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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

APR 2 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**APR 4 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the May 2007 issue, NOON**

APR 16 - COUNCIL MEETING

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

FROM THE MAYOR JOHN ROGARD TABORI

Many of you may have noticed that signs have been placed on the **TOWN ATHLETIC FIELD** closing it on certain days. These signs are placed on the Field on days following heavy rainfall when standing water is observed on the Field. Any usage of the Field in this condition risks permanently damaging the root structures of the grass that was planted during the Field's restoration and could mar the playing surface irreparably. Our Public Works Department has initiated a special program of stepped-up maintenance

that includes overseeding, aerating, fertilizing, and rolling. Gradually, this kind of conscientious care should reduce the number of closures due to rain and snow significantly. The Field also will need to be closed four times a year (for 1-3 days) after fertilizer is applied; experts advise we take this precaution for health and safety reasons. Occasionally, the Field may need to be closed for repairs, but we expect this possibility to be rare.

After spring arrives in University Park, Town residents often tend to contemplate **CONSTRUCTION WORK** on their homes -- whether it involves an addition, repaving walkways, repairing an old fence or installing a new one, or erecting a shed. PLEASE remember, **before you sign any contract, call the Town Office** to confirm which kind of permit you need from the Town and/or County, if any at all. Unfortunately, we have encountered a number of cases recently where the County has failed to provide the correct information. The County Permit Office is inundated with permit requests, receiving between 60 and 200 walk-in permit requests daily. As you might imagine, their reviewing process is cursory and does produce more mistakes than one would like. However, if you are well prepared and know exactly what to ask for, you can reduce the possibility that your permit request will be rejected (and your project delayed). We are happy to help you! We receive and process only about 8-10 construction permit requests a month so we always are able to conduct a more careful review of your plans than the County Permit Office. And, our excellent resources include a Town Engineer and Town Attorney who are

available if your project should present unusual issues.

Residents who are going to plant **SPRING TREES** should consider applying for the Town subsidy for shade trees. If you have questions about the subsidy program, please call Amy Headley in the Town Office (301-927-4262) or e-mail the Town Arborist, Brett Linkletter (*arborist@upmd.org*). They both will be glad to answer questions about which types of trees are eligible for the subsidy and how to submit the paper work.



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

TRUANCY...is defined as a violation of compulsory school attendance laws and local and school district policies. Just like running away from home, alcohol use, and curfew violations, truancy is a status offense, an act that would not be criminal if committed by an adult. Unfortunately, the link between truancy and delinquent criminal behavior is real. Communities with high truancy rates usually have correspondingly high rates of daytime criminal activity, vandalism, juvenile drug and alcohol abuse, and violence. Staying in school is crucial to getting a good education. When students do not attend school, the impact is broad and the whole community can suffer.

As warm weather approaches, the peer pressure to "skip school" increases dramatically. With a high school in such close proximity to UP, our quiet streets, serene parks, and friendly neighbors make an attractive location to visit when compared to a classroom. When UPPD officers contact truants, they return them to school, automatically triggering parental involvement, official documentation, and specific action that is required by school policy.

Playing hooky may seem like harmless fun, but the reality is that truancy places a student at risk as well as having harmful social and financial consequences. To the many

Town residents who are at home during the day: On those nice, unexpectedly warm-and-sunny days when you might be outside doing yard work, walking, or biking, etc., should you observe apparent school-aged youths walking around Town, please call the UPPD. We can get that student back on the right track -- attending school, and working to become a productive, valuable, contributing member of society. The alternative is costly.

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

STEERING WHEEL CLUBS still are available for **FREE**. Help deter your vehicle's theft. Contact the UPPD while they last.

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

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

The following crimes occurred in February:

CRIME STATISTICS (Feb 1st to Feb 28th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Feb 7th	Stolen Auto	6700 44th Ave
Feb15-20	B & E	4000 Beechwd
Feb 16th	B & E	6400 Adelphi
Feb 16th	Rcovd Stolen Auto	7000 40th Ave
Feb 27th	Rcovd Stolen Auto	4400 Tuckermn
Feb 28th	Stolen Auto	7000 WellsPky

CRIME STATISTICS NOTES:

Stolen Auto: Between 9:30-9:45 PM, suspect/s stole a 2000 Ford Explorer that was **unoccupied and left running** in front of the residence. The owner of the vehicle was visiting a friend in UP. No suspect/s were located. The vehicle was recovered and returned.

Breaking & Entering: Suspect/s entered a residence, possibly through an **unlocked** rear window, and stole 2 watches, a laptop computer, and a CD player. The crime scene was processed with negative results. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering: Between 7:30 AM and 6:15 PM, suspect/s forced entry through a rear door of a residence and stole jewelry, candlestick holders, and \$30 in coins. The crime scene was processed with negative results. The investigation is ongoing.

Recovered Stolen Auto: At 10 AM, a resident notified the UPPD of an unfamiliar 2000 Jeep Cherokee parked in front of their residence. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from a location in Washington, D.C. and left in UP. The owner was not aware that the vehicle was missing. No suspect/s were located.

Recovered Stolen Auto: At 1 AM, a UPPD officer on routine patrol found a 1993 Nissan Altima parked in a "No Parking" zone. The vehicle was found to have parts taken from it and the ignition damaged. Further investigation revealed that it had been stolen from Erie Street in Hyattsville. The owner was not aware that the vehicle was missing. No suspect/s were located.

Stolen Auto: Between 9:30 AM and NOON, suspect/s stole a 2003 Dodge Caravan from the driveway of the residence. The vehicle was recovered at 3:15 PM the same day on Dean Drive in Hyattsville with the ignition damaged. No suspect/s were located.

NOTE: **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.**

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election

for the

Town of University Park

For the Offices of

Council Members

for

Wards Two, Four, Five, and Six

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

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

DEADLINE

TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE

or

TO REGISTER AS A NEW VOTER

is

Sunday, April 1, 2007

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

TO REGISTER: Contact the P.G. County Board of Elections at 301-627-2814 or TDD 301-627-3352

CANDIDATES: Contact the Town Hall for candidate packet



ITEMS TO REMEMBER

➔ **◆ NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CHANGE:**
ANY TIME an outbuilding, a fence higher than 4 feet, or any structural work (such as an

addition or deck) is being constructed -- even if the work is a replacement -- the Town Building Permit application and the stamped County plans MUST be received at the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting. There are NO exceptions! [NOTE: This is a change from the previous procedure, "the Wednesday before the Council meeting."]

➔ ❖ **BE SURE TO MARK "University Park" on your Maryland income tax forms.** Town services such as sanitation and police are paid for partly by a share of the State taxes. The State only provides us with this share, however, if University Park (not Hyattsville) is designated as your residence.

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

❖ **HELP PREVENT CRIME:** Blue and white **"UP" stickers** are available **FREE** at the Town Hall with proof of residence and your car's registration. All Town residents are asked to display a "UP" sticker on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are an important part of our Neighborhood Watch program as **they enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately**. Town Hall hours are M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM.

❖ **YARD WASTE:** Wednesday is the day designated for all yard waste collection in UP. Since **yard waste is composted** rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. To keep our Town looking beautiful, only put out yard waste on the day before collection.

❖ **BULK TRASH:** Please call the Town Hall to arrange for a pick-up time and day. Please wait to place the items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is

assessed on each item that contains Freon (i.e. air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers).

