bechdel. This is an autobiographical graphic novel.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

◆ The **UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center** (CSPAC) offers a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For more information, reservations, or the catalog for the new 2007-2008 season, visit the website www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405-2787.

◆ **"Kronos Quartet: Awakening"** on **September 7th** at 8 PM in **Kay Theatre** - The CSPAC seasons opens with this stirring musical meditation sung in part by the Women's Ensembles of **Hyattsville Middle School** and **Thomas Pullen School**. Performing works from 12 countries, Kronos seeks "to create equilibrium in the midst of imbalance." The children's choir was assembled especially for the moving conclusion, *"Winter Was Hard."*

◆ **"The Welcome Back Concert"** on **September 9th** at 7:30 PM in the **Memorial Chapel** - Join the Chamber Singers, UM's most elite ensemble, as they present a program of music from their recent performance tour in England and Wales. **Donation requested**

◆ **Ralph Lee's "Peace"** on **September 11th** at 7 PM in the **Theatre Courtyard** - This "Take Five Tuesday" performance (note the special time and place) incorporates masks, giant figures, puppets, and other visual elements with live music, movement, and text, and draws on myths, legends, and folklore from the world's many cultures for its material. (NOTE: Each "Take Five Tuesday" is part of an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a wide range of performing arts.) **FREE**

◆ **A Guarneri String Quartet Open Rehearsal** will be performed **September 26th** at 5 PM in **Gildenhorn Recital Hall** - For 26 years, this legendary quartet has continued its popular tradition of on-campus rehearsals. **FREE**

◆ The **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers **FREE family-oriented, quality movies** one Saturday each month that are conveniently close to home. Light snacks are provided at 7 PM and the movie begins at 7:30 PM.

On **September 15th**, there will be a choice of two movies: **"God Grew Tired of Us"** or **"Over the Hedge."** Winner of 2 prizes at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, "God Grew Tired of Us" explores the indomitable spirit of three "Lost Boys" from the Sudan who leave their homeland, triumph over seemingly insurmountable adversities, and move to America where they build active and fulfilling new lives. However, they remain deeply committed to helping friends and family they've left behind.

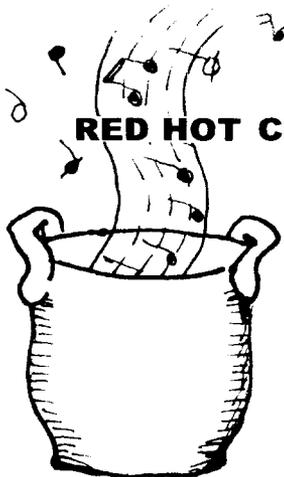
Dreamwork's "Over the Hedge" (PG) is an animated film based on a comic strip of the same name. RJ the racoon ventures into the cave of a hibernating bear named Vincent and attempts to steal his cache of food. Unfortunately, Vincent awakens, and RJ

accidentally causes Vincent's cache to roll out of the cave and be destroyed. RJ must replace everything within a week or get eaten. See how RJ attempts to solve his dilemma. The film for October 7th will be "Hoot."

❖ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** will open its 2007-08 season with a performance from its Saturday Morning Children's Series. For tickets or information, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

The first Saturday Morning Children's Series will be an adaptation of Katie Couric's book "The Brand New Kid" on Saturday, **September 15th** at 11 AM & 1:30 PM. New kid Lazlo S. Gasky isn't excited about going to school. He's a typical 7-year-old, but doesn't look or speak like the other kids; he gets teased and no one sits with him at lunch. When Ellie befriends him, she and Lazlo teach others a valuable lesson in this uplifting musical recommended for ages 5 and older.

❖ **Cheek-To-Cheek** will be kicking off their fall season at Mulligans (on the UM Golf Course) on Thursday, **September 20th** from 5-8 PM. Plan to let Tuckerman Street's Julie Parsons and her smooth jazz band set the mood for your dinner, drinks, dancing, laughing, and relaxing each Thursday through December 6th. For more details about the group, visit: <http://www.cheektocheekjazz.com/bios/>.



RED HOT CHILI & BLUES TIME

The University Park Civic Association's **5th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & BLUES NIGHT** will take place at the UPES Gazebo on Saturday, **September 8th** from 6-8 PM. Come and taste the best chili in Town

while you listen to the magic music of "Pork Chop and the Top Dogs" with UP's own harmonica king, **Roger Edsall** of Oakridge

Drive, and his court of musicians sharing their own brand of blues. An added treat this year will be the return of **Mary Shaver** and her fabulous vocals. Roger has played the blues harmonica professionally for 17 years, sharing the stage with local and national blues artists and appearing on the *Today Show* and the *Fox Morning News*.



Residents who do not wish to **bring a pot of chili** (10-12 servings) to enter in the "cook-off" may **bring a side dish** or **dessert** (for 10-12) instead. The three "Cook-off" categories are: "3 Alarm," "Vegetarian," and "Mild." The Civic Association will supply all the "chili fixings" (bowls, plates, spoons, crackers & beverages). **For more information, to register your chili, or to volunteer** for the Cook-off, please call **Sarah Heitkemper** (301-209-1059 or sarah.heitkemper@boland.com).



