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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

FEB 4 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION
(See new software, 8 PM)

**FEB 6 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the March issue, NOON**

FEB 18 - Presidents' Day
(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

FEB 25 - 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

The New Year began with a bang as the Town welcomed a new addition to its staff. On January 7th, the Council approved the appointment of Mr. Michael "Mickey" Beall to the new position of **UP PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**. Mr. Beall brings strong management skills to this position and will enhance our ability considerably to ensure that Town residents continue to receive quality services. As Mr. Beall travels around Town and learns

about our community, please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and welcome him to Town.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS are due all the Town residents who contributed to the Public Works and Police holiday funds this year. A last minute burst of contributions resulted in the most generous fund in the history of the Town being distributed to our worthy personnel! Also, the many wonderful holiday cards to the staff lifted all our spirits as well and put an early "spring" in our steps.

LEAF COLLECTION again this year was not completed until the middle of January. With summers lasting longer, the late and rapid fall of leaves, loss of daylight, and sometimes rainy weather seem to have become the norm. (Actually, they have been hampering our leaf collection schedule since 2006.) And because leaves did not begin to fall until the weekend before Thanksgiving, our first run didn't occur until November 21st, the day before Thanksgiving! Then, a big part of the problem for the leaf crews was that it became dark very early making it difficult to work efficiently yet safely. To try and remedy this situation, the Town is examining various procedures which could improve the pace that we can collect leaves without having to invest in expensive, single-use equipment. We also are trying to develop a notification system so each street will know when they can expect to have their leaves collected.

Thanks to the efforts of **CM Dudinsky**, we have located a **POSSIBLE NEW WEB SITE PROVIDER** that will improve our ability to

communicate rapidly with residents. The software appears to have strong calendar and interactive communications capabilities. For those of you who are interested, the software will be demonstrated to the Council (starting at 8 PM) at the **February 4th Work Session**.

University Park has formed a coalition with College Heights Estates, College Park, the Cafritz property ownership group, and Riverdale Park to share the costs of any aerial spraying recommended by the State. The final report from the State on **GYPSY MOTH INFESTATION** in our area has not been received yet. However, working as a coalition should reduce our costs, as well as provide a more effective campaign of control. After the State report is received and we are aware of our options, we will give advance notification to all residents by mail of when they might attend a Town forum on the subject.

Finally, a number of residents have expressed interest in the serious problem of **HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**. The Town is looking into various options for picking up and disposing of hazardous wastes -- such as batteries, energy efficient CFL light bulbs, paints, oil, and other chemicals. While we gather information on these issues, please be kind to our environment by taking care not to introduce any of the above items into your trash. The inclusion of CFL light bulbs may surprise many of you. **CFL light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury** that may escape into the environment when bulbs are disposed and crushed in trash packers or at land fills. For more information on this problem, visit <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/Topics/Documents/9663CFLDisposal.pdf> or http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/LandPrograms/Hazardous_Waste/mercury/index.asp. The former site also discusses the value of CFL light bulbs as an energy-saving tool. The nearby **My Organic Market** (on Rhode Island Avenue in College Park) recycles CFL bulbs as well as used household batteries and plastic bags; the College Park **IKEA** also recycles used CFL bulbs. For information on how to dispose of other items, please call the Town

Hall. In the future, more complete information will be available on the Town website.

"Have a wonderful February and please take care of yourselves."



FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

Last year was a dangerous year for young drivers. The number of fatal accidents involving teenagers was front page news much too often. Factors that contributed to those tragedies included speed, wet roads, inattentiveness, and inexperience. As adults, we know that a split-second decision can mean the difference between life and death. As youths, we had little fear of the consequences of our actions.

Although the following safety tips were written with the teenage driver in mind, it occurred to me that we adults should ask ourselves, "Do I set a good example for teen drivers to follow when I'm behind the wheel?" **Please read these tips; ask your teen drivers to read them**, discuss them, discuss the importance of those split-second decisions, and practice these safety precautions daily.

AS A TEENAGE DRIVER, YOU SHOULD:

♥ **Always wear your seat belt** -- and make sure all passengers buckle up too. You, the driver, are responsible for everyone else.

♥ **Never try to fit more people in the car** than you have seatbelts for them to use.

♥ **Adjust your car's headrest** to a height behind your head--not your neck--to minimize whiplash in case you're in an accident.

♥ **Obey the speed limits**. Going too fast gives you less time to stop or react. Excess speed is a main cause of teenage accidents.

♥ **Don't run red lights**.

♥ **Use turn signals** to indicate your intention to turn or to change lanes. Turn signals give the cars behind you enough time

to react before you take the action. Also, make sure the signal turns off after you have completed the action.

♥ When a light turns green, make sure the intersection clears before you proceed.

♥ Don't drive like you own the road; drive like you own the car.

♥ Make sure your windshield is clean.

At sunrise and sunset, light reflecting off a dirty windshield momentarily can blind you from seeing what is happening.

♥ Make sure your car has gas; refill it when the gauge is on ¼ tank. If you ride around on empty, who knows where you might get stranded.

♥ Don't use your cell phone while driving, especially for text messaging.

♥ Never drink and drive, and don't ride with anyone who has been drinking. Call parents or friends if you need a ride home.

♥ Don't take drugs, or drive if you have. Don't ride with anyone who has been using drugs. Even some over-the-counter drugs can make you drowsy. Check labels for warnings.

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.dpsscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/>.

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

CRIME STATISTICS (Dec. 1st to Dec. 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Dec 1-2	Theft 1	6700 41st Ave
Dec 1-2	Attempt Theft	4100 C.H.Drive
Dec 6-10	Theft 2	4400 Underwd
Dec 21st	Theft 3	6500 Q.C.Road

Theft 1 - Between 11:45 PM and 11:23 AM, suspect/s pried open the driver's side window of a 1993 Honda Accord and stole an after-market Sony car stereo system and a box of oranges. No suspect/s were located.

Attempt Theft - Between 11 PM and 6:30 AM, suspect/s pried open the driver's side window of a 1992 Honda Accord to gain entry. No items were taken. No suspect/s were located.

Theft 2 - Between 5 PM and 11 AM, suspect/s stole a 12' aluminum step ladder and a 4' aluminum step ladder **from the rear yard** of a residence. The ladders belonged to a contractor that was doing work at the location. No suspect/s were located.

Theft 3 - At 1:20 PM, two adult male suspects were observed in a 1993 Honda Accord stealing a wallet from the **unlocked** vehicle. A next-door neighbor and the homeowner saw the suspects exit the vehicle and walk west on Queen Chapel Road toward Adelphi Road. The suspects were not located by police. An area search resulted in recovery of the victim's wallet with nothing taken.

♥ Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in University Park should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential. The UPPD is working in conjunction with the Prince George's County Police Department to identify and apprehend suspect/s involved in the recent increase in "Thefts from Auto" occurring in and around our community.

