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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

SEP 1 - Labor Day

(Town Office closed; no bus service)

**SEP 3 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
October 2008; NOON**

SEP 8 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEP 15 - 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

I am sad to report that **Steve Lodowski**, who had been a part-time member of the Town's Department of Public Works for the last three years, passed away on July 11, 2008, after a brief illness. Steve was a reliable employee who happily filled in for other UPPWD staff whenever and wherever he was needed. He also was a talented musician who

played the electric guitar. When he was not working for University Park, invariably he could be found practicing or playing his music at several local venues. We will miss him.

After intense negotiations, a contract has been signed with Community eServices to construct and support a **NEW INTERACTIVE WEB SITE**. The site went live on August 1st and can be accessed at www.upmd.org, our old web address. Please visit and explore this new site! As we activate its various features, we will post descriptions of them, with instructions on how they can be accessed and used. By the time you read this, most features should be in place. One of the most important, that will be implemented immediately, is our ability to post notices for Town events and information about agenda topics being considered at Council Meetings. This should reduce communication lags considerably and, for those of you who prefer to rely on the Internet to gather information, will provide a single source for University Park news and information.

Nearly forty individuals from College Park, Riverdale Park, and University Park attended the July 21st Council Meeting. **Mr. Chad Williams** (a planning staff member of the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission) gave a formal presentation on the proposed extension of **THE ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR SECTOR PLAN**. (Traveling south on the west side of Baltimore Avenue, the sector would run from the northern entrance of Pineway to East-West Highway.) All

University Park properties that border on Route 1 would be encompassed within the sector under this proposed extension!

On the east side of Route 1, the extension would begin at approximately the same place and run to the southern edge of the US Post Office parking lot, capturing all of the Cafritz land. Unless otherwise modified, the Route 1 Corridor Sector Plan ALSO would permit commercial development within its boundaries. If approved as proposed, the extension of this Plan would obviate the necessity for the Cafritz property to seek a zoning change, as well as permit commercial development on all the properties that border Route 1 in University Park! Mr. Williams indicated that the primary intent of the extension was "to better plan for traffic management and public transportation along Route 1." A full summary of the discussion and other documents related to the plan are posted on the Town web site.

Finally, please take the time to read **TWO IMPORTANT ARTICLES** in this NEWSLETTER. The first is an insert on the East Campus Development Project; the second is about single-stream recycling. As we phase in single-stream recycling, the first important change will be to your trash, yard waste, bulk trash, and recycling collection schedules. **The new collection schedule and its explanation is in this issue.** Later, when we completely encompass single-stream recycling, we will explain that new procedure thoroughly in a future issue of the UP NEWSLETTER, as well as on the Town web site and in flyers delivered to your door. To help minimize any confusion, please read these notices carefully.

"Here is hoping you had a wonderful summer and will have an equally great fall. Hope to see you around Town in September."


FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

School is one of the most common threads woven through the University Park

community. From pre-k through graduate studies, many Town residents are involved in education -- as students, teachers, professors, assistants, aides, administrators, coaches, support staff, etc. Regardless of where you might be in this "education food chain," we all started back in kindergarten. And along that line, author Robert Fulghum said it best with,

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at school. Some of the things learned include: Share everything. Play Fair. Don't hit people. Don't take things that aren't yours. Clean up your own mess. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work some every day. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned -- the biggest word of all, "look." And it is still true; no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."

There is more, and as was evident at this year's Fourth of July parade in University Park, we have many children in our Town who are playing in the sandbox and learning lessons that we all could apply as adults. Fulghum's classic is worth a re-read!

Driving through and around Town was very different during the quiet days of summer. Now, the pace is increasing, children are walking about, school buses are traveling through the neighborhood again, after-school activities are starting up, and traffic is back in full swing. As the days slowly become shorter, visibility often becomes reduced at dusk. And often, it seems we now have a million more things on our to-do lists. **Your purposeful awareness is crucial to keeping our streets safe.** And please, always wear your seatbelts; stop for "STOP" signs; obey the speed limit; watch for pedestrians and cyclists; drive with caution; and walk your children to school, if you can.

If you commute through Town in the early morning and afternoon, please choose a route that avoids the UPES school area. If you are driving a student to UPES, do not "park" and exit your vehicle in the drop-off lane in order to walk your child to the door; this eliminates having a "drop off area." If we all work together, we can make UPES a safer place while children are attending class.

School attendance is one of the most critical parts of the learning process. Playing "hooky" may seem innocent enough but, the fact is, truancy is indicative of juvenile criminal behavior. When students miss attending school, the impact is broad and the community suffers. Besides costing students valuable education time, unsupervised and truant young people often contribute to crimes such as auto and home burglaries. If you see students walking around Town who obviously should be in school, please call the UPPD.

"Learning to make our community safe is an on-going process. The basic lesson of "watch out for each other" is one of the most important efforts we can make to ensure a safe environment throughout our Town."

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

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

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077) or call the P.G. County Dispatch: (301-333-4000) and ask for a UP officer to respond. For Chief Mike Wynnyk, contact upchief@upmd.org or 301-277-0051. For Emergencies, dial 911.

CRIME STATISTICS (June 1st to June 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
5/30-6/1	Theft	6700 40th Ave
Jun 7th	B & E	4000 C.H.Drive
Jun 9th	Theft	4400 Underwd
Jun 12th	Theft	4400 Beechwd
Jun 14th	B & E	6400 40th Ave
Jun 17th	Robbery	4000 Beechwd
Jun 21st	Theft	6300 Q.C.Road
Jun 26th	Vandalism	6800 Pineway
Jun 27th	Assault	6700 Balt.Ave.

Theft - Between 7:30 PM on May 30th and 6 PM on June 1st, suspect/s stole the rear tag and the license plate frame containing a back-up camera from a 2004 Toyota Sienna. No suspect/s were located.

Breaking and Entering - Between 3:25 and 3:50 PM, suspect/s broke the kitchen entry door window and opened the door to gain entry. Assorted jewelry was stolen. Neighbors noticed two adult male suspects leaving the rear yard of the residence, one described as wearing a t-shirt & tan pants and having a dreadlocks-style haircut, the second as wearing shorts & t-shirt and having short cropped hair. The area was searched extensively. Suspects were not located; the investigation is on-going.

Theft - At 8:25 AM, a suspect described as a teenaged male wearing a checkered shirt, blue jeans and a red Spiderman mask was observed taking a Trek boys bicycle from the front yard of the residence and ride east on Underwood Street toward Route 1. Area was canvassed for the suspect and stolen bike, with negative results.

Theft - At 10:50 PM, unknown suspect entered the victim's rental unit and stole a laptop computer, digital camera, and small television. The area was searched; no suspect was located. Investigation is on-going.