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

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

❖ **TRASH TOTERS & RECYCLING BINS:** Remember not to put out these items earlier than the day before your scheduled pick-up time. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to **return these items from the curb on the same day** following your pick-up time. **NOTE:** If stored outside, **toters and bins must be placed out of view from the street** at the side or back of one's home.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town residents. Senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town may reserve pick-up times between 10 AM and 2 PM. Small groups also may use the bus for excursions. Please call the Town Hall (301-927-4262) to schedule your weekday pick-up. **NOTE:** Bus reservations should be made one week in advance so the driver's schedule can be arranged accordingly. Also, destinations should be within 5 miles of University Park.

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

Mayor Tabori reported that the new traffic-control signs for Sheridan Street and Tuckerman Street had arrived. They will be installed once the ground softens up sufficiently. Residents of those streets will receive leaflets informing them of the new traffic patterns.

He said a bid of \$18,000 to \$22,000 had been received for eight pairs of portable speed tables; the price range is dependant on one's choice of size, shape, and markings. There was discussion about the aesthetics of the tables' appearance blending with the character of the neighborhood, and it was mentioned that, in the interest of safety, appearance might be a tradeoff. Mayor Tabori said the portable tables had stood up to 12 years of use in both Alabama and New Mexico, and studies showed they had reduced both traffic speed and volume.

The Mayor said he had visited District 22 State Delegate Tawanna Gaines to discuss finding grant money to remodel the Town Hall.

The building's occupants include an eleven-member Public Works Department, eight-member Police Department, the Mayor, Town Treasurer, Administrative Assistant and Aide, and the planned hire of a Public Works Director. The building also lacks a conference room and a break room, and it has no ADA-compliant meeting space.

Mayor Tabori said that during the [February] mid-month snowstorm, one of the Town's salt and sand trucks broke down from a burned-out transmission. To relieve the future impact that both regular and unplanned maintenance and replacement of Town vehicles could have on the Town budget, a schedule is being written that might help predict when major expenditures might occur. The Mayor and Council agreed that our Town Public Works Mechanic, Mr. Kerry Hall, has been extremely responsive in supporting the Town. Unfortunately, in the next 5-10 years, several of our most experienced Public Works personnel will become eligible for retirement.



IMPORTANT RENTAL NOTICE

Town homeowners who do not live in their University Park home and who plan to rent their house for any length of time to one or more people MUST apply for a Town rental license. Town residents living in their University Park home who wish to rent part of their home for any length of time to two or more people also MUST apply for a Town rental license. *The license helps to protect you and your property by funding a Housing Code Officer who will inspect your rented home regularly. The cost of the rental license is \$250.00.* The one case when a license is not necessary is when a Town resident is living in his/her UP home and **wishes to rent to only one person**. If you have any questions about these rental laws, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 26th COUNCIL MEETING

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

It was announced that the original vendor selected to install and maintain the Town Hall's computer system had withdrawn its bid. Alpha Engineering will be the new replacement vendor.

Chief Wynnyk reported that a bid was released for upgrading the computers in the Town patrol cars. He also said that he had testified before the Annapolis legislature on a bill to increase police aid to municipalities.

He said there had been 124 State Citations, 9 Warnings, 0 Parking Citations, and 0 Parking Warnings in January.

Chief Wynnyk said the UPPD is taking photos of the cars parked at 6806 Baltimore Avenue. This is to provide back-up evidence to the license plate logs, and is part of a follow-up on the code and occupancy enforcement actions that are being taken by the Prince George's County (PGC) inspector.

Attorney Ferguson reported that **the Housing Code Officer was not able to perform a follow-up to the initial inspection of the 6806 Baltimore Avenue residence because the occupants refused entry.** The County has a right to obtain a search warrant to carry out the inspection, and University Park has the municipal authority to cite the property for operating an unlicensed/unpermitted rental property. This property has been without a valid permit since June 2006.

Concerning the **status of the new garage construction on 40th Avenue by the alley** (and because PGC Stop Work notices no longer are posted at the property), Ms. Ferguson said the Town had issued a Stop Work order since she had not seen any Municipal Infraction Notice posted from the County. The Mayor added that the County is sorely understaffed and hard-pressed to respond, even to major projects and emergency situations. Attorney Ferguson reiterated that the Town cannot make decisions over zoning that falls under County regulations. Mayor Tabori said the basis of the Stop Work

order from the County is its realization that the structure actually is two stories high, and as a two-story structure, the building exceeds the regulations. Unfortunately, if the County decides to grant an exception to the permit, the Town will not be able to override it since the County has the ultimate interpretive authority over zoning.

A motion to approve **Leg. Res. 06-09 (Permit Authority for the Parking of Storage Units and Dumpsters on Town Streets)** was passed unanimously.

A motion was approved unanimously to allow voting during Council Work Sessions, but only on items other than budgets, changes to the Town Charter, ordinances, or second readings of legislation.

A building permit was approved unanimously to **construct a two-story addition at 4403 Van Buren Street** (*with the proviso that the applicant would provide a sample of the exterior wall material to the Town Hall and that the plans would be followed exactly as presented*).

Zoning Variance Appeal V-3-07 was approved unanimously to **validate existing conditions and a variance of 3.5 feet side yard width at 4204 Woodberry Street.**

A motion was passed (with Mallino abstained) approving the transfer of \$20,250 from Unreserved Funds to account G23 (Transit) to cover bus operating costs. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 5th WORK SESSION

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

Mayor Tabori announced that **the Town's new computer contract will be written**

with Alpha Engineering, and is expected to be implemented by the end of April. He also reported that the Town had signed a one-year extension on the contract for leasing space to store Town vehicles and perform mechanical repairs. He said a long-term solution to the Town's needs are being sought through either a long-term rental agreement or through purchasing property. The owners of the property that the Town had leased for over twenty years plan to fully occupy the property now and focus on bus servicing and sales. The Mayor also said that after the new street signage is installed in Ward 1, letters would be sent to all UP residents and notices would be posted in the federal buildings by PG Plaza.

Under public comment, a Woodberry Street resident expressed great concern about the Town Athletic Field, including his observation of its damaged condition, its possible misuse during extremely wet conditions, and its apparent lack of or improper upkeep. **Mayor Tabori said the Town Field was not being ignored; it had been improperly constructed and the Town was in the process of seeking legal redress from the businesses that were hired to do the work.** He said the sod placed on the Field was ornamental lawn grass, not turf grass suitable for athletic play. Also, the installation contractor had not leveled the Field correctly. He also agreed that the group who played on the Field during obviously wet and muddy conditions was in error of their judgment.

The resident felt the Field needed to be closed and rehabilitative actions taken -- such as draining, crowning, reseeding, and watering -- to prepare the Field for possible use during the summer and fall. The Mayor replied that to crown the Field would be very expensive and reseeding would require a contractor and result in the Field being closed an entire year. It was questioned whether reseeding would require such a lengthy closing based on similar work done on the UPES athletic field. Mayor Tabori felt the root of the problem was that the engineering firm had not monitored

the construction firm. In its current state, the Town Field is not properly crowned or angled. So, until the drainage problem is solved, reseeding will not improve the situation because the water that collects under the grass roots drowns the plants and kills them. An executive session will be held at the next Council Meeting to consider what legal recourse the Town has over the work that was done incorrectly.

Mr. Tom Stickles of Clagett Road, the UP CERT leader and newly-appointed Communications Officer for the Prince George's County Council of Governments, advised the Council that he had been asked to develop a scenario for a CERT drill in UP. Governor O'Malley recently required that all Maryland towns be in compliance with NIMS [Ed.NOTE: This is a system for unifying responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines so they can respond better to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism]. At present, **University Park is the only municipality in Prince George's County that has an Emergency Operating Plan!** The training drill will have the County in an observer role and have our surrounding municipalities acting as first responders to assist UP. [Ed.NOTE: Later in this issue, the article "VOLUNTEER VICTIMS NEEDED" explains the drill and offers Town residents the opportunity to portray various victims of the pre-planned emergency situation.]