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



TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

Monday, February 18th (Presidents' Day) is a legal Town holiday. The **Town Office will be closed** and the **Town Shuttle Bus will not be in service.**

The holiday trash pick-up schedule for Monday, February 18th, is as follows: Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday; Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday; Thursday's and Friday's trash collection schedule will remain unchanged.



ITEMS TO NOTE

REMEMBER: The Town congratulates all our conscientious dog walkers who faithfully and lawfully **bag their pup's droppings.** However, dog walkers of all ages (kids to seniors) are asked to **deposit the bags only in their own trash receptacles** when they return home. The Town also would like to remind residents that, under Prince George's County law, **dogs and cats must be "on leash"** when away from their owner's property.

NEW SERVICE: The Town Bus now is making **weekly trips to the Shoppers Food Warehouse** (on Cherry Hill Road in College Park) on Tuesdays at 10 AM. Any senior or handicapped resident interested in this **free door-to-door service** may participate by notifying the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop. Currently, our AM bus driver Harry Horton is not able to carry groceries as he still is in the extended recovery phase from his operation. Therefore, residents needing this type of help will need to make their own arrangements. [Ed. Note: Check the "Community Wish List" to see how you can help.]

HAVE A "♥" AND HELP STOP CRIME: Get your blue and white "UP" car sticker/s

FREE at the Town Hall. All Town residents are asked to display one of these "UP" stickers on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are important to our Neighborhood Watch program. **They enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Town Hall hours are from 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. freezers, air conditioners, refrigerators...

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

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

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

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



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

REMINDER: Presidents' Day, Monday, February 18th, is a Town holiday; there will be no UP Metro shuttle or senior bus service.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM and 2 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of University Park.

NEW: See "Items to Note" for details about weekly shopping excursions to the College Park Shoppers Food Warehouse.

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.



SNOW REMOVAL

♥ When there is a chance of snow, please use your driveway or garage to park your vehicles. Having fewer vehicles parked on our streets enables our Town Public Works crew to clear the streets of ice and snow more effectively and quickly.

♥ Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. This thoughtful way to show consideration and possibly prevent injury benefits one's neighbors, mail carriers, public service employees, seniors, and really, everyone! We ask, as do most jurisdictions, that sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours after a snowfall.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election

for the

Town of University Park

For the Offices of

Mayor

and

Council Members

for

Wards One, Three, and Seven

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

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

DEADLINE

TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE

or

TO REGISTER AS A NEW VOTER

is

Monday, April 7, 2008

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

TO REGISTER: Contact the P.G. County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or TDD 301-627-3352

CANDIDATES: Contact the Town Hall for candidate packet



YOU MIGHT ENJOY SERVING AS A SUPERVISOR

Election Day requires more than qualified voters; it requires Election Clerks and Supervisors of Elections. A **PAID supervisor position is needed** for this coming Election Day, Tuesday, May 6th. Clerks work the polls in shifts, as their schedules allow. They also are needed after the polls close to help count and certify the votes. More duties are involved with the supervisor position. Residents interested in serving as a Supervisor of Elections should call the Town Hall (301-927-4262).



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 3rd COUNCIL WORK SESSION

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

Re the State Highway Administration's (SHA) presentation on the Rte. 410/Queens Chapel Road intersection improvement project: Mr. Girum Awoke (Transportation Engineer), Mr. Chris Dalton (Landscape Architect), and Ms. Kate Mazzera (Asst. District Engineer), were the SHA representatives. Currently, the project is funded only for an engineering study (which is 75% complete). The focus of the study is on adding a west-bound left-turn lane from 410 onto Q.C. Road, adding sidewalks and ADA-accessible signals, improving drainage, and re-landscaping the existing traffic islands. Handouts showed the types of landscaping plants and trees that would be used in our Park area, and indicated that the traffic islands would be unified by low-maintenance grasses and perennials. It also showed that the tree slated to be removed from Adelphi Road north bound (for sidewalk improvement construction) would be replaced.

Re UP property needed to extend the right-turn lane along 410 onto Adelphi Road:

The only property needed would be part of UP's Park area with no impact to any homeowner's property. The added turn lane would be 12-foot wide. The sidewalk would be reconstructed onto the existing Park land.

Questions arose: (1) Would there be a way for children/pedestrians en route to the University Town Center (UTC) theatres to cross the 410/Adelphi intersection with a light? (The west-bound turn onto 410 from Adelphi is a continuous right-turn lane.) (2) Could a pedestrian cut-through be made in the solid island on 42nd Avenue? *(Ms. Mazzera said a cut-through was being studied.)*

Mayor Tabori said that there would be a significant rise in traffic as more restaurants and a Safeway open in UTC. His concern is that currently-measured pedestrian counts are under-representing the actual AND anticipated volumes. And as well, completion of the sidewalk along 410 will draw pedestrians through the intersection. *(Ms. Mazzera did not have any traffic analysis information with her.)* Then, an inquiry was made about bicycle access to the intersection. *(The shoulder is not wide enough for a dedicated bicycle path, however, signage will indicate a shared traffic/bicycle lane. The engineers will consider pedestrian safety and the necessity for signalization after looking at the latest traffic volumes.)*

Revisiting the level of service in the intersection since last year's discussion, is it now functioning at level E or F? *(The response was E in the morning and F in the evening.)* Mr. Brunner then asked what the proposed improvement would be improving. *(After the meeting, Ms. Mazzera will provide the levels of service expected through 2030.)* The Mayor asked about use of the fire department activation signal for easier transit through the intersection in an emergency *(Ms. Mazzera will check on that status.)* and then asked, if the 410 medians were in the scope of intersection improvement, might they also receive trees and landscaping? *(Mr. Dalton said trees could be planted if there was sufficient width.)*

There was discussion of storm drain placement and function. As neither Ms. Mazzeria nor Mr. Awoke knew the locations of the storm drain outfalls, Ms. Mazzeria mentioned that the Mayor could attend a utility coordination meeting being held the following week. Mayor Tabori stressed the Town's interest in and the crucial importance for knowing which direction storm water would be flowing. This ended the SHA presentation.

