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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

SEP 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
October issue, 12 NOON

SEP 7 - Labor Day holiday
(Town Hall closed; no bus service)

SEP 14 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEP 21 - COUNCIL MEETING

SEP 30 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
November issue, 12 NOON

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services can be provided with a request made ten days in advance. **Agenda for Council Meetings is posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall on the Friday before each Meeting.**

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed some relaxing time during July and August. Summer officially started in UP with a wonderful July 4th parade led by **Lee Buck** in full colonial dress carrying the American

flag, State Delegate **Justin Ross** carrying the Maryland state flag, and your Mayor proudly carrying the University Park flag. Afterwards, there was a festive picnic in the classical American tradition with everyone sharing their family-favorite dish. A big **THANK YOU** to the **UPCA** for their effort in organizing the event.

Two days later, I had the honor of swearing in our final Council Member, **Mr. Len Carey**. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all **Ward 4** residents on the remarkable turnout for their run-off election -- a genuine case of democracy in action in the best sense of the phrase.

In response to the recent rash of **LAPTOP THEFTS** in Town and the surrounding area, Chief Wynnyk and I would like to alert laptop owners about a piece of software that potentially could help track and recover your laptop, and remotely retrieve and/or delete files that could compromise your identity, security, finances, or other personal or business matters. **The name of the software is Laptop Cop.** The web site address is: <http://www.laptopcopsoftware.com/>. If any of you are aware of similar, more efficacious packages or hardware, please let us know so we may post it on the Town police web site.

On August 14th, the Town received an Application for Comment from the Contee Company, who owns the **TOLEDO TERRACE APARTMENTS**, and plans to redevelop the site by constructing 2,750 apartments and 200,000 square feet of office space. This very large project could have a major impact on

University Park and the surrounding area. Please feel free to contact the Town Hall or check on the Town's web site for additional information and updates.

A number of residents who are patrons of the Route 1 **RIVERDALE PARK POST OFFICE** were told that the US Postal Service intended to close that Branch in the near future. But...while the Town was preparing to send a letter urging the USPS to retain the Route 1 facility, our U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer stepped in and said that it would not be closed. It may be that the quiet protests from your mayor and Riverdale Park's mayor to Delegate Eric Olson, and from Mr. Olson to Mr. Hoyer helped resolve the issue. With the residency surge that will accompany the new and proposed Route 1 developments, our convenient Riverdale Park branch (which we all appreciate for its efficient and friendly service) is sure to find its business escalating.

In the Town Hall, we have been busy **ORGANIZING AND ARCHIVING** significant numbers of valuable administrative and historical papers. **Amy Headley** and **Mickey Beall** should be given a big hand for working out the finer aspects of the archiving schedule and applying it to the large quantities of important papers that have been in the attic for many years. While it may take well into fall to complete the job, organizing our Town's historical records should improve administration and make our Town more efficient in key areas.

The Town would like to say **THANKS** to **Timothy Doyle, Rodney Thomas, Michael Wade,** and **Kashae Woodland,** the four high school students who worked for the Town this summer under the Prince George's Youth Summer Employment Program. This is the first year that University Park has participated in this program and it was a great success.

The Town also would like to **WELCOME** a new bus driver to our staff, **Mr. Johnny Smith,** who will be taking over the afternoon bus route and will back up Mr. Harry Horton, our regular morning and call-a-bus driver.

At their July 20th meeting, the Town Council created a special committee for the purpose of developing a plan to improve the water quality of our Town stream, Wells Run. Council Member **Mickey Lucas** (Ward 2) and Town resident **Tom Stickle**s are to be congratulated for helping ensure this committee's creation. The UP Stream Committee will work with the new **WELLS RUN COMMITTEE (WRC)** that was proposed on July 6th when the Mayors of Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, and University Park, and other interested citizens met to discuss joint projects to improve the stream's environment. After each Town has appointed its representatives, the WRC will meet again this month to develop a joint strategy for reducing "toxic" run-off into the stream. All those involved in this effort are particularly excited about the possibility of restoring the natural stream beds in Riverdale Park and the Nine Pond area between Toledo Terrace and Belcrest Road (on the west side of Adelphi Road). And of course, we who live in University Park look forward to improving the water quality in our portion of the stream to assure a continuing resurgence of wildlife there.

In addition to creating the UP Stream Committee, the Town Council appointed members to our three Charter-mandated **STANDING COMMITTEES:** Police, Traffic, & Public Safety; Policy, Rules, & Municipal Structure; and Public Facilities & Services. The full list of the committee members should be posted by the time you read this. The Council also appointed **Anne O'Connor** (Ward 6) and **Len Carey** (Ward 4) to share liaison responsibilities to the Town Tree Committee. **Mickey Lucas** (Ward 2) will serve as Council liaison to the UP Stream Committee.

Concerning environmental issues, a **COLLECTION BOX** has been set up at Town Hall for your used batteries, CFL bulbs, and ink-jet/toner cartridges. They may be dropped off any weekday between 9 AM and 4:30 PM. Also, please **RE-READ** the "**BLUE RECYCLING TOTE**" SECTION in the "Items To Note" column in this NEWSLETTER. There is a **more explicit listing of items** that may and may not be recycled in your **blue recycling tote.** *Please*

consult these "Recycling Guidelines" or the Public Works Department list on the Town web site before placing any objects of which you may be unsure in your blue recycling tote.

"I hope you have a wonderful Labor Day weekend, enjoy the final days of summer, and welcome the beginning of autumn."



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

School is back in session. What does this indicate? The approximate student enrollment at University Park Elementary is 575, at Northwestern High School it is 2500, at St. Mark's it is 300, and at the University of Maryland it is over 35,000. Include faculty and staff members for these schools and it's obvious that the traffic, in and around University Park, increases exponentially when school back in session. The number of students being driven to schools other than those mentioned adds even more to the traffic that inundates our streets during the main to-and-from times in the morning and afternoon. **University Park is unique in that education is one of the most common threads woven into the fabric of our Town.** Town residents from pre-K through graduate studies are involved in education as students, teachers, professors, administrators, coaches, support staff, assistants, aides...the list is endless.

Children are walking about Town more now, school buses are traveling through the neighborhood again, after-school activities are beginning, and increased traffic is back in full swing -- just as the days slowly are becoming shorter. **Learning from and teaching each other are two essentials for staying safe.** We can set an example for others simply by obeying laws and acting in a conscientious manner. Also, if you merely commute through Town on school days, the UPPD asks that you try to choose a route that avoids the school area, especially during the morning.

If you must drive, always **wear your seatbelt.**
Walk your children to school if you can.
Watch for pedestrians and cyclists,
And always **drive with caution.**
"Stop!" for "STOP" signs.
Drive slowly, and
STAY SAFE!

NOTE to UPES parents: When you are dropping off a student, **please do not "park" and exit your vehicle in the drop-off lane** and walk your child to the door. This eliminates the effectiveness of the "drop-off" lane. Working together, we can make the school area a safer place during the morning arrival hours.

NOTE to ALL: The **University Park Police have a very low tolerance for truancy.** School attendance is the most critical part of the learning process. Truancy is indicative of juvenile criminal behavior. When students do not attend school, the impact is broad and the community suffers. Besides being deprived of valuable education time, unsupervised and truant young people often are involved in criminal activity, including auto/home burglaries. If you see students walking around Town during school hours, please call the UPPD.

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

"I hope your summer was fun and safe!"

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. **ALL EMERGENCIES: dial 911.**

CRIME STATISTICS (June 1st to June 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Jun 8-9th	Theft	4100 Tennysn
Jun 11-12	Theft from Auto	6900 Oakridge

Theft – Between 10 PM and 11 AM: Suspect/s stole a red “Specialized” mountain bike from the rear yard of the residence. No suspect/s located; investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 8:30 AM and 7:30 AM: Suspect/s broke the front passenger side window of a 2007 Toyota Prius and stole assorted coins. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

CRIME STATISTICS (July 1st to July 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
July 7th	Robbry(StrngArm)	Pnwy&Oakrdge
Jul 14-15	Theft	4400 Beechwd
July 16th	B & E	4200 Tuckrmn
July 19th	Theft from Auto	4300VanBuren
July 19th	Theft from Auto	6700 Q.C.Road
July 21st	B & E	4200 Sheridan
Jul 23-27	Theft from Auto	4300VanBuren
Jul 27-28	Theft	6700 41st Ave
July 27th	B & E	4000 C.H.Drive
July 29th	B & E	6500 Adelphi
July 29th	B & E	6800 40th Ave

Robbery (Strong Arm) – At 12:40 PM, victim was approached by a subject demanding money and then assaulted. No suspect has been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft – Between 7 PM and 8:15 AM: Suspect/s stole a bicycle from the rear yard of

the residence. No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering– Between 11 AM and 4 PM: The homeowner arrived home from work and found the rear window open and several items missing. On further inspection, it was noted that clothing was thrown all around the house. It was determined that 3 laptop computers, and 11 “Ed Hardy” brand T-shirts were stolen. The UPPD dusted the scene for fingerprints, searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses, and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – At 3:07 AM, suspect/s broke the right front door glass of a Toyota Prius and stole an I-Pod Nano and a wireless transmitter for the I-Pod Nano. No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 11 AM on July 19th and 4:30 AM on July 20th: Unknown suspects entered an Acura Integra and stole miscellaneous hand tools. No suspect/s located; investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering - Between 7:30 AM and 10:10 PM: The homeowner arrived home from work, and found the rear window open. The residence was searched and the only property determined to be stolen at that time was a Dell Laptop. The UPPD dusted the scene for fingerprints, searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses, and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 9 PM on July 23rd and 11:20 AM on July 27th: Suspects entered a 2001 Volkswagen Cabrio and broke the glove compartment lock. Nothing appeared to have been taken. No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft – Between 9:30 AM on July 27th and 1 PM on July 28th: Suspect/s stole a bicycle from the rear yard of the residence. The owner was unable to provide a description of the bicycle. No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering - At 1:55 PM, two suspects broke into a home through the basement door. A resident of the home was

there at the time and attempted to grab the suspects. They then fled on a bicycle, leaving the bike behind in the yard. The UPPD was contacted and suspect information was provided. The area was searched for the suspects but they were not located. The bicycle was processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering – At 3 PM, the homeowner returned home and observed persons leaving her back yard. The homeowner questioned them and they soon rode away on a mountain-style bicycle. The homeowner proceeded to her house and **found the rear door open** and several items out of place inside. The residence was searched and the property determined to be stolen was several laptops and a .30 caliber hand gun. Suspect description was provided and the area was searched. The UPPD dusted the scene for fingerprints and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering - Between 9:30 AM and 4:10 PM: The homeowner arrived home and **found the front door open**. The residence had been ransacked but the only property determined to be stolen was money. The UPPD dusted the scene for fingerprints, searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses, and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

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.