CM Lucas gave an **update on the Town Stream** [actually named Wells Run]. The stream was traced to its inception -- behind Northwestern High School. Effectively, the stream has been killed off by oil, gas, trash, etc. from the school's parking lot. And, although Northwestern does have an underground filtration system, it is in very poor operating condition at this time. The Town would like to have the University Town Center developer create a holding pond to settle out pollutants; unfortunately, this has not been required by the County. Mayor Tabori observed that in two ways, the Town Stream's

environmental situation has improved: One, the UTC developer has been cited twice for environmental non-compliance, and a third citation could close the work site; and Two, **County Council Member Eric Olson** and **State Delegate Justin Ross** are strong advocates for the environment and fully support UP's efforts. Also, we continue to see evidence of ecosystem recovery through our resident foxes, beaver, ducks, and other small critters.

Chief Wynnyk said the Citation Statistics for February included 51 State Citations, 2 Warnings, 15 Parking Citations, and 0 Parking Warnings.

Concerning Town transportation, Mayor Tabori mentioned that **the Town has applied for a new bus to replace the older one** (under the same program that was used previously). In the next several months, the Town should hear what UP's position is on the priority list for receiving a new bus.

Mayor Tabori gave an update on the initial plans for development of the Cafritz property (located in Riverdale on the eastern side of Route 1, opposite Van Buren Street). Historically, the property was housing for veterans and Airco Industrial Plant workers [and was known as Calvert Homes]. **The almost 40-acre plot is zoned R55** (only residential buildings). **However, the plans include more commercial development, and possibly a Whole Foods store.** This would require a rezoning application which could be handled in either of two ways: The developers could apply either to rezone the entire acreage, or to extend Riverdale Park's Transit District Overlay Zone. The goal of the development project is to create a walkable, neighborhood-village type of community. Most likely, its exit point would be with a traffic light opposite Van Buren Street. There was discussion of building a flying bridge over the railroad tracks, but that cost probably would be prohibitive for a private company to bear alone. **The impact of this development will be tremendously important to University Park.**

Mayor Tabori further explained that the buffer zone placement will be critical to UP, either mitigating or exacerbating the impact of the new development on the character of our Town (e.g. low-rise buildings placed along the Route 1 side of the development would have much less visual impact than high-rise buildings). During a meeting of Mayor Tabori and Attorney Ferguson with Joan Cafritz and her attorney, Mayor Tabori strongly conveyed the message that UP wants to be involved in the Cafritz team's storm water management plan from the beginning. This plan is especially important because it will show clearly the true nature of the building plans for the site. **The Mayor also senses that it is unlikely the developers will be able to recoup their building and investment costs with only a single-family-home development; they probably are going to want higher-density, multi-family-development zoning.** At present, the State Highway Administration has no plans or funding budgeted for Route 1 improvements. **Also, the development will not include an elementary school; the children will attend UPES.** This also could raise the level of traffic into Town significantly. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

Explorer Post 1275, sponsored by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, **invites all young adults, ages 14-20, to participate in its weekly program of technical and fun activities and projects relating to NASA's space mission.** Over 50,000 U.S. Explorers belong to this national coed program that specializes in enhancing its members' career interests (other Posts may focus on marine biology, aviation, agriculture, the arts, etc.). The Post's sponsors provide equipment and other resources for use by the Post members. In addition, adult advisors volunteer to work with the Post members to provide program advice and support for the Post's activities. Any student may join Exploring.

Explorer Post 1275 is an active group whose regular meetings are held on Sunday afternoons from 3-6 PM. Some meetings are on technical topics; others are fun activities (e.g. recently, the Post hosted a LAN party, explored robotic software for LEGO Mindstorm, and learned about aircraft accident investigation). All projects and activities are selected according to the members' interests.

Please contact Explorer Post 1275's Advisor, John Wolfgang (301-286-6610), to learn more about the Post's upcoming activities and how you can be admitted to Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, where all of the meetings and technical activities are held.



CONGRATULATIONS

To **Alex Heitkemper** of Woodberry Street who was named "Man of the Year" by the Lewisdale/University Park Boys and Girls Club. Coach Heitkemper was instrumental in developing athletic abilities in our community's participating youth. His dedication, patience, and "love of the game" is apparent in all that he does for the children. Coach Alex also is known for bringing the sport of Corn Toss, commonly referred to as "Bags," to University Park. Alex was a pioneer in the early days of the sport, and has many special tosses named after him, including the mooney, the lorente, and the walters.

[Ed.NOTE: "Corn Toss" involves tossing 6"-square, 16-ounce canvas bags filled with dried corn toward a hole in a 2'x4' rectangular board, raised at one end. The game site is set up similar to shuffleboard with a goal board at either end. Landing a bag on the board earns 1 point; a bag in the hole earns 3 points; and the first person or team to earn 21 points is the winner of the game. For more info, visit: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornhole_\(game\).](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornhole_(game).)]

To **Ashley Fischer** of Pineway, the 17-year-old Eleanor Roosevelt senior who has

been named Walk Honoree for the Arthritis Foundation's Prince George's County Arthritis Walk. Ashley, who has been battling debilitating arthritis as a complication of systemic lupus, will be walking to raise money and awareness for the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation at 10 AM on Saturday, **May 5th** at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt. For more information about the walk or to join Ashley's team and support her fight for a cure, please visit <http://pgcountyarthritismwalk.kintera.org>, click on Sponsor Participant, and enter "Ashley Umbel," or contact her Mom, Ward 5 CM Kelly Fischer (301-864-4078). You also may support "The 2007 Arthritis Walk" by participating in "Dining Out to Fight Arthritis" that is being sponsored by the Greenbelt Road Sir Walter Raleigh's Restaurant on two Mondays, **April 23rd** and **May 14th** from 11:30 AM until 9 PM. A portion of your bill will be donated to assist local and national events raising awareness and crucial funds to fight arthritis (the Nation's number one cause of disability).



LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

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

Adding a little spice to life: The Takoma Park Farmers Market (est.1983) has been awarded a major grant by the Project for Public Spaces (with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation) to establish a new and innovative farmers market in the Takoma-Langley "international corridor" area. **The Crossroads Farmers Market** will open in mid-May 2007 and will feature a variety of locally produced foods, including ethnic and specialty vegetables and herbs, fruits, and baked goods.

The sellers will be minority and immigrant growers new to farmers markets as well as familiar producers who have sold at urban farmers markets for many years.

The \$60,000 grant also will allow the creation of a micro-loan program designed to encourage minority and immigrant farmers to participate in farmers markets and other forms of direct marketing. In addition, a new wireless debiting system will allow customers of both the Crossroads Farmers Market and the Takoma Park Farmers Market to use bank cards and Electronic Benefit Transfer(EBT)/ food stamp cards at the markets.

❖ **Every Saturday**, beginning **April 28th** through November 17th from 7 AM to Noon, the **College Park Farmers Market** will be held at the Linson Pool (Wells Rink) on Paint Branch Parkway. Shop for fresh vegetables, fruit, plants, and more.

❖ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** will open in late May and the **Hyattsville Farmers Market** will open June 19th .



UPWC INVITES YOU...

At the **University Park Woman's Club April 2nd** meeting at NOON in Riverdale Presbyterian Church, the exciting program will be a presentation by Bill Cammack, a former Peace Corps volunteer, on **Earth Box Gardening** (www.earthbox.com). Bill sees great promise in this technical approach to container gardening, both in terms of yield and in conservation of our resources. For more information about the April meeting or about the UPWC, please call the Club president, Michelle Stawinski (240-304-6487).