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) Grocery store bus trips were increasing in ridership slowly but steadily and were being well received by all participants. (2) He would like to present a records management plan to the Council by January 1, 2008. (3) Late leaf drop has stretched leaf collection into January. It was important to complete it before the first snowfall, after which it would have become more difficult. The leaves are mulched in College Park and UP residents may buy the mulch at a reduced price. (4) Due to the layout of manhole covers, fire hydrants, and gas main covers, there is no alternative location for the Tuckerman Street speed table. (5) The meetings attended by the Mayor, CM Lucas, and CM Carpenter that concerned Route 1 transit and planning were very viable because MNCPPC has begun to understand the importance of an end-to-end bus route/public transit along the entire length of Route 1. The meetings also stressed the importance and economic value of retaining local businesses.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he had four resumes under review to fill the second vacancy on the Force. He said the UPPD should be back to full staff by January.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the application for WSSC's agent, TLB Associates, to do boring in 16 locations as per the application letter of 20 November 2007. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

*"When love and skill work together,
Expect a masterpiece."*

John Ruskin



HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 17th COUNCIL MEETING

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

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) He will arrange for Mr. Michael Madden of the MD Transit Administration to give a presentation on the Purple Line. (2) He spoke about the two letters he received from Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, District Engineer for SHA, and asked for Council approval to write a letter in response. The letter would be reviewed by Council before it was sent. He explained that the **SHA's plans for the 410/O.C. Road intersection were based on a 1-day traffic count. NO long-term study was made, and the issues of pedestrian safety and the impact of future development were not even addressed!** Furthermore, SHA's proposed engineering changes will not improve the current "F" level-of-service rating which is projected to remain an "F" after the improvements. (3) The Town hopes to have 95% of the leaf collection finished by December 21st. (4) Because the State has reduced the amount of support they will provide for municipal aerial spraying of gypsy moths, the cost now will exceed the \$1000 that had been budgeted for this item. Effort is being made to coordinate the spraying with our neighboring communities.

Re Mr. Jim Cook's Traffic Study report: The report included the results of traffic surveys made after the speed humps were installed at four study locations:

Sheridan 1 (between Route 1 & 44th Ave.)
Sheridan 2 (between 44th Ave. & speed hump)
Tuckerman 1 (between Route 1 & 44th Ave.)
Tuckerman 2 (between 43rd & 44th Aves.)

Results showed that between the tables and the end of the block on Sheridan, speeds were brought down to the limit and incoming traffic was reduced. This could be due to new signage, the speed table, or both. Graphs of

the traffic measurements were distributed to the Council and will be copied and distributed to residents living near the speed tables. It was noted that at Sheridan 2, speeds were reduced, but not as much as expected.

A Sheridan Street resident expressed appreciation for the Council placing the temporary speed tables. She said she still observes cars speeding on Sheridan, but slowing down for the speed humps, and would be amenable to having a second speed table placed on Sheridan. The Mayor said he was considering moving the speed table from Tuckerman to Sheridan, and placing a speed cushion on Tuckerman. He also suggested that Mr. Cook move the speed tubes 50 feet east-and-west of their current placement and then measure speeds for the new locations.

Chief Wynnyk reported that Officer Antonio Barreto had accepted a position with UPPD, which filled one of the two vacancies. He also said that one tree had fallen in Town during the December 16th windstorm.

A summary of the issues surrounding single-stream recycling (collecting all recyclables in a single bin) was distributed to Council. There would be a short-term impact on the budget when new toters were purchased.

Re the Dog Park discussion: Attorney Ferguson reported that UP is an R55 zone. A dog park is considered a recreational use, which is allowed by special exception. If done by the municipal government, it is a permitted use (i.e. Council would sponsor and establish its use). When Bowie built a dog park, the number of seats/benches it provided determined the number of parking spaces they were required to create. She added that if any grading was done, a detailed site plan would be required which also would trigger a parking requirement. Our Park was put in place before zoning was used, and at that time, parking was not required.

Attorney Ferguson also said Park & Planning controls the storm water management plan as part of the detailed site plan; no

more run-off may be produced from the site after construction than the site produced before construction. Mayor Tabori said, if the dog park was pursued as a private/public partnership, the project would have to be predicated on obtaining a grant. He asked the Attorney to see what involvement there might be from the Army Corps of Engineers.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the second application for WSSC's agent, TLB Associates, to do boring in 16 locations as per the application letter of December 2007.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the transfer of \$8,000 from Unreserved-Undesignated Funds to IT Costs. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.



CONGRATULATIONS

♥ To **Mary Resing** of Underwood Street, Artistic Director and Executive Producer of University Park's only professional theatre company, **Active Cultures**. Recently, Mary (accompanied by her husband and three children) returned from a fascinating tour as a US Fulbright Scholar at the Yerevan State Institute of Theatre and Film in Armenia. The Active Cultures Company is based out of Mary's home, which is where their office is located and where most of their meetings and even some of their rehearsals are held.

The Company has performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and Round House in Silver Spring, the Bladensburg Waterfront Park, and most recently, at Joe's Movement Emporium in Mt. Rainier where they just finished a month-long run of their original work, "Petrie Dish Circus," touted as "The History of Microbiology in nine scenes of gags, burlesque, drollery, and song..." [Ed. Note: Please see "Entertainment Around Town" for the details about Active Cultures' newest play, "Photograph 51."]

♥ To the Moy family of Van Buren Street. Eric and Marylove Moy are beaming with pride on the birth of their first grandson, Patrick James Moy. Patrick's parents, Liam and Shari Moy, welcomed their first son on October 16, 2007. "Little" Patrick weighed in at 9 pounds and 12 ounces. Former resident and new father Liam attended Gonzaga College High School before graduating from Tufts University. Currently, he is a business analyst for Biogen IDEC in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Also welcoming Patrick were uncles Kevin Moy and John Michael Moy of Van Buren Street, as well as the new baby's great grandparents, Tow and Rose Moy, who just recently moved to Riderwood Village after residing at 4008 Tennyson Road for 50 years!



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

The Town is looking for residents who would be willing to help the seniors who use the Town grocery shopping shuttle. Volunteers are needed to load folks' groceries onto the bus and carry the groceries into folks' homes and, in return, get a free door-to-door ride to shop at the College Park Shoppers Food Warehouse. If you might be interested in helping once a month...or more often, please call the Town Hall now (301-927-4262).



PG LACROSSE

Registration is continuing for the 2008 season of the Prince George's Lacrosse Club. Please visit www.pglacrosse.com for the dates of February's FREE clinics. Practices will begin under the lights in March on Monday and Wednesday nights. Games for boys' teams (ages 6-14) are held Mid-March through May in the very competitive Southern Maryland Youth Lacrosse (SMYLA) league. For questions, call Carolyn Fink (240-603-8322).



FEBRUARY FUN AT CPAE

All College Park Arts Exchange (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 for even more information, visit www.cpae.org.

♥ Call to inquire if any drop-in space is available and to prepay for the last 2 sessions of **Learn the Basics of Latin Dance** being held on **February 2nd and 9th, 3:30 -5 PM**. Bring a friend for even more fun and you'll be sure to learn some new moves by Valentine's Day!

♥ The College Park Youth Choir will begin its spring semester on Tuesday, **February 5th**. Under the high-energy direction of Chris Fominaya, the music teacher at UP Elementary, the choir now has more than 40 members aged 6-12. **Prospective new members and their parents are invited to attend the opening session on the 5th**. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Old Parish House. The Choir performs several times each year at local venues. The semester fee is \$75 per child.

