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Town of Riverdale Park Election Notice

In compliance with the terms of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland an election will be held

Monday, May 4, 2009

To elect Town Officials

For Mayor and Council Seats

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Riverdale Park Municipal Center, 5008 Queensbury Road. All citizens who are registered to vote in the Town of Riverdale Park will be entitled to vote.

CANDIDATES

Mayor

VERNON ARCHER

Council, Ward 1

ALICE EWEN WALKER

Council, Ward 2

ALAN THOMPSON

Council, Ward 3

DAVID LINGUA

Council, Ward 4

CHRISTOPHER HENRY

Council, Ward 5

RAYMOND RIVAS

Council, Ward 6

KEELAH ALLEN-SMITH

Joyce K. Marcos, Chief Judge
Louis King, Deputy Chief Judge

Don't Miss This!



ArtsFest 2

Sunday, May 3, 2009

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 pm

Town Center

Pueblo de Riverdale Park Anuncio De Elecciones

En cumplimiento con los estatutos del pueblo de Riverdale Park, Maryland las elecciones se llevaran a cabo

Lunes 4 de Mayo del 2009

Para elegir los Oficiales del Pueblo

Para las pposiciones de Alcalde y Consejeros

Las urnas estarán abiertas desde las 7:00a.m hasta las 8:00p.m en la Municipalidad de Riverdale Park, 5008 Queensbury Road. Todos los ciudadanos que están registrados para votar en Riverdale Park podrán votar en las elecciones.

CANDIDATOS

Alcalde

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Louis King, Deputy Chief Judge

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Regular Legislative Meeting April 6, 2009



1. **Approved-** Minutes for March 9, 2009 regular legislative meeting.
2. **Approved** – Street closure for Sunday, May 3, 2009, for the Riverdale Park Arts Festival, held from 11:00a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Town Center.
3. **Approved** – Permit for the 3rd annual Carnival to benefit the Riverdale Lions Club, to be held on the Alamo parking lot from April 30, 2009 thru May 10, 2009.
4. **Approved** – Resolution 2009-R-07 Pick up / Drop off Zone Designation for Riverdale Park Elementary School.
5. **Approved-** Nominations for appeals board Judges.

Special Legislative Meeting March 30, 2009

1. **Approved** - To engage in the University of Maryland Assistance Program.

Code Corner



By Colleen Ferguson

Remember: All Bulk Trash items must be scheduled through Bates and cannot be placed on the curb before sundown prior to the date of pickup.

Chapter 36--- Toters must be kept in the rear of your property until placing out for pick-up. Town wide trash collection is held on Mondays and Thursdays. Do not place toters out before sundown the day prior to collection day. Yard waste will be collected by Bates on Wednesdays. Recycling will be collected on Wednesdays. You must call Bates and schedule bulk pick-up.

Chapter 50--- Vehicle repair garages are prohibited in residentially zoned areas.

Chapter 64--- Vehicles in the Town of Riverdale Park must be properly registered and display current registration.

The above is a summary of a few of the Town of Riverdale Park Codes. To view all Town Codes in its entirety please visit:
www.riverdaleparkmd.info

If you have any code complaints and/or concerns, please contact the Code Enforcement Division – 240-898-2500 – or email coderiverdalepk@comcast.net.

Town of Riverdale Park

www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us

Town Hall

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Riverdale Park, MD 20737
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RiverdaleParkMD@comcast.net

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Council Members

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Chair, Econ Development, 301-379-5303
alice@ewenwalker.com

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Chair, Finance Committee, 301-779-2169
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Ward 3 - David Lingua
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chenry3240@verizon.net

Ward 5 - Timothy Kimbrough
Chair, Leg Committee, 301-864-1997
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Ward 6 - Keelah Allen-Smith
Chair, Community Affairs, 240-751-6688
Keelahd@yahoo.com.

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riverdaleparkmd@comcast.net
Penny Mendoza, **Dep Administrator**
301-209-1505

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Leonard Addison, **Director**

Code Enforcement 240-898-2500

Colleen M. Ferguson, **Code Manager**
CodeRiverdalePk@comcast.net

Police Department 301-927-4343

Teresa Chambers **Chief of Police**
info@riverdaleparkpolice.org

Fire Department - Emergency 911

Information - 301-927-0356

Charles Ryan, **Chief in-**
fo@riverdalevfd.com, www.riverdalevfd.com
om or, [Riverdalefire-
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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.