TOWN TEEN WORKER LIST

The following young residents are interested in finding summer jobs around our

Town. **Please SAVE THIS LIST** and call them if you need any of the services they are offering. If you are a teen with a service and forgot to turn your name in to the Editor, you will need to wait for the fall-winter listing in the October 2007 NEWSLETTER.



----- *Please clip and save for future reference* -----

JOSIE BROWN (18) 301-277-7155 Ward 3
Baby sitting.

AMY CARPENTER (16) 301-277-7417 Ward 4
Experienced pet sitter and baby sitter.

CATHERINE GLASER (13) 301-821-0151
Ward 4 - Baby sitting and/or mother's helper, dog walker, and house cleaning. "I'm good with kids and a hard worker."

JUSTIN McPHERSON (14) 301-779-5249
Ward 3 - Odd jobs; lawn work.

KYLE McPHERSON (16) 301-779-5249
Ward 3 - Lawn work; odd jobs.

EMILY RHODES (14) 301-779-8380 Ward 1
Baby sitting and pet care.
E-mail: emily@emilyrhodes.com

DIANA SEILER (14) 301-779-0286 Ward 1
Child care; Goodcharlottecutie_13@yahoo.com

ELENA TOSCANO (15) 301-927-9022 Ward 5
Experienced, responsible baby sitter and pet caretaker; weekends only until June; references available.

KYLIE TOSCANO (13) 301-927-9022 Ward 5
Experienced, responsible baby sitter; weekends only until June; references.

**If every day is an awakening,
You will never grow old.
You will just keep on growing.**

Gail Sheehy

SOARING INTO APRIL



This month, the **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will feature movies, lectures and "Paper Airplane Week." At all the events, children must be accompanied by an adult. Unless otherwise stated, program fees are included in the regular Museum admission.

◆ **"Paper Airplane Week" - April 2nd to 6th** from 12-4 PM: During your visit to the Museum this week, all ages are invited to make a paper airplane! Supplies and patterns are free with your regular Museum admission and Museum staff will be available to assist you. The week will culminate with the annual Paper Airplane Derby held on Friday, **April 6th** at 2 PM. NOTE: Prizes will be awarded!



◆ **"The Evolution of the Berliner Helicopter at College Park ('...our machine can rise vertically from the ground... and is capable of control in flight.')**" - **April 13th through June 30th**: From 1920-1924, father-and-son inventors Emile and Henry Berliner came to the College Park Airport to conduct their experiments in vertical flight. Fortunately, the pair documented the evolution of their helicopter with photographs. Through this exhibit, one can recount these early days of vertical flight, and because of a 1997 joint preservation effort by the Smithsonian and CPAM, one can see the actual 1924 version of a helicopter that is displayed proudly at the Museum today.

◆ **Teen Movie Night**: Through May, teens are invited to a monthly Friday night movie, free with Museum admission. The doors will open at 7 PM and the show starts at 7:30 PM. The selection for **April 13th** is **"Star Wars."** The plot follows the life of a simple farm boy, Luke Skywalker, as he and his new allies (Han Solo, Chewbacca, Ben Kenobi, C-3PO, and R2-D2) try to rescue rebel leader Princess Leia from the clutches of the Empire. It culminates with Luke and the Rebels making an attack on the Empire's powerful and ominous weapon, the Death Star. The show won six Oscars in 1978 and is rated PG.

◆ **Speaking of Flight**, CPAM's seasonal Sunday lecture series, highlights the past, present, and future of aviation. Lectures begin at 2 PM and are free with regular Museum admission. On **April 15th**, R.E.G. Davies will discuss **the life and legacy of aviation giant Howard Hughes**. Mr. Davies is an English scholar, author, and publisher. He moved to the U.S. in 1968 to work for Douglas Aircraft. Currently, he is Curator of Air Transport at the National Air and Space Museum. Mr. Davies also will be available to sign his recently-released book (co-authored with Thomas Wildenberg), *"Howard Hughes: An Airman, His Aircraft, and His Great Flight."* NOTE: Space is limited and reservations are recommended; please call 301-864-6029 to reserve a seat.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

◆ **The University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** is offering many intriguing free and ticketed programs this month. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the 2006-2007 season, please call 301-405-8169 or contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

◆ **"Peabody Ragtime Ensemble"** on Tuesday **April 3rd** at 5:30 PM in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall - "Take Five on Tuesdays" welcomes this eclectic line-up of traditional jazz, including ragtime, Dixieland, Big Band, swing, novelties, and vocale! **FREE**

◆ **"Songs of the Americas"** on Friday **April 13th** at 8 PM in the Dekelbroum Concert Hall - The UM Men's & Women's Choruses will present music by North and South American composers, including Randall Thompson's fascinating and memorable "Frostiana: Seven Country Songs," which provides a haunting accompaniment for the choral reading of Robert Frost's most memorable poems. **FREE**

◆ **"UM Opera Studio: Opera al Fresco"** on Thursday, **April 19th** at 12:30 PM in the Grand Pavilion - Bring your lunch and enjoy

first-year graduate students as they perform a variety of opera scenes accompanied by only a piano and minimal props. **FREE**

◆ **"UM Opera Studio: *Armide* (1777)"** on **April 19th-21st** at 7:30 PM in the Kay Theatre - With Opera Lafayette, Gluck's five-act opera retells the medieval love story of a sorceress and a soldier. Can the powers of Amide compel the knight Renaud truly to love her in return? It will be performed in French with English supertitles.

◆ **"The University Chorale's Spring Showcase"** on **April 22nd** at 7:30 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall - This select, undergraduate mixed-vocal ensemble will present a program of *a cappella* music from the Renaissance and accompanying works of the 20th century, featuring Stravinsky's Mass.

◆ **"The UM Repertoire Orchestra"** on **April 30th** at 8 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall Enjoy the season finale of UM's campus-wide orchestra as it features the music of Pfitzner, Stravinsky, Schreker, and Bartók. **FREE**

◆ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** concludes the 2006-07 performances of its Guest Artist Series. For information or tickets, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

◆ **"An American Daughter"** on **April 18th-21st** at 8 PM and **April 22nd** at 2 PM - The privileged, educated daughter of a senator seems to have it all. Lyssa is the wife of a professor, has a lovely home in Georgetown, and is the presidential nominee for Surgeon general. When the media discovers a minor misstep and portrays it as a serious moral lapse, this Wendy Wasserstein play becomes a witty humorous exposé.

◆ **"Spring Dance Concert"** on **April 27th and 28th** at 8 PM and **April 29th** at 2 PM - The Rockville Dance Company continues its annual tradition of presenting the exciting and original works of students, faculty, and area

choreographers. You won't want to miss the dazzling display of ballet, jazz, and tap.



LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS

◆ **Riverdale Presbyterian Church** (301-927-0477, 6315 Queens Chapel Road, across from UPES) continues its **"Music at Riverdale" Concert Series** (open to public) on **April 6th** at 7:30 PM. **A Good Friday Meditation** of music for reflection and renewal is being presented with a full orchestra, chorus, and soloists. The concert is free, but a good-will offering will be collected to support the concert series.