Breaking and Entering - Between 6 and 9 PM, suspect/s entered the residence, possibly through a small basement window, and stole a laptop computer and jewelry. The home and immediate area was searched extensively; suspect/s were not located. Investigation is on-going.

Robbery - At 1 AM, victim advised he was walking home when he noticed a 90s-style Ford Crown Victoria pull into a driveway in front of him. A suspect, described as an adult male wearing a white t-shirt, black jeans, and having a dreadlocks-style haircut struck him in the arm with a club, pushed him to the ground, and stole his wallet from a rear pocket. Suspect returned to the vehicle and drove northbound on Adelphi Road. UPPD, PGPD, and Hyattsville PD searched the area. No suspect/s were located. The victim was not injured. The P.G. County Robbery Unit is conducting the follow-up investigation.

Theft - Between 3 PM and 12 NOON, suspect/s stole the front and rear tag from a 1996 Audi. No suspect/s were located.

Vandalism - At 7 PM, suspect/s broke the rear window of a 1994 Chevy Corvette. No suspect/s were located.

Assault - At 3:50 AM, an adult female alleges she was assaulted at the residence of an individual she met at her place of employment. Victim advised that she and the acquaintance had several drinks and got into an argument, when he struck her in the face. The UPPD responded to the call but the suspect was not on the scene. Other renters at the location advised they did not hear any noise or disturbance coming from the room. The victim had no sign of injury, but fireboard responded to check the victim. Victim was advised of warrant procedures.

returned it to the residence. One infant outfit was missing. No suspect/s were located.

Breaking and Entering - Between 3:30 and 4:15 PM, suspect/s removed a window air conditioner from a dining room window to gain entry. Three watches, credit cards, and some cash was stolen. The area was searched and a neighborhood canvass conducted. Suspect/s were not located. The investigation is on-going.

Theft - At 8 PM, a suspect described as wearing a blue cap was observed taking a blue "Jannus" mens bicycle from the rear yard of the residence and ride south on 44th Avenue toward East-West Highway. A Silver "Ironman" mens bike was left in the rear of the yard where the owner's bike had been. The area was canvassed for the suspect and the stolen bike, but with negative results.

Theft - Between 9 PM on the 19th and 8 AM on the 22nd, suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2003 Honda Accord and stole the driver and passenger air bag units from the vehicle. No suspect/s were located; the investigation is on-going.

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.

CRIME STATISTICS (July 1st to July 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Jul 5-7th	Theft	6400 40th Ave
Jul 11th	B & E	4300 Tuckrnmn
Jul 12th	Theft	6500 44th Ave
Jul 19-22	Theft	6300 43rd Ave

Theft - Between 9:30 AM on the 5th and 4:30 PM on the 7th, suspect/s stole a package containing two infant outfits and a deck of cards from the front porch, after delivery by the USPS. An unidentified neighbor found the package in the woods and



**ATTENTION, ENTERPRISING TEENS !
(EARN EXTRA \$\$ AT IN-TOWN JOBS)**

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 3rd**.

East Campus: The Short and Long of It

You may have read in the *Washington Post* about East Campus (EC), a large mixed-use development in College Park that will cover an area twice the size of Downtown Silver Spring. The University of Maryland (UM), like UConn, Hendrix College, and other campuses, has concluded that a top university needs a great college town and they have decided to build one through a public-private partnership. Foulger-Pratt/Argo, the developer of Downtown Silver Spring, was chosen as the developer.

Doug Duncan, now UM's senior vice president for administrative affairs, initiated the community review process that solicits input from residents of College Park and other neighboring towns. John Shoaff of Sheridan Street and Bridget Warren of Van Buren Street represent University Park on this committee.

At a Glance - Their impressions of the project:

- Project includes 425,000 square feet of retail, over 1500 housing units, an office building, and a hotel
- Planned to be a regional shopping destination
- Paint Branch Parkway will be advertised as the primary in-route
- Housing for grad students has been cut by 25%
- Has a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver rating -- the bare minimum required by the campus master plan (more on this below)
- Will offer thousands of parking spaces
- Will be served by the Purple Line
- Plans include a grocery store
- Will be built in two phases over a number of years
- Storm water management needs work; presently, it offers the bare minimum
- Further study is needed on the project's cumulative impact and traffic situation
- Architecture is disappointing and very similar to a town center located in any exurb
- To date, project lacks a sense of place or any college town identity
- To date, project does not demonstrate any environmental and architectural innovation

NOTE: Detailed information on the project (including the guiding principles and presentations) is available at <http://www.eastcampus.umd.edu>. Look under Community Outreach, then Community Review Steering Committee.

Questions to Consider

- What impact will there be on the infrastructure and quality of life in surrounding towns?
- Are there solid parking and traffic management plans in place?
- How will county and city tax increment financing (TIF) be structured? TIF is a tool for using future gains in taxes and public monies to finance the immediate improvements necessary to create those gains. Will neighboring towns share in the increased tax revenue as they share the impacts of increased traffic?
- Will there be a local hiring site that reaches out to area tradespeople or a specific labor agreement in place?
- Will EC have a negative impact on redeveloping and new business districts (University Town Center, Riverdale Park, Hyattsville, and downtown College Park)?
- Market housing is being included; will our school system be able to handle this?
- Is there a plan to implement a Route 1 transportation system or make the UM shuttle accessible to residents of neighboring communities?

NOTE: The most recent EC presentation offered some promise on environmental issues, but the vehicular traffic that the project could generate and attract might negate any benefits and further exacerbate our clogged Route 1 corridor.

Environment

The University made a commitment to a U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver certification for its buildings. President Mote signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in June 2007, pledging to make UM "climate neutral." The Community Review Steering Committee, the UM, and the Development-Investment Team agreed to abide by basic principles of environmental stewardship, sustainability, smart growth, transportation, and parking.

The residential units appear to satisfy preliminary developer-scored project checklists toward a LEED Silver rating for homes. However, the residential units achieve a significant portion of their points simply because of the project's location. While this is positive in terms of density, living near school/work, and walkability, other innovations appear to be lacking. Notably missing (or with very low marks) are criteria for surface water runoff, low-flow showers, environmentally preferable products, material and resource use/waste, indoor environmental quality and energy, and atmosphere. This is surprising because the developer and UM agreed to pursue many of these strategies in their guiding principles. Several directly relate to long-term efficiencies (the project includes a 70-year lease) and important health-related considerations for building residents, primarily graduate students.



It is unclear whether the EC office building even would qualify for basic certification to the Core and Shell LEED standard or whether the retail space would be certified, and the environmental performance of the hotel is nonexistent. It would be unfortunate if the hotel were not LEED certified since the UMUC Marriott was the first LEED-certified hotel in the Country!