BETH TORAH EVENTS

The **Beth Torah Congregation** (6700 Adelphi Road, 301-927-5525) announces that registration is open for all residents interested in **Hebrew school**. **Classes** will begin on **September 8th** and will be held one day a week for kindergarten through grade 11. There is **NO TUITION**. Please call the office for more information and registration.

The Congregation also would like to announce that it is offering **FREE High Holy Days seats**; please call the office for tickets. Rosh Hashana Services will be held on **September 12th** at 8 PM, **September 13th** at 9 AM and 8 PM, and **September 14th** at 9 AM. Yom Kippur Services will be held on **September 21st**, with Kol Nidre at 6:45 PM, and on **September 22nd**, with a Morning Service at 9 AM and an Afternoon Service at 5 PM, followed by an Evening service at approximately 6:30 PM with a break the fast. Special Children's Services for the two Holy Days will be held at 11 AM on **September 13th** and **September 22nd**.

RIVERSDALE SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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 for ages 4 and under; discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more.) Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held every Sunday. For more information on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

❖ **200 Years! A Celebration of Riversdale's Architecture** - The construction of Riversdale was completed 200 years ago. Please plan to join us on Sunday, **September 9th** at 12 NOON, to drink a toast, and take a special tour highlighting the unique architecture of this historic house. Special activities will be available for children. There is a \$5 admission fee, but no charge for children 12 and under.

❖ **Art Comes to Life at RHM** - Step back in time to 1812 and view a live rendering of Diana Sperling's 1812 watercolor called *Dynes Hall, The Family at Dinner*. Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, had a blue-striped couch in her dining room. While this may seem unusual in the 21st century, Diana Sperling's period painting is used as the proof that this, along with the acceptance of a birdcage at the table, must not have been too uncommon at the time. Additionally, Riversdale's latest dining room setting depicts an early 19th century dinner second course that would be suitable for a gentry family such as the Calverts. Plan your visit to Riversdale now to see this work of art come to life. The special dining room exhibit will remain in place **until Sunday, September 23rd**, and can be seen during the Museum's regular open hours for the regular admission fees.

❖ **Jane Austen In Bath: An Afternoon in the Pump Room** - The public is invited to come to Riversdale on Michaelmas Day and hear Dr. Elizabeth Child speak about Jane

Austen's Bath. **Survey the food and fashion during the heyday of the "watering place"** with our confectioner and milliner, and "partake of the waters." This special lecture will be held at 1:30 PM on Saturday, **September 29th**. There is a fee of \$10/person; advance registration must be received by September 23rd.



PG PLAZA RECREATION CENTER

During September and October, the Prince George's Plaza Recreation Center (on Adelphi Road by the Library) is offering a variety of **free and inexpensive activities, special events, and classes** especially for adults (ages 18 and older). Classes begin **September 12th** and include Aikido, Hand Dance, an Over-60 Senior Fitness Program, Slimnastics, Tai Chi, and TKA Karate. There is a nicely-equipped fitness room, a basketball gym, and restrooms with a shower.

Other programs available include Yoga, a Bridge Group, a Chronic Conditions Group, and blood pressure screening. For the Under 5 Group, Pee Wee Playtime offers equipment and an alternate space for play and exercise when your rooms at home seem too small. (Call for days and times.) Please contact the Center (*Metaxcia.Donaldson@pgparks.com* or 301-864-1611) for additional information, class fees, and days/times for the classes, groups, and services. The Rec Center would like to help you enjoy happy healthy activities.



PLAYGROUP MEET & GREET

Attention, Parents of Infants and Preschoolers: Playgroups are a great way for your little ones to develop and practice their social skills! Come explore the UP playgroup scene at the Annual UPCA Playgroup Meet & Greet which will be held from 4 - 6 PM at the Tot Lot on Sunday, **September 16th**. This is the easiest way to find or form a playgroup if you are not participating in one currently.

Representatives from established groups that would be open to new members are encouraged to attend or to send their contact information to Brittany Feiner (see below). Light refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, the Playgroup Meet & Greet will be held inside Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Custis Hall. Please contact Brittany Feiner (bfeiner@hotmail.com or 301-779-0446) if you have any questions.



UPCA SEPTEMBER EVENTS

It was a unanimous decision; the **UP Civic Association's** new "**Volunteers of the Month**" are **Michael and Carol Cron** of Underwood Street. They were chosen for their much appreciated help with the UPCA Fourth of July picnic. Although they were new UPCA members, the Crons jumped right in and offered to provide the most needed element for the picnic -- the food! They organized the purchase of a variety of sandwiches, delicious pasta salad, and Italian Ice in red, white, and blue. They delivered it, set it up, and managed the entire food area. The picnic offerings were delicious, plentiful, and enjoyed by all.