♥ Come and try your hand (and foot) at some West African drumming and dancing on Friday, **February 8th** at 7:30 PM. The "**Cowrie Shells West African Dance and Drum Ensemble**" will lead a participatory drum circle of West African rhythms and basic dance steps traditionally performed at West African communal parties, festivals, and other celebrations. Attendees may choose either drumming or dancing. This event is part of CPAE's "Friday Evening Cultural Connections," a variety series for adults and older kids.

♥ On Sunday, **February 10th** at 3 PM, **Blue Sky Puppet Theatre** will perform "**The Jester's Box**." All ages will have a fun family afternoon at this original musical comedy

about Ralph the Jester who really wants to make his king laugh! Owned by **Michael Cotter** and **Judith Cayo-Cotter** of Van Buren Street, Blue Sky has brought the highest level of children's theatre to our area since 1974, and their events always are packed! Be sure to pre-register for this event; space is limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

♥ **At the Kids' Arts Drop-in on Sunday, February 24th** from 2-4 PM, instructor Aaron Springer will lead children ages 3 to 8 in an imaginative and creative free-form arts afternoon that is enjoyable for both children and parents. Using air-drying clay, **kids will make clay creations that they can treasure.** To participate, all children must be accompanied by an adult.



GREAT DECISIONS 2008

All Town residents are invited to join Great Decisions 2008, an 8-part discussion series offered for groups by the Foreign Policy Association. The FPA is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan organization that promotes foreign policy education. The group meets bi-monthly on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at University Park Church of the Brethren. Dates and topics include:

♥ **February 7th - Iraq End Game:** A recurring question found in most public opinion polls and on the 2008 presidential campaign trail: What will be the end-game for the U.S. in Iraq? How will U.S. decisions about continued engagement affect Iraq itself and the Middle East?

♥ **February 21st - European Union at 50:** Having reached the 50th anniversary of the great experiment in European integration, it is time to take stock of a united Europe. Has new member integration been successful? What does the debate on Turkey's membership say about the future of EU integration and its changing demographics?

♥ **March 6th - Talking To Our Enemies:** How the U.S. deals with international challenges often depends on how it engages with allies, as well as enemies. How should the U.S. deal with countries like Cuba, North Korea, and Iran? What approach should U.S. take with groups like Hamas and Hezbollah?

♥ **March 20th - Russia:** During his two terms as president, Vladimir Putin has attempted to remake Russia into a major, independent world power. Some of his recent policies have provoked concern in the U.S. and Europe. With a 2008 Russian presidential election expected, what course will Russia take?

♥ **April 3rd - US Defense & Security Policy:** The U.S. military is adopting new policies and methods for defending the U.S. and its interests abroad. What should U.S. priorities be? How should its forces be structured and deployed to meet new security challenges?

♥ **April 17th - Latin America:** What factors have prevented the U.S. and Latin American countries from forging strong relationships? What challenges confront U.S. policy in Latin America? Can the U.S. offer an alternative to the influence of left-leaning leaders like Venezuela's Hugo Chavez?

♥ **May 1st - US-China Trade Policy:** Product safety scares have thrown the spotlight on the enormous role China plays in supplying products to the U.S. Could the large & growing trade imbalance with China have an adverse effect on U.S. economy? What role does the undervalued Chinese currency play?

♥ **May 15th - Private Philanthropy:** Billionaire Warren Buffet's June 2007 pledge to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation prompted headlines about the size of the gift and the impact it could have on global education and health initiatives. Can private donors be more effective than governments in tackling world problems?

This series affords a friendly, informal way to learn more about the foreign policy of



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University Park Monthly Planner

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February is:	American Heart Month	Black History Month	National Wild Bird Feeding Month		1 Consider serving as an election supervisor <small>T-F BLUE BIN</small>	2 Groundhog Day
3 Takoma Park Farmer's Market 10a-2p (TP*FM) Super Bowl XLII	4 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION (See new software, 8 PM)	5 CPAE Youth Choir OPH Semester Sign-up 6:30 PM Mardi Gras <small>TOWN BUS TO SFW</small>	6 12:00 NOON Deadline for March NEWSLETTER <small>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</small>	7 UPCEB 7:30-9 PM GREAT DECISIONS: "Iraq End Game" <small>UM "Pentagon Papers" 8 PM (UM-PP) 6:30 PM - PP Panel Discussion</small> <small>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</small>	8 (UM-PP, 8 PM) <small>CPAE OPH 7:30 PM "African Dance & Drum" BoyChoir Auction, PBUUC, 7-10 AC "Photograph 51" (AC-P51) 7:30 PM. CPWR "Cheap-Date Skate" 8-10p</small> <small>T-F BLUE BIN</small>	9 (AC-P51, 4 & 7:30 PM) <small>RHM "FineFare&Wine" 2:30p ♥ UPCEB ♥ 5-8 PM ♥ ♥ Valentine ♥ Supper ♥ PP: Movie+ 11AM Live show: Kangaroo Kids Movie: "Jump In"</small>
10 (TP*FM) (AC-P51, 4 PM) <small>CPAM 2 PM "African-American Pilots" CPAE OPH 3 PM Blue Sky Puppet Theatre: "The Jester's Box"</small>	11 PP Seniors' Film 11 AM "Georgia Rule" <small>OASIS Winter-Spring Trimester begins in PGP Macy's</small>	12 RHM 10 AM Hands on History: "Folk Arts" Lincoln's Birthday <small>TOWN BUS TO SFW</small>	13 <small>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</small>	14 HY-LI Chess Club, 7p <p style="text-align: center;">♥ ↔</p> Valentine's Day <p style="text-align: center;">♥ ↔</p> <small>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</small>	15 (AC-P51, 7:30 PM) <small>CPAE Book Club OPH "Brother, I'm Dying" 7:30-9 PM</small> <small>T-F BLUE BIN</small>	16 <small>(AC-P51, 4 & 7:30 PM) UM "ION" 7:30 PM</small>
17 (TP*FM) <small>(AC-P51, 4 PM) CPAM MOVIE 1 PM "Tuskegee Airmen"</small>	18 RPC "Chili Dinner" 5-7p Hosts: Boy Scout Troop 214 Presidents' Day <small>(Town Office closed; no bus service)</small>	19 <small>UM "Leni Stern" 5:30 PM UP After 8 Book Club "The Thirteenth Tale"</small> <small>TOWN BUS TO SFW</small>	20 ○ FULL MOON <small>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</small>	21 PP 10:15 AM & NOON "Freedom Bound" (PP-FB) <small>UPHPA 7:15 PM RPC "Sacred Harp Music" UPCEB 7:30-9 PM GREAT DECISIONS: "European Union at 50"</small> <small>YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</small>	22 (AC-P51, 7:30 PM) <small>(PP-FB, 10:15 & NOON)</small> Washington's Birthday <small>T-F BLUE BIN</small>	23 CPAM Teen-Parent "Wing Workshop" 1 PM <small>(AC-P51, 4 & 7:30 PM) UCC Family Movie "Amazing Grace" 6:30p</small>
24 (TP*FM) (AC-P51, 4 PM) <small>RHM 12 NOON "The Plummers' Kitchen" CPAE 2-4 PM OPH</small>	25 7:30 PM UPES GENERAL TOWN MEETING	26 <small>RPC UPCA Meeting 7p UM with HMS 6:30 PM "Future Playwrights"</small>	27 <small>MCPAC "Chicago" 8 PM (MCPAC-C)</small>	28 (MCPAC-C, 8 PM) <small>HY-LI Chess Club 7 PM UM "Ash Girl" 7:30 PM</small>	29 (UM-AG, 8 PM) <small>(AC-P51, 7:30 PM) (MCPAC-C, 8 PM)</small>	March 1 (UM-AG, 8 PM) <small>(MCPAC-C, 8) (AC-P51, 4 & 7:30) Side Door Coffee House "The Do-Gooders" RPC 7:30-9:30 PM</small>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL HOMEOWNERS