While this is not the beacon of knowledge--or shopping--one might have expected or hoped for with a top-ten public research University, we still can influence aspects of the project through the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) process, the project team, and our elected officials. Many of the criteria can be achieved in future sourcing and product decisions. Optimistically, with a little extra effort and a push from neighboring communities, the EC project could satisfy a Gold level and earn a very respectable LEED certification. The University could use community support of the project to attract the best and brightest students -- which was one of the project's primary goals. (Note to Pres. Note: The Princeton Review now is including green ratings in its annual overview of colleges and universities.)

Traffic & Transit

The traffic impact analysis states that for Phases I and II of the project, intersections outside of the US 1 Sector Plan area are projected to operate at acceptable levels of service during peak periods. But, and this is a big but, the Route 1 corridor will need improvements at several intersections in order to meet the congestion standard established for the US 1 Sector Plan. Despite repeated questions, it remains a mystery how such necessary improvements might materialize as a result of this project. Potential cumulative impacts on the Route 1 Corridor and for UP residents (due to EC and other area projects) are daunting.

On a positive note, it does appear that the project team put a great deal of effort into analyzing parking needs for the project and its varied uses (e.g., how office day parking might accommodate Birchmere evening events), as well as charging residents separately for rent and parking.

The project is being promoted as paving the way for the Purple Line, but since a station location is absent from renderings, it is difficult to envision where it might fit, run, or be placed. The same is true with bike lanes. We heard they would navigate Route 1 (never mind they may cease outside College Park), but traffic lanes seem quite narrow and no bike lanes appear in presentation materials. While there is at least one sizable square green area, outdoor space seems quite limited and noticeably different from nearby Fraternity Row and the main campus to the west.

Community Input Continues

University Park needs to continue providing input, but realize there are significant challenges remaining that should be considered within the context of the greater-area's development. And while there are positive aspects to the project, there are areas where the Town might want to facilitate additional enhancements. The developer already may have filed a Detailed Site Plan (DSP) with M-NCPPC. If so, UP residents may become a Person of Record and follow the EC development's evolution.

The Town and its residents will have an opportunity to learn more at a public meeting expected to take place in mid-September. Check the East Campus site, the Google Group, or neighborhood e-lists for more information.

--John Shoaff and Bridget Warren

University Park Public Works Department

A New Collection Schedule!!

begins

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2008

On September 2nd, 2008,
the UP Public Works Department will begin following
a new Town-wide trash-collection schedule:

All Town residents will have their trash collected
on the SAME two days each week (Tuesdays & Fridays).

Please continue to separate your recyclables
and to call in your bulk trash requests, as usual.

Monday*	YARD WASTE
Tuesday	TRASH (& Bulk Trash requests)
Thursday	RECYCLING
Friday	TRASH (& Bulk Trash requests)

*Note: YARD WASTE will be collected on Wednesday, September 3rd
before beginning the newly-scheduled collection day on September 8th.

Questions? See the article on the next page or call 301-927-4262 x200

➤➤ **NEW WEEKLY PWD SCHEDULE**

Beginning Tuesday, September 2nd, the Public Works Department is implementing a **NEW COLLECTION SCHEDULE** which will change the current trash, recycling, yard waste, and bulk trash schedules for ALL Town residents. The Labor Day holiday provides the ideal opportunity to initiate this transition. The new schedule will improve residential service as well as simplify the weekly schedule.

Trash will be collected from ALL homes in University Park each Tuesday and Friday. Both blue and yellow bin recycling will occur every Thursday. *And although yard waste still will be collected on Wednesday, September 3rd*, after that date, yard waste will be collected each Monday, beginning September 8th. Advance requests for bulk-trash collection may be arranged for any Tuesday or Friday trash day. Please refer to the full-page flyer on the preceding page for a graphic of the collection schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the University Park Public Works Department Director, Mickey Beall (mbeall@upmd.org or 301-927-4262x200).



ITEMS TO NOTE

- ❖ **NEW! Town Field Information Hot Line** - The Town Field Information Hot Line is now in service. Interested individuals may call 301-927-4262x600 to hear updates on the Town Field status.
- ❖ **NEW! Town Bus Information Hot Line** - A new Town Bus Information Hot Line is available. Interested individuals may call 301-927-4262x601 for general Town Bus information.
- ❖ **DARK STREET? NEW TOOL**: The key to quicker street light repairs is residential input. Now, the most efficient way to notify Pepco

is to contact Pepco's (very user-friendly) web site. To remedy a flickering or burned-out street light near your home, please contact Pepco directly at <http://pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetLight/outagereport/default.aspx>. Their new system makes it easy to describe the problem and includes automated confirmations when an individual's request is received and when the work order has been created. Plus, online (not phone) requests are proving to be the most successful route to receiving Pepco service on street lights, as the incidence of human error in reporting the problem is negligible.

On weekdays until 3:30 PM, residents without Internet service may call our Public Works Director, Mickey Beall (301-927-4262 x200), who will place the online request for you. Or, for those who prefer, Pepco's street-light-outage hotline (877-737-2662) may still be accessed. Also, as is the case with loss of electricity, it becomes a more emphatic request when all residents affected by a street light outage register the need for repair.

❖ **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 to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. And remember; without exception, Town building permit applications and stamped County plans **MUST** be received in the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting. This allows time for your Ward CM to inspect the project.

❖ **NOTICE TO UP 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).

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

❖ **BULK TRASH:** Please call the Town Hall to arrange for a pick-up time on any Tuesday or Friday. 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. refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers...

❖ **BLUE BINS (every Thursday):** 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 each Thursday. **NOTE:** Waxed paper, Styrofoam, and paper food containers contaminated with food particles are not acceptable. Please place the bin at the curb before 7 AM.

❖ **YELLOW BINS (every 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 each Thursday before 7 AM.

❖ **TRASH TOTERS/RECYCLING BINS:** Remember not to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/Friday or Thursday pick-up days. Likewise, it

is the responsibility of each resident to return these items from the curb on the same day following the pick-up time. **NOTE:** Toters and bins stored outside must be out of view from the street, at the side or back of one's home.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

➤ **REMINDER:** There will be no UP Bus service on Labor Day, the 1st of September.

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 1:30 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of University Park.

Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway across from the Plaza. 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

Samuel Johnson said,

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 16th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Pro Tem CM Mallino; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, and McPherson; Attorney Ferguson, Lt. Bacon, and UPPWD Director Beall. *Mayor Tabori was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.*

Mayor Pro Tem Mallino expressed her appreciation to the Town administration, Public Works Department, and Police Department for their prompt and effective response in removing trees so power could be restored to Tuckerman Street during a recent outage.

