

# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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## Proposed Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 08/09 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009)

### Town Of Riverdale Park, Operating & Capital Tax Rates, FY 08/09

General Property Tax Rate	<b>\$ 0.54</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
A. Special tax rate to reduce Capital Debt on 7 new Police cruisers, 1 trash truck, 1 pick-up truck, and miscellaneous equipment.	<b>\$ .0181</b> per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.
B. Special tax rate for improvements to existing streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and aprons.	<b>\$ 0 .0535</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
C. Special tax rate to reduce Capital Debt on 5 new Police cruisers, 1 Town SUV, 1 new Code vehicle, 1 PW bucket truck.	<b>\$ 0.016</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
D. Special tax rate for addition and improvements Riverdale Municipal Center, 5008 Queensbury Road and Community Center 51 <sup>st</sup> Ave.	<b>\$ 0.00857</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
E. Special tax rate to reduce Capital Debt on 6 new Police cruisers, 1 tractor, and fuel equipment upgrade	<b>\$ 0.0099</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
New A. Reduce Capital Debt on 3 new Police Cruisers	<b>\$ 0.00495</b> per \$100.00 assessed valuation.
<b>Total: Town Tax Rate 08/09</b>	<b>\$0. 651 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation.</b>

**R**iverdale **P**ark  
**A**rts **C**ouncil

### ArtsFest 2008

was a major success; watch for pictures and stories in upcoming issues!



**What this means to you:** Let's say you own your property in Riverdale Park and its assessed valuation is \$100,000.00. According to the proposed tax rates, you would be assessed \$651.00 during the 2008-2009 taxing period.

For more information on the Fiscal Year 08-09 Budget including the Mayor's Fiscal Year 08-09 Proposed Operational Budget, and the Proposed Revenues for FY 08-09, see page 3.

# Council Actions

By Waverly Pollit

## Legislative Meeting, May 5, 2008

1. **Approved** - Minutes for special legislative meeting held on April 28, 2008.
2. **Approved** - Variance to exceed lot coverage for Patio enclosure located at 4503 Riverdale Road.
3. **Approved** - Ordinance Resolution 2008-OR-02 Concerning Multi-family Rental Licensing and Inspection Application Fees.
4. **Approved** - Resolution 2008-R-05 Formation of a Spanish Outreach Committee.
5. **Approved** - Resolution 2008-R-06 Honoring Longstanding Riverdale Park Resident Paul Gleis



## Code Corner

By Colleen Ferguson

### Town of Riverdale Park – Solicitors

The Town of Riverdale Park Code 42-1 prohibits persons from engaging in the soliciting of a business without first obtaining a Town License. If you notice a solicitor at your Riverdale Park residence, do not answer the door. Instead, contact the Riverdale Park Police Department at 301-927-4343.

If you notice or are approached by a solicitor while outside of your residence, please obtain and retain a flyer or business card from the salesperson, excuse yourself, safely go inside, and call the Riverdale Park Police Department at 301-927-4343.

The Police Department will work with the Code Enforcement Division to ensure that the soliciting company is advised of Town Codes. Please note that religious organizations are exempt from Town Code 42-1 (ruling from United States Supreme Court).

Please do not let any salesperson inside your residence until you have checked and verified that this salesperson represents a legitimate business.

If you notice a house may be vacant, please notify Code Enforcement immediately at 301-927-6381. This will help us to ensure a "safe, clean, and beautiful Riverdale Park."

If you have any questions, please contact the Riverdale Park Code Enforcement Division at 301-927-6381 or [coderiverdalepk@comcast.net](mailto:coderiverdalepk@comcast.net)

## Town of Riverdale Park

[www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us](http://www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us)

### Town Hall

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Riverdale Park, MD 20737  
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### Council Members

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Chair, Leg Committee, 301-864-1997  
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**Ward 6** - Keelah Allen-Smith  
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Teresa Chambers Chief of Police

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Information 301-927-0356

Vincent Harrison, Chief,

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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 FISCAL YEAR (FY) 08-09 PROPOSED OPERATIONAL BUDGET

## PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FY 08/09

Department	Present 07/08	Proposed 08/09
General Government	\$ 694,254.35	\$ 719,231.72
Police	2,144,543.65	2,473,871.61
Public Works	1,104,210.82	1,013,068.67
Recreation	11,450.00	13,950.00
Special Projects	20,000.00	0.00
Econ Development Promotion	34,000.00	35,000.00
Miscellaneous	110,500.00	10,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,118,958.82</b>	<b>\$4,265,622.00</b>

## PROPOSED REVENUES FY 08-09

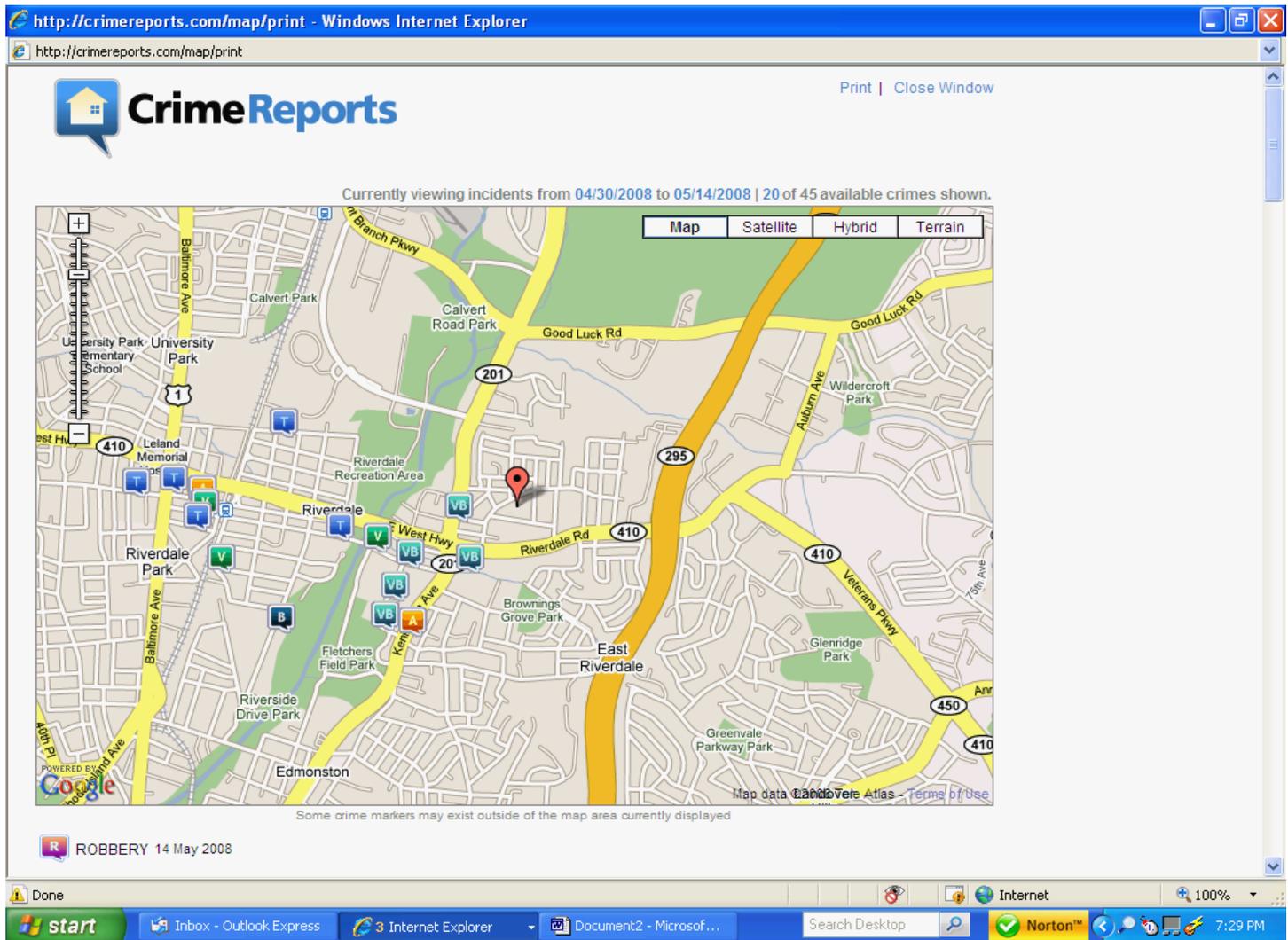
Description	Present 07/08	Proposed 08/09
Appropriated Surplus	332,313.25	0.00
Real Estates Taxes & Interest	2,136,345.57	2,641,122.00
Operating Property Tax	125,000.00	125,000.00
Tangible Property Tax	275,000.00	275,000.00
Gas Tax & MVA Licenses	235,000.00	235,000.00
Town Business Licenses	35,000.00	25,000.00
State Police Aid	160,000.00	155,000.00
Financial Corp.	11,000.00	11,000.00
County Business Licenses	5,000.00	5,000.00
Disposal Fee Rebate	17,000.00	17,000.00
Town Share Income Tax	390,000.00	390,000.00
Special Clean UP	3,000.00	3,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	100,000.00	100,000.00
Interest Income	50,000.00	50,000.00
Miscellaneous*	91,800.00	55,000.00
Rental Inspection	10,000.00	11,000.00
Apt/Rooming House Inspections	70,000.00	95,000.00
CATV Comcast/Verizon	45,000.00	45,000.00
Alarm Registration	7,500.00	7,500.00
Contribution from ACP	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,118,958.82</b>	<b>\$4,265,622.00</b>