Are you aware the tax assessment you just received most likely does **NOT** include a **Homestead Deduction** that had been applied automatically in the past? Now, all property owners are required to re-apply for their Homestead Deduction.

For the first time, effective January 1, 2008, property owners who use a property as their principal residence will receive an assessment notice as well as a Homestead Tax Credit Application.

Hopefully, most residents have noticed that there were several additional pages in the envelope with their latest assessment notice. One page informs you to apply if you wish to continue to receive your Homestead Deduction. Another notifies those who have not received their deduction how to begin to get it. A copy of the application also is included.

This one-time application must be submitted in order to insure that the credit is granted only on eligible properties and not on properties that are rented or used as vacation homes. This is because County and municipal governments were losing tax revenues needed to provide important services to their residents. The only way they can verify residency of the homeowner is to require an application and have the filer provide his or her Social Security number.

This is a very big deal as the savings can be significant! Because of assessment increases and because of the low assessment caps adopted by county governments, most homeowners in the State of Maryland have been receiving substantial homestead credits each year on their property tax bills. Anne Arundel County has been limiting taxable assessment increases to 2 percent. The homestead caps in Baltimore City and Baltimore County have been limiting the taxable assessment increases to 4 percent. Prince George's County government has been limiting assessment increases to 4 percent. If, later, a homeowner is made ineligible for the credit for failure to submit an application, he or she may receive a substantial increase in their property tax bill without the credit.

Applications may be filed online at the Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation website (www.dat.state.md.us) or by mail using the **postage paid envelope** included with your assessment notice.

NOTE: Homeowners who are not reassessed until 2009 or 2010 may wait until then to submit their Homestead Tax Credit application. Otherwise, the deadline to apply is April 1st.

United States. Please feel free just to come and listen or to voice your ideas and opinions. Attendance at all of the sessions is mandatory. To purchase the very informative 2008 discussion book, please call Maxie Phillips (301-927-0857). For more information, visit the website (www.fpa.org).



YEAR-ROUND FARMERS MARKET

You can eat locally year round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (1000 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 28th year, this **producers-only** market offers produce grown locally within a 125-miles radius. It is open every **Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM**. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.



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 a catalog of the '07-'08 season, please contact 301-526-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

♥ **"Top Secret: The Battle for the Pentagon Papers - A True Story"** on **February 7th & 8th** at 8 PM, in Kay Theatre - This L.A. Theatre Works' riveting historical radio-theatre production questions whether a government should be allowed to protect secrets in the name of national security if they're used to cover up politically-damaging actions -- a not-to-be-missed docudrama about, perhaps, the most important Supreme Court case on the freedom of the press. [Ed.Note: A **FREE Panel Discussion** of the play with **Ben Bradlee** and **Michael Ellsberg**, moderated by UM Journalism professor **Thomas Kunkel**, will offer "frank insight-conversation about the issues, times, and context of the Pentagon Papers." It will be held on **February 7th** at 6:30 PM in Gildenhorn Hall.]

♥ **"Ion"** on **February 16th** at 7:30 PM in Gildenhorn Hall - Based on Euripides' play, this UM Opera Studio presentation composed by a UM doctoral student will be performed by first-year opera graduate students. **FREE**

♥ **"Leni Stern"** on **February 19th** at 5:30 PM in Gildenhorn Hall - This "Take Five" performer exhibits perpetual motion as a singer, guitarist, label owner, author, composer, orchestrator, and social advocate. Experience her powerful energetic music from intimate poetry to rock to African to Western. **FREE**

♥ **"Playwrights of the Future"** on **February 26th** at 6:30 PM in the Laboratory Theatre - A sampler of new work by creative writing and theatre students from Hyattsville Middle School. This presentation is a result of an ongoing, CSPAC-sponsored collaboration between UM Theatre students and Hyattsville Middle School teacher Saralyn Trainor. **FREE**

♥ **"The Ash Girl"** on **February 28th** and **March 4th-6th** at 7:30 PM; **February 29th, March 1st, and March 7th-8th** at 8 PM; and **March 2nd** at 2 PM in Kay Theatre - Timberlake Wertebaker spins the Cinderella fairy tale back to its Central European roots and conveys the Ash Girl's tumultuous journey toward self-discovery with poetic language and compelling metaphors.

♥ **Active Cultures** (301-526-9921 or www.activecultures.org), a new professional theatre company based in University Park, will present **"Photograph 51"** at Joe's Movement Emporium (3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mt. Rainier) on weekends from **February 8th to March 3rd**. "Photograph 51" tells the story of Dr. Rosalind Franklin, the scientist who took the X-ray photos that revealed the shape of DNA. "Photograph 51" is part of Active Cultures' Maryland Initiative for Theatre and Science. It will be performed on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Saturdays and Sundays at 4 PM. [Ed.Note: Groups of 5 or more who have read either "The Double Helix" by James D. Watson or "The Dark Lady of DNA" by Brenda Maddox, will receive \$1 off at the door!] Please call for ticket information or questions.

♥ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) is offering a play for kids, the kids' movie+, and the platinum movie for seniors; \$6/\$5/\$5.

♥ The "Saturday Morning at the Movies+" series for ages 7-12, recalls the charm of yesteryear's weekly movie matinee; a half hour of vaudeville-style live entertainment is followed by a feature-length family movie. On **February 9th** at 11 AM, the live entertainment will be the **Kangaroo Kids**, a precision jump rope team that is returning to the Public Playhouse with some new moves and a contest for the audience. The feature movie will be Disney's "Jump In," a wonderful film about a young boxer who substitutes in a double-Dutch tournament and discovers he has a passion for jumping rope. (The next Movie+ will be on March 8th.)