"EXPERIENCE is a hard teacher because she gives the test first and the lesson afterward."

Vernon Law

IMPORTANT UPDATE !

Viewing them as related crimes, the Prince George's County Police Department is conducting follow-up investigations on our rash of recent Breaking & Entering. There are similarities between these incidents and others occurring in surrounding jurisdictions. The PGCPD, the University Park Police Department, the Hyattsville and Riverdale Park Police Departments, and police from other jurisdictions are working together in a concerted effort to resolve this current onslaught of burglaries.

Please continue locking all doors and windows whenever you are not in your home, use your alarm system if you have one, and **purposefully watch your neighbors' homes**, calling "9-1-1" immediately if you see anything suspicious.

If you own a laptop, it may be worth the investment to purchase some software that assists in locating stolen laptops. **See the recommendation mentioned in "FROM THE MAYOR."** Your assistance IS important to keep our Town safe.



ITEMS TO NOTE

➤ ◆ **REVISED RECYCLABLE ITEMS LIST**

Please don't contaminate our recycling collections. Re-read the revised "BLUE RECYCLING TOTE" item in this column. If you still have questions, either check the UPPWD list online (www.upmd.org) or call 301-927-4262 x200.

➤ ◆ **PLEASE EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX DAILY!** UP is fortunate to have exceptionally conscientious mail carriers. Several times, **worried mail carriers have contacted the Town Hall about mail piling up at various homes** with no answer received at the door. Most often, the residents had gone on vacation without

bothering to stop their mail delivery. But a good mail carrier always notifies authorities of such a situation in case the resident might be inside injured or sick. **And...what a good mail carrier notices, also will be obvious even to a bad thief!** A mail slot in one's door usually will solve the problem...unless a package is delivered. So PLEASE, stop your mail or ask a neighbor to collect it for you and/or be alert for packages. (And remember, piled-up newspapers also can be a "come-on" for thieves.)

➤ ❖ **RECYCLE** your used ink-jet/toner cartridges, batteries & CFL bulbs in the new drop-off box at Town Hall (M-F, 9 AM-4:30 PM).

❖ **IT'S THE LAW:** All dogs and cats must be "on a leash" when away from their owner's property. Also, all dog walkers (kids to seniors) are required to bag their pup's droppings. Bags should be disposed in the pet owners' trash receptacles.

❖ **PERMIT PROCEDURE REMINDER:** It is standard operating procedure for all UP residents planning to initiate **ANY construction projects** on their property to check first with the Town Hall to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. And remember; without exception, **Town building permit applications and stamped County plans MUST be received in the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting.** This allows time for your Ward CM to inspect the project.

❖ **UP LANDLORDS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$250 per year and provide a yearly inspection program for all licensed UP rental property. For questions about the license or law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

❖ **HELP STOP CRIME:** Blue and white "UP" car sticker/s are FREE at the Town Hall. Please adhere to the driver's side of either

your car's back bumper or low on the back window. The stickers enable **UPPD officers and residents to recognize UP vehicles immediately.** Town Hall hours are 9-5, M-F.

❖ **TOWN HOT-LINES:** For Town Field status updates: 301-927-4262-x-600. For general Town Bus info: 301-927-4262-x-601.

❖ **YARD WASTE** is collected each Monday 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. And NOTE: bamboo and vines (including ivy) are considered trash. Please bag and include with your Tuesday/Friday trash collections. To keep our Town looking beautiful, **put yard waste out only the evening before collection.**

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

❖ **BLUE RECYCLING TOTE (Thursdays):**

The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream recycling is for collecting: ❖ **MIXED PAPER:** [Telephone books, Magazines, Boxes, Rinsed aseptic milk/juice cartons, Envelopes, Newspapers, etc.]; ❖ **SOME METAL:** [Aerosol cans, Aluminum foil, and Food & beverage containers of aluminum-bimetal-ferrous & iron-steel]; ❖ **MANY PLASTICS:** [Grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap & stretch film (all collected into one "bag ball"), Plastic glasses, cups, & tableware, Wide-mouth containers & narrow-neck containers #1-7, Flower pots, and Rx containers]; ❖ **ALL GLASS** [except: mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass, and windowpanes]; and ❖ **ALL CLOTHES HANGERS**

Please have your blue tote ready for collection each Thursday at 7 AM in the same manner and place as your green trash tote.

We **DO NOT RECYCLE**: The **excepted glass** listed previously ♦ **Any auto parts, motor oil, antifreeze containers ♦ Hazardous waste products ♦ Medical waste items ♦ Glass, china, or pottery tableware, & never ♦ Any (hard or soft) STYROFOAM.**

NOTE: All food & beverage containers and other recyclables must be rinsed clean of food and grease...or not recycled.

♦ **TRASH AND RECYCLING TOTES:** Remember not to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/Friday and Thursday pick-up days. Likewise, it is each resident's responsibility to **return them from the curb the same day** after pick-up. Totes stored outside must be out of view from the street, at the side or back of one's home. If the most convenient place to locate your totes is a visible one, consider installing attractive wooden surrounds, barrier walls, or lattice and plants to block their view.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

➤ **REMINDER:** There will be no UP Bus service on Labor Day, September 7th.

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

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

Senior or handicapped residents interested in this **FREE door-to-door service** simply need to notify the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

A **UP Metro shuttle service** runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are **seven morning runs from 6-9 AM** and **eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM.** Get a map (showing the stops) at the Town Hall or at www.upmd.org under "Other Documents."

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE: **NO yard waste larger than 6 inches in diameter or 4 feet long** (tree trunks, branches, etc.) may be placed in Yard Waste collection. UPPWD can be fined and/or refused access rights at our disposal sites if we take these inappropriate materials (or bamboo or vines). When you have trees removed, **be sure your tree company includes disposal in its contract.** If you remove a large tree by yourself (NOT advised, for safety reasons), please contact PG County Waste Management at www.co.pg.md.us/Government/AgencyIndex/DER/index.asp or 301-883-5969 for more information on area disposal sites.

PLEASE: **NO construction debris may be placed in household trash.** We can **NOT** collect it or dispose of it. **THIS INCLUDES BRICKS, WOOD, CONCRETE, METAL, ETC. -- NOT EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT!** It can break our trucks, and will not be accepted at the drop-off site! All waste disposal sites have become very strict on this matter. **The disposal of all construction debris is completely your or your contractor's responsibility.**

[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 1st COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, O'Connor, and Toscano; Chief Wynnyk; and guests David Brosch & Kim Fisher of the UP Solar Co-op LLC, Rick Reeves of the Dematha Science Department, and Dematha students J.P. Bailey, Eric Hamel, & Logan Smith.

Mayor Tabori reported that (1) the **E-cycling Event** was very successful; electronic waste filled several trucks. He said Mr. Beall would provide the total weight of the collected materials at a later date; (2) WSSC applied a temporary patch to cover the **subsiding man-hole cover** on 44th Avenue; (3) the broken **signal timing light** at Adelphi & Toledo Roads has been repaired; (4) UPES must restrict its summer hours and close at 6:30 PM so an **alternate location for Council meetings** is being sought; (5) UP is on a list to receive a grant announcement for funds (from a **major State grant**) that are slated for municipal parks, and which could be used for our tennis courts or stream restoration work; and (6) the Mayor proposed that a **set of proclamations be created** that could be presented at a June 18th ceremony to four long-time faculty members at UPES: Principal **Brenda Foxx**, Vice Principal **Linda Funderburk**, Counselor **Richard Cooper**, and PE Teacher **Dennis Combs**, all of whom will be retiring at the end of the year.

Two **Consent Agenda items** were approved unanimously to (1) **install energy-efficient windows on the screened porch at 4204 Van Buren Street** and (2) **replace a 6-foot wooden fence at 6600 44th Avenue.**

Two motions were passed unanimously to approve on-street, 6-month parking waivers for: (1) **up to five vehicles at 6904 40th Avenue** (The owner is working in Ohio and renting property there. The 40th Avenue property is his principal residence and he plans to return there next year. Town Hall is checking to see if this landlord has declared multiple properties as his principal residence.) and (2) **up to three vehicles at 6703 41st Avenue** (This property is clearly owned by a landlord who has declared multiple properties as his primary residence, a violation of Maryland state law. However, Council considered the impact on the tenants of not approving the waiver, which would punish the tenants for a violation by the landlord.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the repair of the front porch (including steps and supports) at **4109 Tennyson Road**. (Mayor Tabori noted that there have been several instances where the County permitting office has required UP residents follow a historic district process for permit approvals, and said he had forwarded this information to Mr. Eric Olson's office.)

Re the Solar Group presentation: Ms. Fisher and Mr. Brosch gave an informational PowerPoint presentation on the UP Solar Co-op Limited Liability Corporation, (UPSC) a recently-formed company that is seeking investments in solar energy. Ms. Fisher said that 68% of Maryland's energy came from coal and 28% from nuclear sources; she added that 40% of the nation's energy was consumed by residential and commercial buildings. She also said that UP's one desirable host site for solar collectors was the elementary school.