Motions were approved unanimously to: (1) replace a 22'x11' deck and install a 14'x11' patio at 6502 40th Avenue and (2) install a 6-foot non-conforming fence at 6803 Pineway. *(Approval was dependent on a County permit being obtained and a copy of it provided to the Town Hall before the Town permit would be issued. There also was discussion about the status of parking barriers at an adjacent rental property where a chain-link fence had been removed, allowing multiple cars to park on the property. Because of possible code enforcement issues, a follow-up inspection by Ms. Martino was recommended.)*

A motion was approved unanimously to disapprove the planting of 10-12 evergreen trees by the owner of 4412 Van Buren in the alley between lot 36 and lots 37 & 38, from Van Buren Street to the end of lot 36. (Attorney Ferguson explained that normally the Council does not grant rights to obstruct the public right-of-way. In this case, once planted, the trees would become public property and would require Town maintenance. Although there was lengthy discussion

of the pros and cons of the motion, Council only was in favor of the owner being allowed to contribute to the weeding and trimming of the invasive ivy in the alley area.)

One Consent Agenda item was approved unanimously to: (1) replace the porch floor at 6510 41st Avenue.

A motion was approved unanimously (second reading) to transfer up to \$7,000 from Unreserved Funds to Public Works (Capital Outlay) for the purchase of a dump truck and accessories.

A motion was approved unanimously to approve the following Council Special Committees:

Rental: Mallino and DeSaussure

Budget and Employee Pensions: Mallino (Proposed Chair), Lucas, and DeSaussure

Permits and Fence Ordinance: Fischer, Lucas, and Winton

Trees: Mallino (Council Liaison to Committee)

(NOTE: During a discussion of the need for and effectiveness of a "Rental Property" Special Committee, CM Dudinsky discussed the definition of a business entity with Attorney Ferguson and noted that the Town Charter did not allow businesses to operate within Town. He questioned why landlords were allowed to own multiple properties -- in effect, operating rental businesses in Town. Attorney Ferguson explained that the County controls zoning and UP is zoned R55, which allows rental properties; each rental may have five unrelated people living at the property.)

Re single-stream recycling (S-SR): Mr. Beall distributed copies of the "S-SR Break-Even Analysis" spreadsheet that he used to calculate the financial cost of each aspect of the program. He defined S-SR as "having each household's recycling materials (blue & yellow bins) placed in one container and collecting all UP households' recycling on the same day."

UP now has two recycling streams: mixed-paper in blue bins collected on one day

and containers (glass, aluminum, and plastics #1 and #2) in yellow bins collected on a different day. Our current (outsourced) yellow bin recycler -- who can accept only two of the seven types of plastics -- charges \$14,000 per/year for the service. *(NOTE: The new recycler can accept all plastics.)*

Some of the other details shown on the analysis included: a calculation of the savings from traveling to a recycling center closer than the current one in Upper Marlboro; the realization that adding another lift device to the Town packer trucks would speed up both recycling and trash collections; and the opportunity to sell our store of yellow and blue bins to an interested party. At Council request, Director Beall will e-mail the spreadsheet to all CMs (accompanied by a narrative explanation of each section's calculations). The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



UNIVERSITY PARK GOOGLE GROUP

Several years ago, a UP e-mail group (commonly called "Michele's List") was developed from the grass roots level by Michele Leonardi of Queens Chapel Road. The original intention of the list was to facilitate information-sharing about occasional in-Town issues; it evolved into a terrific resource for staying connected with most of the developing news in UP. Information also was exchanged about upcoming events, meetings, and items of interest to the community.

Recently, the list was converted into the "University Park Google Group." If you would like to join, go online to <http://groups.google.com/group/univpark>. There, you will need to: 1 - Sign up for a Google account; you may use your current e-mail address, or you may open a Google or g-mail account. Then, 2 - Return to the original website (see above) and request to be added to the "University Park Google Group." You will be asked to answer a couple of questions to verify you're not a business looking for a cheap mailing list.

Within a few days, your request should be approved by the Google Group's moderator (Ellen Thorp of Tuckerman Street). If you have any questions, you may e-mail the moderator by clicking the website's "contact the owner" link. NOTE: As a rule, commercial and political advertising are not allowed.



TERESA CAIN MURRAY, 79, a Town resident since 1957 and the family matriarch, slipped away peacefully from complications of pneumonia on July 18, 2008, at Johns Hopkins/Bayview in Baltimore, Maryland.

In the late 1940s, Teresa left her studies at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln when an opportunity surfaced to join her sister in the Nation's Capitol. After moving back East, the young art history major was able to continue her passion for the arts by being accepted at the Corcoran School of Art. Through mutual friends, Teresa met the young architecture student from Catholic University who would become her husband. Teresa continued studying and practicing art until she and George Murray were married in 1950. Many of their lifelong friends were those they made in the Catholic University community. After marriage, Teresa turned her talents to raising their 10 children, although she continued to admire the Arts greatly, and would frequent Washington's art galleries with her growing family in tow.

As the children began moving to their own homes, Mrs. Murray returned to the work world, appending her family accomplishments with ten years of devotion to the arts at the Catholic University of America. In the mid-1980s, she began as a volunteer and then was employed by Catholic University's Music and Drama Departments, where she managed the renowned Hartke Theatre for the Performing Arts. She also was an active parishioner at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hyattsville for 46 years and a

volunteer and leader for the Prince George's County Association of Retarded Citizens.

After being a Van Buren Street resident for 42 years, in 1999, Teresa and George left University Park and retreated permanently to their Severn River home in Crownsville, Maryland. It's tranquil beauty became Teresa's canvas for her final days and a cozy gathering place for her ever-growing family clan. Interestingly enough, during the last year of her life, she just had returned to painting.

Teresa Murray was preceded in death by her daughter Angela Murray in 1965; by her husband of 56 years, George E. Murray in 2006; and by three of her siblings: Jerome Cain, Kathleen Coolbaugh, and Ellen Cain.

She is survived by her children: Michael Murray, and Molly Murray, both of Glen Burnie, MD; Tim Murray, and Pat Murray, both of Durham, NC; Danny Murray of Ellicott City, MD; Colleen Murray Lyon of Crownsville/Ocean Pines, MD; Margaret Murray Lamarre of Woodbine, MD; Brendan Murray of Severna Park, MD; and Tara Murray Perry of Dublin, OH; by her siblings: James Cain, Jeanne Slovenkay, Dennis Cain, and Sister Margaret Mary Cain; and by twelve grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts for Teresa Cain Murray may be made to the: Ursaline Mission, c/o Michael Murray, P.O. Box 334, Mt. Storm, West Virginia 26739.