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Gruffudd), an 18th-century English politician who fought for the abolition of slavery. As a member of Parliament and an inspirational orator, Wilberforce was the motivation and conscience for 18th Century back-room politics to end the slave trade in the British Empire. This beautifully-filmed, moving, positive show will have you cheering the good guys rather than wanting to seek the heads of the bad ones; it's a must-see for all adults and older children/teens. UCC's next selection will be your choice of "One Night With the King" or "Bridge to Terabithia" on March 29th.

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The doors open at 6 PM, and complete performances are given at 7 and 8:30 PM. While admission is free; all proceeds from the delicious refreshments will benefit Help-By-One. There always is a need for more directors and plays; please call 301-927-0477 to volunteer or for more information.

FYI: All Side Door Coffee House productions are presented at Ingleside at Rock Creek on the following Sunday and at Riverwood Village on the following Tuesday.



MD BOY CHOIR FUND RAISER

The Maryland Boy Choir (MBC) is pleased to announce that they will be celebrating the Choir's 25th anniversary at their **Fourth Annual Silent Auction!** This enjoyable event known for its good food and any exciting, interesting, and unique auction items will be held from 7-10 PM on Friday, **February 8th** at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (3215 Powder Mill Road, Delphi, MD 20783). Plan now for a fun evening of delicious hors d'oeuvre, a dessert buffet, dancing with a great swing band, and sitting with many old and new "Friends of BC." To attend the event, please RSVP immediately to Carla Monardes (301-699-276). The list of auction items may be viewed at www.marylandboychoir.org. For further information, please contact Betty Scott scott@strathmore.org. The 2008 auction will be supporting the MBC's exciting anticipated trip to the Tucson Boychoir festival this summer. The admission fee for the auction is \$25 per person; donations also are most welcome.



FEBRUARY 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 for ages 4 and under; discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more.) 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.

♥ On Saturday, **February 9th** at 2:30 PM, the "**Fine Fare & Wine With My Valentine**" program invites adults (aged 21 and older) to bring someone special to Riversdale to wine and dine at an intimate afternoon party that will present European wines paired with period-inspired dishes. The program was inspired by Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, who wrote to her father in Europe such comments as, "Please accept my thanks for the cask of red wine. It is of a most superior quality." Advance registration is required; call for fees and to register.

♥ On Tuesday, **February 12th** at 10 AM, children aged 8-12 can spend their school holiday creating a variety of traditional early-American crafts. "**Hands-On History: Folk Arts**" requires advance registration; please call for fees and to register.

♥ "**The Plummers' Kitchen**" - At NOON on Sunday, **February 24th**, visitors touring the Mansion may watch the Riversdale Kitchen Guild prepare foods that were common fare for the Plummer family, 19th Century African-American slaves who lived and worked at Riversdale.



FUN ON ICE

♥ Enjoy a **Cheap-Date Skate** on Friday, **February 8th** from 8-10 PM. The \$2.00 PG resident price even includes skate rental! Plan to bring your sweetheart to the rink for an evening of special Valentine's skating. All ages are welcome. Wells Ice Rink (5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, 301-277-3717/TTY 301-445-4512).

➡ ♥ **DOUBLE YUM !!** ♥ ←

♥ A delicious **Valentine Dinner** will be held Saturday, **February 9th**, from 5-8 PM at University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street (corner of Route 1). The menu will feature spaghetti and home-made meat sauce or vegetarian sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. Guests can enjoy live musical entertainment for their dining pleasure! Although admission is free, donations will be accepted to benefit local and national charitable organizations. For more information, please call 301-864-4328.

♥ **Boy Scout Troop 214** will host its annual **Chili Supper** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 5-7 PM on Presidents' Day, Monday, **February 18th**. Tickets will be available from enthusiastic Scouts in uniform who will canvas the neighborhood on Saturday, **February 9th** and sell tickets after RPC church services on Sunday, **February 10th**. Tickets also may be purchased at the door; with free admission for children under 5 and Boy & Girl Scouts & leaders in uniform. (Take-out meals also are available.) The menu includes meaty, veggie, and spicy chili with homemade cornbread, and dessert, salad, and beverages. All proceeds support Troop 214's activities during the year. Kindly call Anne or Dan Spaulding (301-277-4085) for more info.



SOARING INTO FEBRUARY

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) is offering a lecture, a film, a workshop, and "Jay Jay!" Hours are daily, 10a-5p. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the Museum (301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765 or www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com).

♥ **Speaking of Flight** is CPAM's popular Sunday lecture series that highlights the past, present, and future of aviation. Lectures begin at 2 PM. Reservations are recommended; please call 301-864-6029 to reserve a seat.

On **February 10th**, Mr. Von Hardesty, the Aeronautics Curator of the National Air and Space Museum, will speak on the **history and struggles of African American pilots** from the WWII years to the NASA era. Mr. Hardesty is the author of "*Black Wings: Courageous Stories of African Americans in Aviation and Space History*," an inspiring saga covering eight decades, filled with lively narrative, and punctuated with almost 200 historic and contemporary photographs. After the lecture, Mr. Hardesty will stay to autograph his book.

♥ On Sunday, **February 17th** at 1 PM, CPAM will show the film "**Tuskegee Airmen**," the story of the US Army Air Corps' special project to integrate African American pilots into the WWII Fighter Pilot Program. Watch the "Fighting 99th," the first squadron of black American pilots allowed to fight for their country and undertake the riskiest mission of their lives -- proving to America that courage knows no color. After the movie, visitors may create their own model Tuskegee Airmen airplane. Regular Museum admission includes the movie and model airplane supplies.

♥ **Teen/Parent "Wing Rib" Workshop** - On Saturday, **February 23rd** at 1 PM, teen and parent teams will build a full-size 1909 wing rib with the same techniques and materials used by the Wright Brothers. The wing rib will be a unique souvenir. Program lasts 1-3 hours; pre-registration required. The \$7 fee includes Museum admission. Sponsored by the Wright Experience/Discovery of Flight Foundation.

♥ **Jay Jay Day** - On Saturday, **March 1st** from 11 AM to 2 PM, the popular PBS cartoon character "**Jay Jay the Jet Plane**" will land at the **College Park Aviation Museum**. The \$8 ticket will include admission to the Museum, arts & crafts and other fun family activities, and having a child's picture taken with this beloved character. It is strongly recommended that tickets be purchased in advance to attend at a time that fits one's schedule. Tickets are available through SMARTlink for four time periods: Barcode 110308: 11 AM, 110309: NOON, 110310: 1 PM, and 110311: 2 PM.



OASIS WINTER-SPRING TRIMESTER

OASIS of Hyattsville is part of a national education organization dedicated to enriching the lives of mature adults. If you would like to become a member and start having fun, stop by the main OASIS reception and class area (behind "Furniture" on the first floor of Macy's at Prince George's Plaza) and get a copy of the new winter/spring catalog. Registration is on-going; **classes will begin the week of February 11th.**

This trimester's offerings include: **The Immigrant Experience**, a special program for 2008 funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities that will explore immigration history, literature, food, films, and culture; and **exciting new and popular ongoing classes** in health, fitness, needle and fine arts, crafts, computer skills, and philosophy. **Day and overnight trips** will include guided tours of: Fallsview Resort & Spa in NY (for a Line Dance Convention), John Wilkes Booth's escape route (via a bus excursion), the Mt. Calvert Historical & Archeological Park, and in June: trips to Ocean City and the Colorado Rockies! In conjunction with Doctors Hospital in Lanham, OASIS supports **free medically-oriented classes** on a variety of issues, **dance and exercise classes**, and AARP's "55 Alive."

So, if you've finally aged up to a nifty fifty, and have some free time on your hands between 10 AM and 3 PM on a weekday, why not start enjoying life, enhance your positive outlook, re-stimulate your brain, and make some wonderful new friends -- it's all waiting for you five minutes away at OASIS. For more information, please call 301-559-6575 weekdays from 10 AM to 3 PM or visit www.oasisnet.org/hyattsville. The Hyattsville OASIS Director, Karen Holk, is available to answer your questions during OASIS hours.

**"...Silent, and soft, and slow
Descends the snow."**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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

Sir Richard Steele

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

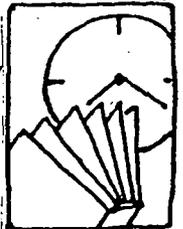
♥ Because of a lack of interest and reader participation in an evening book discussion group, this activity will not continue.

♥ The Morning Book Discussion Group will resume their 10:30 AM Wednesday meetings on March 19th. They will discuss *"The Children's Blizzard"* by David Laskin.

♥ For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**February 14th & 28th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

♥ The **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Friday from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to discuss non-fiction by women authors. Their selection for **February 15th** is Edwidge Danticat's *"Brother, I'm Dying,"* a gripping biography of the author's father and uncle and their experiences in and out of Haiti. *"Persepolis,"* by Marjane Satrapi will be the Club's selection for March 7th.

♥ The **After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - continues their 2007-2008 Club year on **February 19th** at 8:00 PM to discuss their fiction selection, *"The Thirteenth Tale"* by Diane Setterfield. Please call Leila Steiner (301-779-7295) to attend. Their March 18th selection will be *"100 Years of Solitude"* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.





UPHPA: SACRED HARP MUSIC

Dr. Caffilene Allen of Tennyson Road grew up in the hills of Tennessee listening to and singing Sacred Harp music. At the February 21st meeting of the University Park Historic Preservation Society (UPHPA), Dr. Allen will discuss the history of Sacred Harp music. The "Sacred Harp" actually is the human voice. This historic music dates back to colonial times in the United States, when "singing masters" in New England traveled from town to town offering lessons. Since few people could read music, the singing masters introduced the practice of "shaped-note" singing in which the notes were sung first and then the words. All Town residents are encouraged to attend this special lecture hosted by the UPHPA; it will be held in Riverdale Presbyterian Church at 7:15 PM.

Although Sacred Harp music originated in New England, it found a permanent home in the South, where Sacred Harp "sings" have become an established tradition. (Most Sacred Harp songs are sung a cappella.) In addition, the Smithsonian has collected information about the music and about groups such as the "Anonymous 4" (better known for a cappella versions of Medieval chants) who have recorded CDs of Sacred Harp music. A narrative of their extensive research on Sacred Harp music is included in one of their CDs.



UPCA FEBRUARY MEETING

On Tuesday, February 26th at 7 PM, the University Park Civic Association (UPCA) will meet at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. New residents and non-UPCA members are most welcome. The group always appreciates fresh input and ideas. The new 2008 officers are Christine Dawson, secretary, and Lynn Butler, who offered to continue as treasurer.

However, the UPCA actively is seeking a new president and vice president. Perhaps two friends or a husband/wife combo might like to volunteer a year's time to spearhead the group and help orchestrate the UPCA's Town activities. If so, please either let your willingness be known to any member, or just attend the February meeting.

[Ed. Note: This month there will not be a "Volunteer of the Month." Instead, we have chosen to honor the outgoing UPCA president who successfully completed three one-year terms while, at the same time, volunteering for the UPES PTA, and caring for her husband and four children.]

What better time than February to recognize **OUR LOVE AFFAIR WITH KATY!**

The UPCA "Volunteer of the YEAR" is Katy Huggins of Woodberry Street! Not only is Katy an asset to our Town, but she is a prime example for all who think they have an excuse for not being able to volunteer for something -- Katie's fourth child was born during terms of presidency! She has so inspired everyone in Town who had the privilege to work along side her, that she has become everyone's idea of the *dream volunteer*. "Katy is the kind of leader who is willing to inject humor into any situation, even when some tension might be involved," says Brittany Feiner, who also admired Katy's ability "to serve the community with such dedication while also mothering four young children." Brittany says this demonstrates nothing less than "a superhuman capacity for patience and tenacity!"

Katy is credited as being a leader who was always *on top of it*, the kind who, at least in her first year of presidency, put in almost as much work for each event as did all of her volunteers! Julie McLaren remembered "Katy's goals that she set out to accomplish at the beginning of her first term: updating the website, creating a UPCA logo, and making sure that more fun activities were provided residents of all ages, not just child-centered

events." Dana Campbell said, "She met with us before and after each event with ideas. She had great suggestions for getting ready and planning events, and was very professional about doing follow-up meetings. She would write down how things went (good and bad) to remember for next year." As to organizational skills, it's said she gave a sticker to each person attending an event; then, by counting the sticker sheets afterwards to see how many stickers had been used, she knew exactly how many people had attended!

Cathy Madsen always was impressed by Katy's "ability to get things done, both on her own and through delegating responsibility." She adds that Katy had a knack "for getting new people involved, something which she managed to accomplish in a low pressure manner, while always acknowledging people's efforts." Katy appreciated her volunteers and treated them well; and it was her idea to create a "Volunteer of the Month" award. Consequently, membership has grown significantly under Katy's presidency. The number of UPCA-sponsored programs grew as well. Katy started the "Playgroup Meet & Greet" to help perpetuate neighborhood playgroups and enhance the idea of building a foundation for our community network by first focusing on its youngest residents! She also created the popular "Welcoming Wine-and-Cheese" event in an effort to shift UPCA activities away from being only child-and-family-oriented events. But, whatever the event, never have they been so well attended and so much fun for all residents as under Katy's guidance.