Mr. Brosch discussed the solar co-op concept. UPSC will need to find stakeholders and a host building, and then buy solar panels. Standard Solar Corporation (SSC) would install and maintain the panels, and the host site must agree to buy the generated energy. Mr. Brosch said, to date, six sites have been identified as possible hosts: UP Church of the

Brethren, St. Mark's Catholic Church, UTC landlords with federal tenants, an industrial building in Riverdale, and UPES. The power generated is used by the host site and sized to provide about half the power needed; Pepco would provide the difference. He further explained that the host sites would not contact SSC directly because UPSC had arranged the financing for the venture. [Ed.NOTE: UPSC is making progress with the PGC schools. Its website (www.communitysolarcoop.com) will be launched this month.]

Re Dematha's final report on the Town Stream: Science instructor Rick Reeves introduced the three student presenters: Eric Hamel reviewed the report's introduction, J.P. Bailey explained the methods and materials that were used in the study, and Logan Seith presided over the discussion section of the report. Mr. Reeves summarized the findings, noting that rainfall was the primary determinant of the stream's chemistry. He said enterobacteriaceae (ENT), acidity, and phosphates all increased as the rainfall and temperature increased. In response to questions, Mr. Hamel said minimal aquatic life had been observed, only a few minnows. Mr. Reeves added the study would be ongoing but the location that had dried up probably would be omitted from future studies.

All **Council committees** were asked to report on their committee's status (chairs*):

Police, Traffic, & Public Safety (Lucas, Dudinsky, Winton*) - No meetings were held.

Policy, Rules, & Municipal Structure (De Saussure, Fischer, Dudinsky) - No meetings.

Public Facilities & Services (McPherson, Winton, Mallino) - Meetings were held; activities focused on trash can ordinance/town clock.

Trees (Mallino, L. Hicks, L. Strickman, D. Strickman, J. Hughes, K. Sondak, J. Glenn*) Meetings were held; activities focused on sites for fall street tree planting/invasive species in Town Park/Town street tree ordinance.

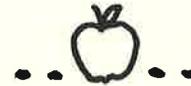
Rental (Mallino, Lucas, DeSaussure*, D. Meadows, S. Nickens) - Meetings were held; activities focused on preparing a rental pam-

phlet, upgrading rental inspection checklist.

Budget & Employee Pensions (Mallino*, Lucas, DeSaussure, R. Stewart, W. Dressler) - See report at www.upmd.org; Docs.; BudCom.

Permits & Fence Ordinance (Fischer, Lucas, Winton) - No meetings were held.

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 15th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, Attorney Ferguson, and UPPWD Director Beall

Under public comment, CM Lucas said he talked to Mr. Rick Reeves' assistant at Dematha about the safety of the water in our Town Stream if children were exposed to it. It was Mr. Reeves' opinion that **coming into contact with the Stream's water was NOT SAFE for children or pets.**

Mayor Tabori reported that the State Archivist had accepted the Town's records retention plan. He also said that he and Mr. Beall found several grants for which the Town would qualify at a grants conference they attended.

Chief Wynnyk reported on the storm water problems from the **June 10th storm**. Both the Chief and Sgt. Enig responded to the extreme weather event. Twelve UP homes suffered some degree of flooding and several gasoline cans stored inside residences tipped over and spilled gasoline inside the homes. Trash cans lodged in storm drains contributed to the flooding on Clagett-Pineway. The College Park Fire Department responded to assist cars caught in high water. The Chief also addressed a situation where two German Shepard-type **dogs got loose** from their owner's yard on Queens Chapel Road.

UPPWD Director Beall reported on several items: (1) He was **posting pictures**

taken during the June 10th storm that showed the high waters; (2) The **E-cycling Event** filled a 20-foot box truck and a Town leaf-collection truck with discarded materials. Several hundred pounds of plastic also were collected. More E-cycling events will be scheduled on a semi-annual basis. (3) The State will begin **mosquito control** on June 15th. Our control nights will be Wednesdays. The State sprays only for approved registered complaints. Spraying is done from the street.

There was discussion about **trash cans**. CM Lucas requested that the can near Toledo Street and Adelphi Road be replaced; it disappeared some time ago. CM O'Connor requested cans be placed at the 41st Avenue cul-de-sac and at Adelphi Road and Van Buren Street convenient to the Metro bus stop. The Mayor said Metro asked that trash cans NOT be placed by bus stops due to concerns about bombs a few years back.

Treasurer Baden reported that the total of the Town's indebtedness was just under \$200,000 and that the Town was paying down the debt at the rate of approximately \$100,000 per year.

Two **Consent Agenda** items were approved unanimously to (1) **replace a 4-foot fence** at 4405 Underwood Street and (2) **resurface/repair a driveway** at 6914 Oakridge Road.

An **UPDATED Zoning Variance Appeal (V-22-09)** was approved unanimously to **validate existing conditions and construct a two-story addition** at 4404 Underwood Street. *(Variances of a 3-foot front yard depth and 11% net lot coverage were requested, with the garage sidewalk to be removed once the construction was completed.)*

Three motions passed unanimously to **approve on-street, 6-month parking waivers** for: (1) **up to three vehicles** at 3900 Underwood Street; *(The State is in the process of removing the "principal residence status" from this property.)* (2) **up to two vehicles** at 6511

40th Avenue; *(This property not a principal residence.)* and (3) **up to three vehicles** at 4018 Beechwood Road. *(This property not principal residence.)*

Three **building permit applications** were approved unanimously to (1) **extend an existing patio and replace a retaining wall** at 6906 Pineway; *(The owner will provide a letter waiving the Town of any liability.)* (2) **replace a back stoop and upgrade/repair an existing patio** at 4122 Woodberry Street; and (3) **install solar heating tubes on a breezeway roof** at 6805 Adelphi Road.

A motion was passed unanimously to **DISAPPROVE** a request to **grant a variance and install a non-conforming 6-foot fence** at 4017 Beechwood Road. *(The owner requested the fence due to the impact of adjacent rental property and the fact that children playing soccer there continually kicked balls onto his property. He did not feel that a tall hedge would remedy the problem. After reviewing the Town Code, the Mayor said that privacy did not qualify as a reason of hardship to allow a 6' fence. Council opposition was expressed for any fence over 4' in height. The owner was asked to speak later in more detail on how he felt his request would qualify.)*

A motion was passed unanimously to **present Proclamations** at the 1 PM retirement assembly on June 18th for the following staff members at UPES: Principal Brenda Foxx, Vice Principal Linda Funderburk, Counselor Richard Cooper, and PE Teacher Dennis Combs.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the UPCA request to **close Queens Chapel Road** between Sheridan Street and UPES on Saturday, July 4th at 12:30 PM for the annual 4th of July parade.

A motion was passed unanimously to **DISAPPROVE** the transfer of \$1500 from P.V. line item Snow Removal Supplies to PW line item Park Tree Maintenance and \$2000 from PW line item Snow Removal Supplies to PW line item Street Tree Maintenance. *(Mr. Beall*

explained that a pending job had not been billed when he had to undertake additional tree work, resulting in less funds remaining in the budget line item than expected. CM Mallino recommended disapproving the transfer and letting the budget reflect the overrun. Because the current fiscal year ends June 30, there would not be enough time to have two readings of the transfer proposal before the FY 2009 fiscal year ended.)

A motion was passed (with Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, MdPherson, O'Connor, and Toscano voting yea and DeSaussure voting nay) to approve Resolution 09-R-07 (State Approved Pension Plan). *(CM DeSaussure felt continuing with the vote was inappropriate, as petitions had been delivered to Town Hall to suspend the ordinance on which the resolution was based. He moved to table the vote, but the motion failed for lack of a second. He then asked the Mayor how the petition would proceed. The Mayor said the Board of Elections would certify the petition and return the certified results. At that point the Council could either vote to suspend the ordinance or choose to hold a referendum within 90 days.)*

A motion was passed (with Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, MdPherson, O'Connor, and Toscano voting yea and DeSaussure voting nay) to approve Resolution 09-R-08 (Pension Contributions Pick-up to exempt Town Employees' Contributions from Income Taxation). *(CM DeSaussure reiterated that proceeding with the vote was inappropriate and stated that the vote should be tabled.)*

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the repair, replacement, and payment (by the County Department of Environmental Resources) of the storm-water management system at Wells Parkway and Chansory Lane, and to issue a permit with specific instructions on how to handle the traffic. *(Mr. Beall and the Mayor reviewed the plans with Council and said the County wanted the work to begin on June 22nd and be completed in 10 days. WSSC and WGL permits would be used as a template for handling required street closures.)*

Re Town Stream research: CM Lucas said PGC Delegate Justin Ross requested a tour of the Nine Pond area. Town resident Tom Stickles said showing Mr. Ross that area as well as the research (Mr. Stickles') conducted would document the status of the Town's Stream as a free-flowing stream covered under the Clean Water Act. Mr. Stickles' research took him to records dating back to 1690! The purpose of the research and documentation was to establish responsibility for the discharge of chemicals into the stream, which then flows down through UP.

Re pandemic plans: Tom Stickles (a UP CERT member) said the recent swine flu pandemic and the closing of UPES raised the question of whether the Town had a pandemic plan. Actually, University Park has requested that health officials designate our Town as a Point of Distribution (POD). The 2008 influenza drill run by UP CERT would be repeated in August and Mayor Tabori stated that one of the reasons the Town was able to respond so well to the microburst event on July 4, 2006 was because we already had a plan in place. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 6th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and O'Connor; Chief Wynnyk and Attorney Ferguson.

Mayor Tabori gave the oath of office to new Ward 4 Council Member Len Carey.

Under public comment, Mayor Tabori introduced Ms. Nancy Schickner, the new principal of University Park Elementary School. She expressed her delight at joining the UP community and said she was looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year.

CM O'Connor had questions on how to address her Ward's concerns re rat control.

