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## **Mixed-Use Town Center (M-U-TC) Forum** **Monday, April 3, 7:00p.m.** **Riverdale Park Municipal Center** **5008 Queensbury Road**

The town will hold an educational forum about the Mixed Use Town Center (M-U-TC) Zone within our town that includes a design review process and standards to establish a framework for property owners, tenants, Riverdale Park Officials, County Officials, M-U-TC Committee and staff to review planned new development or re-development within the Mixed-Used Town Center boundary. Dineene O'Connor our planning representative along with other panelists will be present to discuss what the M-U-TC Zone is and how the adopted January 2004 Development Plan fits into town policy and into the overall zoning process within the county.

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## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 8, 2006**

**10:30am**

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# Council Actions

## Actions from Legislative Meeting, March 6, 2006

1. **Action on Resolution 2006-OR-01**  
§15-1. – Building Inspector. – Approved.
2. **Action on Resolution 2006-OR-02**  
§15-11- Compensation of Building Inspector reports. - Approved.
3. **Approval of nominations for Council committees. – Approved.**
4. **Motion to remove No parking signs from 4500 & 4600 blocks of Riverdale Road.- Approved.**

Next Legislative Meeting Tuesday April 3, 2006

### Code Enforcement will be enforcing and citing for the following violations:

*57-9 Overhanging trees, shrubbery or hedges*

57-9 (a) no person shall allow any wall, hedge or shrub, located on their property, to project so to obstruct or cover any part of the sidewalk

*57-10 Grass bordering sidewalks and paths*

57-10 (a) it shall be the duty of every person if property is fronting or abutting a public sidewalk to cut and keep trim grass from the edge of the property line... weeds, briars, brush and grass can be no more than 10 inches tall.

*50-4 Commercial activity in residence unlawful:* it shall be unlawful for any person to operate, within the town, any public garage, automobile repair shop, machine shop, factory, printing establishment or other commercial business in or connected to a residence which has not been zoned to commercial uses.

*64-10.1 Parking on Unpaved and Unprepared Surfaces:* (b) General Rule: it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on residential property on an unprepared surface to the front building line.

*36-8 Municipal collection of garbage, trash, and waste*

(a) (4) it shall be unlawful to place garbage or trash out for a collection earlier than sundown of the day prior to the regularly scheduled day for collection.

*36-7 Garbage containers required; disposal regulated*

(a) it shall be unlawful for any person to keep exposed or to deposit, throw or place or cause to be deposited, thrown or placed, any garbage or similar refuse in any avenue, street, alley, or public place, or upon any private property, whether owned by such person or not within the corporate limits of the town, unless the same shall be enclosed in proper vessels or containers... all vessels or containers shall be placed at the rear or rear side of the property until readied for pick-up (no earlier than sundown prior to day of pick-up)

If you have any code concerns, complaints or questions please call 301-927-6381

**Have a Safe & Enjoyable Spring!**

## Town of Riverdale Park

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It is the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park, pursuant to the provision of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act, to prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities in any aspect of employment within the government.

It is also the policy of the Town of Riverdale Park to disallow discrimination in fair housing based on race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disabilities, and/or age.

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**Submission deadline: 15th of each month.**

# Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer

## **New Condominiums Proposed**

The University of Maryland recently announced its intention to build a 480 condominium development at the old NOAA/Erco factory site at the north end of Lafayette Street. The project would be built by KSI Development, which has constructed a number of great residential and mixed-use projects in the area (see ketsco.com for examples). I will be sharing more information about the Erco project as the details come out on this is exciting news for Riverdale Park's future.

## **MUTC Educational Forum**

There are currently several substantial redevelopment proposals in the early stages that are targeted for Route 1 and Town Center. These new projects are all within the Mixed-Use Town Center zone commonly referred to simply as "MUTC." Something that has become clear to me based on literally hundreds of conversations I've had with residents about these projects is that many would like to better understand what the MUTC zone is, how it fits into town policy and into the overall zoning process within the county.