Christine Dawson is serious when she describes Katy as "an all-round wonderful person: smart, funny, creative, organized, enthusiastic, personable, and kind. She brought all of these qualities and more to her role as president. She kept the UPCA running like a well-oiled machine" making *fun* the key word for everyone involved. What people remember most about Katy is that she is a bundle of enthusiasm -- and chocolate; people have a vision of chocolate -- perhaps a sweet incentive to do things? Katy fulfilled all her original goals: the UPCA website is online, there is a

logo, and another activity for adults was sponsored. Lynn Butler commended Katy by saying, "Katy worked tirelessly on UPCA activities while donating her time with an amazing energy. Even now, she has stepped down as President to take on another volunteer role at Children's Hospital where she'll put her heartfelt energies into helping even more kids." Three cheers for Katy may not be enough.



UPWC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

♥ The University Park Woman's Club has offered scholarships to graduating high school students for over sixty years.

The Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship is open to graduating students from Northwestern High School with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Economic need is a consideration. The University Park Woman's Club Scholarship is open to all students who are residents of University Park. Non-resident children and grandchildren of Woman's Club members also may apply for this scholarship. Both scholarships are for \$1,000. Applications may be obtained from the UP Town Hall or from Kate Beveridge (301-277-4485). The completed applications must be received no later than Saturday, **March 29th**.

♥ State Senator Paul G. Pinsky's (301-858-3155) **MD State Delegate Scholarships** are available to students planning to attend MD Colleges, Universities, or trade schools during the 2008-2009 academic year. Most scholarships are for four years or until completion of one's degree. Students must be residents of Legislative District 22, which includes University Park. Selection criteria is based on academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to higher education. Interested students may make the following contact: For an online application, please visit www.senatorpinsky.org/scholarship.htm. The application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are due by **April 10th**.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER loves publishing your family milestones (birth, wedding and obituary notices, graduations and honors, and school, sports and community awards, etc.) and club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents. Please e-mail your articles to upnews@yahoo.com or mail them to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.

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"Passion is the trigger of success."

Anonymous



INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

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
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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.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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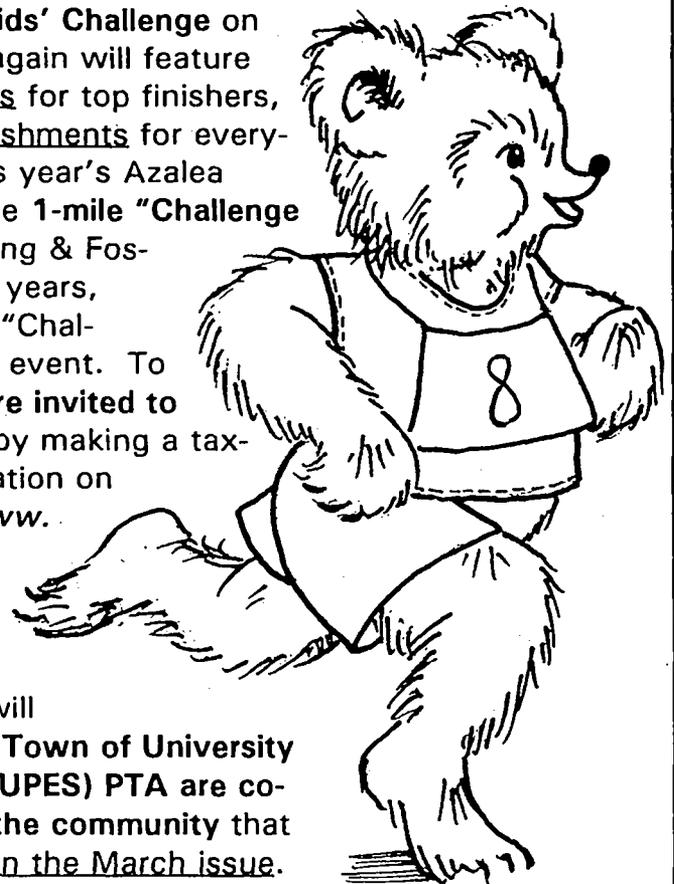
♥ Kids ages 8-16 can attend a Valentine's Day "Card Workshop" at the Bladensburg Community Center (4500 57th Avenue) on Saturday, February 9th, from 2 to 3:30 PM to make a special Valentine card for their family or friends. Resident art instructor Mara Berman will provide the materials and guidance. Reservations are required by February 8th; \$3 fee or FREE with a Center ID card.

♥ On Saturday, February 9th from 10 AM to NOON, Montpelier Mansion (9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel) is presenting "Hands on History Day: 18th Century Fashion and Fads." Learn what was HOT and what was NOT in Maryland in the 1700s: Mix up an old-fashioned concoction sure to make someone smell sweet, make a card for someone special, and enjoy some Valentine's Day treats. All ages welcome; \$7 Fee. For questions, please call 301-953-1376/TTY-301-699-2544. The snow date will be February 16th, same time.

If you can't BEAR to be left behind...

PLAN AHEAD FOR FITNESS AND FUN

It's not too late to keep your New Year's Resolution to "get in shape," by registering online to participate in the **7th Annual University Park Azalea Classic 5K Run/1K Family Fun-Run/1-Mile Kids' Challenge** on Saturday, April 19, 2007. This year's Classic again will feature live music along the race course, special awards for top finishers, great random prizes for all runners, & free refreshments for everyone at a post-race party! The organizers of this year's Azalea Classic are excited about the continuation of the 1-mile "Challenge Race" for ages 8-14. Jean Bourne-Pirovic of Long & Foster Realtors, a valuable Classic sponsor for six years, has again offered to sponsor this year's 1-mile "Challenge Race" with an additional donation for the event. To help defray event expenses, **local businesses are invited to support the Classic** and benefit the UPES PTA by making a tax-deductible donation. To register, or for information on becoming a Classic sponsor, please contact www.azaleaclassic.com. Families also can become Azalea Classic sponsors with a donation of \$150. In return, their name will be printed on four of this year's official multi-colored 100%-cotton Azalea Classic t-shirts and they will receive 4 free complimentary race entries. **The Town of University Park & the University Park Elementary School (UPES) PTA are co-sponsors of this fun physical fitness event for the community that benefits the UPES PTA.** Get a paper reg. form in the March issue.



TOWN IS SEEKING AN ARCHITECT

The Town of University Park is seeking an architect to conduct a small "space and usage" study of the Town Hall, and to advise the Mayor and Town Council on the feasibility and cost of expanding the Town Hall to include a meeting space for use by the Council and community organizations, as well as room to accommodate Town personnel better. **A statement of work will be available at the Town Hall on February 5th. All letters and cost proposals will be due on March 7, 2008 by 4 PM.** Bidders should have experience in designing office buildings and be familiar with all applicable public building codes in Prince George's County. Experience in designing public office buildings and with funding sources is a plus. Please respond to: 6724 Baltimore Avenue, University Park, MD 20782 or mayor@upmd.org.



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