CONGRATULATIONS

❖ To the UP Civic Association for a super successful 11th annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic! By the time UPCA Chair **Michelle Hermanson** of Wells Parkway realized she'd missed the July/August NEWSLETTER deadline, there was nothing left to do but call on her reserve coordinating skills, send out word that the 4th of July event was still on

(via two Internet groups), distribute flyers to the Queens Chapel Road parade-route homes, and hang a poster at the Tot Lot. But good news traveled so fast by word-of-mouth and from neighbor to neighbor that more than 250 Town residents attended and many UPCA members volunteered to help. If awards had been given that day, the results might have been something like this:

Most polite bike decorator: **Kessinia Markel** of 41st Avenue who remembered to say thank you many many times for the help she got decorating her bike.

Strongest parade participants: Mayor **John Tabori** of Pineway, **Craig Brown** of Underwood, and **Alex Heitkemper** of Woodberry who carried the VERY heavy flags.

Best sports: The 11/12-year-old boys who hopped backwards in potato sacks for the entire race course (and had great fun with the MC's other silly requests).

"Funnest" adults: **Sherry & Lee Waldrep** of 40th Avenue, 1st-place winners of the adult 3-legged race. (Even if they were the only entrants, they made it look like fun!)

Special thanks award: To **Maxi Phillips** of Queens Chapel Road, UP's favorite clown.

Best picnic food: The **Three Brothers** submarine sandwiches (via **Carol Cron** of Underwood), the tomato & fresh mozzarella salad (yum, who made that?), and the lemon bars from **Cathy Flynn** of Wells Parkway.

Best spur-of-the-moment volunteers: **Carla Monardes** of 41st Avenue, **Ari BenAissa** of Wells Parkway, and **Lori Ewing** from CHE, (and others) who scooped and scooped and scooped Italian ice; and **Melinda Moore** of 44th Avenue who refilled drink containers so neighbors could stay longer socializing.

Finally, the UPCA would like to thank the other volunteers who helped make the July 4th celebration a successful event: UPCA acting-president **Christine Dawson** of Clagett Road, treasurer **Lynn Butler**, **Peter Butler**, and **Roberta Kisker** of Queens Chapel Road, **Robert Martin** of Wells Parkway, and **Christopher and Kristi Ekman**.

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❖ To Jasim Mobaidin of Tuckerman Street whose soccer team, the **Under-15 Baltimore Casa Mia Bays**, won the 2008 US Youth Soccer National Championship defeating Solar FC of North Texas 3:2! As quoted by *US Youth Soccer*, this team has "it all, soccer brains, athleticism, teamwork, heart, desire and work ethic." And because most of the team members still have 3-5 more years to play together, they "could become the most decorated team in history." This year, the team will move to the US Soccer Development Academy, a new system started a year ago.

Jasim started playing soccer with the Lewisdale/University Park Boys & Girls Club (L/UP) when he was only about 5 years old. His coach for several years (before he began playing with larger clubs) was Roberto Vilarrubi of Pineway. Jasim, now a DeMatha junior, plays defense for the DeMatha Stags varsity team as well as for the Bays.

Congratulations also to **Amos Mobaidin**, Jasim's younger brother. Amos, who plays midfield, was the leading scorer of the DeMatha ninth grade soccer team last year. He will continue to play for DeMatha during his sophomore year as well as play for the Bethesda United team.

The brothers' very proud parents are **Alice White Mobaidin** and **Mohammed Mobaidin** who have lived on Tuckerman Street for two years. However, Alice and her sister, long-time resident **Pamela White** (now of 44th Avenue), had lived on Van Buren Street when they were growing up in the 1960s & 1970s.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ **ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?** Michelle Hermanson has an assortment of containers, spatulas, and spoons that were left behind at the 4th of July picnic. Residents may claim their forgotten items by contacting mhermanson@earthlink.net.

❖ A single, employed, non-smoking Woodberry Street resident living with her sister, **WISHES TO RENT A ROOM** with a kitchen and private bathroom and entrance for at least a year. Please call Tatiana (301-779-2592).



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

❖ The Southern-MD farms' producers-only **Hyattsville Farmers Market** is open from **2-6 PM** each Tuesday through October 28th. It is located in the parking lot behind the Queens Chapel Town Center (intersection of Queens Chapel Road and Hamilton Street). This market, that includes a Spanish-speaking vendor, offers the freshest local veggies and fruits from the friendly vendors that sell what they grow -- and pick most of it that morning!

❖ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is 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 local berries, fruits, veggies, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, breads, and herbs; crafts also. (www.riverdaleparkbiz.com).

❖ The **College Park Farmers Market** is 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-produce **Greenbelt Farmers Market** is open each **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM** through October 26th. It is held in the parking lot to the left of Roosevelt Center (the commercial plaza where the Greenbelt Theatre is located). Please visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org for a list of vendors, produce in season, and more details.

❖ You can eat locally year round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 28th year, this producers-only market offers pro-

duce grown locally within a 125-mile radius. It is open every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.



SEPTEMBER FUN AT CPAE

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

❖ The College Park Youth Choir will begin their fall semester with an **Open House** on Tuesday, **September 2nd** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Sponsored by CPAE, Choir members ages 6-12 work with high-energy director Christopher Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills. The Choir rehearses each Tuesday at 6:30 PM and has several performances during the year. Fall semester fees are \$85 per child. If your young singer might enjoy being a part of this fun yet educational experience, please come to the Old Parish House on the 2nd or contact CPAE for more info about the Choir.

❖ In the College Park Youth Orchestra, young string players will develop their sight-reading and ensemble skills under the direction of experienced conductor, Ken Whitley. Students rehearse twice a month on Sundays at the Old Parish House and perform three public concerts each year. Early registration ended August 25th. Please call 301-927-3013 to see if space is available; the final audition date is **September 7th**. For more complete information, you may visit www.cpyo.net.

❖ A **Spoken Word Poetry Slam** will be held on Friday, **September 12th** at 7:30 PM. The 2008 Prince George's Youth Slam Team, who represented Maryland at the National Youth Slam this summer in Washington, DC, is bringing this thrilling art form to CPAE.

Visit www.cwapoetry.org for more information. And -- check out the poetry workshop listed below. Although the "Slam" is being presented **FREE** through the Arts and Humanities Cultural Connections series, Pay-As-You-Can donations will be appreciated very much.