Some materials contained in *The Town Crier* represent the opinion of the authors and does not necessarily represent the view of the Town of Riverdale Park.

Submission deadline: 15th of each month.

Submit all copy to
rptowncrier@comcast.net

Helping to Keep Riverdale Park Safe, Clean, and Beautiful

Teresa C. Chambers, Chief of Police

It's not just "luck" that you see very little graffiti on sidewalks, buildings, street signs, and other objects throughout Riverdale Park. Your involvement has helped keep it that way. You have kept a watchful eye and have reported suspicious activity when you have seen it. When you have noticed graffiti, you have immediately reported it to us so that we can photograph it, document it, and work with the property owner to see that it is removed quickly. When the graffiti has been placed on public property, we will remove it promptly, generally within 24 hours. If a property owner needs assistance in removing graffiti, we will help with that as well.



Last summer, through the generosity of the Elks Lodge and Lions Club, the Riverdale Park Police Department obtained graffiti abatement equipment. Perhaps you have seen us in action!

As the weather gets warmer, the days get longer, and individuals look for creative ways to express themselves, please watch for people carrying cans of spray paint or folks lingering around unusual places for long periods of time. If you see suspicious activity or see graffiti anywhere in Riverdale Park, please call the Riverdale Park Police Department immediately at 301-927-4343. Thank you for helping our town become a "graffiti-free zone."

Ayuden a mantener a Riverdale Park Seguro, Limpio y Hermoso

Teresa C. Chambers, Jefa de la Policia

No es solo "suerte" que se ve muy poco de graffiti en las aceras, los edificios, los letreros, y otros objetos a lo largo de Riverdale Park. Su participación ha contribuido a mantenerlo así. Usted ha mantenido un ojo vigilante y han informado de actividades sospechosas cuando usted ha visto. Cuando usted ha notado el graffiti, nos ha informado de inmediato para que podamos fotografiar, documentar y trabajar con el dueño de la propiedad para sea eliminado rápidamente. Cuando el graffiti se ha colocado en la propiedad pública, lo eliminaremos de inmediato, por lo general dentro de las 24 horas. Si un propietario necesita ayuda en la eliminación de graffiti, nosotros ayudaremos con eso.

El verano pasado, gracias a la generosidad del Lions Club y del Elks Lodge, el Departamento de la Policía de Riverdale Park obtuvo un equipo de reducción de graffiti. ¡Tal vez nos ha visto en acción!

Como el clima se está poniendo más cálido, los días más largos y las personas buscan formas creativas de expresarse, por favor observe a las personas que llevan latas de pintura en aerosol o gente persistente en torno a los lugares inusuales durante largos períodos de tiempo. Si usted ve alguna actividad sospechosa o ve el graffiti en cualquier parte de Riverdale Park, por favor llame al Departamento de Policía de Riverdale Park inmediatamente al 301-927-4343. Gracias por ayudar a nuestro pueblo convertido en una "zona libre de graffiti".

Riversdale Events

RIVERSDALE KITCHEN GUILD KEEPS THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Riverdale Park, MD - The *Seasonal Selections* program, instituted in the fall, will continue to offer special monthly cooking special events that will focus on a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce, and/or the traditional cycles of an early 19th century farm will inspire each month's *Seasonal Selection*. These foodways programs are sponsored in part by Giant Food.

May's *Seasonal Selection* is *Rosalie's Dairy: Butter Making*. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2009, from 12:00 – 3:30 pm. Mrs. Rosalie Calvert ran a successful butter-making business at Riversdale. See Kitchen Guild volunteers churn cream into butter. They will also wash it and prepare it for long-term storage in early 19th century fashion without the help of refrigeration.

SPRING LECTURE SERIES CONCLUDES AT RIVERSDALE

Riverdale Park – Riversdale House Museum hosts its annual Spring Lecture Series. The last lecture is:

- Tuesday, May 5: Panel of faculty, staff, and students from the University of Maryland, College Park, *The Investigation of the Role of African-American Slavery in the Early History of the Campus*.

The lecture begins at 7:30pm and is \$5 at the door.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT RIVERSDALE HOUSE MUSEUM

Riverdale Park, MD - Have you ever walked on stilts or made marbles? Come out and play on Children's Day Sunday, May 3, on the grounds of Riversdale House Museum! The day honors all things fun about childhood in the early 19th century, including puppet shows, games and amusements, live animals, crafts, and cooking demonstrations. Live musical entertainment will add to the festive feeling as you stroll through the tents. The mansion will open its doors for special child-oriented tours. Period inspired refreshments and children's delights will be available for purchase.

Festivities begin at noon and end at 4pm. Admission is \$2 per person; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park, Maryland. For more information or reservations, call 301-864-0420 TTY 301-699-2544. Visit our website at www.pgparcs.com or email Riversdale@pgparcs.com.

This facility is owned and operated by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparcs.com to make a reservation.

Sign up for classes and activities online at www.pgparcs.com, or by touch-tone phone at 301-583-BOOK.



Ward and Committee Reports

Ward One Report

By Council Member Alice Ewen Walker
alice@ewenwalker.com

Economic Development Report

The Farmer's Market got off to a great start this year on April 9th with music, a new dairy vendor, and plenty of spring greens and bedding plants. Crepes and Korean bulgogi were a big hit. We are adding more informal kids' activities to the market – be on the lookout for sidewalk chalk, bubbles, four square and other fun games. The market is every Thursday from 3:00-7:00 pm in the Town Center – hope to see you there.

The town attorney has reached a milestone in title work related to the plans to build a hiker-biker trail along the trolley line right-of-way connecting our town to College Park and Hyattsville. We will be coordinating next steps with Councilman Eric Olson who has been such a strong supporter and leader for the effort. There are still many steps ahead of us to bring the project to fruition, but I'm pleased that we have had steady progress both on the design front with the technical work undertaken by M-NCPPC and the legal work performed by the town.

Since January, our code enforcement team has been working with the county fire inspector and homeowners' insurance company to move action forward at 4602 Queensbury Road, which experienced a fire in December. Unfortunately, both the county and the insurance company were severely delayed in performing necessary fire inspections of the property. This is why the property was not cleaned up promptly after the fire. Our code enforcement team is continuing to work with the property owner, county, and insurance company to ensure that the clean up and repair of this property moves forward with speed. In addition, the house at 4603 East West Highway recently experienced a devastating fire. This property has long been in poor condition. I have asked senior staff to investigate what next steps the town can take to ensure that this property does not become a long-term problem.

I believe that in the coming year, code enforcement will be more important than ever as the town experiences, like many communities, the continued impacts of the housing downturn and foreclosure crisis. The code enforcement department has created a list of vacant properties in the town to assist our enforcement and security efforts. If there is a property in your area that you believe is empty, please call or email our code supervisor, Colleen Ferguson to alert her to the status.

Last, it has come to the town's attention that some area fence companies are advising residents incorrectly regarding county and town ordinances for fence height and location. If you hire a contractor to install a fence, please do not rely on the contractor as your legal advisor. Instead, have a conversation with our code supervisor Colleen Ferguson at 240-898-2500 before your project begins. She can advise you of the town and county rules so that your project comes off without a hitch.

Section 66-1 of the town code regarding fences is located online at:

http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/uploads/code_enforcement/CODEpdf.pdf

Councilmember Keelah Allen-Smith and I are both concerned about the proliferation of commercial signs out of compliance with county and town law. I'm hopeful that in the coming months elected officials and town staff will work together to identify the legal obstacles, enforcement challenges, and solutions to improve the town's appearance and appeal of our business districts.

Ward Three Report

By Council Member David Lingua
djlingua@gmail.com

Public Works Report

Going to plant a Weeping Willow, it will grow, grow, and grow. We will come back to this.

As you may all be well aware, elections for Mayor and council are to be held on the fourth. As it is, this election immediately goes into the folkloric-historic category with all seats being unopposed. While both flattered and puzzled, I hope this is an anomaly of the rare kind. I hope you come to vote all the same.

In late March the town received great news regarding our submittal for funding through the Center for Watershed Protection. By combining with another municipality, Riverdale Park has been approved this year for \$319,000 for our project to create rain gardens in three locations in town and in doing so re-establish native plants. This idea came to the Public Works Committee over a year ago from a group including Judy Glaes and Michael Sevenser. CWP will be scheduling the stakeholder meeting in the near future to determine the steps we have to take next. Thanks to Director Addison and Mr. Sevenser for their efforts on this great opportunity.

Now back to that Weeping Willow. If you have wanted to plant a native shade tree on your property then the state has an offer for you. On April 1 a program was launched to help subsidize the planting of such trees. The goal is a million new trees by 2011 with citizens

planting 50,000 by 2010. For more information visit <http://www.trees.maryland.gov/>. Available are guidelines, tips and a coupon you can print to help pay for that favorite tree. Actually Weeping Willow is not on the list, but there is Hornbeam.