◆ **University Park Church of the Brethren** (301-864-4328, 4413 Tuckerman Street, corner of Route 1) will conclude its **sale of good quality shredded hardwood mulch** on Saturday, **April 14th**, in the Church parking lot from 8 AM until the stock of mulch has been depleted. To order in advance, please leave an e-mail message at upcob@aol.com, call the Church, mail your order & contact information to the Church, or drop your order in the Church mailbox (to the left of the main doors). The price/amount has changed to \$3.00 for a 2-cubic-foot bag. **Free curbside delivery can be arranged for all advance, pre-paid orders of 10 bags or more, that are within a reasonable distance from the church.** All proceeds from the mulch sale support UPCB Outreach Ministries. For more details, please check the Church website at www.upcob.org (events).

◆ All Town residents are invited to attend a **Rummage Sale** sponsored by **University United Methodist Church** (3621 Campus Drive, College Park). The Sale will be held on Friday, **April 20th** from 9 AM to 8 PM and on Saturday, **April 21st** from 9 AM to 2 PM. Bargains include good used furniture and clothing, household items, jewelry, linens, glassware, toys, books, and miscellaneous items. For more information, please call 301-422-1400.

◆ **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers FREE family-oriented quality movies each month that are conveniently close to home. Light snacks are provided at 6:30 PM and the movies begin at 7 PM. On **April 21st**, "**An Inconvenient Truth**" will be shown for the more serious minded, while "**The Little Mermaid**" will be shown for the young at heart.

◆ "**An Inconvenient Truth**," rated PG, is directed and produced by Davis Guggenheim (HBO's "Deadwood"). Former Vice President Al Gore is captured in the midst of waging a passionate campaign, not for the White House, but for the environment. Laying out the facts of global warming without getting political, Gore has made a sobering impression on the audiences who have heard his message, urging them to act "boldly, quickly, and wisely" -- before it's too late to act at all.

◆ Join Ariel, Scuttle, Sebastian, and all of their friends (and foes) in Disney's instant classic, "**The Little Mermaid**," rated G. Winner of two Academy Awards (for Best Score and Best Song). This colorful adventure tells the story of the impetuous mermaid princess Ariel, who falls in love with the human Prince Eric and puts a lot on the line for the chance to end up in his arms. The memorable songs and characters will enchant everyone. In May, the show will be "**Her Majesty**."



APRIL FUN WITH CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange** (CPAE) "Connecting People through Arts Experiences" **events are FREE** and held at the College Park Old Parish Hall (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; you also may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

◆ On Saturday, **April 14th** at 3 PM, open up the world of musical instruments to

your child through the "**Musical Instrument Petting Zoo**." In this hands-on experience, University of Maryland music education students will introduce different musical instruments and give each child a chance to make a sound on every instrument. Also, children can work with CPAE Arts Specialist Aaron Springer to build their own stringed instrument. Please RSVP at info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013.

◆ "**Restoring Honor to Chaplain Plummer**" - CPAE's Cultural Connections series is hosting Dr. Leigh Ryan, who will lead a fascinating discussion of local history on Monday, **April 9th** at 7 PM. Former Prince George's County slave Henry Vinton Plummer was the first African American to become a chaplain in the regular U.S. Army, but was dishonorably discharged in 1894 under questionable circumstances. More than a century later, the Committee to Clear Chaplain Plummer successfully petitioned the Army Board to change his dismissal to honorable. A short DVD documentary also will be shown.

◆ On Sunday, **April 22nd** from 2-4 PM, **Make Mobiles at Kids' Arts Drop-In**. Instructor Aaron Springer invites children ages 3-8 and their parents to come "hang" out and see what kind of kinetic hanging sculptures they can create. **All children must be accompanied by an adult** at this free CPAE program.

◆ "**A Bike Decorating Workshop**" will be held on Saturday, **April 21st** at 2 PM in Davis Hall, 9217 51st Avenue. Kids can make their bikes into a kinetic sculpture and ride with the CPAE in the Boys and Girls Club Parade on May 6 (begins at 1 PM at REI). Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will show how to build removable decorations. Bring recyclables to enliven your project (cardboard, cans, string, foil, etc.); it also might be handy to bring your own tools, such as tin snips or staple guns. RSVP to info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013.

◆ Families who attend **Maryland Day** on **April 28th** might like to visit the CPAE booth. They will be hosting a **free** craft and information table featuring **simple origami** and **Japanese cut paper** projects.

UPCA STREAM CLEAN-UP

Come wade in the water, and help clean our Stream at the University Park Civic Association's "**Stream Clean-UP**" on Saturday, **April 14th** from 8:30-11 AM. Participants should meet in the Riverdale Presbyterian Church parking lot at 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts before heading to the stream bed to collect trash and other "found art." Please **wear waders** or sturdy water-friendly footwear **and work gloves**, and **bring clippers or shears** to remove ivy from Park trees. The Civic Association will provide trash bags, garden gloves, and a limited number of waders.

It is not necessary to get wet to participate; there is as much to do along the banks of the stream as in it. Prizes will be given to the groups collecting the most trash. Volunteers may form their own groups or join one when they arrive. Scout groups and students can earn service hours for their participation. After the clean-UP is completed, **Jon McLaren** of 41st Avenue will lead the kids in crafting the garbage into a trash sculpture to be known as the "The Creek Speaks."

Whether or not you can help with the Clean-UP, plan on strolling to the grassy area near the creek between RPC and the Tot Lot to view "**The Creek Speaks**;" it **will be on display until 2 PM**. Be sure to notice the clean Creek on your walk to the sculpture, and be prepared to be amazed by the abundance and variety of the trash that was collected!

Our beautiful Park Stream area **NEEDS** your help! A trash-littered creek makes our Town seem unsightly. The annual UPCA Stream Clean-UP attempts to combat this problem and keep our Town the scenic place that we all love and enjoy. **Please consider volunteering a few hours**, maybe with your family or a friend, and help support this worthwhile community event; **you'll have a great time!** For more information, feel free to contact Julie or Jon McLaren (301-277-2354 or jon.mclaren@gmail.com). Remember, the clean-UP will be held rain or shine.

UPHPA APRIL PROGRAM

All Town residents are invited to attend the Tuesday, **April 17th** meeting of the University Park Historic Preservation Association from 7:30-9 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Hear about Prince George's County Historic Preservation and how to create an historic district in University Park from guest speaker Howard Berger. UP's current designation by the National Register of Historic Places does not impose building standards on the district's residents. For more information, please call Maxi (301-927-0857).



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"The worst thing about new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones."

Joseph Joubert

◆ During April, the **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) continues its newly-formatted evening group, **dialogues!**, its chess club meetings, and its morning book group.

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

◆ The Morning Book Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. At their **April 18th** meeting, they will be discussing "**Cloud Atlas**" by David Mitchell. The selection for their May 16th meeting will be "**Mayflower**" by Nathaniel Philbrick.

◆ **dialogues!** The Hyattsville Library's bi-monthly 7:30 PM book discussion group focuses on "**dialogues**" about **issues of current concern**. Participants are asked to read two suggested books plus anything else they feel might be relevant on the pre-selected subject. This type of group affords a stimulating and exciting discussion format **for book lovers who often prefer reading for more than merely entertainment!**

At the **May 10th** meeting, the theme will be "Creation and Genetics." Please read "*Genetics and Genetic Engineering*" by Barbara Wexler (focuses on the history of genetics, genetic disorders, genetic engineering & biotechnology, ethical issues involving genetics, and much more) and "*All Over Creation*" by Ruth Ozeki (a novel centering on genetically-engineered potatoes and whether they will destroy the environment or save the world from mass starvation; also, winner of the 2004 American Book Award & Willa Literary Award for Contemporary Fiction).

❖ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults -men, women and couples - will continue their 2007 Club year on **April 17th** at 8 PM to discuss their Pulitzer/NBW-Finalist selection, "**The March**" by E.L. Doctorow. Please call Leila Steiner (301-779-7295) if you'd like to attend. The selection for their May 15th meeting is "*A Tale of Love and Darkness*" by Amos Oz. New members are welcome to join any month.



GREAT DECISIONS 2007

All Town residents are invited to attend Great Decisions 2007, **the discussion series offered by the Foreign Policy Association**. The FPA is a non-governmental, non-partisan, independent organization that promotes foreign policy education. The UP group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at the University Park Church of the Brethren. The remaining dates and topics include:

◆ **April 12th – South Africa:** Although it's the most developed country in Africa and an active leader on the continent, South Africa still struggles with major issues in the post-apartheid era. What political challenges does it face, and what impact does the AIDS epidemic play on its economy and society?

◆ **April 26th – War Crimes:** The International Criminal Court has established a new venue for investigating and prosecuting war crimes, despite a lack of U.S. participation. Will this lack weaken the power of the ICC? What challenges does the ICC face in punishing war criminals?

◆ **May 10th – Central Asia:** Rich in energy supplies and strategically located, the five Central Asia countries attract attention from the Middle East, China, Russia, and the U.S. How will international competition for energy supplies affect each country and what interests does the U.S. have in that region?

◆ **May 24th – Children:** Ensuring the safety and proper development of children is the stated goal of the global community, yet children in some countries are exposed to unsafe labor practices, human trafficking, and participation in combat. What role should private donors, governments, and international organizations play in ensuring health care, education, and safety for the world's children?

This series affords an easy, friendly, informal way to learn more about United States foreign policy. **Feel free just to come and listen or to voice your ideas and opinions.** Attendance at every session is not mandatory. To purchase the informative 2007 discussion book, please call Maxie Phillips (301-927-0857); for more information, visit www.fpa.org.



APRIL AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on Fridays and Sundays from NOON to 4 PM; group tours are available by appointment. (No charge for ages 4 and under; discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more.) Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

❖ The **Annual Spring Lecture Series** concludes on **April 17th** with nationally-known historic-paint-finishes consultant Matthew Mosca who will present **“Glimpsing a Colourful World: The Examination of Historic Paint Finishes.”** This program explores another facet of the rich history of Riversdale, its occupants, and their descendants during Federalist America. The lecture begins at 7:30 PM; there is a \$5 entrance fee.

❖ On Friday and Saturday, **April 20th-21st**, Riversdale will host a **“Ladies’ Regency Weekend.”** This is a chance for adventurous women of all ages to spend a weekend at a Regency house party! The fun begins on Friday night with a light supper and period films. Bring your own bedding to sleep in the house. On Saturday, you’ll enjoy the camaraderie of your new-found friends during breakfast, lunch, and a variety of activities. The day concludes with a special supper and an evening of informal amusements -- with gentlemen invited to join. The fee for the weekend is \$65 (some of the activities may have an extra kit fee). For the Saturday evening dinner and entertainment, there is a fee of \$25 per gentleman (limited only to guests of the weekend attendees). All payments are required in advance by April 16th.



TAKE YOUR MARK.....GO!

April 21st, the day of the 6th Annual Azalea Classic 5K/1K/1M is fast approaching! There still is time to register to participate in this physically fit and fun way to benefit your local UPES-PTA and enrich the academic ventures of almost 600 children. Register online now at www.azaleaclassic.com. **New this year** will be a **beautiful, multi-colored, 100% cotton t-shirt**. Virtual runners may purchase the shirt for \$15.

On Friday, **April 20th**, a **pre-race pasta party** will be held at Noodles & Company in College Park. Families and friends are invited to meet and eat a carb-friendly meal and have

a portion of their dinner expense credited to the UPES-PTA. More details are available online (see above) or at the packet pick-up at UPES from 3-8 PM on the 20th.

Finally, a **non-competitive, untimed dog walk will be held** along the 3.1 mile Azalea Classic racecourse on **April 21st** from 7 to 8:30 AM. A limited number of dog bandanas will be given to registered dogs on a first-come, first-served basis. Dog registrations are \$15 each. **Dogs must be kept leashed at all times** and dog walkers will be held responsible for any necessary clean-up after their pets. Unfortunately, dogs are not invited to the post-race party and should be left at home!



VOLUNTEER VICTIMS NEEDED

In cooperation with the Prince George’s Office of Emergency Management, the Town of **University Park will conduct an Emergency-Response Drill** from 1-3 PM on Sunday, **April 22nd**. The drill will assess our Town’s ability to coordinate a multi-agency response to a situation located in our Town. UP will be joined by responders from Hyattsville, College Park, and Bladensburg. **Anyone interested in being a victim for the drill is asked to meet at the Town’s athletic field by 12:30 PM.** All residents should be alert to the fact that THIS EVENT IS A DRILL.

Also, the State Health Department and the Office of Emergency Management has asked our Town to host a “Pandemic Response Drill.” The UP CERT and the Town Council are waiting for details before we commit. For questions about the April 22nd drill, please call Tom Stickles (301-864-0533).



UPCA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The **University Park Civic Association** would like to announce its **“Volunteer of the Month for April,” Shannon Sanford** of Oak-

ridge Road. The UPCA greatly appreciates the large project that Shannon is managing -- compiling several neighborhood home-service reference lists into one user-friendly document. When completed, residents can have access to this master list from the Town Hall, on the UPCA website, and via the Welcome Wagon, to all new Town residents. UPCA also would like to acknowledge and thank Shannon's team of volunteer assistants: **Mary Baugher** and **Melinda Moore** of 44th Avenue, **Anne O'Connor** of Beechwood Road, **Laura Sonjara** of Sheridan Street, and **Ellen Thorpe** of Tuckerman Street.

The Service List will function as a "reference-only" compilation of a number of different services of interest to homeowners. It also may include any Town resident who is licensed to provide a service in Maryland (such as a realtor, an interior designer, an electrician, etc.). Residents interested in being included on the Service List should call Shannon (301-699-1133) no later than April 30th.

The Civic Association also welcomes all Town residents to participate in the regular UPCA meetings at 7 PM in Riverdale Presbyterian Church on the last Tuesday of each month; the next meeting will be on **April 24th.**



MARYLAND DAY 2007

Saturday, April 28th from 10 AM to 4 PM is the day for UM pride and a time to enjoy the advantages of living in a college town. **The University of Maryland invites you to join the greater UM "family" for a day of learning, fun, and exploration -- for all ages.** The six distinctive Maryland Day "roads" (Arts Alley, Biz & Society Hill, Sports & Rec Row, Terp Town Center, Ag Day Avenue, and Science & Tech Way) will lead you to more than **367** fascinating events and activities.

•At the **53 events** down **Arts Alley**, you can look behind the scenes in the costume

closet -- see a puppet show or a Broadway tunes review, and meet some real Muppets -- have your caricature drawn -- learn a new dance or the salsa -- visit the instrument petting zoo -- laugh at Erasable Inc. -- play some rhythmic movement dancing games &...watch Nicolo do EVERYTHING!

• At the **37 events** along **Biz & Society Hill**, you can play digital games and activities -- make a crown -- let kids create with dough, fingerpaint, crayon and Spin Art -- build K'nex structures -- learn origami -- see area schools' drama performances -- write a prayer for peach -- visit the solar LEAFhouse -- grow a giant oak tree &... discover and make some eye-popping optical illusions!

• At the **19 events** on **Sports & Rec Row**, you can try to climb the Alpine Tower or a 60-foot wall -- try flat water kayaking -- visit the Aquatic Center for games, demos, and prizes -- see how fast you can throw a ball -- reserve a time for a child safety-seat check -- play cool games at Cole Fieldhouse -- get UM Coaches' and Terps' autographs &... attend the FREE 3:30 PM Spring Football Game!