Since part of the job of town government is to inform the public about laws, regulations, and town policy, we will hold an educational presentation about MUTC and the zoning process at Town Hall on the evening of April 3 at 7:00pm. This educational event will be prior to the regular legislative meeting at 8:00pm. We plan to televise the program. Tapes will be available at Town Hall in case you miss it, but do please try to be there if you are interested in the proposed new developments. Dineene O'Connor, our representative from Park and Planning (the zoning authority) will be there along with several other panelists. We are scheduling this meeting prior to the April 5th MUTC meeting so that we can all be better informed in time for that meeting. Please mail or email any questions you have about MUTC or zoning to me prior to the meeting. I envision this meeting as the first of a series of public educational forums that give residents and town officials a better understanding of how development happens, and what the town and its residents can do to shape the process. Please let me know what topics you would like to cover in future forums. Riverdale Park resident Dannielle Glaros has agreed to help me coordinate this and other upcoming events, and I wish to express my sincere thanks to her.

## **Economic Development Contractor**

We have signed a contract with Kennedy Smith, our new economic development contractor, as discussed in last month's report. Ms Smith is scheduled for her first site visit on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The new round of hiring for our Deputy Town Administrator/Economic Development Director is going well; we have some very talented applicants.

## **Day Laborers Along Kenilworth Avenue**

Articles in the Gazette and comments at town meetings have made most of you aware that there is increasing friction and concern about immigrant day laborers seeking work along Kenilworth Avenue. Unfortunately, there is no easy fix, since there are a number of interrelated issues that affect this matter. However, we can improve the situation, and I wanted to update everyone on how the town is approaching it. Every day, a large mix of immigrants waiting for pre-arranged pickup or hoping for spot work mix together with some unsavory alcoholics and homeless persons in front of some Kenilworth Avenue businesses. This situation is a problem for our businesses and patrons of those businesses.

I have met with representatives from the day laborers on several occasions and will continue to negotiate with them in a hope of bringing some short-term improvements to the situation. Among the changes we are implementing are:

- 1) The day laborers are organizing to clean up the areas they tend to operate from, and to generally self-regulate their group
- 2) The town is issuing guidelines written in Spanish that inform the immigrant laborers how our police operate
- 3) We are cooperating with business owners to ensure adequate restroom facilities are made available for all purchasers of food and beverage

These steps may be small, but they can bring some immediate improvement to everyone who uses Kenilworth Avenue services. In the long term, we are pursuing assistance from the county to establish a satellite police station for Kenilworth Avenue, as well as seeking grant money to better organize and channel the pickup of laborers.

## **Thanks to Alan Thompson**

Due to increased family and work commitments, Alan Thompson has resigned from his roles as webmaster and Communications Committee chair. As Alan is never one to blow his own horn, I would like to take this occasion to thank him for his many contributions to our town. Those contributions are literally too many to mention. Alan helped to create the town website, and has maintained it since 1999. He created a new version of our town seal, was very active in the Preservation Association, was a contributor to the town vision statement, and drafted sections of our town code and charter. Alan is a regular at town meetings, and often provides truly insightful and informed comment. Alan's participation in our civic life will be continuing as a citizen's representative on the MUTC board, among other roles.

# A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY GET FIT RIVERDALE PARK!

By Marita A. Novicky

It's time to lace up your walking shoes and Get Fit Riverdale Park. You can participate in Get Fit Maryland<sup>2</sup>, a 10,000 Steps a Day Program sponsored by the University of Maryland School of Medicine, University of Maryland Medical Center, and Merritt Athletic Clubs. We are challenging you to join us and Get Fit Riverdale Park!

As you know, obesity is now an epidemic in the U.S. and kills more people than AIDS, breast, lung, and prostate cancers combined. As the prevalence of this disease increases, so does the prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, osteoarthritis, coronary artery disease, cancer, and other serious diseases and conditions. That is why the University of Maryland School of Medicine and its partners launched Get Fit Maryland—this marks the second year of the program. And, we here in Riverdale Park think this is a great opportunity to join in getting fit also. Here are some of the details of this program and how Riverdale Park is taking on the challenge:

## **The Get Fit Maryland<sup>2</sup> Challenge:**

Walk at least 2,000 extra steps a day; better yet, walk 10,000 steps each day.

Eat or drink just 100 calories fewer each day.

## **Get Fit Maryland<sup>2</sup> Provides:**

**A 12-week walking program** aimed at obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease prevention and awareness.

Pedometers, fitness centers, seminars, sound health advice from physicians and other health care fitness

Professionals and fun!

Education, support, incentives, and encouragement of participant's efforts to lose weight and make important life style changes.

## **Program Cost:**

Adults--\$10.00 per individual; \$15.00 for two individuals (valid only when you register with a friend or relative).

Children (ages 5 thru 12)--\$5.00 per child

Cash and check payments accepted.

## **How to Register for Get Fit Riverdale Park**

Sign up in person during the following registration dates/times:

**Monday, April 3, 7—9 p.m. at Town Hall**

**Tuesday, April 4, 7—9 p.m. at Town Hall**

**Wednesday, April 5, 7—9 p.m. at Town Hall**

**Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m. –12:00 noon at Riversdale (at site of Easter Egg Roll).**

## **Here's what you get:**

At registration, you will receive the following materials to help support you as you Get Fit Riverdale Park:

**Free weight, BMI, and Blood Pressure check (if you wish to have this measured). The Riverdale Fire Department will be on hand to take your blood pressure.**

A Walk4Life pedometer to track your steps taken each day during the 3-month program.

A log book to record your daily progress.

Giveaways including a backpack containing health awareness cards, pen, temporary tattoo, and more!

Useful tips for sticking to the 12-week program that will change your life for the better!

Coupons for products good for your health.

And more!

Don't let this excellent opportunity pass you by. Join us in Get Fit Riverdale Park and see the difference you can make in your weight, blood pressure, body-mass-index, and daily activity regime. Bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors and Get Fit Riverdale Park!

*A paid advertisement.*

# Public Works Report

By Jim Houser and Debbie Murphy

## Spring Clean-Up Day

Riverdale Park's Spring Clean-up day will be Tuesday, May 30, 2006 for the whole town. Do not put out metals, tires, or items with Freon that day. Yard waste will be collected for areas A and B on Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

## Tires Reminder

Tires **are not** picked up free. There is a \$2.50 each (\$2.00 for seniors 60+) charge for tire pickup. Tires are a notorious breeding ground for all types of mosquitoes particularly the Asian Tiger Mosquito. In our efforts to remove and reduce these breeding grounds, your tires need to be removed as soon as possible.

## Residents Help Wanted

If a resident finds a problem in town such as a pot hole or town owned street light out, please call Public Works at 301-864-1803 to see if we are aware of the problem yet. It is difficult for Public Works to fix something that we are not aware of.

## Yard Waste

Yard waste is leaves, weeds, grass cuttings, tree limbs, and anything biodegradable from your yard. Please **do not mix trash and yard waste** together, as it will not be picked up. Bamboo cannot be collected with yard waste. Please put bamboo out on bulky trash days for pick up. Tree limbs that are up to 6 inches diameter and up to 5 feet long will be picked up. Yard waste is collected on the first collection day of each week for each side.

## Keep our Town Beautiful

Please sweep and remove grass clippings and weeds from the sidewalk and curb/gutter when mowing lawns or trimming weeds near the sidewalk or streets. It is against the Town Code to cause any material of any kind to be scattered, dropped, etc. upon any street, alley, sidewalk, gutter, roadway or public place within the town. Clean gutters allow the easy flow of water and keep our town beautiful.

## Tree Care

**Removal or trimming of Town trees by residents is a violation of state law.** If a problem is noticed with a town tree, please contact Public Works. We have two licensed tree care experts on staff.

# Clean Up Riverdale Park!

## The Big Trash Day is Coming!

By Marita A. Novicky

May 30, 2006 is the one day each year that the Town of Riverdale Park is forgiven "tipping fees" at the Prince George's Landfill—Brown Station. And, this is your opportunity to get rid of most of your unwanted trash.

**What They Won't Pick Up**--They will not pick up tires and Freon. Public Works will suspend pickup of yard waste and metals on May 30, 2006 and resume pick up of these items later on that week. If you are in doubt over what Public Works will pick up that day, call them at 301-864-1803 and ask. Public Works will help you decide what are acceptable items to place out on the Big Trash Day.

**You Can Get Help in Cleaning up Your Yard, Basement, or Attic!** If you are over the age of 65 or are disabled, help is available to help you clean up areas around your home and collect trash to be disposed. The Youth Council of Riverdale Park is available on May 20, 2006 to help you clean up trash from your yard, basement, or attic. This is a golden opportunity to take advantage of our young volunteers while clearing out some of your unwanted trash. If you would like some free assistance from Youth Council volunteers to clean up, call Waverly at 301-864-7032 and she will register you for free help from the Youth Council volunteers.

Take advantage of free help and a free trash dumping day at the same time you clean up Riverdale Park! Let's get busy and clean up inside and outside our homes.

**Of Note:** Congratulations to local artist Gerry King who painted a delicate Easter Egg that will be on display at the White House this year.

## Did You Know? From Our Past

It seems that Town-wide clean ups are not a new venture here in Riverdale Park. In 1939, Riverdale Council members went house-to-house requesting citizen's cooperation in cleaning up the community. The Riverdale Fire Department offered to burn heavy growth of weeds and grass at resident's request. Civic organizations helped by installing trash receptacles at key intersections throughout the town.

*From the Riverdale Story: Mansion to Municipality. (1996, Davis, Ferguson, Joynes, Kiernan, Miller, D. McElrath, and S. McElrath).*

# Ward One Report

By Rob Oppenheim

## Ward One Meet and Greet Party

Let's get to know each other better! There's a Ward 1 party Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., at S&J Restaurant, 6108 Rhode Island Ave. at Queensbury Rd. The party has two goals: build a friendlier community and promote Town Center. Folks from the rest of town are welcome to be honorary Ward 1 residents for the day, so everyone is welcome. Bring along board games or cards. Steve and Ziggy will grill hot dogs and hamburgers and offer a free beer! If you'd like to help, contact me: 301-779-1745, [oppenheim@email.com](mailto:oppenheim@email.com).

Want a vibrant town center? Then help make the businesses we have a success. Their success will mean new businesses want in. Visit S&J's, Dumm's Market and Pizza Shop often. All are smoke-free. By the way, S&J's soups are made from scratch and are excellent. Please make it a habit to think of our local restaurants first, and visit them often.

## Good News, the Calvert House Is Back!

The Calvert House Inn is over 40 years old, and the Salimi brothers have owned it for about 25 years. Recently, Fereydoun Salimi bought out his brother and is reopening the Calvert House Inn as the sole proprietor. He is renovating the kitchen and dining rooms and will seek a small business loan to renovate the outside too. He has no plans to sell the building.

Fine seafood. Elegant dining. Right here in Riverdale Park. Please celebrate the return of the Calvert House by having lunch or dinner there this week. 301-864-5220.

## Suggestions, Please

Thanks to Karen Smyth for alerting me about the trash-can at the corner of Sheridan and Route 1 that was blocking the view of oncoming traffic. This was an easy one to fix. Keep the suggestions coming, folks!

My inventory of street lamps in Ward 1 found 30 burned out. I have called Pepco and will follow up. Some of you discussed code problems with me; I passed them along to Colleen and Keelah and will follow up with them. By the way, Colleen Ferguson offers free notary service to residents.

## "Cause Baby, We Were Born to Run"

OK, maybe Bruce Springsteen was, but not so much me—at least not twice per election. Let's end runoff elections! They drain time and energy, inconvenience voters, and are expensive for the town and the candidates. Most elections in this great country use the simple, tried-and-true plurality system—where the candidate with the most votes wins even if that's less than 50% of the votes cast. All election results are really only pluralities. In this last election I received 121 votes, a clear majority. However, 600 voters are registered in Ward 1, so 121 votes is just a plurality when it comes to all who could vote. What do you think? Would you prefer instant-runoff voting? Or perhaps majority choice approval? Read more at [www.tinyurl.com/fnvsn](http://www.tinyurl.com/fnvsn). I look forward to your comments.

## The Condos, Oh the Condos

The Patriot Group is proposing two 5-story condominium buildings in Town Center on two blocks of Lafayette Avenue (along the railroad tracks) from Queensbury past Riverdale Road to Oliver Street.



The condos will replace the old credit union building and its parking lot and the quaint Dumm's Corner market, sub shop, and garage. On the other side of Riverdale Road, they will replace the parking lot and the 100-year-old Victorian boarding house. These new buildings would be about the height of the top of the tall tree in front of 6009 Lafayette, which is the same height as the billboard next to Route 410.