I'd like to extend this friendly reminder to contact Bates, 301-773-2069, prior to 2 PM Tuesdays to schedule your bulk trash pick up that Wednesday. Bates will not pick it up unless you have called it in, 301-773-2069. As I spin around town I have noticed items set out too late or early and remaining for days on end thus being a visual drag. Timing is everything so to save everyone's eyes from the sore sight, 301-773-2069. Thank you.

Also, in the way of friendly reminders, please take note of the new alignment of the pick up and drop off zone for Riverdale Elementary School. The new zone is along the northbound lane of Taylor Road, 6000 block, south of Riverdale Road. The zone has been set up to allow parents to meet their children and/or schedule an after school conference while allowing traffic to flow. Please drive safely.

Finally, with the Memorial Day approaching, all that is lovely, gracious and full of excellence in the life of a loved one since passed remember these things.

Ward Four Report

By Council Member Christopher Henry
chenry3240@comcast.net

Public Safety Report

I have recently been informed that there are Prince George's County programs available for purchasers to rehab foreclosed properties. The Code Enforcement Division is currently working with Councilman Olson's Office collecting a list of foreclosed/vacant properties that need rehab. If you are aware of a vacant home or a deteriorating property, please notify code enforcement. : Code Enforcement contact information: 240-898-2500 or 301-356-8189 or email: coderiverdalepk@comcast.net

Tall grass, abandoned vehicles, deteriorating homes send the wrong message... "Fixing minor maintenance issues quickly, shows that a neighborhood "cares" and helps push out crime." (Broken window theory)

On April 17th, 2009 at 6:00pm, at Parkdale High School, I hosted a meeting along with the Riverdale Park Police Department to discuss the increase in disorderly juvenile activity in and around the Madison Hall area. Invited participants were: Principals of Parkdale High School and William Wirt Middle School, Maryland Park Police, and Prince George's County Police Gang Task Force. The meeting was very well-attended.

Farmers Market is Open... Every Thursday 3-7 at the Town Center

If you see suspicious activity or if something just doesn't look right...Call the Riverdale Park Police 301-927-4343.

Ward Six Report

By Council Member Keelah Allen-Smith
Keelahd@yahoo.com

Community Affairs Report

Mr. Addison and the Public Works team—streets are looking good in Ward 6; your hard work is appreciated. Thank you for keeping Riverdale Park clean and beautiful.

As previously reported I will be attending several meetings and introducing legislation in the upcoming months. The Apartment Owners meeting on the 29th of April should be a quite productive meeting for all residents. I will be introducing legislative to limit the signage on Kenilworth Avenue and legislation to quickly address deteriorating appearance of vacant homes. The legislation is important to maintain the high quality of life standards for all Riverdale Park residents.

Spring is here and brings beautiful weather and outside activities. A few spring tips... If you are making any repair or additions to your home please contact the Code Enforcement Division to see if a County or Town permit is required. Grass Height may not exceed 10 inches; Vehicles may not be parked on unprepared surfaces. If you have any questions please contact Code Enforcement at 240-898-2500 or view the Town Charter and Codes on the Town Website www.riverdaleparkmd.info

Town Services:

Public Works Department: 301-864-1803

Code Enforcement: 240-898-2500

Riverdale Park Police Department: 301-927-4343

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Sweeper Training – Street cleaning personnel are being trained to utilize the mechanical street sweeper more effectively. The Department of Public Works has developed primary and secondary routes to adhere to its cleaning operation on a weekly basis.

Bulk Trash – Reminder to all residents that Bulk Trash is picked up on Wednesdays by appointment. Failure to put bulk trash items on the designated day will result in the issuance of code violations and fines. Please contact Bates Trucking at (301)773-2069 before 2:00 PM on Tuesdays.

Tree Planting – A spring planting of new trees will take place in designated places throughout the Town. A notice of when and where those plantings will occur will be issued. This will give residents a time frame in which to voice their opinions, suggestions or comments regarding the placement of the trees in front of their residences. Additional tree planting will take place in the fall.

Events – The Department of Public Works provided personnel to set up for the Farmer’s Market that began on April 9, 2009. Personnel were also available for the spring cleanup that was held on April 18th and for the Arts Festival held on May 3rd.

Spring Cleaning – The Department of Public Works has started its spring cleaning for the season. The following activities are taking place to brighten up our



Town and keep it a livable community for our citizens: flowers being planted in public parks, painting of welcome signs in the community, giving the train station a new coat of paint, mowing grass in all areas, picking up dead branches and leaves, removing graffiti, and keeping drains and curbs cleaned. We appreciate the efforts that our citizens are making to assist us in keeping our Town clean.

Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Bob Killen

Troop 252 held our Court of Honor Friday evening, 27 March. Three Scouts, Senior Patrol Leader Yorman Amador, and Assistant Patrol Leaders Ismael Vallela and Joel Sandoval received their Life Scout badges, and Samir Salih received his Tenderfoot badge. Khalil Salih and Julio Rojas received their Scout badges. Yorman (SPLFL) also received the following Merit badges - **Communications, Citizenship in the Nation, Family Life.**

Yorman, Samir, Michael Delaney, MHB and Mr. Killen each received the **Little Bennett Orienteering Patch**: Yorman, Samir and Michael each received the **4th Place NCAC Orienteering Competition Ribbon** (overall, out of a field of 600+ Scouts). We all attended Scout Sunday - Yorman, Ismael, Julio, Samir, Khalil, Miguel Apparicio, Michael, Mr. Rojas, MHB, Mr. Killen. Mr. and Mrs. Delaney, MHB and Bob Killen each won a **Masters Degree in Boy Scouting** at NCAC's **University of Scouting**. Ismael, MHB and Mr. Killen were recognized for their participation in staffing the **Archdiocese of Washington's Cubs For Jesus** program.

As I write this, our Scouts are on Spring Break, working on Merit Badges and planning our next series of adventures among themselves.

We are planning our Mattaponi Religious Retreat this weekend, and will report back next month what you missed.

We did report last time that Julio Rojas learned how to ski in an hour and a half. He hasn't forgotten, either. Khalil Salih is ready to go bicycling again, soon. We have the bicycles, tubes, boats and boots ready for our next adventure. Come join us! Contact either Bob Killen (rfkille@yahoo.com) or MHB at 301-864-0059 to get involved.

The Riverdale Park Business Association

By Carol Patsel

Attention Riverdale residents! RPBA members wish to announce the following events, opportunities and special offers:

- Join your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable evening at the Calvert House Inn and celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2009. For comedy lovers, they have a special evening of entertainment featuring comedians Tony Deyo and Erin Jackson on May 19, 2009 at 8:30 pm. Call for reservations 301-864-5220.
- The Dental Group cordially invites businesses and residents to join them for a Neighborhood Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, from 11:30a.m. – 2:30p.m. Guests will be offered a number of services, such as exams for children and cavity detection for adults at no cost. They plan to raffle free oral cancer screenings and digital imaging . Lunch will consist of a sampling of foods from restaurants in Riverdale Park. Please RSVP to Carol Patsel 301-864-5200 www.info@thedentalgroup.com
- SunTrust Bank is offering free checking services for residents of Riverdale. They are also offering many options to help you refinance your current mortgage and safe, affordable mortgage alternatives with FHA home loans. Call Wilmer Palacios at 301-507-6426 or call their branch manager, Jennifer Singh at 301-779—1644.
- Ernie’s Lock Company is having a sale on residential and commercial safes. Please come visit their showroom at 4500 Queensbury Road or call 301-779-0464 for more information.
- Gerrety and Bragg Realtors will make a cash donation in your name to the National Arbore-

tum for anyone who buys or sells a home with their company during the months of May, June, July or August. Call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-1111 to buy or sell your home.

- Kenilworth Animal Medical Center is featuring a special for the month of May. You can purchase a micro chip for your pet for only \$10!
- Are you worried or stressed because you need a Will, Power of Attorney, Guardianship or Conservatorship of an elderly person, Nursing Home Care, a General Intervention of an elderly person or child, an Estate Probated or Custody of a child? If so, please call the Law Offices of Archie L. Palmore at 301-277-3955
- Apartments for rent: 2 One Bedrooms and 2 Two Bedrooms (One is fully furnished) Addresses: 6201 and 6205 Natoli Place (across the street from Town Center and a short walk to the Marc Train Station) Contact Gregory Yorke at -410-991-1489 or Jeffrey Yorke at 301-502-1243. Visit their website at www.yorkerents.com
- Commercial space available for lease: 10,000 s.f., located near Town Center. Please call Pete at 301-520-8895.

The RPBA cordially invites local business owners to attend their next meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall on Queensbury Road.

ArtsFest 2

By Marita A. Novicky

The Riverdale Park Arts Council is hosting ArtsFest2 on Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and once again **IT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC**. This second ArtsFest builds on the overwhelming success of ArtsFest 1 held in 2008 where nearly 1,000 adults and children took part in the day-long activities.

A number of exciting events are planned for the day including:

- Over 30 artists and crafters will show their work which are available for purchase
- The Elephant Art Gallery with dozens of paintings that are actually painted by elephants living in rescue farms in Thailand—don't miss these spectacular paintings

- Food by Mike's Southern Café including vegetarian items
- A Children's Art Pavilion for children ages 2-12 with plenty of art projects to stir their creativity. Local artist Betsy Campbell will teach a one-hour art class for up to twenty children so get there early and sign your children up for this exciting opportunity.

A number of musical artists are scheduled to participate in ArtsFest 2 including:

- Rick Franklin (acoustic blues)
- Marianna Previti, (three-time WAMA Jazz vocalist singing R&B)
- Honky Tonk Heart (Classic country & western swing)
- Janine Wilson (current WAMA roots rock vocalist) and Max Evans (contemporary blues)
- Ira Gonzalez (Brazilian Bossa Nova) with Lyle Link the award-winning saxophonist
- Eric Brooks (Jazz standards)

Jamie Platt provides the sound for these artists.

Active Cultures Theater, the vernacular theatre of Maryland, will present SPORTACULTURE, which is several short plays about local sports. The plays feature the Washington Nationals, the former Washington Bullets, Terps Football, and the PrinceMont Swim League. These are original plays by Jennifer Nelson, James Hella, Jacqueline Lawton, and Mary Watters and includes a short musical by Mary Resing, Jessica Burgess and Andy Welchel. Catherine Tripp and Colin Grube are guest directors for the plays.

Active Cultures Theater is known for their creative work that is appropriate for a diverse and multigenerational audience. They use theater to explore cultures active within Maryland communities. On Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Center, Active Cultures Theater will present a preview of their work. A donation of \$8.00 is preferred for this event. On Sunday, May 3, Active Cultures will present two productions at 1:00 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m. These performances are free to the public. Visit <http://sportaculture.blogspot.com> or by calling 301-526-9921.

We'll be at Town Center and hope to see you at ArtsFest 2.



Community Circles

Upcoming Events

SIDEWALK CLOSURE

The sidewalk on Baltimore Avenue in front of the construction site will be closed from April 27th through August 28th. Due to heavy traffic on Baltimore Avenue, the contractor may have to do utility work at night.

Farmer's Market Open

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market is now open! Come and stop by every Thursday between 3pm and 7pm. It will be ending on November 19, 2009. Be prepared for exciting new vendors, a new kid zone, model trains, and great live entertainment by members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Society. Don't miss it!

RPBA

The RPBA cordially invites local business owners to attend their next meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall on Queensbury Road.

TRASH COLLECTION

Regular Trash Collection Days

Monday and Thursday

Bulk Trash Collection

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please call Bates Trucking and Trash Collections at (301) 773-2069 (residents have up to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday to call Bates for Wednesday pickup)

Recycling

Wednesday

Please call Prince George's County Recycling with questions.

(301)952-763

Yard Waste

Wednesday collected by Bates Trucking and Trash Collections

Saturday drop-off

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Metal Pickup (town wide)

Every Thursday by the Department of Public Works

Annual Health Fair

This year's health fair will be held on May 16, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Templeton Elementary School (6001 Carters Lane, Riverdale, MD 20737). Stop by to receive free information in English and Spanish. Sponsored by Templeton Knolls Civic Association and Councilman Eric Olson.

MARQUE SU CALENDARIO – LA FERIA ANUAL DE SALUD se llevara a cabo el 16 de Mayo, 2009, de 10 de la mañana a 2 de la tarde, en la Escuela Elemental Templeton (6001 Carters Lane, Riverdale, MD 20737). Toda la información será en inglés y español. Patrocinada por la Asociación Cívica Templeton Knolls y por el Miembro del Consejo del Condado, Eric Olson.

Town Organizations

Northern County Soccer Alliance: For more information on Soccer Alliance, Inc., and on travel, recreation, home school, and training programs. NCSA@juno.com or (301) 927-0560. PG Soccer League@juno.com

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 Committees

Madison Hill Homeowners Association-- For information, call (240) 401-2202 or visit www.madisonhill.org.

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

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

Riverdale Park Business Association—call Audrey Bragg at 301-277-9323 for meeting site.