One resident with serious rat infestation has taken steps to manage sources of food and cover on her property but can't engage her adjoining neighbors to take similar precautions. Town Code requires homeowners to manage their property responsibly. Discussion ensued among the Mayor, Town Attorney, and CMs.

CM O'Connor also raised the issue of a heavy flow of traffic exceeding posted speeds on 40th Avenue between the "STOP" signs, on College Heights Drive between 40th and Wells Parkway, and on Beechwood Road. The Mayor said the Town will engage UP resident Jim Cook to conduct a **traffic study** in those locations.

The Mayor reported that: (1) While Washington Gas Light (WGL) is proceeding with the gas line replacements, **WSSC** is behind on the water line replacement work (now scheduled to begin in October). Mayor Tabori and Engineer Sidu will inspect WGL's sidewalk/street patches which, residents said, are of very poor quality; (2) Residents should report any mosquito problems to Mr. Beall asap; (3) The Town has received **two grant proposals**. One is from Chesapeake Bay Trust to address our Park and street trees' canopy coverage. The other is for parks and playgrounds and could allow the Town to address the tennis courts, a dog park, Stream health, or a playground for older children. CMS Carey, Mallino, and O'Connor will serve on a Grant Proposal Committee; and (4) The Mayor will meet with the mayors of Hyattsville and Riverdale Park to discuss an **integrated approach to the health of our Stream** (Wells Run). Many grants are available, including one to assay heavy metals in stream-bed sediments and another that would involve the students of UPES and Riverdale Park Elementary.

Chief Wynnyk reported that: (1) UPPD has a **State grant** to focus on traffic enforcement along the Route 1 corridor; (2) A **UPPD officer was injured** in a serious accident while off duty in his private vehicle. While the

officer is recuperating, the Chief has been juggling the Department's schedules and patrolling personally; he prefers not to engage part-time officers; and (3) CM Mallino reported a slight decrease in cut-through traffic along Sheridan Street. She also alerted the Chief that **traffic turning from E-W Highway onto 44th and 43rd Avenues was being obstructed** by cars parking too close to those intersections. She asked that the Chief check for the presence of yellow no-parking paint on the curbs, 35 feet back from each intersection, as per provisions in the Town Code.

A **building permit application** motion was approved unanimously to **replace the chimney at 4308 Van Buren Street** (*with the condition that the Town receive copies of all County stamped/approved plans and permits. The owner provided a chronology of difficulties he had experienced with the PGC permit office. The Mayor said he was addressing permit problems expressed by a number of Town residents to Mr. Eric Olson's office.*).

UP resident **Tom Stickles** provided the Mayor and Council with a **highly-detailed report** giving the background history of Wells Run (the "real" name of our Town Stream) and analyzing the information that was provided by Dematha's study of the Stream.

A motion was passed unanimously to **close the 6600 block of 44th Avenue** on Wednesday, July 15th from 6-9:30 PM, for a neighborhood block party.

A motion was passed unanimously to **waive formal bidding requirements and approve replacement of the driveway culvert at 6902 Chansory Lane** (*The proposed cost was about half the cost of a culvert replaced upstream in 2004. A County-approved contractor would be used; rates were not to exceed \$14,080 and were contingent on the approval and identification of the budget line item for the work by the Town Attorney and the Town Engineer.*)

Mayor Tabori read his formal statement on the Pension Referendum (which may be viewed in its entirety in the online July 6th minutes). To summarize the statement, the Town acknowledged receipt of a petition to suspend Ordinance 09-O-06 and bring it to referendum. The petition was turned over to the Board of Election Supervisors (BOES) for certification. The BOES determined that the petition had less than 50% of the signatures of individuals who had voted in the May 2008 Town election. After the BOES report was confirmed by the Town Attorney, it was determined that the petition had failed for lack of sufficient signatures and, unless the Town Council wished to take further action, the matter would be regarded as closed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



CONGRATULATIONS

❖ To former 44th Avenue resident **Amy Harris Rehkemper** and her husband Dave Rehkemper who are the proud parents of their first daughter, Maisie Elizabeth Rehkemper, who was born on June 11, 2009 at 5:03 AM. Maisie weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. From the moment her big brother saw her, 3-year-old Quinn Dietrich Rehkemper was enchanted by all of Maisie's "tiny little" features. The Rehkemper's live in West Towson, Maryland, where Dave is a media supervisor for the Baltimore advertising agency, Trahan, Burden, & Charles, and Amy is the owner of a professional organizing company, Simplify Organizing LLCSM, and was named "The 2008 'Baltimore's Best' Professional Organizer" by *Baltimore Magazine*. Maisie's and Quinn's delighted grandparents (and Amy's proud parents) are **Phil Harris** and UP NEWSLETTER Editor **Flo Harris**, Town residents for 40 years.

❖ To **Ed and Anne Curtis** who joyfully announce the marriage of their daughter, **Ruthanne Marie Curtis**, to Victor Manuel Gonzalez on June 20, 2009. Victor is the son of Trinidad and Francisca Gonzalez of

Arlington, Virginia, originally of El Salvador. The 10:30 AM wedding took place at McLean Bible Church in Vienna, Virginia, and was followed by a reception at Washington Bible College in Lanham, Maryland. Escorted down the aisle by her father, the radiant bride was beautiful in a white satin A-line gown with fitted bodice and cap sleeves. It was overlaid with organza gathered gracefully to one side and embellished by a floral design of shimmering sequins. Her sheer, elbow-length veil had a complementary floral pattern and was accented by a sparkling tiara. Her necklace was a gift from the groom's parents; her bracelet was borrowed from her mother; and she carried a cascade of white roses, soft pink roses, and pale blue hydrangeas.

Ruthanne's eight attendants included her sister-in-law Samantha Curtis; her school friends Sarom Um Pierce, Ricki Forsthoff Purves, Kari Sandvig, Sadie Yates, Jessica Geisler, and Melanie Coleman; and her Russian-ministry trip friend Kari Beth Hamilton. They all wore flowing floor-length dresses of pastel blue that were adorned by shawls and rhinestone necklaces. Her flower girl, the groom's niece Ashley Gonzalez-Vasquez, wore a white gown with blue sash and a tiara given to her by the bride. The basket she carried was the same one used in the bride's parents' wedding in 1974.

Victor's eight groomsmen included his brother Jose Gonzalez, his nephew Ron Gonzalez-Vasquez, Jr., the bride's younger brother **Daniel Curtis**, seminary professor Dr. Richard Yates, church friends Rick Kammier, Allen Beckner, and Randy Foltz, and his childhood friend Andrew Goode. They all wore black tuxedos complimented by grey vests and blue ties. The 3-year-old ring-bearer, Caden Clayton, was a friend of the groom. Also serving in the wedding were the bride's older brother **Joshua Curtis**, who rolled out the white runner on which his sister walked, and the groom's sister Pati Gonzalez-Vasquez, who served as the guest book attendant. A very special guest was the bride's maternal grandmother, Marilyn Ekstrom of Bowie, and

the occasion was made even more special by the fact that it was the first time in many years that Mrs. Ekstron and all her children had assembled together.

The ceremony included a number of unique features. The bride's father gave the wedding message, administered the couple's personally-written vows, and pronounced the young couple to be husband and wife. Groomsman Dr. Richard Yates, along with the groom who translated into Spanish, shared with the guests a statement illumining the significance of marriage. The bride walked down the aisle to "Alleluia" joyfully sung a capella by "One Voice," the Washington Bible College touring group of which the bride had been a member for four years. Ruthanne and her mother sang "We Are an Offering" as a duet, and much of the service was interspersed with numerous musical numbers by different groups. Also included was a ceremonial foot washing, the lighting of a Unity Candle, and an official signing of the Marriage License, a custom observed in Canada where the bride spent her youth.

After enjoying a wonderful two-week honeymoon in Acapulco, Ruthanne and Victor now reside in the married-student apartments of Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham, Maryland, where they both are students. Ruthanne is working on her M.A. in Christian Counseling and Discipleship and a second B.A., in Music. Victor is working on his Masters of Divinity with a major in Missions. They both plan to complete their schooling in 2011 and then begin ministering through preaching, evangelism, counseling, and music, possibly overseas.

◆ To the **ten members of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church Service Club** (a group open to area service-minded youths in grades 7-9) who collected 3 full bags of trash along Wells Run in University Park. The area they cleaned on June 24th was downstream from Adelphi Road to the Queens Chapel bridge. Primarily, the debris consisted of plastic bags and fast-food trash. There were no pet litter bags, but that amount of trash was collected

only two months after the annual April UPCA Stream Clean-UP!

◆ To **Reese Madsen, Jr.** who has successfully completed the 2009 192-mile Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) bike ride held on August 1st-2nd to raise funds for cancer research. Each year, for six years, Reese has enjoyed riding the PMC with his two brothers-in-law (Charles Bongiorno, who travels from his home in Rome, Italy for the ride, and Stephen Bongiorno) and Stephen's wife Denise Bongiorno. This year, Stephen & Denise's daughter Alyssa Bongiorno also rode. Other family participants include Reese's wife **Cathy Madsen** and his 11-year-old son **Reese Madsen, III**, who were volunteers for their fifth year. They helped the bikers at one of the rest stops by filling water bottles, cutting fruit, and making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. They volunteered with Reese III's cousins Alice and Carolina and many other cousins, nieces, grandparents, friends, and spouses, who worked and cheered the riders on to their goals. Reese gets and stays in shape for such a rigorous ride by biking 13 miles to and from his office in Crystal City, VA each day! He says it takes him an hour to get to work whether he goes by Metro, car, or bike! His training has included much longer round-trip rides: to Mount Vernon (40 miles); Annapolis (60 miles); Baltimore's Inner Harbor (80 miles) and his longest practice ride, Fort McHenry in Baltimore (92 miles)!