Ward 1 residents expressed two major concerns: First, how will the project affect the character of our historic district? Maybe more important, what effect would it have on our town if it became rental property? According to the 2000 census ([www.tinyurl.com/z9hnl](http://www.tinyurl.com/z9hnl)), our housing stock is nearly 60% rental. A mixture of rentals and owner-occupied homes is fine, but 60% is very high.

The Washington Post, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, Page A1, reported that the area's condo market is cooling. There were 5 times as many condominium units for sale in January 2006 as there was a year before, and a great many more are under construction. When condos do not sell, they become rental property. Read the full article here (requires free registration): [www.tinyurl.com/owexz](http://www.tinyurl.com/owexz).

There has been a lively discussion about the project on TownTalk. I encourage you to sign up for TownTalk and Town-Announce email lists [www.tinyurl.com/dn6tj](http://www.tinyurl.com/dn6tj).

These 5-story condos are not consistent with the M-UTC zoning and the design is still being revised. If the company needs a waiver then the town council will decide. It is not too late to make your opinion count on this important decision for our town's future.

Both the Patriot Group and the Wachovia Bank projects are scheduled for the next zoning review (M-UTC) meeting, Wed., April 5, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. The Patriot Group was scheduled to appear at the last two meetings and postponed, so watch Town-Announce or call Town Hall before the meeting. Come to the meeting and learn about and discuss these projects and let your opinions be known.

## That's Not All, Folks

The University of Maryland announced that 490 condos will be built at the north end of Lafayette on the site of the old Erco building. The really good news is that the bus repair depot proposed earlier for this area will not be there. KSI, [www.ketsco.com](http://www.ketsco.com), is the developer. More than 500 units will be built in the "Arts District Hyattsville" project along Route 1 by the old Lustine dealership. For more info: [www.tinyurl.com/njg7n](http://www.tinyurl.com/njg7n).

There is more to report, but no more room. I'll be back next issue with more Ward 1 news.

# Public Safety Report

By Gerard F. Kiernan

## The Rule of Law

On March 4th, I attended the second Day Laborers' Forum held at St. Bernard's/ Our Lady of Fatima Church. At the Day Laborer's Forum, I heard complaints about these hard-working people, who are only looking for work, being harassed by our police officers, when they congregate at various businesses along Kenilworth Avenue. Chief Parker and Lieutenant Adams acquitted themselves well in explaining that our officers are responding to requests from the business owners to remove loiterers from their properties.

At the same meeting, I was asked by a representative of the Casa de Maryland if I would support the establishment of a day worker center in the area. Elected officials at the meeting, from the County and other municipalities, had expressed such support for such a government supported activity. I told the gentleman that I have a conflict on this issue. As a Catholic and a private citizen, I have a personal obligation in social justice to help the poor and helpless of our society without regard to their legal status. I look to my Church, and similar groups, as the organized source for this help. I also told him that I had a problem with a flyer put out by Casa advertising a rally on Capitol Hill on immigration issues that started with the line "We are not criminals!"

As a member of the Town Council, I have taken the following oath of office every time that I have been elected. "I do swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Council Member, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State."

While we, at the municipal level, enforce our town laws along with state criminal laws; we do not enforce federal criminal laws, such as tax evasion or illegal immigration. Just because we depend on federal agencies to enforce certain laws, does not give us the right to ignore the existence of those laws, or any state or local laws that we may not like or agree with.

The sad reality is that many of our newer neighbors have entered the United States in contravention of our immigration laws. While many people want to use the term "undocumented alien", the realistic term is "illegal Immigrant." If you do or don't like the current laws controlling immigration or those recently proposed in Con-

gress, write to our Representative and Senators and express your opinion.

But let's get back to Riverdale Park. Since some of our residents are here illegally, and mistakenly think that our police enforce immigration laws; they try to limit their contacts with the police. This makes them easy prey for criminals. When one of these persons becomes a victim of crime, they do not report the crime to the police. Thus, our police do not know about all of the crime occurring in town and can't work to eliminate it. Please spread the word that if a person is a victim of crime, the police want to hear about it and do not care about the victim's immigration status.

Similarly, it is the Town's Code that provides the rule of law structure that allows us to live together in some semblance of harmony in Riverdale Park. It covers what former Mayor Giuliani of New York City calls "quality of life issues". So, whether it is a parking regulation or a building code issue or some sort of nuisance issue, please follow the law. If you think that a particular law is stupid, don't ignore it. Talk to your councilmember and/or come to a council meeting and express your opinion. We may change the law. We may not. But, if everyone does as he or she pleases without regard for others and the established laws, we descend into anarchy.

## The Calvert House Inn—Back and Going Strong

By Marita A. Novicky

On Thursday, March 23, 2006, a Riverdale Park, Prince George's County, and regional landmark reopened its doors once again for business after a six week hiatus. The Calvert House Inn is welcoming back local devotees and long-time customers. Owner and Chef Ferydoun Salimi says so far so good! A visit to the Inn this past Sunday showed a dining room nearly half-full—not bad considering there's been no advance announcement of the restaurant's reopening. Word spreads quickly when the best place for crab cakes outside of the Eastern Shore of Maryland is ready to serve them once again. Salimi is joined by his wife Susan in running the operation. They are touched by the visits, calls, and notes they've received from the public expressing how much they missed the Calvert House, realization that we didn't know how good it was until it was closed, and joy to see the restaurant open once more. Salimi's plans for the future include some updates to the menu to include a few new dishes, salads, entrees, etc., and remodeling including the kitchen and the dining area. Welcome back Calvert House Inn and best wishes to Ferydoun and Susan! By the way, servers and kitchen personnel are needed. This is a great opportunity for college-age people and older who are looking for employment.

# Community Circles

## What to Watch For This Month:

**Monday, April 3, 2006, MUTC Workshop**—Free to the public. 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Town Hall.

**Tuesday, April 4, 2006, Traffic Study Committee**—7:00 p.m. Town Hall.

**Saturday, April 8, 2006, 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt--grounds of Riversdale Mansion.** Children and parents welcome.

**Thursday, April 20, 2006--Preservation Committee** at Town Hall. Join to discuss preservation of the Town of Riverdale Park and its history. For information, contact Doug McElrath at (301) 277-2085.

**Saturday, April 22, 2006, EARTH DAY.** Check your local news for Earth Day activities and get involved. Numerous activities are scheduled.

**Yard Sale:** The Central Communities Youth Council (CCYC) serving Riverdale Park and neighboring areas is having a Yard Sale to raise funds to purchase a trash receptacle that will be placed in the Town and marked as a gift from CCYC. Come to the Yard Sale on **Saturday, April 22, 2006** from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Christian Life Center parking lot, 5600 Taylor Road in Riverdale Park.

**Saturday, April 29, 2006—Two great events: Maryland Day at the University of Maryland.** Come celebrate the University's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a free, fun-filled day of learning, exploration, and discovery. Enjoy over 450 activities with something for everyone! 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Christmas in April.** Join with local businesses as they donate time and energy to fix up/repair a local home. Contact the Riverdale Park Business Association, 301-277-7393 for more information on how to get involved.

## Town Organizations

### Northern County Soccer Alliance

For more information on Soccer Alliance, Inc., and on travel, recreation, home school, and training pro-

grams. [NCSA@juno.com](mailto:NCSA@juno.com) or (301)927-0560. PG Soccer League [@juno.com](mailto:juno.com)

### Riverdale Park Business Association (RPBA)

Contact Audrey Bragg at (301)277-7393 for date and place of next meeting.

### Riverdale Park Girl Scouts

Contact: Charmaine Wilson at (301)449-5690.

### Riverdale Park Boys Scouts – Troop 252

Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (202)282-8302.

## CIVIC INITIATIVES

**Recreation Board** -- Monday, April 10, 2006, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall. Volunteers needed. For information, call Doris Pullman, (301)927-6992.

### Madison Hill Homeowners Association

For information, call (301)513-9188 or email [MadisonHillHOA@aol.com](mailto:MadisonHillHOA@aol.com)

### Riverdale Park Farmer's Market

Contact Pat Gladdings at (301)927-1362. **COMING IN MAY—THE FARMER'S MARKET RETURNS TO RIVERDALE PARK ON MAY 25, 2006** and continues every Thursday afternoon through November 16, 2006. This is a producer's Market which means that the farmers produce and sell their very own homegrown vegetables at the Market. **Some farmers will be selling products as early as May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.** Come on over to the Market and greet your neighbors, friends, and the farmers returning to our very own Farmer's Market.

### Riverdale Park Tree Committee

Email Laura Hilden at [laurachildren@yahoo.com](mailto:laurachildren@yahoo.com) or call Rebecca Feldberg at (301)864-2779.

### Riversdale Historical Society

Riversdale Mansion. Contact (301)864-0420.

If you have community information to share, please submit it to the Editor, Town Crier, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737 or email: [RiverdaleParkMD@comcast.net](mailto:RiverdaleParkMD@comcast.net).





**Recordatorio sobre llantas**—La Llantas no son recogidas gratuitamente Por Obras Publicas. El costo por recoger cada llanta es de \$2.50 por llanta, (\$2.00 si es una persona mayor de sesenta). Las llantas pueden difundir el desarrollo de mosquitos (en particular el mosquito Tigre Asiático) porque pueden en ellas puede haber agua estancada. Es importante prevenir el crecimiento de estos mosquitos! Así que llamen para que sus llantas sean removidas lo más pronto posible.

**Día de limpieza primaveral**—El 30 de Mayo, 2006 es el día cada año que nuestro pueblo es exento de pagar el costo de llevar basura al vertedero de Prince George's llamado la Estación Brown. Esta es su oportunidad de botar todo lo que usted no quiera (menos las llantas y freón) Usted puede limpiar su patio, sótano y ático.

Si usted tiene más de 65 años o tiene una inhabilidad hay ayuda para limpiar las áreas alrededor de su casa y coleccionar la basura. EL concilio juvenil de Riverdale Park estará disponible para ayudarlo el 20 de Mayo, 2006. Si desea ayuda por favor comuníquese con Waverly al 301.864.7032 y ella lo registrara para que lo ayuden a limpiar gratuitamente.

**Un programa gratis de MUTC** – El pueblo de Riverdale Park tendrá una presentación educacional sobre La Universidad de Maryland y su Nuevo Centro tecnológico y el proceso de establecer Zonas. Esto se llevara acabo el 3 de Abril, 2006 alas 7:00 PM en la alcaldía (en el edificio policiaco detrás de la escuela publica elemental de Riverdale). Este programa será televisado.

**Pónganse en Forma Riverdale Park!**

Regístrese para este programa de 12 semanas que lo ayudara a ponerse en forma, bajar de peso controlar su presión y mucho más!

Regístrese para “Get Fit Maryland (Ponte en Forma) y usted recibirá lo siguiente:

- Su peso, Índice de grasa corporal y su presión serán tomadas y medidas (si usted así lo desea). El departamento de Bomberos de Riverdale Park estará disponible para tomar su presión.
- Un podómetro para que mida sus pasos todos los días por los tres meses que durara el programa.
- Un diario para que grabe sus resultados
- Regalos! Incluirán una mochila que contiene tarjetas sobre la salud, una pluma y hasta tatuajes temporeros!

Usted puede registrarse para el programa “Ponte en Forma Riverdale Park” en los siguientes días:

Lunes, 3 de Abril, de 7 a 9 p.m. en la Alcaldia

Martes, Abril 4, de 7 a 9 p.m. en la Alcaldia

Miércoles, Abril 5, de 7 a 9 p.m. en la Alcaldia

Sábado, Abril 8, alas 10:30 a.m. hasta las 12:00 del mediodía en la Mansión de Riversdale (durante la actividad de Pascuas para los niños).

EL costo del programa es de \$10.00 por cada individual; \$15.00 por dos personas que se registren juntos y al mismo tiempo. \$5.00 por cada niño menor de 12 años. Cheques de bancos serán aceptados.

**Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascua escondidos en la Mansión de Riverdale.** Sábado, 8 de Abril, 2006 en los terrenos de la Mansión Riversdale. Padres y niños son bienvenidos a este evento que es totalmente GRATIS y comienza alas 10:30 de la mañana.