❖ "Xpress Urself," a **Spoken Word Poetry Workshop**, will be presented by the Creative Writing Alliance on Saturday, **September 13th** from 11 AM until 1 PM. Adults and youths ages 12 and older are invited to join this one-of-kind workshop that will feature performances by the 2008 Prince George's Youth Slam Team. Please pre-register to hold your place by e-mailing or phoning CPAE **before September 8th**. A \$5 fee will be collected at the door. Come make a few new friends AND learn a new art skill while you participate in this hands-on arts workshop for teens and adults -- YOU could become part of the next league of Prince George's County Poets!

❖ A performance of "Eric Maring in Concert" will be held on Sunday, **September 14th** at 3 PM. You won't want to miss everyone's beloved local musician and music teacher, or his critically-acclaimed original music. Spend some high-quality time with your kids at this **FREE** concert, ideal for ages 3 and older. Children of all ages must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is a must for this popular event as space is limited.

❖ At the **FREE Children's Arts Drop-in** from 2-4 PM on Sunday, **September 28th**, instructor Aaron Springer will lead an imaginative and creative free-form art program ideal for children ages 3-8 and their parents to enjoy together.



KIDS' EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSES

Jaime Fuller offers various morning and evening **Music Together** classes on every day but Tuesday and Saturday. Her next semester of fun and musical exploration will focus on songs with a "bongos" theme. Classes begin the week of **September 15th** for ages birth to

the week of **September 15th** for ages birth to kindergarten, plus a parent or caregiver. Try out a **FREE class** at 9:30 or 10:30 AM on **September 3rd** at the Eleanor Pernia Dance Studio in Beltsville or at 9:30 AM on **September 8th** at Joe's Movement Emporium in Mt. Rainier. Call 240-988-7816 for info.

College Park Arts Exchange is sponsoring weekly evening music and art classes that will begin on Monday, **September 22nd**. For children ages birth to four years old, there will be an 8-week session of **Eric Maring's Music Time** from 5:45 to 6:30 PM. For middlers ages 11-15 years old, a 10-week session of drawing classes with professional illustrator **Lucy Dirksen** is being offered from 7-8 PM. Both classes will be held in the CP Old Parish House. For more information on either of the classes or to register, please contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013.



HAVE A HEALTH & FITNESS DAY!

The purpose of the 12th annual Family Health & Fitness Day USA (on Saturday, **September 27th**) is to promote family involvement in physical activity. Throughout the Country, noncompetitive family health and fitness activities will be held which may include walking events, low-impact exercises, health screenings, open houses, games, and health-information workshops. **Several local events this September follow the theme of Family Health & Fitness Day USA:**



❖ On Saturday, **September 6th**, University Park Church of the Brethren (301-864-4328) is sponsoring a **WELLNESS FAIR** in their parking lot at Route 1 and Tuckerman Street. From 11 AM to 3 PM, you will have a chance to cater to yourself and give a little extra attention to your own health -- starting with sampling the **grilled veggies** and healthy snacks that will be available.

Children are invited to watch morning and afternoon performances of a "**Kids on the Block**" puppet show (about bullying and ways to prevent it). Other kid activities include an interactive Internet safety space, **games of fun**, and special snacks. Teens and adults will have a chance to learn about and/or try out a variety of ways to care for one's body, mind, and spirit -- through **salsa dancing**, local and organic foods, good nutrition, pastoral counseling, **reflexology**, belly dancing, tai chi, yoga, mental health awareness, and more! Plan now to stop by for a visit -- just follow the scent of the grilled goodies!

❖ All area grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to attend a **FREE "GRANDPARENTS' EXTRAVAGANZA"** hosted by University Christian Church on **September 13th** from 10 AM to 4 PM. The Older Adult Ministries of the D.C. Baptist Convention is sponsoring this event and offering workshops on health issues, legal matters, and autobiographical writing. There also will be health screenings, resource materials, and exhibits. It is open to any older adult, with or without a grandchild. The children attending will be supervised and engaged in fun activities while the adults will be focusing on the workshops, the screenings, and the exhibits.



Some of the activities being offered include having experts help with financial planning, estate planning, and powers of attorney. The health screenings will include blood pressure, hearing, and more. Health workshops will include information on heart disease, cancer, and end-of-life care. But, one of the most exciting events may be the writing session being offered by Dr. Osteen Truitt. She will help grandparents begin to tell their own stories as a way to pass on the traditions and values they cherish to future generations. **Grandchildren will be entertained** with moonbouncing, face painting, crafting, watching a puppet show, and supervised play.

Please spread the word to any older adults you think may benefit from this event.

University Christian Church is located at 6800 Adelphi Road, at the corner of Adelphi and Belcrest Roads, just south of Northwestern High School. For more information, please contact Rev. Glory Grant (301-864-1520).



❖ On Saturday, September 27th from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, the Publick Playhouse will be celebrating National Family Fitness Day by presenting **"ROCK YOUR BODY THRU DANCE,"** a day-long series of **FREE** mini-workshops. Make your commitment to good health by participating in one or all of the hour-long classes for belly dancing (10:30 AM-12 NOON), salsa (12:15-1:45 PM), and/or hand dancing (2-3:30 PM). Space is limited; advanced registration is required and early reservations are encouraged. **Tickets are free.**



SOARING INTO SEPTEMBER

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a new "Snoopy" exhibit, a family-friendly movie series, and special Boy and Girl Scout programs during September. Museum hours are 10 AM to 5 PM daily; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765, or www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

❖ A new exhibit, "Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace," is on display through November 30th. Charles M. Schulz's lovable beagle Snoopy, in the guise of the Flying Ace on his transformed doghouse/Sopwith Camel airplane, may be viewed in forty of his most exciting cartoon adventures. Follow Snoopy's imaginary adventures as he battles his arch-enemy, the Red Baron, over the skies of Europe, courtesy of the Charles M. Schultz Museum and Research Center.

❖ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! The CPAM's famous films series features Hollywood blockbusters,

classics, and documentaries with a flight theme. All movies start at 2 PM; lemonade, popcorn, and the movie are included in one's regular price of admission! On **September 7th**, the show will be "The Magic of Flight," a technological thrill ride that allows you to relive the first flight of the Wright Brothers and soar with the Blue Angels. On October 5th, the movie will be "October Sky," (PG).

❖ **Scout Wings Program** - On Saturday, September 20th from NOON to 4 PM, all levels of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to explore the history of aviation and the science of flight. Badge requirements may be fulfilled through a variety of fun and educational activities. Please call for more details; pre-registration is required as well as a \$4 admission fee for all Wings participants.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

❖ The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC) is offering Chinese Theatre-, dance-, and poetry-themed "Take Five Tuesday programs," and a new outdoor Squonk Opera as some of its season openers -- all **FREE!** For more information, reservations, or for a copy of the new 2008-2009 catalog, please contact 301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

• Take Five's "Chinese Theatre Works" on Tuesday, **September 16th** at 5:30 PM in Kogod Theatre - Enjoy excerpts from several works that blend Chinese Opera, shadow puppetry, and toy theatre. The show's directors are the 2008-2009 Jim Henson Artists-in-Residence. (NOTE: Each "Take Five Tuesday" is part of an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a wide range of performing arts.) **FREE**

• "Sistah Joy, The Pulse of a Poet" on **September 23rd** at 5:30 PM in the Laboratory Theatre - This "Take Five Tuesday" performance presents an evening of intimate, edgy, and unapologetic poetry with musical and

visual accompaniment. Sistah Joy's captivating lyrics of poetry and conversation will weave their way from social consciousness to spirituality and sensuality. **FREE**

◆ Squonk Opera's "AstroRama" on **September 24th-26th** at 8 PM in the Theatre Courtyard (outdoors behind the Center; bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy an entertaining evening under the stars) - Ta-dah! The Squonkers have returned to investigate anomalies in the College Park sky. A little science, a little symphony, a little cacophony, and a 50-foot radio telescope equal wholesome fun for the entire family! CSPAC is not sure what to expect this year so, to be on the safe side, the Squonkers are being kept outside -- and no admission is being charged! **FREE**

◆ Take Five's "Shane O'Hara: Solo Dance" on **Tuesday, September 30th** at 5:30 PM in the Dance Theatre - The Nagrin Project, a concert of five stunning dances by modern dance master Daniel Nagrin, will be performed by national solo dance artist Shane O'Hara, the "Rebel of Modern Dance," who excels in the works' intense rhythmic physicality. **FREE**

❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** The Robert E. Parilla (Montgomery College) Performing Arts Center (MCPAC) is hoping to open its 2008-2009 season in October. The facility is installing new air conditioning and making other major renovations. For more information, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

❖ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) continues the kids' movie+ and the seniors' movie, and is presenting an engaging kiddie concert. \$5-\$5-\$4.

◆ At 11 AM on **Saturday, September 13th**, the pre-show live entertainment for the Movie+ will feature an ensemble from the esteemed "Trinidad and Tobago Steel Band of Washington, DC" who will choose some lucky audience members to play the pans with them. It will be followed by the (PG) movie

"Daddy Day Camp." (Two fathers try to keep their summer camp afloat even though they're under dire economic strain. One dad brings in his military-trained father, even though they have been on the outs, and a series of misadventures helps make the camp solvent.) The next Movie+ will be on **October 11th**.

◆ On **Monday, September 15th** at 11 AM, the Platinum Senior Movie will be "First Sunday" (PG-13): (A devoted dad spends quality time with his son daily. However, his ex-wife owes a loan shark a lot of money, so she threatens to move 1,000 miles away. When the dad and his friend make a desperate attempt to steal money for her from a neighborhood church, the two bungling burglars find themselves under the rule of a higher presence.) The action is set in Baltimore. The next Senior Movie will be on **October 13th**.

◆ On **Tuesday, September 23rd**, at 10:15 & 12 NOON, "Kinderman," Baltimore's TV-superhero song-and-dance man for the small-fry set, will bring his interactive, engaging, audience-participation performance to Cheverly! The show is recommended for children in Pre-K to grade 2.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."

Mason Cooley

❖ The **Hyattsville Branch Library** on Adelphi Road (301-985-4690) sponsors bi-monthly chess club meetings and a 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 (**September 11th and 25th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

◆ The Morning Book Discussion Group meets monthly at 10:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. On **September 17th**, they will discuss

"A Free Man of Color" by Barbara Hambly. (This is the first of eight books in the Benjamin January murder mystery series. January is a freed man of color, a physician, and a musician who has returned to his birthplace (1830s New Orleans) from France after the death of his wife. It doesn't take long before he can add sleuth to his list of professions.) The group's selection for their October 15th meeting is "Hemingway's Chair" by Michael Palin.

SEPTEMBER 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.

❖ 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 continue their year-long theme of non-fiction by women authors. The selection for their **September 19th** meeting is "Funny in Farsi" by Firoozeh Dumas. (When she was 7, Firoozeh -- who, as a girl, changed her name to Julie -- moved with her family from Iran to Southern California, arriving with no knowledge of America except her father's grad school memories. Her engineer father, elegant mother, and fast-food-loving uncle form her wonderfully engaging family until (to add to the culture shock) she marries a Frenchman, becoming part of a one-couple melting pot!) On October 17th, the group will discuss "The Road from Coorain" by Jill Ker Conway. Guests always are welcome!

❖ A "Plummer Family Celebration" will be held on Saturday, **September 7th**, (please call for time/place). After manumission (the act of liberating or setting free from slavery), Riversdale's African-American Plummer family settled in nearby Edmonston. You are invited to the unveiling of a sign designating their original homestead -- followed by a reception with period refreshments and entertainment at the Riversdale House Museum. **FREE**

❖ ATTN, leaders/teachers: At 10 AM on **September 17th**, North American "War of 1812" living-history troops will be visiting Riversdale to interpret the events of 1814 to local school children. The total group capacity for "Hands on History--To Arms!" is limited so advance group registrations (at \$2/person) must be received by **September 12th**.

❖ The After Eight Book Club, a group open to all University Park adults (men, women & couples) will begin their 2008 - 2009 Club year on **September 16th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "Pillars of the Earth," by Ken Follett. (A story of the building of a cathedral in 12th Century England that centers around a stonemason, a prior, a knight, a bishop, and many more memorable characters.) Please call Leila Steiner to RSVP (301-779-7295). For their October 21st meeting, the selection/s will be "Pursuit of Love" and/or "Love in a Cold Climate" (once done on Masterpiece Theatre) by Nancy Mitford.



❖ "RHM Open Hearth Cooking Class" - On Saturday, **September 27th** at 10 AM, the members of the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will be teaching a basic hearth-cooking-techniques class using a variety of period equipment and seasonal ingredients to make a complete meal. NOTE: Class capacity is limited by the kitchen size; early registration is recommended. Please call for fee information and/or to register; advance payment is due by **September 19th**.



NASA's LOCAL GSFC LAUNCH FEST

Explore the universe next to your own backyard! The Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) is inviting the public to participate in

"Brains, like hearts, go where they are appreciated."

Robert S. McNamara

their "LaunchFestNASA" on September 13th from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. Come and help celebrate NASA's unprecedented 15 major science launches which will be made between April 2008 and mid-2009. At the LaunchFest, you can (1) learn all about the launches, (2) see awesome NASA hands-on exhibits and interactive demonstrations, and (3) enjoy special hands-on activities for all ages. You will revel in awesome entertainment, family fun, and a great variety of local "out-of-this-world-food" vendors! For more details, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/home/index.html>. NOTE: For security reasons, all adult visitors to LaunchFestNASA (ages 16 and older) will be required to possess a government-issued photo ID. This could be a driver's license or a military ID card.



UPCA PLAYGROUP MEET & GREET

Attention, Parents of Infants and Preschoolers: Playgroups are a GREAT way for babies and children to develop and practice their social skills! And...the easiest way to find or form a playgroup is by attending the annual Playgroup Meet & Greet sponsored by the UP Civic Association. This year, it will be held at the Tot Lot from 4-6 PM on Sunday, September 14th; light refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Custis Hall. Representatives from established groups that would be open to including new members are encouraged to attend or to send their contact information to the new "Meet & Greet" coordinator, Moira Clark (moira313@gmail.com or 301-910-1625). Moira is a resident of Underwood Street and is following in the footsteps of previous coordinator Brittany Feiner.

FREE FUN & GAMES & MOVIES TOO! A NEW COMMUNITY PROGRAM

University Christian Church (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) has decided to offer FREE alternate entertainment to our community. Previously they "just" offered a family-friendly quality movie each month. Now they will alternate between a movie night one month and a game night the next month. The game nights began in August, so the next game night will be on October 18th from 7-9 PM. You are invited to bring your favorite game to share; bringing a snack to share is optional. Save the date to enjoy a night full of luck, chance, strategy, and new friends! More details on game night next month.

On September 27th, UCC will show "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep," rated PG. Light snacks will be served beginning at 7 PM and the movie will start at 7:30 PM. *Angus MacMorrow watches in awe as the mysterious egg he found on the shores of a nearby loch begins to hatch into something incredible. But how long can he keep his ever-growing secret from his mother -- AND the increasingly-concerned Scottish government? This family-friendly fantasy is based on the popular children's novel by Dick King-Smith.*



THE CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST IS COMING!

It may be Indian Summer hot, but it's time to start thinking about creating a "cool" winning chili recipe! The three Cook-off categories are: 3-Alarm, Vegetarian, and Mild. The University Park Civic Association again will sponsor this fun-filled (and increasingly-competitive) chili cook-off contest! This year, it will be held from 5-8 PM on Saturday, October 11th -- again at the UPES Gazebo, and again supercharged by Rodger Edsall's harmonica, his Pork Chop & the Top Dogs band, and vocalist Mary Shaver.

Please contact the master-coordinator Sarah Heitkemper (sarah.heitkemper@boland.com or 301-209-1059) if you would be willing to lend a hand. Whether or not you are a UPCA member, if you had a great time at the Cook-off last year, how about offering to be one of the people who help make the fun happen this year!

Just give Sarah a call. She needs some volunteers to help set up the area, and some others to help clean it up afterward.

ALSO...Sarah would be very grateful for anyone who could lend-and-set-up their portable tables and/or dining tents for the occasion. Contact Sarah right now at 301-209-1059 or sarah.heitkemper@boland.com.

By the way, if you live in University Park, and love these neat community events (like the 4th of July Parade & Picnic and the Chili Cook-off), how about stepping up to the plate and supporting the group who masterminds them! Make your yearly \$25 dues donation and become a supporting member of the UPCA. Make checks payable to "UPCA" and mail to: P.O. Box 1655, College Park, MD 20740. NOTE: The UPCA meets at 7 PM on the last Tuesday of each month at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (September 30th this month); guests ALWAYS are welcome.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September is Chateaufort Awareness Month	1 Labor Day (Town Office closed) No public school	2 Ramadan CPAE 6:30-8:30p OPH Youth Choir Open House TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	3 NEWSLETTER LAST YRD YARD WASTE 12:00 NOON Deadline for October	4 Rivendale Park Ramona Market 2-7 PM (RP*FM) TOWN RECYCLING DAY YELLOW & BLUE BINS	5 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	6 College Park Ramona Market 7AM-NOON (CP*FM) UPCB 11 AM - 3 PM WELLNESS FAIR
7 Tobacco Park Ramona Market (CP*FM) 10:2 PM CPAM Hollywood Flyers "The Magic of Flight" 2 PM RHM Pumpkin Celebration CPAE Youth Orchestra Final Audition OPH	8 7:30 PM UPRES COUNCIL WORK SESSION <i>International Literacy Day</i> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	9 (HY*FM) TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	10 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	11 Patriot Day (By Flag at Half Mast) HY-11 Chess 7 PM TOWN-WIDE RECYCLING YELLOW & BLUE BINS	12 CPAE Poetry Slam OPH 7:30 PM TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	13 (CP*FM) pp MOVIE+ Live Action: Steel Dawn Band Movie: "Daddy Day Camp" OSPC Lamorbeth/AM/SA 10-4:30 TCC Workshop 10 AM to 4 PM "Fundamental Techniques" CPAE Poetry Workshop 11a-1p OPH
14 (TP*FM) CPAE OPH 3 PM Eric Marling Kids Concert UPCA Tot Lot 4-6 PM "Playgroup Meet & Greet"	15 PP Senior/Adults "First Sunday" 11 AM <i>Religious Services Start</i> (Through October 15th) 7:30 PM UPRES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING	16 (HY*FM) UM Chinese Theatre Works 5:30p UP After-8 Book Club "Pillars of the Earth" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	17 RHD 1014 History Class (School Groups) 10 AM Citizenship Day HY-11 Books 10:20 AM "A Free Man of Color" YARD WASTE RECYCLING	18 (RP*FM) TOWN-WIDE RECYCLING YELLOW & BLUE BINS	19 CPAE Book Club OPH "Punty In Paris" 7:30-9 PM <i>99th AGF Recognition Day</i> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	20 (CP*FM) CPAM NOON to 4 PM SCOUT WINGS PROGRAM
21 (TP*FM)	22 <i>Autumnal Equinox</i> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	23 (HY*FM) PP Concert 10:15a & 1:1p "Kublamam" UM "Trash-Jay, Jay" 5:30p TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	24 UM 8 PM (UM-ASO) "Aspirational Squawk Opera" YARD WASTE RECYCLING	25 (RM-ASO) HY-11 Chess 7 PM TOWN-WIDE RECYCLING YELLOW & BLUE BINS	26 (RM-ASO) TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	27 RHM Workshop 10 AM "Open-Heart Cooking" PP "Free Dance Workshop" 10:30a to 3:30p UCC Family Movie 7 PM "The Water Horse: Legend of..."
28 (TP*FM)	29 <i>Stash Stashhant</i> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	30 (HY*FM) UM "Dance Concert" 5:30p TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	Oct. 1 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	2 (QP*FM) TOWN-WIDE RECYCLING YELLOW & BLUE BINS	3 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	4 (CP*FM)

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