Reese's family group of five, plus three riders from Long Island, comprise the "**Matthew's Ducks**" team, one of the most memorable and popular teams in the race. They are empowered by their young pedal partner, four-year-old Matthew Bove, who has been battling cancer for most of his short life, and who loves being at the water stops to greet his team. (Thanks to the treatment and care he gets from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Matthew is doing well.) His fondness for ducks resulted in their team name. Reese said their team was the hit of all the spectators along the race route...who were younger than ten! The team all wore yellow

shirts bearing a print of a duck riding a bike; they had rubber duckies on their helmets, and announced their presence as they rode by with "quacker" noise makers! He added that "all the teams, in general, were pretty creative with their names, colors, and touching tributes to young or lost patients. And as we rode through the many smaller towns on the race route, it seemed like the entire town had come out to cheer on the riders!"

The weekend before the race, the team had a great warm-up ride on Long Island that included beautiful weather and a wonderful brunch hosted by little Matthew's family. Reese says, "I continued to ride with the helmet drape that Cathy has embroidered each year with the names of family members and friends who have battled or been lost to cancer." Both his father and grandmother passed away from cancer, and his riding partners, Stephen and Denise, are both cancer survivors. Reese reported that the riders spent Saturday night at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. There they were served a huge buffet in a large tent and ate under the stars with a band playing. After dinner they received free massages and went to bed at 8:30 PM so they could wake up at 4 AM and be on the road by 5 AM! This year, the race drew 5200 riders and over 3000 volunteers. The average riders were in their mid forties but there even were a few octagenarians! The youngest riders were 16. Eight different-length routes were offered; Matthew's Ducks rode on the longest. All the finishers were winners.

Because of changing family lifestyles, **Reese had decided that this race would be his last.** So now, after a very successful sixth race, he is rising to his final challenge and personal commitment to raise \$4,000 for cancer research. Anyone interested in helping support Reese's efforts may visit www.pmc.org (click the "e" logo in the upper left corner, and enter ID# AM0106); if you are not online, you may mail or take your donation check (made out to "PMC/Jimmy Fund") to 4208 Sheridan Street, University Park, MD 20782.

COMMUNITY WISH LIST

◆ The **Booth-Wood's family** would like to offer heartfelt thanks to all their University Park neighbors (and friends of their dog **Homer**) who have had occasion to capture Homer and return him to them, to succor him during his excursions, open their arms and doors (both car and home) to him, and otherwise keep him safe during his many misguided wanderings. They have a sneaky feeling he usually escapes accidentally on purpose, and as Homer's wit has sharpened, theirs is becoming more frazzled; for now, as if it were a ladder, Homer has learned to climb the 3-foot-high chain-link fence around their back yard!

SO...**Nan and Gene** would like to announce their decision to install an electric-wire ground fence that will signal Homer via a collar alarm. They hope this will give all of Homer's friends a bit of a rest... "at least until he finds the breaker box," laughs Nan, and adds they also hope Homer isn't teaching his tricks to their other dog Nelly. But, just in case Homer does break free again, he is described as a "small, seven-year-old, black-and-white Boston 'Terrorist' who weighs about 15 pounds. He does not bite and will go easily with any friendly dog or person." If you see a dog of this description zooming across Town, most likely it will be Homer. Please call Nan or Gene (301-779-0943) or just return Homer to them at 4200 Underwood Street (intersection of College Heights). And note: If you decide to drive him to their house, they caution, "Please be aware that he is adept at opening electric car windows,,,and can jump out of a car!"



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 2nd.



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

◆ The Southern-MD farms' producers-only **Hyattsville Farmers Market** is open from **2-6 PM each Tuesday** through October 27th. It is located in the parking lot behind the Queens Chapel Town Center at the intersection of Queens Chapel Road and Hamilton Street. This market includes a Spanish-speaking vendor (incluye a vendedor de habla hispana) and offers the freshest fruits and vegetables from the same friendly vendors that sell what they grow and pick most of what they sell that very morning. Contact person is Peggy Campenella (301-627-2583).

◆ **The Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is open **each Thursday from 3-7 PM** through November 19th. It is located adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road. For the 12th year, shoppers may purchase fresh veggies, fruits, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, herbs, baked goods, crafts, and more! Contact: Jim (301-332-6258)

◆ For their 30th year, the **College Park Farmers Market** in the Linson Pool parking lot will be open **Saturdays from 7 AM to NOON** through November 21st. Shop for a wide range of fresh fruits, veggies, bakery items, plants, and...two new vendors! The contact person is Donna Almquist (301-345-2583).

◆ You can eat locally year-round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 27th year, this producers-only market is offering produce 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.com.

◆ The **Greenbelt Farmers Market** is open **each Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM** through November 22nd. It is held in the Greenbelt Aquatic Center parking lot (behind the Roosevelt Center & Theatre). For a list of vendors, produce in season, or more details, visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.



EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSES FOR KIDS AND SENIORS

◆ Jump into autumn with **Kindermusik's** happy "**Wiggles and Giggles**" curriculum taught by UP resident **Roberta Kisker**, a licensed Kindermusik instructor who holds an M.A. in theatre. This fun-time rhythm and song session of classes will be held each Thursday, **September 3rd through November 19th** from 9:45 to 10:30 AM. Classes are for children ages 18 months to 3 years and their parent or caregiver, and are located in the Hyattsville First United Methodist Church (6201 Belcrest Road). Tuition for the 12-week session is \$134.

◆ **CPAE** is offering two Monday night children's classes starting on **September 14th**. To register, first e-mail Melissa Sites at info@cpae.org to check availability. Both classes will be held at the CP Old Parish House (intersection of Knox & Dartmouth Roads). For more information, please call 301-927-3013.

◆ **Music with Mr. M!** - Eric Maring will offer his fall session of "Sing to the Heart" music classes for ages birth to 4 years. Two sessions are available from 4:45-5:30 PM and from 5:45-6:30 PM. Class size is limited to ten kids; tuition for 8 weeks is \$100.

◆ **Drawing with Lucy Dirksen** - This 10-week class for middlers, ages 11-15, is held from 7-8 PM. Participants will perfect their basic drawing skills by drawing from the right side of the brain. The \$75 fee includes all supplies. The fee for siblings is \$60. Class size is limited to ten kids.

◆ **University Park area seniors** are very fortunate to have two wonderful programs offering classes for seniors: the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)** through the University of Maryland and **Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE)** through Prince George's Community College.

◆ **OLLI classes** are located just off Route 1 behind Kinko's in the Hartwick Building; free and convenient parking is included. Membership is for **any adult aged 50 and older**, and allows unlimited enrollment in courses for \$50/semester or \$75/year; the fee for a single 2-hour course for one semester is only \$10. The range of classes is expansive; over 60 non-credit courses are being offered. You can explore literature, history, public policy, finance & economics, science & environment, art, dance, music, language, psychology & life planning, health & fitness, volunteer leadership, service learning, community engagement, and more. **OLLI membership also includes** an array of UM benefits such as: an affiliate UM ID card, UM library privileges, discounted tickets (at the rec & fitness center and CSPAC), and use of the UM shuttle, to name a few. The fall semester begins on **September 16th**. A free lecture presented by Nobel Laureate, Professor Emeritus Thomas C. Schelling, Ph.D. will open the semester on **September 25th**. The catalog of classes may be viewed at http://www.sph.umd.edu/hlsa/osher/olli_catalog.doc. For questions, please call Sharon Simpson (301-314-2582).

◆ The **SAGE** classes closest to UP are those at the Prince George's Plaza Community Center (PGPCC) on Adelphi Road across from the Hyattsville Library. (There are 24 County sites offering SAGE programs.) Membership is for **adults aged 60 and older who are Prince George's County residents**, and allows unlimited enrollment in courses for \$50/trimester or \$150/year; the fee for adults under 60 years of age for a single 2-hour course for one trimester is \$150. Over 49 courses in music appreciation, arts & crafts, computer skills, personal finance, history & social studies, health & fitness, literature, and languages will

begin the week of October 5th. The PGP Community Center gives seniors free membership and free use of the fitness room. PGPCC courses include literature (*Innocence & Experience*) and seven fitness courses: Arthritis Exercise for Strength, Flexibility, and Endurance; Tai Chi; Low-impact Aerobics; Yoga; Tap Dancing; and Weight Training. View the course catalog at www.pgcc.edu. For questions, call Camille Crawford (301-322-0787) or Suzanne van Nuys (301-322-0871).



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

◆ The **Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC)** (123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op Grocery Store; www.greenbeltartscenter.org or 301-441-8770) holds performances on Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM and on Sundays at 2 PM.

◆ From **September 4th-19th**, see The Rude Mechanicals' 1946 post-war interpretation of "**Two Gentlemen of Verona**" with an all-female cast! It's being imagined as the men return to find the women changed by the experience of having run the troupe (and much of the country) by themselves. (*The play is about two friends, Valentine and Proteus. V shuns love and goes to seek his fortune, while P stays behind with his love, Julia. V meets and falls in love with Silvia, but when P visits V and meets Silvia, he betrays V to have S. Enter Julia who decides to travel as a boy to find Proteus... It's actually a story about male friendship, to the exclusion of the women -- a kind of warning, a morality tale!*) Director Joshua Engel says, "The lovely ladies of the Rude Mechanicals had such a good time with last year's all-female *Much Ado About Nothing*, that we're doing it again for *Two/No Gentlemen of Verona* (Shakespeare's bro-mance...with no bro's!), and we get to showcase some extraordinary female talent otherwise relegated to smaller Shakespeare roles."

◆ Four performances of Shakespeare's "**Othello**" will be presented at NOON, 2 PM, and 4 PM on Saturday, **September 5th**, and

again at 2 PM on Sunday, **September 6th**, during Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival. Shakespeare's script has been cut down to make a performance last about one hour while still keeping the romantic passion, swordplay, jealousy, and tragedy of the original play.

