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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



IMPORTANT!

**Bulk Trash Collection
WEDNESDAYS
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Contact Bates Trucking and
Trash Collections at (301)
773-2069 before 2pm on
Tuesday.**

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

November 24, 2011

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Alamo restaurant and Christian Life Center will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner with all the holiday trimmings. Come join us for a free thanksgiving dinner!

Free coats, hats, and gloves will be given away as part of the "Passion & Compassion Outreach Ministry".

The Alamo Restaurant is located at 5508 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park
Dinner will be served from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact Rev. Ben Slye at 301-277-5969

If you would like to help support our dinner,
Food & Monetary Donations are welcomed.



Anual Para El Día De Acción De Gracias

EI 24 de Noviembre de 2011

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

El Restaurante Álamo y el Centro Cristiano de la Vida estarán sirviendo una Cena para el Día de Acción de Gracias con todos los adornos. Venga y acompañenos, la cena es GRATIS para todos.

Tendremos abrigos, sombreros y guantes GRATIS como parte de "El Ministerio de Pasión y Compasión".

EI Restaurante Álamo se localiza en 5508 Avenida Kenilworth, Riverdale, MD.

La cena se servirá de 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Para más información llame al Pastor Ben Slye al 301-277-5969.

Si nos quisiera ayudar y apoyar con esta cena, comida o ayuda monetaria son bienvenidas.

Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Regular Legislative Meeting October 3, 2011

1. **Approved-** Minutes from the September 6, 2011 regular legislative meeting.
2. **Approved-** Minutes from the September 26, 2011 special legislative meeting.
3. **Approved-** A request for a carnival permit with Taylor & Sons, Inc. proceeds going to Passion and Compassion Outreach and to waive the \$100 application fee.
4. **Motion to Table-** Letter regarding the Cafritz Project.
5. **Approved-** Request for speed humps at the 5400 block Spring Lane (Ward 6)
6. **Approved-** Request for speed humps at the 5300 block Greenway Street (Ward 6)
7. **Approved-** A letter to Superintendent Hite regarding playground project.
8. **Approved-** A letter to the Planning Board regarding playground project.
9. **Approved-** Ordinance Resolution 2011-OR-04, an ordinance concerning alarm systems and fees.
10. **Approved-** Ordinance Resolution 2011-OR-05, an ordinance concerning a new ethics ordinance.
11. **Approved-** A request to waive Town bid requirements to purchase 8 Panasonic Toughbook Computers from Breckford.
12. **Approved-** To authorize Town Administrator to include language in the Kenilworth Avenue agreement to include a warranty not to exceed 3 years for the painting of the aluminum siding.
13. **Approved-** To appoint Councilmember Jonathan Ebbeler to the pension board.

New Business:

1. **Approved-** To hold the December Council worksession on December 19, 2011, at 8:00pm

Special Legislative Meeting September 26, 2011

1. **Approved** – A letter to the Liquor Board in support of Dumm’s Pizza and Subs to authorize Town Administrator to testify at related hearings.
2. **Approved-** To close 5000 block of Nicholson Street and 5800 block of Riverside Drive from 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2011, for Riverdale Park Day.

Special Legislative Meeting October 13, 2011

1. **Approved-** to retain the services of Paul P. Mortensen
2. **Approved-** A memorandum of understanding, contingent upon attaching the exhibits, with M-NCPPC regarding a bio-retention facility (rain garden) and authorizing the Town Administrator to sign the agreement.
3. **Approved** – To send a letter to the Planning Board supporting Dumms’s Corner Market’s request for special permit to allow the use of sale of liquor, and authorizing Town staff and/or elected officials to testify at any related hearings.
4. **Approved-** To spend \$5,000 for a Hyattsville CDC market study.

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Riversdale House Museum Events

CHORÉGRAPHIE ANTIQUE AT RIVERSDALE

During the early 19th century, dancing was a popular pastime and, among the upper class, including the Calverts of Riversdale, its mastery was considered just as important as learning to read and write. On Saturday, November 5 at 2pm, Riversdale House Museum presents Chorégraphie Antique, the dance history ensemble of Goucher College. Watch history come to life as costumed dancers reconstruct dances popular in Federal-era Washington and Baltimore. Concessions will be available before the performance.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Capacity is limited and advance payment is highly encouraged.

Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparks.com for more information.

SEASONAL SELECTIONS—NOVEMBER SELECTIONS

The Seasonal Selections program, instituted in the fall of 2009, will continue to offer special monthly cooking events with 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.

The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will host Harvest Feast on Sunday, November 6, 2011 and Preparing for Winter on Sunday, November 20, 2011. The demonstrations run from noon - 3:30pm.

Viewing the demonstration is FREE! You are also invited to tour Riversdale House Museum. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students and FREE children 4 & under.

ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH SINT NIKLAAS AT RIVERSDALE

The forerunner of our modern Santa Claus, Sint Niklaas, brings excitement to Flemish children on his feast day in early December. The gift-giving, kindly bishop will arrive for breakfast at Riversdale on Saturday, December 3, 2011. Choose the 9 am or 11 am seating. Children, ages 3 to 10, along with their parents, are invited to enjoy a Belgian-inspired breakfast as Sint Niklaas makes his rounds. Participants will receive a gift bag. Tickets are \$9 per child and \$5 per attending adult for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$11 per child and \$7 per attending adult for non-residents. Advance reservations are required by November 23rd. We are sorry, but walk-ins cannot be accommodated. Register early to ensure a spot!

Riversdale celebrates this holiday in honor of Rosalie Stier Calvert, mistress of Riversdale in the early 19th century and a Flemish immigrant, who kept her homeland customs for her own nine children.

For more information or to register, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; email

Riversdale@pgparks.com<<mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com>>; website

www.pgparks.com<<http://www.pgparks.com/>>.

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. This facility is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer

The Cafritz proposal to develop the very northern most point in town is moving into a very significant new stage during the months of November and December. I know that many of you have been following this closely and know that the development will need to be given new zoning in order to build the Whole Foods grocery, other commercial spaces, town houses, and apartments they desire. The proposal will receive a hearing before the M-NCPPC Planning Board, tentatively scheduled for December 15.

This is one of the two major steps in getting a zoning change, with the final step coming when the proposal will be acted upon by the County Council acting as District (Zoning) Council. As the real power in this matter rests at the county level, we at the municipal level have been wrestling with how best to influence the process in a way that is most beneficial to Riverdale Park as a whole. It has been my position from early in the process that the way to maximize our influence over the final outcome and have the county back our position, is to work constructively with neighboring municipalities as well as the developer.

Ultimately our power will largely rest in the written testimony the Town Government will present to the Planning Board and ultimately the District Council. Over the next month we have scheduled several meetings that will see our

ultimate positions crafted by the Town Council with significant input from the Mixed Use/Town Center (MUTC) Board and a professional planning firm that the town has contracted with to advise us.

Important meetings:

- **October 31, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. – Council meeting at Town Hall. Town’s planning contractor will present his report on the project and a highlight overview.**
- **November 2 at 7:30 p.m. – MUTC design committee meeting at Town Hall. Agenda will include review of how the proposed zone change by Cafritz will affect the existing MUTC zone.**
- **November 9 at 8:00 p.m. – Council meeting at Town Hall. Town planning contractor will present point by point review of Cafritz proposal and Council will review all items to create the Town’s testimony for the Planning Board and District Council.**
- **November 28 at 8:00 p.m. – Council Worksession and possible Special Legislative Session at Town Hall. This is the final date for the Council’s position to be considered/included in the M-NCPPC staff report**
- **December 5 at 8:00 p.m. – Council meeting at Town Hall.**
- **December 15 at 9:00 a.m. – Expected Planning Board hearing date at County Administration Building.**
- **January or February is probable time frame for District Council to act on the zone change request.**

In my report last month I provided a copy of a proposed response to the Cafritz team of concerns and needs the Town has that should be addressed before the Town can support this project. Action on that letter by the council was postponed at the last legislative meeting, though it appears that most of the council is using this letter as a starting point in evaluating the issues associated with project. Also, the Cafritz team has sent a letter back to the town that suggests a clear willingness to work with us on the project. You can find both my proposed letter and the Cafritz response on the town website at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/cafritz.cfm>

One last point to consider in evaluating this proposal is how the project will financially impact the town. To date the developer has committed to reimbursing the town for \$25,000 to procure independent professional services to advise us in all aspects of the project. We will need more if this project goes forward, but \$25,000 is sufficient to at least get us through the rezoning issues.

Lastly, Town staff has prepared a report of how this project will financially impact the town if it is completely built as currently proposed and Town services and taxes remain at current levels. The report estimates that increased Town revenue would exceed new expenditures by \$1,260,668 per year. This report can also be found on our website at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/cafritz.cfm>

Coat Drive

As the economic hardships that we are enduring continue, the Town government and I are working with area relief and assistance groups to help those who are in need around our community. One project that has shown clear success in past years is the coat drive that is a partnership between the Christian Life Center and us.

This program centers on a distribution at Thanksgiving, but last year I was heartbroken to see nearly half of the people who came seeking a coat turned away. In order to not have a repeat this year, I am organizing a community-wide collection of “slightly” used coats, as well as monetary donations. If you are willing and able to contribute, please send your donation to our Town Hall, or if you can’t drop off your donation, call us at 301-927-6381 and we will arrange a pickup.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward One Report

By Council Member Jonathan W. Ebbeler
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Over the last month, the Cafritz team presented an updated charette to both the town and to the M-U-TC

committee. It shows a fleshed out version of their vision for the residential components of the property. The Town Council continues to have concerns regarding this project and will be sitting down with our newly-retained planner to craft a list of conditions that the Cafritz team will have to meet before we can support the project. It is important to note however, that on the larger issues of zoning and a vehicular bridge over the CSX tracks that their team has to-date been responsive to our concerns and incorporated substantial changes from their original

design. The project has been submitted and accepted under M-U-TC zoning by Park and Planning so the clock is now ticking.

The Town Council was happy to send out letters of support for Dumms to both the Liquor Board and Park and Planning for their grocery store build-out. I will be looking forward to having a walkable grocery store in Ward One in 2012.

As many of you may have noticed based upon the extensive discussion on Town Talk, we passed legislation to potentially purchase Jey's Auto. There has not been any movement to date but I will report back when there is any information.

In the near future we will be looking at ways to make the vacant spaces in Town Center viable and attractive to potential commercial vendors. Part of this is to look at how to make a currently dysfunctional intersection functional. We had a representative from SHA come talk to us about 'DON'T BLOCK THE BOX' signage/stripping at Queensbury/Rt1 and optimizing signals to decrease traffic backups. We as a town however, are still responsible for mitigating the roads we control which means figuring out a workable traffic solution for Queensbury/Lafayette/Town Center.

I am happy to report that the Trolley Trail is slated for construction this spring. This is an important step in providing increased pedestrian access and reconnecting Ward One without risking life and limb crossing East-West Highway.

Economic Development Committee Report

The last month has been particularly busy for the Economic Development Committee. We put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a planner to help review and advise the town on the Cafritz project. We received 11 highly-qualified responses and we have selected a local firm, Paul Mortensen Architect. We were highly impressed with his background of transportation node development as well his sense of urban design principles and he seemed to best understand the need to reconnect this development back to our Town Center.

We also evaluated the application process for creation of a Riverdale Park Art and Entertainment district and have tentatively decided to pursue a fall 2012 application.

In closing, I would just like to extend out an open invitation to contact me with any constituent issue and/or opinion. I am hopeful that the constituents of Ward One have been happy with my performance over the first few months.

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan K. Thompson
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I'd like to express my thanks to everyone who pitched in to make Riverdale Park day a success this year. Although the weather was not cooperative, I had a great time looking at booths, talking to neighbors, and eating great tasting food that I shouldn't be eating. As a special treat I got to learn, from Ward 2 resident Del Fanning, about highly acidic soil that can accidentally be produced as a result of disturbing deep soil during construction. My kids had a great time at the video gaming booth, too!

We received some good news and some bad news about repaving of East-West Highway. The good news is that the contract has been awarded and the contractor is ready to go. The bad news is that because asphalt plants close down when the weather gets cold, the full repaving won't happen until next spring. The State Highway Administration will do short-term fixes to get us through the winter, and then mill and pave when the asphalt plants reopen.

There is a zoning variance issue for a resident near the intersection of Ravenswood and 51st. I'm writing a letter to be distributed to the most-affected residents, and hopefully they will have gotten back in contact with me by the time you're reading this article. If you need to give me feedback, do so as soon as possible as the town council will be voting on it very early in November.

The Purple Line has moved into a new phase – Preliminary Engineering – and is having open houses where people can learn more about the project. The two open houses closest to us are on November 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the Prince George's Room in the Adele H. Stamp Student Union on the University of Maryland campus in College Park, and, also from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, but on November 10, at Beacon Heights Elementary School (6929 Furman Parkway).

Finally, the big real estate developments in town – M Square and the Cafritz Project – are still moving forward. I've heard from several residents about Cafritz, and am still working to make both projects as high-quality as possible. The schedule of meetings on both of these projects has been pretty crazy, but the local media (patch.com and the Gazette) are covering them well. As the projects move forward and more information (and updated information) becomes available keep me informed of how you feel about them.

Oh, there's one more thing: I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving!

Ward Five Report

By Council Raymond Rivas

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The pieces are moving into place as a well oiled mechanical machine. Oh I am talking about the congregating of a community. This year Riversdale Park festival event had not just inspired a diverse community to come together but also encouraged youths of Prince George County to come out and volunteer their services. This was also an event in itself. Thank you everyone that helped with this year's event. This is an example of unity for a just cause. **Let's keep this togetherness strong and long!**

Well it looks like the doll classes paid off for the children. Thanks to Ms. Emily Fanning the children from the Riverdale Park were invited to experience a real true life extravagant tea party at the Riversdale Historical Museum Mansion. The children were delighted to be able to participate in a true live mad hatter event as in Alice of Wonderland. Thanks for making this most influential event happen. Just viewing the young boys of Ward 5, this had given them a sort of a much needed swagger. Building these children's self-esteem is what is needed for them at this time to help prepare for young adulthood.

Another successful endeavor is what Ms. Shante is doing in the 4H Club with the children of Ward 5. It takes much patience to deal with 17 to 20 jubilant children trying to jockey for her attention. Every Tuesday, like the trooper that she is, Shante faithfully comes from long distance through traffic avoiding all types of obstacles to inspire and mentor these children. One person is hardly enough to curb these enthusiastic children from an all out coop. With my own eyes, I had seen how these children can transform into a mutiny mob. Please if anyone wants to volunteer and help mentor these lost and forgotten souls contact me at 301-625-9435.

It has been a very wet month this October. Under the shadow of the rain drops are criminals lurking and violating unsuspected victims. Please be careful when leaving your vehicle and check your surroundings. If you see something suspicious in your area, please do not be afraid to call on your friendly neighborhood police department (301)927-4343 or 911. Try not to put yourself in harm's way by exiting your building or vehicle if there is someone acting suspiciously. These cowardly hoodlums are looking for any opportunity to have the upper hand by exposing your weaknesses. For

precautions, have your keys out readily in your hand when exiting your vehicle to gain access to your home in a quick and orderly fashion.

If you need to contact your Councilman in Ward 5, please call (301) 625-9435.

Las piezas están en su lugar como una máquina mecánica bien aceiteada. Oh estoy hablando sobre la congregación de una comunidad. Este año el festival de Riversdale Park habría no sólo inspirado a una comunidad diversa a reunirse pero también alentó a los jóvenes del Condado de Prince George para salir y dar sus servicios como voluntarios. También fue un evento en sí mismo. Muchas gracias a todos los que ayudaron con el evento de este año. Este es un ejemplo de unidad para una causa justa. **Vamos a mantener esta Unión fuerte y larga!**

Pues parece que las clases de muñeca dio sus frutos para los niños. Gracias a la Sra. Emily Fanning los niños de Riverdale Park fueron invitados a experimentar una verdadera vida extravagante con una fiesta de tea en la Mansión del Museo Histórico de Riversdale. Los niños estaban encantados de poder participar en un acto de verdadero asombro en vivo como en Alicia de las Maravillas. Gracias por hacer este evento tan influyente sucediera. Sólo de ver a los jóvenes del Distrito 5, esto les ha dado a una especie de enaltecimiento. Crear la autoestima de estos niños es lo que se necesita hacer en este momento para ayudarles a prepararse para la edad adulta.

Otro esfuerzo exitoso es lo que está haciendo la Sra. Shante que es el club de 4 h con los niños de Ward 5. Se necesita mucha paciencia para tratar de obtener la atención de jóvenes de 17 a 20. Todos los martes como el soldado que ella es fiel viniendo de larga distancia a través de tráfico evitando todo tipo de obstáculos para inspirar y aconsejar a estos niños. Una persona es apenas suficiente para frenar a estos niños entusiastas y necesita toda cooperación. Con mis propios ojos, había visto cómo estos niños pueden transformar en una multitud de motín. Por favor, si alguien quiere ser un voluntario y ayudar a aconsejar a estas olvidadas pérdidas almas contactasen conmigo al 301 625 9435.

Ha sido un mes muy mojado este octubre. Bajo la sombra de las gotas de lluvia hay criminales atacando y violando a víctimas insospechadas. Por favor, tenga cuidado al salir de su vehículo y mire a su entorno. Si ves algo sospechoso en su área, por favor, no tengas miedo de llamar al Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad (301) 927-4343 o 911. Trate de no ponerse en peligro por salir de su edificio o vehículo si hay alguien actuando sospechosamente. Estos matones cobardes

buscan cualquier oportunidad de tener la delantera al exponer sus debilidades. Para las precauciones, tenga sus llaves afuera en su mano al salir de su vehículo para tener acceso a su casa de forma rápida y ordenada.

Si necesita ponerse en contacto conmigo concejal del Distrito 5, por favor llame (301) 625-9435.

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. November 19 and December 17. Please mark your calendars.

Holiday Trash Collections – Trash collection will not be affected by the Veteran’s Day holiday since it falls on Friday. **There will be NO trash collected on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24th.** The next collection day will be Monday, November 28th. Our offices will be closed on November 24th and November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Leaf Collection - As part of our fall leaf collection services, leaves will be collected from November 15th through January 15th. DPW will vacuum leaves from Town streets following our previous trash collection schedule. Please see map below.

In order to make this process work as efficiently as possible, residents are encouraged to:

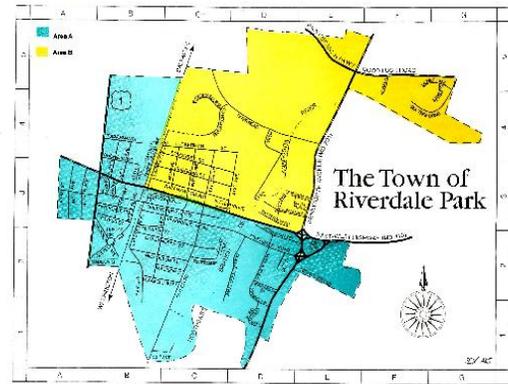
- Rake leaves to the curb. Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains. The leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.
- Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris from leaves to be collected. They can damage the equipment and cause delays.
- Please put bagged leaves out on Wednesdays with the yard waste. **Do not put them out with regular trash.**

Noise and dust may be noticeable during the leaf vacuuming process. Dry conditions generate more dust. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Monday – AREA A residents – leaf vacuum service

Tuesday - AREA B residents – leaf vacuum service

Wednesday (yard collection day) – Bates Trucking



Company will collect **BAGGED LEAVES**. Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.

Thursday – AREA A residents – leaf vacuum service

Friday – AREA B residents – leaf vacuum

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.**

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.

Boy Scout's Troop 252

By Robert Killen

The weekend of 7-9 October, Troop 252's Lone Scout, Joseph Elliott, camped at Greenbelt National Park and earned his Space Exploration Merit Badge after he retrieved the rocket he made and launched. Committee member Sandra Tolson and SM Bob Killen assisted in the staffing as the Merit Badge Counselor.

The weather was great, as was the food; SM Killen's grandson, W.D. Sellers, of Baltimore Area Council's (BAC) Troop 602, also camped out with us, but earned only a partial completion, because he didn't launch his rocket since he left late Saturday night for an early Sunday morning swim meet.

Eleven Boy Scouts of BAC's Troop 396 earned (!) the Space Exploration MB - they cooked for us (one-pot recipes) and cleaned up after us. This was their first camping trip in 10 that it didn't rain. They gave us the credit. We took it.

On 21-23 October, we're setting up the tipi at Jug Bay for the 200 or so Boy Scouts attend the American Indian Festival, sponsored by Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission; we'll be Merit Badge Counselor for the Indian Lore Merit Badge, as well as teaching Native American games.

On 11-13 November, we're going to Downs Memorial Park in Pasadena for the Four Rivers District

Camporee "Harvest Moon", yes, setting up the tipi and doing Native American games for their Scouts. Our Boy Scouts are getting better and better at the games, and the games are helping them in their eye-to-hand coordination, too.

December 09-11 (if there is snow, we'll be on it [or in it]), skiing and snowboarding at the Wisp in McHenry, MD.

We haven't determined exactly when or where we will hold the Eagle Ceremonies for Joel Sandoval and Yorman Amador because Yorman's Winter Break is 16 Dec-23 Jan., and we don't know when he will get home from Grinnell, Iowa.

We'll also probably camp during Winter Vacation - the Scouts will plan it for us. We'll have lots of fun - come and join us! Feel free to contact Bob Killen rfkille@yahoo.com or 301-483-8455.

Community Circles

Riverdale Park Recognizes New Eagle Scout

William LaChance III, a resident of Riverdale Park, Maryland and a member of Boy Scout Troop 224 in Hyattsville has successfully completed the requirements necessary to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. William's Eagle Project was to plan and implement the repair of picnic tables at Magruder Park in Hyattsville. Working with the Scouts of Troop 224, this Eagle project repaired and painted 14 picnic tables in the park.

In addition to holding a number of leadership positions in the Troop, he has earned 39 Merit badges, worked to help younger Scouts master Scouting skills, and is a real asset to the troop and hometown alike. Mayor Archer and the town of Riverdale Park commend its very own Eagle Scout, William LaChance III, congrats!

Brownie Troop 6982 Yard Sale

Brownie Troop 6892 will be hosting a yard sale at Town Hall on Saturday, November 19th, from 9am to 3pm. All proceeds of the yard sale will go toward the SHARE program of the Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC). In 1985, GSCNC started SHARE (Share Her Annual Real Expenses), an annual family giving campaign. For over 20 years, the SHARE campaign has been essential to ensuring that Girl Scouts is available to ALL girls, regardless of their financial situation.

Contributions to SHARE support:

Girl Programs
Financial Assistance
Leader Training
Camping (day and sleep-away)

Hope to see you at Town Hall on November 19th! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Andie Huberty
Leader, Brownie Troop 6892

Craft Show—Discover a World of Difference

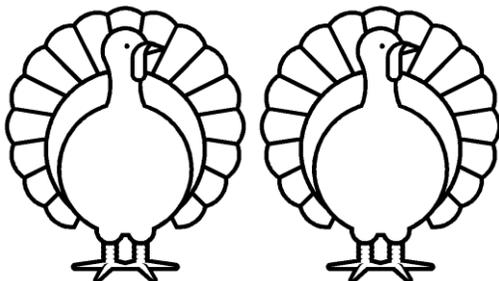
On November 4-5, 2011, Hyattsville Mennonite Church (4217 East-West Highway) will host the 26th annual International Craft Sale. The event features handcrafted items from around the world – from India and Vietnam to Kenya and South Africa to Peru and Nicaragua. This event is conducted in partnership with Ten Thousand Villages, a project of the Mennonite Central Committee. Ten Thousand Villages provides high quality, fairly traded items to the U.S. market, providing vital and fair income to artisans in developing countries who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed. The International Craft Sale is run entirely by volunteers and does not benefit Hyattsville Mennonite Church. Selected items at the sale include jewelry, weavings, pottery, carved wood, children's toys, and holiday decorations.

Holiday shopping couldn't be easier! Location, dates, and hours:

Hyattsville Mennonite Church
4217 East-West Hwy
301-927 7327
www.hyattsvillemennonite.org.
Friday, November 4 (4-9 pm);
Saturday, November 5 (9-4 pm)

Donations Greatly Needed

We are in great need of: New Coats, