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Northeast Branch Sewer Basin Sanitary Sewer Study

Sewer Study Continues with Smoke Testing Inspections

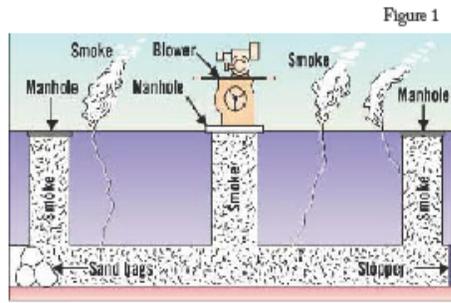
The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) began conducting a comprehensive sanitary sewer study of the Northeast Branch Sewer Basin in December 2009. This pro-active study is highlighting potential sewer problems to avoid costly major sewer repairs and support our efforts to protect the environment and public health.



Smoke test conducted on open manhole

During the months of June through September, 2011, consultants hired by WSSC will continue its process of Smoke Testing in the Northeast Branch Sewer Basin in the municipalities College Park, Riverdale, Hyattsville, Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights, MD. This procedure will locate defects such as sewer line cracks and storm sewer cross connections. Residents and businesses will be notified when field crews are scheduled to arrive in their community within 24 to 48 hours, with a door hanger notice that will provide specific information and contact telephone numbers.

What is Smoke Testing?



Smoke testing is an easy, cost effective way of locating sewer problems with little disruption to the system or to county residents. To conduct the smoke testing process, the following steps will be taken:

- Opening of manholes on county streets.
- Placing a large blower on top of the open manhole and forcing non-toxic smoke into the system.

As smoke is sent through the sewer lines, it will be forced through any opening or defect in the system, as shown in Figure 1. The white or gray smoke exiting the system is easily observed by the field crew performing the test, who will log and map each occurrence for further analyzing.

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

April 25, 2011 Special Legislative Meeting

1. **Approved** – Awarded contract for Kenilworth Avenue Façade Improvement Program (PY 35) to Molina Construction Inc.
2. **Approved**- To authorize the Town Administrator to enter into agreements with property and business owners to implement façade improvements associated with CDBG PY 35.
3. **Approved** – Resolution 2011-R-15 to appoint appeals board for town election.
4. **Introduction** – Charter Amendment Resolution 2011-CR-01 Issuance of Debt.
5. **Introduction** – Ordinance Resolution 2011-OR-03 Town Charges & Fees.

Under new Business

Motion – To wave towns bid requirement to sole source signage for PY 35 project to Art Display Company for an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00

May 2, 2011 Regular Legislative Meeting

1. **Approved**- Minutes for April 4, 2011 regular legislative meeting.
2. **Approved** – Election results for May 2, 2011 Town Election

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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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Submit all copies to
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Riversdale House Museum Events

JAZZ ON THE LAWN CONTINUES AT RIVERSDALE

As the sun sets, bring a blanket or lawn chair to Riversdale's beautiful grounds and enjoy the grass under your toes as jazz floats through the air. Stop by the Riverdale Park Farmers Market and grab some dinner before heading over to Riversdale! Guests also have the option of bringing a picnic basket. Concerts are FREE and run from 7 –8pm.

The concerts continue with Brûlée on Thursday, July 21, 2011. Based out of DC, this band melds jazz standards with the sounds of alt-pop and Americana, creative lyrics, and toe-tapping arrangements.

Round out August with our last jazz concert, featuring Cheek to Cheek on Thursday, August 18. The group was formed just down the road at the University of Maryland back in 1998 and has been a staple in the local jazz community ever since!

TAKE A MINI-VACATION AT RIVERSDALE

On Tuesday, August 2 at 7:30 pm, take a mini-vacation as you enjoy a guided tour of *Rosalie's Antwerp*. During this illustrated talk, Godelieve Bartley, Riversdale docent and Antwerp native, will transport you back to the city and countryside as Rosalie would have known them.

Lectures are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students with a valid ID. This is a walk-in program and reservations are not required.

THE ART OF HOUSEWIFERY AT RIVERSDALE

Ever wonder what it was like to run a household 200 years ago? Rosalie Stier Calvert reported her experience keeping her Riversdale household running smoothly in 1808, "so large a household requires much care to manage." On Saturday, July 16, spend the day learning a variety of skills that Mrs. Calvert and her sister housewives used to keep their households running efficiently.

Participants will prepare and serve cold dishes for lunch, sort out layers of bed linens and mark their own to take home, set up household account books, harvest herbs from the garden, and create ensembles from reproduction period apparel and accessories. Special guest Katie Cannon, of Ageless Artifice, will demonstrate 19th century stain removal and moth prevention/fumigation and she will have a variety of her wares for sale.

Cost is \$50 for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and \$60 for non-residents. Morning snacks, a light lunch, and afternoon tea will be served. Period attire is encouraged, but not required.

Registration deadline is July 8. For more information or to register, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; or email at riversdale@pgparks.com.

16th ANNUAL BATTLE OF BLADENSBURG ENCAMPMENT AT RIVERSDALE

In August 1814, a disheartened Rosalie Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, described the Battle at Bladensburg: "You have heard the news of the battle of Bladensburg where the English defeated the American troops with [President James] Madison 'not at their head, but at their rear.'" Flush with success, the British then burned Washington. Happily, events turned in Baltimore a few weeks later and the Star Spangled Banner was born.

On Saturday, August 13, from noon to 4 pm, enjoy a day at Riversdale as costumed interpreters portraying both American and British War of 1812 troops allow us a peek into camp life on the eve of battle. Children, you might even get recruited for the American militia! There will also be crafts and dress-up stations at the ready. Cannon firing, gunnery drills, children's activities, camp and kitchen displays and refreshments all happen on the grounds, and of course, the mistress of Riversdale will be on hand. Girl and Boy Scouts, call for details on how you can earn a badge or patch!

All events on the grounds are FREE. House tours are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for senior citizens, \$1.00 for students, and free for children ages 4 and under. The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will sell historically inspired refreshments.

Riversdale, a historic house museum of the
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is located at

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Finance Committee Report

I am pleased to report that the budget for the fiscal year starting in July was passed at the June 6 town council meeting. The finance committee completed a total of four hearings in May, with only minor adjustments to Mayor Archer's budget (mainly assuming that the price of gasoline and diesel would remain high during the fiscal year). We were able to maintain the reduction in the tax rate proposed by the Mayor, so at least the town's part of your tax bill should be lower this year than in was last year. I would like to thank all members of the council, Mayor Archer, and especially town staff for their hard work and attention to the details of the budget. Copies of the approved budget are available at Town Hall or on the town's web site if you are interested.

Fairly often the council will discuss the importance of residents working with the police to combat crime, and how to encourage residents to call in "suspicious activity" more. I recently remembered a time many years ago when I didn't even realize that "suspicious activity" was going on. Then, when I was at a neighborhood watch training session I learned that I had probably observed drug dealing. The telltale signs (in that case) was that every few weeks, a bunch of cars would, over the course of a few hours, stop for just a little while in front of a particular house. I couldn't see a lot of what was going on, but one of the residents of the house would walk to the car, lean on the window to talk with the driver or a passenger for a minute or less, and then walk back to the house as the car drove away. The police told me that it was likely that the residents of that house weren't just talking to the driver; they were selling them drugs. Those people moved away long ago, but I am pretty sure that they were dealing drugs from their house. If you see activity like this, or even (as I did) just part of it, please call it in to the police department – they can investigate and decide whether it needs more attention.

I received a note in early June from former Council Representative Mary Donaldson letting me know that the Traffic Study Committee had decided to disband. The Committee has for many years monitored

traffic, signage, and road conditions for the whole town, bringing issues to the attention of either the Public Works Department, the Police Department, or the Town Council. I have served as liaison between the Traffic Study Committee and the town council during my term, and would like to personally thank Mary, Jim Reed, and Sue Sheehan for their hard work over many years keeping the town's streets working well.

As I close out this report, I hope that everyone enjoys the sunny, relaxing, and warm (but hopefully not too hot!) days ahead. The next Town Crier will be published in September, so until then, have a great summer!

Ward Five Report

By Council Member Raymond Rivas
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Community Affairs Committee Report

Congratulations to all of the students that have graduated from Riverdale Elementary, William Wirt Middle School and Bladensburg High School. I know everyone is excited about the summer break and I hope you have a fun summer. Just a reminder that the management office of Park Tanglewood Apartments are giving out free pool passes to their residents.

In noticing the unity of the communities, I wanted to thank both the children of Park Tanglewood and the West Side Apts. (Riverdale Village) for getting along so well together. Just a local note the area atmosphere seems to be less tense than last year summer coming in.

Well, it is not too early to get prepared for the Riversdale Park Day in October 2011. Your Recreational Chair person is looking for volunteers to fill some of the committee seats that are currently open. Last year's event was simply fabulous and fun. We are currently looking for food vendors, singers, bands, and event planners **Our next scheduled Riverdale Park Recreational committee meeting will be on July 7, 2011 @ 7:00pm..**

We have programs that the University of Maryland is offering to help our youths. It is called the 4H Club. It helps with the developing of a child through intervention with mentors and volunteers in various programs. There are many programs to pick from such as: communication, leadership, robotics,

entrepreneurship, work readiness and photography. We are trying to coordinate everything so that the children can sign up for the programs. We want to establish Town Hall as our program site. These are programs that will build character. Please contact me at 301-625-9435 get more information and forms for these programs.

The Riverdale Park Boys & Girls Club has some great things happening. The location for registration is 6351 51 St. Avenue, Riverdale MD 20737 & phone number 301-277-5437.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit sports organization operated solely by dedicated volunteers. RBGC provides youth (ages 5-18) in Riverdale the opportunity to participate in structured sports programs such as basketball, spring/fall soccer, baseball, softball (girls), ball, track, flag football, tackle football, cheerleading and dance. Youth will learn basic fundamentals, sportsmanship, teamwork & team spirit. There are minimal fees for each program which covers county, registration & sport fees. We encourage our parents to register early and set up a payment plan. We also offer fundraiser opportunities in an attempt to keep out of pocket fees at a minimum. RBGC is in desperate need of volunteers to coach or fill commissioner vacancies for Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Cheerleading, Track and Football. There are also management positions available for administration, concessions, fundraising, uniforms, equipment, or fields and banquet. If you can commit a few hours per month to volunteer please let us know. Volunteers are required to submit a copy of their driver's license and sign a background check authorization form. Future activities include, but are not limited to, fun exercise programs in the fight to overcome childhood obesity, game nights, ice cream socials and arts & crafts. Suggestions, donations & volunteers are always welcome!!!

Upcoming events in the area by Department of Parks and Recreation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

On July 9th - @9: 00pm: **Cinema night in the park at River Park.** You need to bring your lawn chair and blanket. Please be prepared or a whole lot of family fun.

Starting on June 24, 2011 - @9:00pm to midnight from Monday thru Saturday all summer: **Safe Summer Program at William Wirt Middle School.** There will be lots of fun activities and socializing.

Youth Group Talk

The youth group kids are very active in their doll making classes thanks to Emily Fanning. The youth group is trying to keep the kids busy this summer and is welcoming any new ideas that you may have for their activities. At last, the kids are anxious in having a pow-wow sit down with the Mayor and council in September to discuss various issues. If any young teens are interested in participating in the youth group program, please feel free to contact me thru my above e-mail.

Felicitaciones a todos los estudiantes que se han graduado de la escuela elementaria de Riverdale, William Wirt Middle School y Bladensburg High School. Sé que todos están entusiasmados con las vacaciones de verano y espero que tengas un divertido verano. Sólo un recordatorio de que la Oficina de administración de Park Tanglewood está dando los pases de la piscina gratis a sus residentes.

Dándome cuenta en la unidad de las comunidades, quería dar las gracias a tanto los niños de los apartamentos de Tanglewood Park y de West Side (Riverdale Village) por llevarse tan bien juntos. Sólo una nota local, la atmósfera de la zona parece ser menos tensa que el verano del año pasado.

Bueno, no es demasiado pronto para prepararse para el día de Riverdale Park en octubre del 2011. El presidente de recreacion está buscando voluntarios para llenar algunos de los puestos del Comité que están actualmente abiertos. El evento del año pasado fue simplemente fabulosos y divertido. Actualmente estamos buscando proveedores de alimentos, cantantes, bandas y planificadores de evento **nuestro próximo reunión del comité recreativo de Riverdale Park será el 7 de julio de 2011 a las 7:00 PM**

Tenemos programas que ofrece la Universidad de Maryland para ayudar a nuestros jóvenes. Se llama el Club H 4. Ayuda con el desarrollo de un niño a través de la intervención con mentores y voluntarios en varios programas. Hay muchos programas para elegir como: comunicación, liderazgo, robótica, espíritu empresarial, preparación de trabajo y fotografía. Estamos tratando de coordinar todo para que los niños puedan inscribirse para los programas. Queremos establecer la alcaldía de Riverdale Park sitio de reunión de nuestros programas. Son programas que construirán caracteres. Póngase en contacto conmigo en 301-625-9435 para obtener más información y formularios para estos programas.

El club de Riverdale Park Boys & Girls tiene algunas cosas grandes que ofrece. La ubicación de registro es 6351 51st Avenue, Riverdale MD 20737 y el teléfono es 301-277-5437.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club es una organización sin fines de lucro de deportes, operada exclusivamente por voluntarios dedicados. RBGC proporciona a los jóvenes (edades 5-18) en Riverdale la oportunidad de participar en programas estructurados de deportes como el baloncesto, fútbol de primavera y otoño, béisbol, Softbol (niñas), pelota, pista, bandera fútbol, fútbol de abordar, animadoras y danza. Jóvenes aprenderán fundamentos básicos, deportividad, trabajo en equipo y espíritu de equipo. Existen tarifas mínimas para cada programa que cubre los honorarios de condado, registro y deporte. Animamos a nuestros padres a registrar temprano y establecer un plan de pago. También ofrecemos oportunidades para recaudar fondos en un intento de mantener tasas como mínimo. RBGC está en necesidad desesperada de voluntarios a vacantes de comisario entrenador o relleno de baloncesto, fútbol, béisbol y softbol, pista y fútbol. También hay puestos disponibles para administración, concesiones, recaudación de fondos, uniformes, equipos, o campos y banquetes. Si puede comprometerse con unas horas voluntarias por mes hágannoslo saber. Los voluntarios son necesarios para presentar una copia de su permiso de conducir y firmar un formulario de autorización de verificación de antecedentes. Las actividades futuras incluyen, pero no se limitan a ejercicios divertido, programas en la lucha para superar la obesidad infantil, juego helado sociales y artes y artesanías. Sugerencias, donaciones y voluntarios son siempre bienvenidos!

Próximos eventos en el área por Departamento de parques y recreación, Del Parque Capital y Nacional de la Comisión y Planificación de Maryland

El 9 de julioth -@ 9:00 pm = **Noche de cine en el parque de River Park.** Necesitas traer tu silla de césped y manta. Prepárese o un montón de diversión familiar.

Desde el 24 de junio de 2011-@ 9:00 pm hasta la medianoche del lunes al sábado durante todo el verano = **Programa de verano seguro a William Wirt secundaria.** Habrá muchas actividades divertidas para socializar.

Conversacion de Grupo de Jóvenes

Los grupo de jóvenes están bien activos en sus clases de hacer muñecas gracias a Emily Fanning. El grupo de jóvenes está tratando de mantener a los niños ocupados este verano y le da la bienvenida a nuevas ideas que pueda tener para sus actividades. Por fin los niños están preocupados por tener un pow wow conversación con el alcalde y el consejo en septiembre para discutir varios temas. Si los jóvenes adolescentes están interesados en participar en el programa del grupo de jóvenes, no dude en contactar a través de mi correo electrónico anterior.

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop Off – The schedule for drop off of bulk trash (rear of DPW yard) is the third Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, of each month. The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows. July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15. November 19 and December 17. Please mark your calendars.

Holiday Trash Collection – Trash will not be collected on Monday, July 4, 2011, in observance of Independence Day. The next collection day will be Thursday, July 7, 2011.

Pepco to Begin Installing Smart Meters in Maryland

Installations will Run June 2011 Through December 2012

In June, Pepco began installing advanced digital electric meters, also referred to as smart meters, throughout its Maryland service area. The meter exchange program is the first step in the utility's long-term investment to build a smart power grid that will help customers better manage their energy use and costs and improve customer service and reliability.

Crews will continue with the installation process through December 2012 until all of Pepco's Maryland customers receive a new meter. Prior to installation, customers will receive a letter and fact sheet from Pepco which, among other things, introduces them to the contractor, Scope Services Inc., who will perform the meter installation.

Customers will see benefits, such as fewer estimated bills and more tools to help customers better manage their energy use and help the environment.

To learn more about Pepco's meter exchange plan, customers are encouraged to visit the "Smart Grid" section on *pepco.com* under "Our Energy Future." Customers will find information on the new meters, a fact sheet on how to prepare for installation, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Pepco & Delmarva Home Energy Savings Program

Pepco & Delmarva have joined together to sponsor an Income Eligible Energy Efficiency Program (IEEEP) program that would provide qualified residents in the Pepco/Delmarva Power service territory in Maryland, with a comprehensive home energy audit to determine

the most effective measures to install in their homes to reduce energy costs. After inspecting the property for potential heating, ventilation and air conditioning safety issues, the work would be completed by a Building Performance Institute certified professionals.

The program features weatherization measures (attic/wall insulation, air sealing, door/window weather stripping, duct sealing and insulation), electric saving measures (compact fluorescent light bulbs, tank and pipe wraps for electric water heaters, low flow showerheads, faucet aerators), appliance replacement components (refrigerators, room air conditioners, electric hot water heaters and tune up or replacement of inefficient electric heating and cooling equipment.

The duration of the program is through December 31, 2011. The worthwhile services are provided gratis to the residents who are chosen for the program.

If you are interested in this program, please call the Department of Public Works for the referral application and guidelines at 301-864-1803.

BULK TRASH PICKUPS & SPECIAL TRASH PICKUPS

Bulk Trash pickups are scheduled by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. In order to have bulk items picked up on Wednesdays, you must call Bates Trash and Trucking Company at 301-773-2069, before 2:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Items must be at curbside by 7:00 AM on Wednesdays. Bates is not required to pick up more than **THREE (3) bulk items from any one-family dwelling per week**. If you have more than three (3) items, you can make another appointment for the items to be picked up on the following Wednesday.

The following items will not be picked up: building materials, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, stumps, bamboo, pressurized containers, explosives, paint (unless paint is dry in cans), poisons, caustics, construction and demolition debris, asbestos, toilets, free liquids, sewage, sludge. These items can be taken to Brandywine Sand & Gravel, 5800 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD. 301-925-8100.

Administration Report

By Sara Imhulse

This issue of the Town Crier includes July and August, so I wanted to take the opportunity to give you an update on several projects that are going on around Town. As always, please do not hesitate to email me if

you have questions about these projects or other Town-related topics.

Kenilworth Avenue Façade Improvements

The Town has received grant funding through the County's Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) to fund façade improvements to businesses along Kenilworth Avenue, south of MD 410 (East-West Highway.) This grant is based on income levels as collected through census tract data, so the funds can only be used in specific areas of Town. Construction will begin this summer for three businesses: Riggs Grocery, Asian Restaurant, and Kenilworth Liquors. I will post some "after" pictures in the Town Crier this fall.

Rhode Island Avenue Hiker/Biker Trail

As many of you know, Riverdale Park, Hyattsville, College Park, and Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) have been working on a hiker/biker trail to connect the municipalities to other existing trails in the region. M-NCPPC is working diligently to assemble the parcels along the trail and to design the trail. Funding seems to be in place, and although this project is moving slowly, it is definitely moving forward. I anticipate that the project may be ready for construction by late spring 2012.

Riverdale Elementary Playground and Community Recreation Area

Ms. Cantu, the principal at Riverdale Elementary School, suggested the possibility of replacing the outdated playground equipment on the school property by creating a new playground area in the grassy field just east of the school. That property is owned by M-NCPPC, so I approached the Parks and Recreation staff to discuss the feasibility of this project. M-NCPPC, the Town, and the school district all seem to be interested in actively discussing this idea. The Town is going to apply for a Community Parks and Playground grant this summer, which could fund most of the project. We won't find out if we will receive the grant until spring 2012.

Town Hall Youth and Community Center

Earlier this year the Town applied for a State bond grant to renovate Town Hall and create much more space for youth and other community members to use. We envision "bumping" the wall of the Council Chambers out toward Queensbury Road and creating a second floor. The State awarded the Town with \$175,000, which requires an equal match by the Town. The Town is working with M-NCPPC toward the sale of Town property on 51st Avenue. Funds received from that sale of property can be used as the match for the State grant.

I think that M-NCPPC staff will be able to give the Town a formal offer in the next 6-12 months. Council will of course need to vote on the matter before it is approved. We will likely begin the design process for the expansion this fall.

Cafritz Development/Whole Foods

Click on the Cafritz tab on the left side of the Town's website in order to find up-to-date information, including project schedule, meeting dates, and specific reports from the Cafritz Development Team. We will post these items as they become available. Town Council will hold a public meeting to discuss the Conceptual Site Plan, including Whole Foods, sometime in September.

Boy Scout's Troop 252

By Robert Killen

As I write this article just hours before the Crier Publisher's deadline, I am reminded again that the 18th birthday of our Senior Patrol Leader, Yorman Amador, is 27 June, and he still has two required partial Merit Badges and the Scoutmaster's Conference to complete in order to make Eagle Scout before the deadline next week.

As you read this, he already is our troop's second Eagle Scout this year, or not. He's leaving for Grinnell College in Iowa, and we hope to have a double Eagle Ceremony, for him and for Joel Sandoval this winter.

Last weekend, Troop 252 bicycled from Annapolis to 3 miles from BWI Airport when we discovered that the trail to the airport was blocked – for everyone - so we bicycled back to the Scouts' favorite Pizza Parlor, a mile from Annapolis, drowned our sorrows with rehydrating fluids, and gorging ourselves with pizza. Good news - everybody (and the bikes) made it with minimal delays. Better news - nobody got hurt.

The weekend before last, we went to Greenbelt Park, and Samir Saleh got his cooking fire going good with one match; on this fire, he cooked wild goose breasts, corn on the cob, hot dogs and beans, filling our bellies and fulfilling his final requirements for First Class Scout. We held his Scoutmaster's Conference that evening, and he is ready for his Board of Review. We bicycled around the paths, everyone split a lot of wood, and we left a gracious plenty of firewood neatly stacked for the next campers.

Mr. Killen set up the tipi, told Native American tales, and showed off one of our full bison robes (everyone wanted to wear it, and everyone discovered how warm and comfortable it is to wear) at the Blind & Deaf Camp in West River last Tuesday. I never

cease to be amazed at the wonders of our spirit in overcoming adversities.

This Friday evening, we're meeting at the pool (which will guarantee rain and/or thunderstorms), removing some, if not all the obstacles to Yorman's Eagle. We're also coaching our Scouts to be stronger swimmers (needed for First Class Scout).

Next weekend we're going tubing - hiking a couple of miles upstream from Harper's Ferry on the Potomac River, then tubing down a couple of miles below the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, then out of the river and back to the vehicles. Time on the river speeds by, especially when we're being bounced off huge rocks and pounded by the mighty currents.

Weekend after that, we're boating, camping and canoeing at Jug Bay. Joseph Elliot, our youngest Scout, will probably cook for us.

Ocean City, Wallop's and Taylor's Islands, Watkins Park, Tom's Cove, as well as Uncle Bud's, are on our list of adventures for this summer. Please join us. It's a shame that we're having all the fun.

Get in touch with Eneida Martinez-Brown, our Charter Representative/Troop Committee Chair @301-864-0059, or Bob Killen, our Scoutmaster @301-483-8455, or rfskille@yahoo.com.

Doll Club

By Emily Fanning

The Riverdale Park Arts Council's Youth Doll Club started in 2010 when in a doll making class the kids looked up and said "let's start a doll club". It has been growing ever since. The kids and I are still having fun making Bed Post dolls which are an old art form from the 1600s through the 1800s. Back in the Riverdale House Museum days there were no stores or catalogs to buy dolls. Furniture was passed down generation to generation - when it was no longer usable - the wood was recycled. The finials were used for doll heads. Family members made the dolls. Many times they did not have much artistic abilities. This made the Bed Post doll a primitive for some were/could be quite ugly. But little girls generation to generation waited with great anticipation to have grandma's doll. Each generation then made a new outfit befitting a queen of the latest fashions. Not only were they play toys but mom used them as mannequins to design out the family's clothes. The age is 8-18. They have to draw/paint their face, hand sew the body, lightly sand the wooden limbs, hand sew the pantelettes, hand sew the Regency style dresses. Some choose a modern short wig so they can

play with the doll. A few chose to make their own goat hair wig. Next they paint a wooden box, place a picture of their doll on the box front, decorate their box. Inside the box is a storage space for the doll and a shelf/clothes bar to be used as a wardrobe. The boys make a mahout doll who cares for his elephant with a mini scene just like it is in Thailand. We have taken pictures of their artwork in this project & made greeting cards to sell as a fundraiser. For information, call Emily 301 864 5561.

Riverdale Park Daisy Troop #2546: Contact Danielle Glaros at (301) 779-5915.

Riverdale Park Boys Scouts Troop 252— Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (202) 282-8302.

Madison Hill Homeowners Association-- For information, call (301) 583-8857 or www.madisonhill.biz

Riversdale Historical Society – Riversdale Mansion. Contact (301) 864-0420.

Riverdale Park Farmer’s Market -- Contact Jim Coleman at 301-332-6258.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club—Email riverdaleboysgirlsclub@yahoo.com (301) 277-KIDS

Riverdale Park Business Association—call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-7393 for meeting site

Riverdale Park Arts Council—Contact Emily Fanning at ourdollmom@aol.com

Community Circles

Local Organizations

Lion’s Club Meeting: Every Fourth Wednesday. Contact President Guy Tiberio at (240) 375-8902.

Northern County Soccer Alliance: Contact NCSA@soccer.net or (301) 927-0560.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 MUTC, 7:30p, TH <i>Yard Waste Collection</i>	4 <i>Town-Wide Trash Collection</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>Town-Wide Trash Collection</i>	9 CKAR, 6200 Sheridan Street, 7pm	10 <i>Yard Waste Collection</i>	11 FARMER'S MARKET 3-7p <i>Town-Wide Trash Collection</i>	12	13 Madison Hill HOA, TH, 10-10:30a
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28	29 Work Session, 8p, TH <i>Town-Wide Trash Collection</i>	30	31 <i>Yard Waste Collection</i>			