If you have questions or comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 proposed budget, please call your Town Officials (Mayor, Council representatives, or the Town Administrator) at the numbers listed on page 2 of the Crier. They will gladly discuss the budget and budgeting process with you.

# Riverdale Park Police Department Update May 2008

By Teresa C. Chambers  
Chief of Police

Have you checked out what's happening in your community by visiting our interactive map at [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com)?



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the CrimeReports website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://crimereports.com/map/print>. The website header includes the CrimeReports logo and navigation links for "Print" and "Close Window". Below the header, a status bar indicates "Currently viewing incidents from 04/30/2008 to 05/14/2008 | 20 of 45 available crimes shown." The main content is a map of Riverdale Park, Maryland, with various crime markers. A legend at the bottom left shows a red 'R' icon for "ROBBERY 14 May 2008". The map includes labels for streets like Baltimore Ave, West Hwy, and Riverdale Rd, and parks like Calvert Park and Riverdale Recreation Area. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, open applications like Outlook Express and Internet Explorer, and the system tray with the time 7:29 PM.

Each morning, crime data from the previous 24 hours is automatically uploaded from the Riverdale Park Police Department to the website. You can access this information for free from any computer that has an Internet connection. You can also sign up for free crime alerts that will be sent to your email address.

We need your active involvement in keeping the Town of Riverdale Park “safe, clean, and beautiful.” It is vital that we provide you accurate and timely information so that you will be aware of what’s happening around you and, thus, can help prevent crime and be mindful of suspicious behavior. Visit [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com) daily to stay engaged.

Please contact us whenever you see something out of the ordinary or when you have been the victim of a crime that has occurred within the Town of Riverdale Park. You can reach our dispatcher at 301-927-4343. Consider putting that number in a speed dial location on your cell and home telephones for quick access. Of course, you can also call “911” for a crime in progress or any other ongoing emergency. That call will be received by Prince George’s County and forwarded to us. We value your involvement and hope you find CrimeReports.com to be a useful tool.

# Ward and Committee Reports

## Ward One Report

By Council Member Alice Ewen Walker  
Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee  
*Alice.ewen.walker@gmail.com*

Last month the Town Council unanimously passed my proposal to reform the structure of our town government, returning code enforcement to the supervision of the police department. We are already seeing results! Since the changeover, our (now fully staffed) code team has implemented a new software system for tracking code violations, greatly improved its monthly reports, and made use of increased support and coordination from our police department. Lieutenant Adams is leading a newly focused anti-graffiti effort in partnership with our code department, and I hope to see the police and code departments discover more ways to proactively combine code enforcement with community policing. We need this.

It's exciting to see the energy and initiative coming from this collaboration! We are also well-positioned for an expansion of the code enforcement team which will hopefully occur in the coming year. I thank the other members of the council for helping me develop this concept, and for their patience in examining the issue in detail.

The Council also passed my proposal to create a Spanish-Language Outreach Committee, fulfilling an important campaign promise of mine. This is an *ad hoc* citizen-led committee which will develop a menu of policy proposals for examination by the Town Council. The Committee will hold at least two publicized open meetings. I strongly encourage you to attend if you are interested. Please contact Madeleine LaSalle for more information at *mlscsw@msn.com*. The Town Council also created a Native Plants Committee to explore what can be done to promote them in our community. As a first step, the Committee is planning demonstration projects for some of our public areas to showcase native plants. Many thanks go to Ward 1 resident Michael Sevenser for leading this initiative.

Paul Gleis, a long-time resident and neighbor of mine is moving away this month. Paul was born into his historic house on Oliver Street, and has called it home for almost as long as the municipality of Riverdale Park has existed! Paul is a great storyteller, and will be missed by all who knew him. We will be sending him off with a "favorite son" resolution passed at the last town council meeting. I wish Paul a safe journey to Atlanta where he will be living close to his daughter. His house will pass into new hands after being home to four generations of the Gleis family.

Riverdale Park is bursting at the seams with new babies these days. It is a great time to see so many families bringing children into our town. Welcome to all the new residents! If you would like to join a playgroup or network with other moms in the neighborhood, contact Dannielle Glaros at *dmglaros@gmail.com*. The Calvert House is also resuming its Wednesday happy hour for parents. This casual gathering in the tavern offers plenty of space for kids to play while parents can have a beer and chill out. A particularly warm welcome goes to new residents Kalayah Porter and Elena Miro Flores.

Thanks to District 3 Councilman Eric Olson for hosting a community forum in Riverdale Park on May 17, 2008. Eric walked the town with residents and gave us his undivided attention. I am continuing to work with Councilman Olson to keep our bike path project track and to promote quality development on the Cafritz property. Councilman Olson is also hosting an open house in our Town Center in June to market the properties directly to multiple businesses and connect small business owners with technical and financial assistance. This is a great idea; watch for more about it in a future report.

The Arts Festival was outstanding! The event was a true expression of volunteer spirit – it was wonderful to see so many residents come together for a new idea. I really enjoyed my shift as a piñata helper. It was serious fun. We have many, many great events in our town thanks to the passion and energy of our residents. If you haven't volunteered yet, there is surely an activity that will match your interests, whether it is staging a pet parade, being a docent at Riversdale, playing music or something else. Contact Anissa Sunday at *al\_sunday@yahoo.com* to get involved in Recreation Board events.

We have been trying to get speed humps installed on 43rd Street for many months. The difficulty has been that this street is shared between Hyattsville and Riverdale Park. At this point, Hyattsville has agreed to allow Riverdale Park to install the humps ourselves. Currently, we are collecting input from residents to make sure we locate the humps properly. My hope is that the humps will be installed within the next two months.

Several residents have contacted me about mosquito spraying this spring. Town staff is making sure that the spraying schedule stays on track. Remember that spraying has a somewhat limited impact. It is also important for residents to be vigilant about eliminating standing water. Tip over garbage cans and other containers so that they do not collect water. Hose out birdbaths regularly and use a larvicide in ponds or other water features. Riverdale Park is prone to mosquitoes so let's do what we can to reduce opportunities for breeding.

# Ward Two Report

By Council Member Kate Sharpe  
Chairperson Finance Committee  
*katherinesharpe@yahoo.com*

## Finance Committee Report

The Mayor has submitted the FY 2009 budget to the Town Council, and the Council has begun holding meetings to review the budget and set next year's tax rate. Our revenue situation is challenging this year, but we are working hard to create a budget that is both fiscally responsible, and moves our town in a positive direction. I am supportive of the Mayor's proposal to privatize trash collection, which, if implemented, will free up resources that can be redirected to pressing needs within our police department. The 2008-2009 tax rate will be set no later than June 6<sup>th</sup>, and I will provide a full report on the final budget in next month's Crier.

## Ward Two Report

Congratulations to everyone on the Riverdale Park Arts Council for an incredibly successful event on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to see the energy that all the volunteers and participants brought to the day. I look forward to more great things from the Arts Council in the near future.

County Councilman Eric Olson conducted a walking tour of our town on May 17<sup>th</sup> to identify Riverdale Park constituents' issues and concerns. Among other items, we discussed the urgent need to improve the aged and dilapidated concrete storm water channel that runs through Ward Two. Stay tuned for more on this issue in the near future.

Residents of the 4700, 4800 and 4900 blocks of Ravenswood Road have brought me a petition for the installation of speed humps. Residents are highly concerned about speeding and cut through traffic (to avoid the Route 410/Route 1 intersection) in this area. As a resident of the 4800 block, I can attest to the constant hazard posed by the conflict between commuters-in-a-hurry and bicycle-riding children. I feel that this is an important safety concern, and I will be bringing it before the Council at the next legislative session.

Our Code Enforcement department recently met with the managers of our town apartment buildings to discuss code violation concerns. At the May Legislative meeting, the Council voted to raise rental inspection fees on multi-unit apartment dwellings. Our Code Enforcement department spends a significant amount of time and resources inspecting our apartment buildings, and I feel that the higher fee more accurately reflects their efforts. In addition, it brings us more into line with surrounding municipalities. The Code Enforcement department has also recently purchased Toughbook laptops and is implementing CrimeStar software on a trial basis. I would like to commend the department for their efforts

to address the code enforcements needs of our town in an efficient and proactive manner.

# Ward Four Report

By Council Member Christopher Henry  
Chairperson, Public Safety  
*chenry3240@comcast.net*

The Mayor and Council have begun the 2008-09 fiscal year budget review and approval process. I will continue to be the voice of the Ward 4 residents during this process.

I have been discussing with many residents and business owners about individual responsibility which will ultimately lead to a successful community. There is such an importance for all of us to do our part for our community; everyone must be involved.

Congratulations to Council member of Ward 6 Kee-lah Allen-Smith on the birth of her healthy baby girl Kalayah.

## Public Safety

On May 2, 2008, we had a very productive Public Safety meeting. The meeting was well attended by Kenilworth Avenue business owners. Chief Chambers discussed the first quarter crime statistics and answered questions and concerns presented by the business owners. Many suggestions and ideas were discussed and will be investigated as possible options by this committee. I will be working diligently the next few months with the residents, business owners, Police Department, and the Code Enforcement Division implementing ideas to lay a strong path to success for the Riverdale Park community.

I hope you had a safe and happy Memorial Day.

# Ward Five Report

By Council Member Timothy Kimbrough  
Chairperson Legislative Committee  
*timkim7@verizon.net*

At my request, and with a firm commitment from Mayor Vernon Archer and our Town Administrator, Mr. Patrick J. Prangley, -a much needed new street with sidewalk is being put in at 54<sup>th</sup> Place (hopefully to include a possible 10 mph speed limit and a speed bump). Also, Chief Chambers in our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session gave the Mayor and Council an update on the inevitable demolition of the "unsightly" fire damaged property located at 5413 Riverdale Road. These changes gladly come at a time when our Town (as a whole) is undergoing an "improved quality of life" process. There was no Legislative Committee meeting held for the month of May due to the special Finance Committee meetings to discuss our upcoming Town budget. The April 17, 2008 Legislative Committee Meeting was, however, highly

productive. I will be unveiling (from that April 17<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting) proposed Legislation aimed at granting our Code Officers power to act on violations where previously their hands were tied. Throughout Ward 5 and Riverdale Park Maryland, there is less "Criminal Gang Graffiti", due to my proactive stand against gang activity in our Town. Chief Chambers, during our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session using statistical representation, noted that "violent crimes" (which according to some Law Enforcement Experts is often connected with "Criminal Gangs") in Riverdale Park, Maryland are for the first quarter of 2008 down compared to the first quarter of 2007.

## Ward Six Report

By Council Member Keelah Allen-Smith  
Community Affairs  
*keelahd@yahoo.com*

I would like to thank all of the Ward 6 residents for their support and patience during my pregnancy. I gave birth to a healthy, happy baby girl- Kalayah. My health is still being monitored by doctors; however I look to be back in full swing within the next few months.

I have been attending the 08-09 Fiscal Year Budget meetings, so far so good. However, the Town will need to tighten its belt this coming year.

Ward 6 has a high level of pedestrian traffic I encourage all, as the summer approaches, to be alert of your surroundings, watch-out for children at play and to please utilize the trash receptacles along the way.

### Community Affairs

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008 at 11:00am, the Memorial Wreath was laid at the Veterans Memorial. I would like to thank all those who attended, and especially Ward 3 resident Mr. Moffet who coordinated the Memorial Day ceremony.

Enjoy your summer!

## Troop 252 News

By Bob Killen

Just got back into town;

Troop 252 has strict requirements to protect our Scouts and Scouters from lawsuits; each Scout or Scouter who participates in High Adventure activities SHALL have a current Type 3 Health and Safety form. Not enough Scouts had current Type 3s, so we didn't go boating last weekend. Scoutmaster Killen had the site reservation, PFDs, paddles and aluminum flat-bottomed jonboats on his trailer, ready to go, despite the threat-

ened rain. Maybe next weekend we will go and have a more favorable trip report. Stuff is still on the trailer, ready to go. When the Scouts are PREPARED, we'll go.  
In cheerful service, Bob Killen.

## Civil Air Patrol News

By Captain J. Sager, Public Affairs Officer



U.S. Army Major Damone A. Garner, Headquarters & Headquarters Company commander, 354th Civil Affairs Brigade presents Certificates of Appreciation to Instructors Ken Drummond (left) and Mike Hutchcroft of the Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

The 354th Civil Affairs Brigade recently hosted the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings and Prevention & Response to Suicide Bomber Incidents courses. The courses, taught by the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The courses provided basic instruction on response procedures for terrorist incidents involving explosives and incendiaries. The classroom presentations addressed potential terrorist bombing targets in U.S. communities, common military and commercial explosives available to terrorists, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and response procedures that support safe and effective operations during bombing incidents. Along with Civil Affairs Soldiers, the students included representatives of Prince Georges County Police, University of Maryland Police, Montgomery County (MD) Fire & Rescue, and the American Red Cross.

# Riverdale Park Business Association News

By Audrey Bragg

The Riverdale Business Association held its last meeting before summer vacation on May 14, 2008. Arletta Gustafson is updating our web site. We anticipate our new site will be up and running very soon. Gerald King is creating a painting of the Arts Festival. You can see his progress at [www.geraldking.com](http://www.geraldking.com) J. D. Williams is working on a proposal to resurrect the town mural and hang it on his building at the corner of Baltimore Blvd. and East West Highway. We hope to partner with the town to restore this piece of history. David Martin and Bruce Wernek are working on a solution to the day workers issue at the Kenilworth Ave. Corridor. The Association will be participating in Career Day at Riverdale Elementary School on May 16, 2008.

**Crescent Cities Center**  
**'08 Flea Market Schedule**

Crescent Cities Center  
4409 East West Hwy  
Riverdale, MD  
301-699-2000

**Fridays**  
**June 27th**  
**August 22nd**  
**October 3rd**

**Lunch Sale**  
12:30 - 1:30

Time: 8:00 - 4:00  
Fee: \$ 15 per space  
Indoor & Outdoor Spaces  
Payable in the AM  
First come. First serve for set-up



## Our Town Persons of the Month

By Marita Novicky

This month, I'd like to recognize two of our outstanding citizens, Edgar Brensinger and Emily Fanning. This column comes too late for Edgar; he passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2008 and leaves behind his wife Sandy and five children. Ed and Sandy were long time residents of Riverdale Park where they raised their family and ran their business. Ed was the type of guy you could go to for advice on any house or property issue. He always gave it to you straight and you could trust his word on what you needed to do to get the job done right. He will be missed by Sandy, his children, and the neighbors who came to know and love his kind ways. Penny will roam the back looking for Ed, and each time I drive by, I'll think of Ed and his kindness and wish I could ask him one last question about how to take care of some item at my house. He was a wonderful guy.

Emily Fanning is my second choice. Best known as Our Doll Mom and her shop and doll hospital in Town Center, Emily recently spearheaded the wildly-successful Riverdale Park Arts Council's first annual ArtsFest. It is Emily's dream to encourage the love and appreciation of art here in Riverdale Park, and especially among our children. What's incredible is that planning for the first ArtsFest, with attendance of nearly 1,000 adults and children, only began this past January 2008! Imagine the inspiration and drive needed to pull such an event off and then think of Emily. She's got it and many of us followed her dream willingly. If you didn't get the chance to participate on May 4, 2008, go to Town Center and see the artwork displayed in the windows there. These are truly encouraging and artful efforts in our Town Center and we thank Emily for her inspiration.

# Community Circles

## Civic Committees:

### What to Watch For

**Monday, June 2, 2008** – Legislative Meeting, Town Hall, 8:00 pm

**Tuesday, June 3, 2008** – Traffic Study Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2008** – Farmers Market, Town Center, 3:00 – 7:00 pm,

**Wednesday, June 11, 2008** – RPBA meeting, Town Hall, 5:30 pm; M-UTC Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm

**Sunday –Wednesday, June 22 – 25, 2008** – MML Convention; Town officials attend.

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008**—Lions Club, Town Hall, 7:00 pm

**Monday, June 30, 2008** -- Work Session, Town Hall, 8:00 pm

### Community Organizations

**Northern County Soccer Alliance, Inc. (NCSA):** For more information on NCSA and on travel, recreation, home school, and training programs, contact [www.ncsa-soccer.org](http://www.ncsa-soccer.org) or call 310-927-0560. NCSA is the only year-round soccer club in the North/west Prince Georges County area. Tax deductible donations accepted at [www.justgive.org](http://www.justgive.org). Volunteers needed—this is an excellent opportunity to get involved with your child in fun and great physical activity.

**Riverdale Park Business Association (RPBA)** Contact A. Bragg at 301-277-7393 for date/place of next meeting.

**Recreation Board –Save the Date-- Riverdale Park Day is coming up! October 4, 2008, 12:00 noon—5:00 p.m.** Volunteers

Needed! This is a great opportunity to become involved with your children and the community. Contact Anissa Sunday at 301-277-2458 for more information and for great volunteer opportunities/assignments. We need you!

**Riverdale Park Farmer's Market**—Opening Day for the Market's 11<sup>th</sup> Year—May 1, 2007 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Jim Coleman at 301-209-8529 for more information.

**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.

**Riversdale House Museum**--Public tours, Museum Gift Shop. Open - Friday and Sunday – 12- - 4:00 PM

**Riversdale Historical Society**—Contact Riversdale Mansion at 301-864-0420 for more information.

**Lion's Club**—Contact Guy Tiberio at 301-864-3545 for more information.

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

### “JAZZ ON THE PORTICO” AT RIVERSDALE HOUSE MUSEUM

As the sun sets, bring a blanket or lawn chair to Riversdale's beautiful grounds and enjoy the grass under your toes and the jazz wafting through the air. Bring a picnic basket or, if you like, purchase dinner on the grounds courtesy of the Calvert House Inn. The concerts are FREE. The following performers will appear from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on these dates:

**Cheek to Cheek**, Wednesday June 25, 2008 -- A jazz trio founded right on the campus of UMD. They are frequent performers at local music venues throughout the DC metro area.

**Sandy Asirvatham**, Wednesday July 30, 2008 -- Voted Best Jazz Debut for her album "Memoir" in 2007 by the Village Voice.

**Bruce Ewan**, Wednesday August 27, 2008 -- An internationally acclaimed jazz harmonica player. The concerts take place rain or shine. In the event of rain, everything moves inside.

Riversdale, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park. For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or check our website: [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

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