• At the **121 events** in the **Terp Town Center**, you can visit the kiddie carnival -- check out the fun & food at the Nyumburu amphitheater -- meet Bob the Vid Tech and his partner-in-fun Brianna -- watch gymnastics -- watch chemists create magic -- learn Asian arts, make bubbles, watch balloon art & take home a Terp -- "Hear the Turtle!" -- fish for rubber duckies & prizes -- beat your parent at jumping &... get your photo made with Kermit!

• At the **77 events** on **Science & Tech Way**, you can meet meteorologist Joe Witte -- make a super soaker poly-gel, silly putty, and slime -- control a 25' tall underwater robot -- check out flashy flames and trashcan rockets -- have your tot try physics -- measure weather -- taste liquid nitrogen ice cream -- visit the insect petting zoo -- test your pitching arm &... experience a short blast in the wind tunnel. *Learning has never been so much fun!*

• *Except for one year during WW II, Ag Day had been a University of Maryland annual event since 1924, when the Livestock Club held the very first student-run "fitting and showing" contest.* Now, when you visit the **60 events** on **Ag Day Avenue**, you can try free samples of MD Dairy ice cream -- kiss a pig? -- have your picture made with the "Terrapinized horse" -- decorate a horseshoe -- meet exotic & local reptiles -- tour the most sophisticated greenhouse on the East Coast -- sample a sweet treat -- step into a dirt pit & see what's happening -- get a hand tattoo -- adopt a plant &... try your skill at the one-hole golf course!

AND, when you get hungry, savor some of Sprouts vegan cuisine, a chicken or crab cake sandwich, a Terrapin pan pizza, or a veggie burger and Boardwalk fries -- graze the 24-foot soup and salad bar -- sip a fruit smoothie or Baltimore lemonade -- snack on sno-cones, funnel cakes, cotton candy, and (at the Game) warm soft pretzels -- and finish with a UM Dairy ice cream cone!

To print out a personal program to fit your own schedule or for maps of what's where and a complete listing of all the Maryland Day information, please contact (www.marylandday.umd or 1-877-UMTERPS).



UPWC's 62nd ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR



The University Park Woman's Club extends an invitation to all Town residents to celebrate spring by attending their annual Garden Tour, Plant Exchange and, especially for younger residents, the popular Insect Petting Zoo on Sunday, **April 29th**. For 62 years, the UPWC Garden Tour has been a favorite spring tradition, and always proves to be a delight for those who love beautifully landscaped yards and gardens. Tea and cookies will be available at one of the homes, and Town maps indicating the tour homes will be available at each garden and at the Plant Exchange and Insect Zoo.

The theme of the very successful **Plant Exchange** again will be "Divide and Conquer!" Town residents are encouraged to donate surplus plants, bulbs, and cuttings from their own gardens and take home an equal number of different plants donated by another gardener. Anyone without a plant to trade is asked to make a small donation and choose among the extra plants.

At the **Insect Petting Zoo**, you won't have to imagine tarantulas, exotic insects, scorpions, and millipedes longer than your hand! They will be by the Plant Exchange for you to look at, and touch -- if you dare! For more on all the details about the Tour, Plant Exchange, and Zoo, please watch for a flyer arriving by mail. Maps of the participating gardens will be available at the Town Hall the week before the Tour, April 23rd to 27th.



UPCA TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Mark your calendars! The Town-wide Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 5th from 9 AM to 2 PM**, rain or shine.

Start cleaning out your closets now! This Town-wide yard sale attracts folks from far and wide who are ready to turn your unwanted treasures into cash. If you would like to be listed on the map of participating houses, please contact Christine Dawson (CSarahDawson@hotmail.com or 301-864-3310) and let her know your address. This is another great event sponsored by the University Park Civic Association!



PREPARE FOR MAY FAIR!

The organizers of the 30th annual **May Fair** welcomes all Town volunteers with open arms! University Park Elementary School will be holding its annual **May Fair** on Saturday, **May 12th**, from 11 AM to 3 PM, rain or shine. Once again, the UPES PTA has planned for

everyone's traditional May Fair favorites, and more -- the exciting grand-opening parade and hat contest, "Moon Bouncing," pony riding, miniature golf, carnival games, crafts, baked goods, great food, plants, and a super fantastic afternoon! May Fair is for everyone, young and old, students and adults, and all your friends and neighbors. The proceeds will benefit PTA projects. May Fair is orchestrated jointly by UPES parents and community volunteers and lots of extra hands always are needed. **Residents who would like to help with any aspect of May Fair** (set-up, clean-up, baking, manning a booth, selling tickets or food, etc.) **should contact Chair Linda Verrill** (301-927-6743 or linda_verrill@yahoo.com). Parents, UPES graduates, middle and high school students: any hours you can volunteer will be appreciated greatly! Students will be credited for service hours.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

❖ **Attention all graduating high school seniors!** The University Park Woman's Club is awarding two (\$1,000) scholarships to students for their academic achievements (minimum 3.0 GPA) and extracurricular activities. The **Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating Northwestern High School senior with financial need. The **University Park Woman's Club Scholarship** is awarded to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of University Park, or who is the child or grandchild of a UPWC member.

Applications may be obtained from local high school guidance offices or from the UP Town Hall. They should be submitted to Kate Beveridge (6509 40th Avenue, University Park, MD 20782) **no later than April 1, 2007.** Through these yearly scholarships, UPWC hopes to encourage and support local high school students in their quests for academic and all-around success. Winners will be notified in late April.

❖ Other **Maryland State Delegate Scholarships** are available to students planning to attend Maryland Colleges and Universities during the 2007-2008 academic year. Students (and parents) must be residents of Legislative District 22 and may be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, vocational, post-secondary career, or professional studies program. Selection criteria is based on financial need and/or academic achievement. Interested students may contact either:

State Senator Paul G. Pinsky (301-858-3155) - For an online application, contact: www.senatorpinsky.org/scholarship.htm; **submit applications by April 6th.**

Delegate Justin D. Ross (301-858-3058) For an online application, please contact: www.justinross.us/scholarship; **submit applications by April 27th.**

❖ **MD Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines** announced that her **House of Delegate Scholarship** applications now are available to students planning to attend Maryland Colleges and Universities during the 2007-2008 academic year. Students must be residents of Legislative District 22 and may be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or professional studies program on a full or part-time basis. Applications now are available online at www.tawannagaines.org or by calling Pamela Powers (301-858-3058). **Applications must be submitted by April 30th.**

If we had no winter,
the spring would not be so
pleasant:
if we did not sometimes
taste of adversity,
prosperity would not be
so welcome.

Anne Bradstreet

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 1: University Park Town Election

MAY 5 - UPCA Town-Wide Yard Sale

MAY 12 - UPES-PTA May Fair

JUNE 2 - UPCA Wine & Cheese Social

TOWN PETS DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Jeff Bender (301-927-1997). This Sheridan Street resident helps return lost pets to their owners.



INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

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

Inquire at the Town Hall:
6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP
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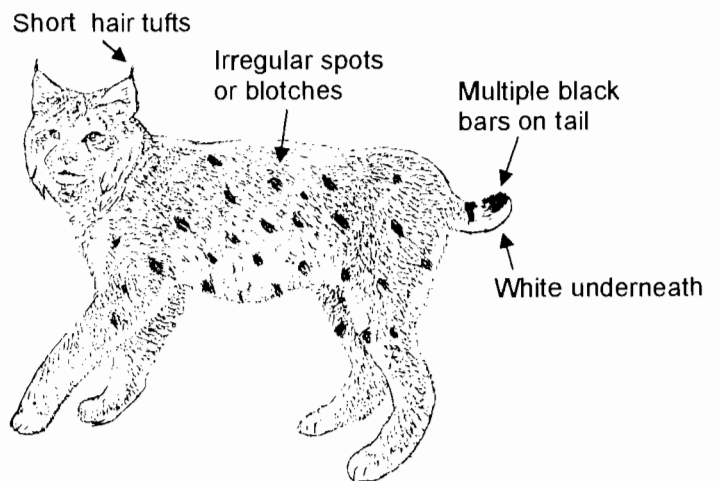
NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS

On March 9, 2007, new traffic signs were placed at the entrances to Town onto Sheridan and Tuckerman Streets from Route 1 and onto 44th Avenue from East-West Highway, and at the intersection of 44th Avenue and Sheridan Street restricting left turns and through traffic at certain times during the day. Please make yourself aware of these new rules and follow them. It is our hope that the new restrictions will ease volume and speeding considerably on the affected streets. The fine for violating these rules, if convicted, is \$90.00 with one point assessed against your license. **Full enforcement will begin on and after April 17th.**

POSSIBLE BOBCAT SIGHTING

On Tuesday morning, March 20, 2007, an early morning jogger spotted a large cat near the flagpole at the entrance to the UP Elementary School. It is possible that this animal was a bobcat. Paw prints consistent with a bobcat's were observed near the spot that the jogger indicated. It also is possible that this was an F1 domesticated cat, which in size and appearance may be similar to a bobcat. F1 (cross bred) cats are friendly and pose no threat to humans. Bobcats are wild animals and should be avoided if possible or observed from a distance. Generally they are nocturnal hunters (of small mammals, birds, and rodents) but occasionally may be spotted during daylight hours. As with any animal, wild or domesticated, if they exhibit an aggressive attitude walk away from them and report your sighting to our Police Department immediately. If you have a camera with you (cell phone or other) and can take a picture, it could help to identify the type of animal you encountered. If you have more questions, please contact the MD Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Heritage Service, and ask for the Southern Regional Manager, Brian King (410-262-8540).

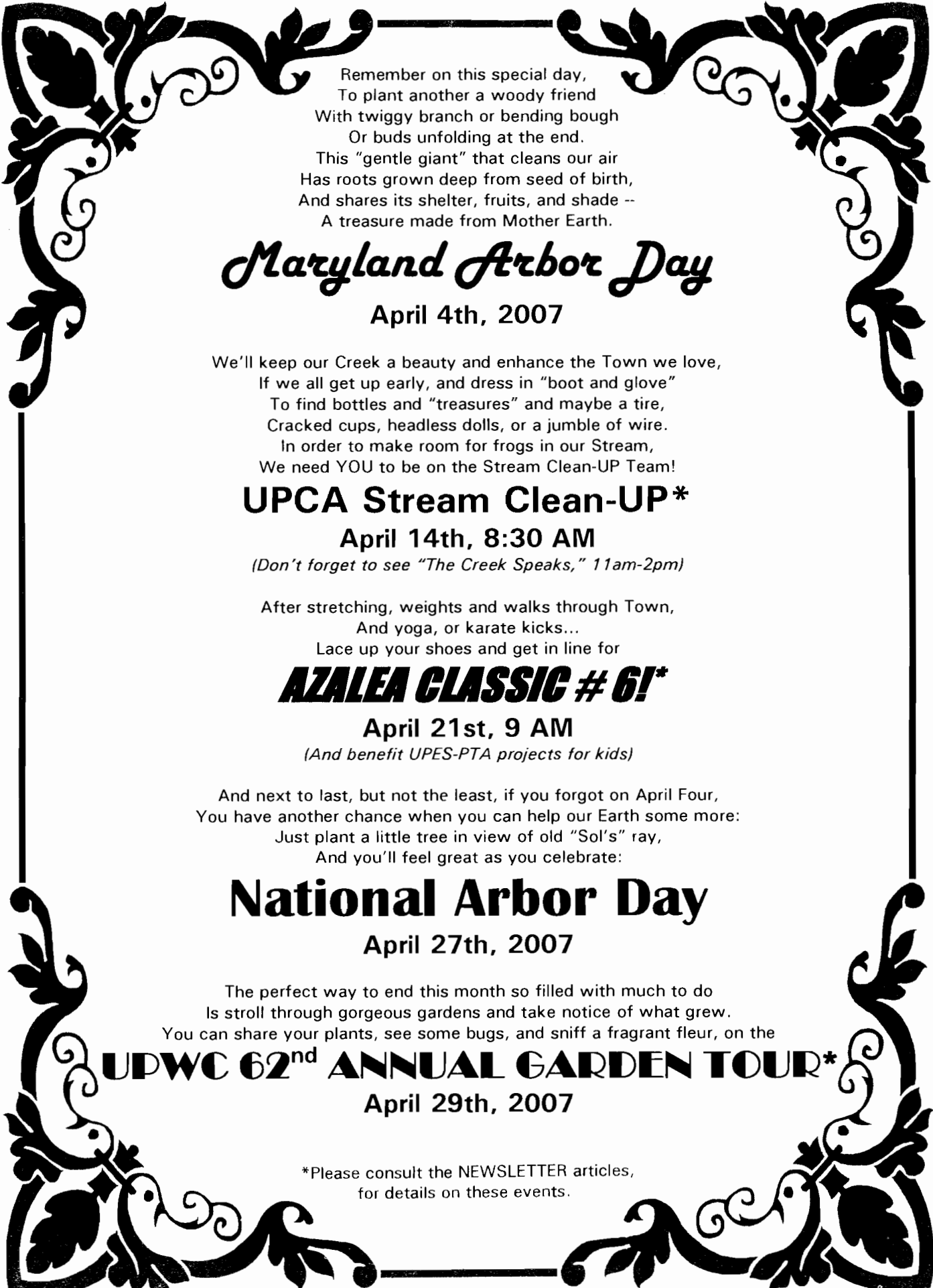
BOBCAT (*Lynx rufus*)



hind paw



front paw



Remember on this special day,
To plant another a woody friend
With twiggly branch or bending bough
Or buds unfolding at the end.
This "gentle giant" that cleans our air
Has roots grown deep from seed of birth,
And shares its shelter, fruits, and shade --
A treasure made from Mother Earth.

Maryland Arbor Day

April 4th, 2007

We'll keep our Creek a beauty and enhance the Town we love,
If we all get up early, and dress in "boot and glove"
To find bottles and "treasures" and maybe a tire,
Cracked cups, headless dolls, or a jumble of wire.
In order to make room for frogs in our Stream,
We need YOU to be on the Stream Clean-UP Team!

UPCA Stream Clean-UP*

April 14th, 8:30 AM

(Don't forget to see "The Creek Speaks," 11am-2pm)

After stretching, weights and walks through Town,
And yoga, or karate kicks...
Lace up your shoes and get in line for

AZALEA CLASSIC # 6!*

April 21st, 9 AM

(And benefit UPES-PTA projects for kids)

And next to last, but not the least, if you forgot on April Four,
You have another chance when you can help our Earth some more:
Just plant a little tree in view of old "Sol's" ray,
And you'll feel great as you celebrate:

National Arbor Day

April 27th, 2007

The perfect way to end this month so filled with much to do
Is stroll through gorgeous gardens and take notice of what grew.
You can share your plants, see some bugs, and sniff a fragrant fleur, on the

UPWC 62nd ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR*

April 29th, 2007

*Please consult the NEWSLETTER articles,
for details on these events.



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