Their expertise in food service certainly stems from Mike's long-time employment with 3 Brothers Restaurant. (Ed.Note: UP residents will be happy to know that, starting this fall, they only will have a 5-minute trek to the 3 Brothers' Restaurant franchise that Mike is opening at the University Town Center across from PG Plaza!)

During September, the UPCA will be sponsoring a Chili Cook Off (**September 8th**) and the Playgroup Meet & Greet (**September 16th**). Their next meeting (open to all interested residents) will be on **September 25th** at 7 PM in Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

ATTENTION, ENTERPRISING TEENS

Next month we will be listing the names of University Park teens (ages 12-19) who would like to offer their various services to the community. Please e-mail upnews@yahoo.com (or take a 3x5 card to 6703 44th Avenue) and give your NAME, AGE, PHONE NUMBER, WARD, and the TYPES OF SERVICES you would like to offer (baby/pet sitting, leaf raking, snow removal, etc.) **before** the next NEWSLETTER deadline, **September 5th**.

The Town of University Park encourages the involvement and participation of individuals with disabilities in all its programs and services. Please let the Town know how it can best meet your needs: (i.e. sign language interpreters, adaptive equipment or other assistance).

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



INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>September 15th to October 15th</i>	<i>is National</i>	<i>Hispanic Heritage Month</i>		 <i>Mark down the serial numbers for your valuables</i>	1 College Park Farmer's Market 7 AM-NOON (CP*FM) CPAM 10a-5p (CPAM-T&PE) "Trains & Planes Exhibit" GB LABOR DAY FESTIVAL 9a-10p (GB-LDF)
2 Takoma Park Farmer's Market 10 AM-2 PM (TP*FM) CPAM Movie 2 PM "Fighter Pilot" (CPAMM-FP) (CPAM-T&PE) (GB-LDF)	3 (GB-LDF, 9a-7p) Labor Day (Town Office closed; no Bus service) No public school	4 Hyattsville Farmer's Market 3-6 PM (H*FM) CPAE Youth Choir OPH "Open House" 6:30-8:30 PM	5 12:00 NOON Deadline for October NEWSLETTER YARD WASTE RECYCLING	6 Riverdale Park Farmer's Market 3-7 PM (RP*FM) HY-LI READERS' CIRCLE "FAME" 7:30 PM YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	7 UM 8 PM "Kronos - Awakening" w/HMS Women's Ensemble T-F BLUE BIN	8 (CP*FM) [Beth Torah Hebrew Classes Begin] 6-8 PM UPES Gazebo UPCA Chili Cook-off & Blues Night w/Roger Edsall CPAM Spanish Tour 11 AM
9 (TP*FM) UM Chamber Singers Concert 7:30 PM Memorial Chapel National Grandparents Day CPAE AHA! Kids 3-4 PM "Take It Apart!" SAEC	10 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION	11 (H*FM) UM "Peace" 7 PM Theatre Courtyard	12 Get a free UP car sticker at the Town Hall YARD WASTE RECYCLING	13 (RP*FM) HY-Li Chess 7 PM Rosh Hashana Ramadan YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	14 CPAE "MD Poet Laureate" Michael Collier 7:30 PM OPH T-F BLUE BIN	15 (CP*FM) CPAM Scout programs, 12-4 PM MCPAC 11 AM & 1:30 PM "Brand New Kid" UCC Double Choice 7 PM "God Grew Tired of Us" "Over the Hedge"
16 (TP*FM) CPAE Youth Orchestra OPH "Open House" 3-6 PM	17 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING Constitution Week	18 (H*FM) GB Lecture GCC "Cooperatives" 7:30 PM UP After 8 Book Club "White Teeth"	19 HY-Li Books 10:30 AM "The Book of Daniel" YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN	20 (RP*FM) Cheek-to-Cheek (Each Thursday 5-8 PM) UM Mulligans YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN	21 CPAM Movie 1 PM "X-Men III" T-F BLUE BIN	22 (CP*FM) Yom Kippur
23 (TP*FM) First Day of Autumn CPAE Kids Art Drop-In OPH 2-4 PM "Odds & Ends"	24 Take a walk through Town this morning	25 (H*FM) UPCA Meeting RPC 7 PM	26 UM "Guarneri" Open Rehearsal 5 PM YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN	27 (RP*FM) HY-Li Chess HY-Li Chess	28 CPAE Book Club 7:30 PM OPH "Garlic & Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise" T-F BLUE BIN	29 (CP*FM) CPAE 11 AM - 3 PM Family Fun Fest Duvall Field
30 (TP*FM)						

THE ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S
GUESS WHAT WE'RE TAKING TO OUR PICNIC!

WASCIDHENS = SANDWICHES
 SCROTAR DAN YERCLE = CARROTS AND CELERY
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 URTIF = FRUIT
 SKOICOE = COOKIES
 KNEBALT = BLANKET
 TEW GRAWSHA = WET WASHRAG

SPLICEK = PICKLES
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