◆ Mark your calendars now to see William Inge's "**Bus Stop**," being produced in a 50's setting by UP resident **Malca Giblin** on **September 25th through October 17th**. Malca felt fortunate to be able to put together a cast with some seasoned community theater veterans as well as talented newer faces, and have a diversity in the cast reflective of the County. She added that, "Randy Barth has a record of directing strong productions of classic plays!" Audiences are sure to enjoy "Bus Stop" as a quality production of a well-regarded play. *(Snow-blocked roads force a bus from Missouri bound for Montana to overnight at a diner in Kansas. We meet an uncouth young cowboy, his older buddy, and a young woman who is trying to get away from them. There also is a "professor" whose academic credentials and personal character both are rather shady. The diner's waitresses, the town's sheriff, and the bus driver round out the cast in a drama that's both amusing and moving.)*

◆ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** will open its 2009-2010 season with a performance by **Aretha Franklin**. For more information, please call 240-567-5775, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

◆ On **September 11th** at 8 PM, MCPAC will open its Guest Artist Series with the "Queen of Soul." **Aretha Franklin** will give another Grammy-winning performance with songs like "Natural Woman" and "Respect."

◆ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** is offering several peace-themed programs and the first of its "Take Five Tuesday" events as some of its season openers; many are **FREE!** For more information, reservations, or for a copy of the exciting

new 09-10 catalog, please contact 301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

◆ "**Planning the Protest**" on Thursday, **September 17th** at 7PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - As part of the UM's "Semester on Peace," Joseph Tropea will moderate a discussion with Dean Pappas, Brendan Walsh, and Willa Bickham about how they aided in the planning of the Catonsville action. Come explore the logistics of what went into that day -- from how they made the napalm to what roles they each played in the action and why. Hear their reflections on the impact of their individual and group actions (and whether they feel they had met their goals) and realize that more were involved in the planning and execution of the 5-17-68 action than just those Catonsville Nine. **FREE**

◆ "**The UM During the Vietnam War**" on Friday, **September 18th** at 7 PM in Kogod Theatre - Prior to the Friday performance of *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine*, join UM's expert panel for a discussion that will include a presentation of newspaper headlines and photographs from the University's Archives that help explain UM's social landscape during the Vietnam War. *In the unsettling late 60s-early 70s in College Park, UM students were dealing with tear gas, Route 1 protests, and military "peacekeepers." Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel even declared a state of emergency on the UMCP campus!* **FREE**

◆ "**The Actors' Gang: The Trial of The Catonsville Nine**" on **September 17th-18th** at 8 PM in Kay Theatre - Deftly directed by Jon Kellam and Tim Robbins, poet-priest Daniel Berrigan's historical drama vividly brings to life the 1968 trial of two Catholic priests and seven fellow Catholic activists who committed an act of civil disobedience to protest the war in Vietnam -- burning draft records from the Catonsville, Maryland draft board office. Their actions galvanized a national protest movement and, though condemned as criminals in the courts, they became patriots on the streets. *(A Talk Back with the artists will be held after the September 18th performance.)*

SOARING INTO SEPTEMBER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer trains, two films, three plays, a workshop, and a tour of County airports! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765.

◆ At 1:00 PM each Friday through December 2009, in honor of the Airport's **100th anniversary year**, the new film, "**College Park Airport: The Early Years**," is being shown FREE with Museum admission (FWMA).

◆ On **September 5th to 7th** from 10 AM to 5 PM, plan to see "**Trains and Planes**." The National Capital Trackers bring history to life with their miniature trains, villages, tunnels, stations and depots. So come spark your imagination with a fascinating and constantly moving display of model railroads at their finest. (FWMA)

◆ **Hollywood Flyers** - Enjoy a Sunday afternoon at the movies with CPAM's famous films series that features monthly Hollywood blockbusters, classics, or documentaries with a flight theme. The shows begin at 1 PM and include lemonade and popcorn! (FWMA)

◆ On **September 6th**, see "**Star Wars: The Phantom Menace**" (PG) *This 4th film in the Star Wars saga (though chronologically, the first one) follows the lives of young Obi-Wan and Anakin Skywalker.* (FWMA) The next Hollywood Flyers movie will be *The Wright Stuff* on October 4th.

◆ **Wright Wing Workshop** - On **Sunday, September 13th** at 1 PM, participants will watch a 1909 Wright wing rib be built and then build their own! Please call to reserve your space or arrange for a group Workshop. The \$7 fee includes all supplies and Museum admission.

◆ Take Five's "**The Secret of the Cieba Tree**" on **Tuesday, September 29th** at 5:30 PM in Kogod Theatre - David Gonzalez will share his Latino cultural background through personal stories, poems, and songs and bind them to universal transcendental themes. *NOTE: Each "Take Five Tuesday" is part of an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a range of performing arts.* **FREE**

◆ **The Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) is offering a special workshop & coordinating play (for all ages) and a kids' musical. No word yet on the kids' "Movie+."

◆ On **Saturday, September 19th** from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, a special **Puppet-Making Workshop** will be held at Bladensburg Community Center (4500 57th Avenue) led by artists from the Wood & Strings Theatre. Puppets will be sculpted from foam and finished with craft items to create a unique collage effect and produce a long-lasting hand puppet. The \$7 fee includes all materials and admission to the 2 PM puppet show (see below). Appropriate for ages 8-88!

◆ On **Saturday, September 19th** at 2 PM, Wood & Strings Theatre will present "**Ananse! Early in the Day**." Enjoy a vibrant magical puppet show about the spider Ananse, trickster of Ashanti folklore. Share his comical adventures with dozens of other characters as he leaves his mark on life. The play will be accented with West African music, masks, and costumes. A lively demonstration of the various styles of puppets used will follow the show. Appropriate for all ages. \$6

◆ On **September 29th & 30th** at 10:15 AM and NOON, enjoy Magik Theatre's adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's "**The Jungle Book**." The play begins with the discovery of a pan-child by a pack of wolves in the Indian jungle. This vivid production is filled with action, drama, comedy, music, and dance that will enthrall all ages! \$6

❖ Reservations are being accepted for an **"Historic Airports Tour"** to be held on Saturday, **September 19th** from 10 AM to 4 PM. CPAM is just the birthplace of flying in Prince George's County. Now you can see the rest of the County's aviation heritage. Lunch will be on your own at a scheduled lunch stop. Tickets are \$5 per person.

❖ The **2009 Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day** will be on Saturday, **September 26th**. From 10 AM to 5 PM, any visitor (plus one guest) who presents a Museum Day Admission Card (MDAC) receives FREE admission to CPAM. The cards are available in Smithsonian Magazine's September 2009 issue or they may be downloaded from www.smithsonianmagazine.com/museumday. The Card is good (**only on September 26th**) at CPAM and at other participating museums nationwide, one Card allowed per household. The CPAM MDAC will include the theatrical presentation "Flying High," described below.

❖ Many aviators have followed in the footsteps of Wilbur and Orville Wright. On Saturday, **September 26th** at 2 PM, join Motivational Theatre for **"Flying High,"** three short plays about the lives of aviation pioneers Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Neal Loving, and Bessie Coleman. (FWMA or MDAC)

❖ **Regularly-repeated CPAM Events:**

◆ **First Fridays** - Beginning **September 4th**, the Museum will be open until 9 PM on the first Friday of each month. (See the Museum as you've never seen it before.)

◆ **Peter Pan Club** - On the 2nd & 4th Thursdays (**September 10th & 24th**) at 10:30 AM, little aviators ages 5 & younger will enjoy story time & hands-on craft activities. (FWMA)

◆ **Afternoon Aviators** - On Fridays from 2-4:30 PM, ages 5 & older can enjoy fun, hands-on, aviation-themed activities. (FWMA)

◆ **Wilbur's Workshop** - On the last Tuesday of each month at 3 PM (**September**

29th), visitors are invited to learn about the work and craftsmanship that went into making early aircraft by watching a rib-making demonstration in Wilbur's Hangar. After a 1909 Wright wing rib is constructed, one lucky person will win a drawing for the rib and get to take it home. (FWMA)



GREENBELT'S SEPTEMBER EVENTS

❖ **The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival** was started in 1955 as a way of raising funds to build a Youth Center and it has continued to be held for 55 years! From that first small home-town celebration, the Festival has become one of the oldest and largest Labor Day festivals on the entire East Coast! This year, for your convenience, **free shuttle rides** will be available from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School parking lot and the Greenbelt Armory to the Festival sites. (All parking near the Festival site and Roosevelt Town Center being reserved for handicapped and emergency vehicle parking.)

This wonderful celebration offers an amazing variety of events from 9 AM-10 PM, **September 4th through September 7th**. Plan to enjoy all the traditional activities: the "Miss Greenbelt" contests (4 age-groups open to all); bands and a variety of other entertainment; competitive home-town-style games, sports, and contests; carnival rides on the midway; special events for children; art & photo shows, and "Artful Afternoon" on Sunday; information booths and public service exhibits; a HUGE used book sale of more than 20,000 books (that netted the Greenbelt Elementary PTA over \$9,000 last year; and a blue-ribbon old-fashioned Labor Day parade on Monday; plus ALL kinds of food and snacks. Please visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday for the complete daily schedule of entertainment.

❖ A special **Labor Day Festival Artful Afternoon** will be held from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, **September 6th**. During this time, visitors are welcome to tour the Community

Center's 11 artists' studios and view their new exhibition "My Island" in the Center's gallery, through September 21st. (A reception for the exhibitors will be held there from 3 to 4 PM.) From 1 to 3 PM, weather permitting, artists-in-residence will be roving the midway with art carts and tempting the crowds to make a free island-inspired craft, in conjunction with the new exhibition!

◆ For the 5th of Greenbelt Museum's Lecture Series, Dr. Sara A. Butler will present "**Groundbreaking Patronage: Art, Politics, and Race at the New Deal Recorder-of-Deeds Building**" on Tuesday, **September 15th** in the Greenbelt Community Center at 7:30 PM. William J. Thompkins (remembered today as a small-time bureaucrat who was appointed Recorder of Deeds by the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration) actually reinvented the function of American public art. In 1936, Thompkins, the only black patron of a body of work now described as early-civil-rights art, conceived and commissioned, in Washington, D.C., the first federally-funded public art to celebrate African-American accomplishment. By 1943, he had overseen the construction of the Recorder of Deeds Building and creation of the "decorative package." His bold recasting of official art as an art of activism was neither marginal nor invisible AND it came with the review and approval of the White House! This case study of Thompkins's patronage at the Recorder of Deeds Building is a fascinating study of the relationship between art, politics, and race during the New Deal period.

Dr. Butler is Associate Professor of Art and Architectural History at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. She has lectured and published on American landscapes and on "commemoration and the construction of memory through American public arts." The last lecture will be November 15th.

Be daring, be first, be different, be just."

Anita Roddick

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"A good book has no ending."

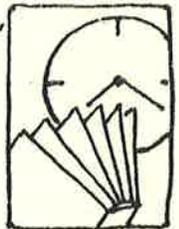
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◆ The **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) offers a monthly morning book discussion group and bi-monthly **chess club meetings**.

◆ For all ages/levels, the Chess Club will meet at 7 PM on Thursdays, **September 10th and 24th**, with instructor Ted Fagan.

◆ The Morning Book Discussion Group meets at 10:30 AM on the **3rd Wednesday**. On **September 16th**, they will discuss Don Borchert's "**Free For All**." (*A Cleveland native recounts his experiences working in a small southern California public library where an abundance of comedy & tragedy finds center stage daily: angry patrons, befouled book-drops, latchkey kids, drug dealing, Internet porn, bomb threats..., a cast and scenes that made providing library services an unexpected edge-of-the-seat phenomenon!*) On October 21st, they'll discuss *Thurgood Marshall* by Juan Williams; new members always are welcome.

◆ The **After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, will begin its 2009-2010 Club year on **September 15th** at 8:00 PM to discuss their history selection, "**Charlie Wilson's War**" by George Crile. If you have questions or would like to join this month's discussion, please call Louisa Woodville (301-927-9548). For October 20th, their selection will be *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.



◆ The **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM (except in August) at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to discuss their ongoing theme of non-fiction works by women authors. Their selection for **September 18th** is Margaret Atwood's "**Payback: Debt**

and the *Shadow Side of Wealth*," a cultural analysis of the idea and reality of debt. On October 16th, they will discuss *The House at Sugar Beach: In Search of a Lost African Childhood* by Helene Cooper.



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.

◆ New Old Theater will present a cast of zany characters to introduce the origin of situation comedy in the mid-19th-century farce, "**Double the Rent!**" Suitable for all ages, it will be performed on Friday, **September 11th** at 7:30 PM. (*Two men rent the same tiny room and neither one notices! One works all day and the other all night as their wily landlady struggles to keep them from meeting.*) To reserve tickets ahead of time, please contact CPAE. Although free, a \$5 donation at the door is being suggested.

◆ **The College Park Youth Orchestra** provides ensemble and sight-reading experience for school-age string players at an early-to-intermediate level (usually ages 7-15). Primary Ensemble members should have sight-reading skills that include knowledge of all the notes in first position, the common rhythmic values, and a comfortable physical set-up. Suzuki students should be working on or beyond the Bach Minuets in Book 1. Intermediate Ensemble members should have had previous ensemble experience, be competent readers with knowledge of third position and experience with keys of up to three sharps and three flats, and be working on solo repertoire comparable to that in Suzuki Book 4. All members must be taking private or group lessons apart from the Orchestra. 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. Auditions for the Intermediate Ensemble will be held on **September 13th** at 4:30 PM. For more complete information, please visit www.cpyo.net.

◆ **The College Park Youth Choir** will begin their fall semester with an **Open House** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4512 College Avenue, College Park) on Tuesday, **September 15th** at 6:30 PM. Sponsored by CPAE, Choir members ages 5 and older work with high-energy director (and UPES Music/Drama teacher) **Chris Fominaya** to develop strong vocal skills. This year, Vocetti (a new group for more advanced singers) is being introduced. Each Tuesday, Regular Choir will rehearse from 6:30-7:30 PM; Vocetti, from 7:30-8:30 PM. Performances are presented for the public several times during the year. Fall semester fees remain at \$85 per child for either choir level. If your young singer might enjoy being a part of this fun yet educational experience, please attend the Open House or contact CPAE for more information.

◆ A workshop in **African Mud Cloth Painting** will be presented by artist Kathye Arrington on Saturday, **September 26th** from 10 AM to 2 PM (bring a bag lunch). The lucky adults and teens who participate will get to paint with samples of earth collected by the artist from all around the world. Amazing results can be achieved! **Please pre-register by September 15th** by sending your contact info and a \$10 check to CPAE, PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20741.

◆ On Sunday, **September 27th** at 2 PM, celebrate the **Chinese Harvest Moon Festival**. Learn the story of the moon cake, accompanied by beautiful music on a traditional Chinese flute and zither. A reception will follow. Because of space limitations, **registration is recommended** for this high-quality free event suitable for ages 3 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRAFT FAIR

 Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Queens Chapel Road will hold its **15th Annual Craft Fair** on Saturday, **September 19th** from 9 AM to 4 PM. Residents are invited to enjoy chili, hot dogs, and delicious home-baked goodies while browsing an array of unique hand-crafted items and gifts. There will be jewelry, pillows, pewter items, doll clothing, wreaths, wood carvings...and a salmagundi of surprises. The Fair also will feature its popular Used Book room and White Elephant room, both brimming with exciting finds. Better mark your calendars now!



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 behind Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 3-5 PM on Sunday, **September 20th**; light refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, **September 27th**. For questions or for more information, please contact one of the new "Meet & Greet" coordinators, **Christine Becraft** (*christine_n_d@yahoo.com* or 240-667-2352) or **Terisa Flick** (*tflick77@yahoo.com* or 301-927-2151). Representatives from established groups open to including new members are encouraged to attend or send their contact information to the coordinators before the event.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the lovely early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on the quarter hour,

Fridays and Sundays from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge for Gift Shop visit during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544. Sign up for classes and activities at *www.pgparks.com* or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). *All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

◆ **The Riversdale Kitchen Guild** keeps their home fires burning! During "Seasonal Selections" programs (held on Sundays from NOON to 3:30 PM), special monthly cooking events focus on a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce, and/or the traditional cycles of an early 19th-century farm provide the theme for each month's inspiration. The programs are included in the regular house tour fee.

On Sunday, **September 20th** at NOON, the Seasonal Selections program will be "**Health Nut: Sylvester Graham and the 19th Century Whole Foods Movement.**" Did you ever wonder where Graham crackers got their name? They were named for Sylvester Graham who realized that white refined flour was not wholesome and healthy. Instead, he promoted cooking with flour made from the whole grain. Consequently, in the 19th century, Graham flour was synonymous with whole wheat flour.

◆ A Hands-On-History Program has been planned for Friday, **September 25th** from 10 AM to 3 PM. "**Toy maker's Apprentice**" is the 2nd of a continuing Apprentice Series being offered when school is closed for professional days. Children ages 8-12, can spend the day learning to make toys similar to those the Calvert children might have enjoyed. Participants should bring a bag lunch. The fee is \$15 and **advanced registration is required by September 18th.** [Ed.NOTE: Popular toys of the period usually included: Bilbo Catchers (or Cup & Ball), Tops, Marbles (made from clay), Jacob's Ladders, Noah's Ark sets (on Sundays, children only were allowed to play with toys having to do with Bible stories &

religion), and Thaumatrope, Chromatrope, & Whirligigs -- optical illusions and toys that demonstrated the sciences of light & color, that were being studied at that time.]



A NEW YEAR FOR UPCA

The University Park Civic Association's (UPCA) first meeting of the 2009-2010 year will be held in Riverdale Presbyterian Church (RPC) on Tuesday, **September 29th** at 7 PM. Plans and details are being finalized for their annual Chili Cook-off (which has become quite a friendly competition between Town residents). The Cook-off will be held on Saturday, October 10th at UPES -- so it's never too early to begin perfecting that winning chili recipe! Planning also is being focused on their annual Halloween Party for the kids. It will be a "real" Halloween Party this year, being held on Saturday, October 31st, with all the bewitching fun and games ending in time for trick-or-treating through Town. Times and details for these two events will be announced in the October UP NEWSLETTER.

The UPCA has begun gearing up for many other great events in 2009-2010 as well! However, your Civic Association not only needs "people support" from Town residents, but also depends on receiving financial support to continue sponsoring these wonderful FREE activities. Please read the UPCA's full-page notice in this NEWSLETTER. **To become a UPCA member**, take a minute to fill out the form on it and return it with your annual \$25 contribution. Or save postage and have some delicious fun; return the form and check at the Chili Cook-Off on October 10th.

The UPCA meets monthly on the last Tuesday at 7 PM. Meetings are held in RPC from September through May. Although your attendance is not required at the meetings, it ALWAYS is appreciated, as having more Town residents attend seems to generate more ideas for fun events! Please feel free to drop by one Tuesday and see what's being planned -- maybe on **September 29th**?

UPHPA BEGINS 13th YEAR!

One goal of the **University Park Historical Preservation Association (UPHPA)** is to attract participants who share an interest in ensuring that the knowledge of significant aspects of local, national, and international culture endures. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, from 7:30 to 9 PM. Between October 2009 and June 2010, UPHPA plans to offer at least nine events that will include informative presentations, field trips to local sites, and pot luck suppers. **Town residents are encouraged to e-mail their suggestions for events with broad appeal to Chris Garcia (urbanipm@gmail.com)**. The schedule is being developed now and the HPA organizers would love more new ideas.

All Town residents are invited to mark their calendars for UPHPA's traditional first event, their taste-tempting annual pot luck supper on Tuesday, October 20th. Early plans for the evening include an update on several local development projects affecting our community. Please consult the October issue of the UP NEWSLETTER for details.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The **University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER** loves publishing the milestones of former and current UP families (births, weddings and obituary notices; graduations and honors; school, sports & community awards, etc.) and club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents. Please send articles to upnews@yahoo.com or to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.

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NEW LEGISLATION

On August 17, 2009, **Legislative Resolution LR 09-O-09** was introduced. This **Charter Resolution** would amend the Charter of the Town of University Park by repealing and re-enacting Article VI ("Finance," Section 615, "Authorization to Borrow Money") of said Charter, to authorize the Town to borrow money by means of bonds issued for private sale, and to make certain non-substantive changes. The meeting set for **September 21, 2009** is the first meeting at which this Charter Resolution could be adopted.

On August 24, 2009, **Legislative Resolution LR 09-O-10** was introduced. This **Ordinance** would amend Chapter 6, "Peace and Order," by repealing and re-enacting Section 6-201, "Vending" of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of University Park, Maryland, to authorize the Council to adopt a filing fee for vending licenses, by resolution. The meeting set for **September 21, 2009** is the first meeting at which this Ordinance could be adopted.



INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

LOST PET DATABASE

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

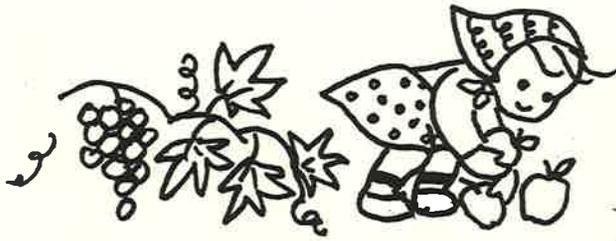
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September 2009

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>September is Cholesterol Awareness Month,</p>	<p>National Honey Month, and Library Card Sign-up Month</p>	<p>1 Hyattsville Farmers Market 2-6 PM (H*FM)</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>2 12:00 NOON Deadline for the October 2009 NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>3 Riverdale Park Farmers Market 3-7 PM (RP*FM)</p> <p>Kindermusik classes begin</p> <p>SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>4 CPAM open 'til 9 on 1st Fri's Greenbelt Labor Day Festival 9 AM-10 PM (GLDF)</p> <p>GAC "Two Gentlemen of Verona" plays weekends → Sept 19th</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>5 College Park Farmers Market 3-7 PM (CP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM "Trains & Planes" 10a-5p (CPAM-T&P) (GLDF)</p> <p>GAC "Othello" for the GLDF NOON & 2 PM & 4 PM</p>
<p>6 Greenbelt & Takoma Pk Farmers Mkts, 10a-2p (G&TP*FM) (CPAM-T&P) CPAM "Phantom Menace" 1 PM (GLDF) GAC "Othello" 2 PM Greenbelt Artful Afternoon Roving "Island" Art Carts - 1-3p "My Island" exhibit, GCC, 1-5 PM</p>	<p>7 (GLDF)</p> <p>Labor Day (Town Office closed; no bus service)</p> <p>(CPAM-T&P)</p>	<p>8 (H*FM)</p> <p>International Literacy Day</p> <p>⇄ ID ⇄</p> <p>YOUR VALUABLES</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>9</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>10 (RP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM 10:30 PM "Peter Pan Club"</p> <p>HY-LI Chess 7 PM</p> <p>SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>11</p> <p>CPAE-OPH 7:30 PM "Double the Rent"</p> <p>MCPAC 8 PM "Aretha Franklin"</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>12 (CP*FM)</p>
<p>13 (G&TP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM 1 PM "Wright Wing Workshop"</p> <p>CPYO-OPH 4:30-6 PM Intermediate Ensemble</p>	<p>14 CPAE Art & Music classes begin</p> <p>7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>15 (H*FM)</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month (Through October 15th)</p> <p>CPYC-SAEC "Open House" 6:30p UP After-8 Book Club "Pillars of the Earth" GCC, 7:30p "Art, Politics & Race"</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>16 UM-OLLI classes begin</p> <p>HY-LI Book Group 10:30 AM "Free For All"</p>	<p>17 (RP*FM)</p> <p>UM "Planning the Protest" 7p</p> <p>UM 8 PM (UM-TOTCN) "Trial of the Catonsville Nine"</p> <p>SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>18 (UM-TOTCN, 8 PM) UM 7 PM "UM During the Vietnam War"</p> <p>CPAE Book Club 7:30-9 PM "Payback: Debt & the Shadow..."</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>19 (CP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM "PG Airports Tour" 10a-4p</p> <p>PP-BCC 10:30a-12:30p "Puppet Workshop"</p> <p>RPC Craft Fair 9a-4p</p> <p>PP 2 PM "Ananse"</p>
<p>20 (G&TP*FM)</p> <p>UPCA 3-5p UP Tot Lot Preschool Meet & Greet</p> <p>RHM 12-3:30 PM Health Nut: Sylvester Graham</p> <p>Eid al-Fitr</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>22 (H*FM)</p> <p>Autumnal Equinox</p> <p>Pollution Prevention Week (Sept 20-26th)</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>23 Please E-mail upnews@yahoo.com (by Sep 2nd for the Oct deadline or Sep 30th for the Nov deadline) with "Congrats," "Wish List," and family milestones for the UP NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>24 (RP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM 10:30 PM "Peter Pan Club"</p> <p>HY-LI Chess 7 PM</p> <p>SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>25 RHM 10 AM-3 PM "Toymaker's Apprentice"</p> <p>GAC (weekends → Oct 17th) "Bus Stop" (produced by UP's Malca Giblin)</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>26 (CP*FM)</p> <p>CPAM 10 AM-5 PM Smithsonian's "FREE Museum Day"</p> <p>CPAE-OPH 10 AM-2 PM "Mud Cloth Painting" class</p> <p>CPAM "Flying High" 2 PM</p>
<p>27 (G&TP*FM)</p> <p>CPAE-OPH 2 PM "Chinese Harvest Moon Festival"</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Yom Kippur</p> <p>National Remember to Register to Vote Week!</p> <p>YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>29 (H*FM)</p> <p>PP "Jungle Book" 10:15a & 12p CPAM "Wilbur's Workshop" 3p UM "Secret of Cieba Tree" 5:30p</p> <p>UPCA Meeting RPC 7p</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>30 12:00 NOON Deadline for November 2009 NEWSLETTER</p> <p>PP "Jungle Book" 10. 12p</p>	<p>October 1 (RP*FM)</p> <p>SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>2</p> <p>TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>3 (CP*FM)</p>



The University Park Civic Association . . .

is an energetic civic group in our Town, devoted to maintaining a strong sense of community among the residents of University Park. The UPCA sponsors many fun FREE events and activities for UP families and children, including the:

Coming Soon! **ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF – on Saturday, October 10th** with a live band, great food, and more! Get your best chili recipes ready for a fiercely friendly competition!

Coming Soon! **HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN – on Saturday, October 31st** with crafts, games, a magician, and a costume parade and contest...leading up to trick-or-treating in Town!

ANNUAL TOWN TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY PARTY – in early December – watch for details in the November UP NEWSLETTER.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE UPCA DURING THE YEAR INCLUDE:

Town-wide Yard Sale Stream Clean-UP Playgroup Meet & Greet July 4th Parade & Picnic

To continue hosting these great UP activities, the UPCA needs your support. How?? We need:

1. YOUR ANNUAL SUPPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS so that many Town residents may continue to enjoy these FREE events
2. PEOPLE POWER to help plan, organize, and run these FUN events
3. YOUR IDEAS for even more unique activities and events for the UP community

To support the UPCA and its activities, please take a minute to fill out the form below. Send it, with your household's Annual Supporting Contribution (\$25 per household; checks payable to UPCA) to:

University Park Civic Association P.O. Box 1655 College Park, MD 20741-1655

For more information, visit the UPCA website at: <http://upcivicassociation.org>, or e-mail Christine Dawson (President) at csarahdawson@hotmail.com or Lynn Butler (Treasurer) at lynnbutler@aol.com

The UPCA meets monthly on the last Tuesday at 7:00 PM, September to May, at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. **Your ATTENDANCE at these meetings always is VERY MUCH WELCOME...although NOT REQUIRED!!**

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Household Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone and E-mail: _____

I am interested in helping my community with the following activities:

Town-wide Yard Sale	4 th of July Parade & Picnic	Chili Cook-Off	Welcome Wagon
Town Holiday Party	Playgroup Meet & Greet	Stream Clean-UP	Halloween Party

Your other ideas are welcome! _____

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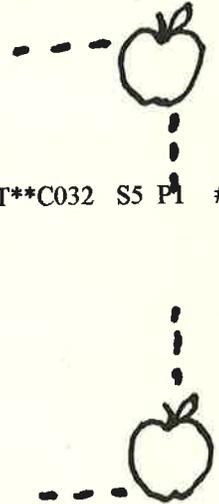
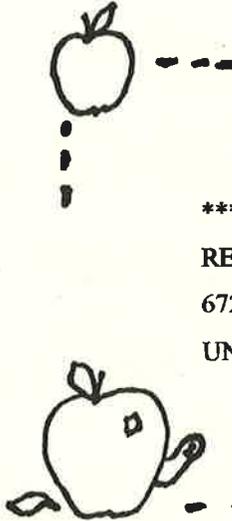
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TWENTY FROGGIES

Twenty froggies went to school
 Down beside a rushy pool;
 Twenty little coats of green,
 Twenty vests all white and clean.

"We must be in time," said they.
 "First we study, then we play;
 That is how we keep the rule,
 When we froggies go to school."

Master Bullfrog, grave and stern,
 Called the classes in their turn;
 Taught them how to nobly strive,
 Likewise how to leap and dive.

From his seat upon a log,
 Showed them how to say, "Ker-chog!"
 Also how to dodge a blow
 From the sticks that bad boys throw.

Twenty froggies grew up fast;
 Bullfrogs they became at last.
 Not one dunce was in the lot,
 Not one lesson they forgot.

Polished in a high degree,
 As each froggie ought to be,
 Now they sit on other logs,
 Teaching other little frogs.

G. Cooper

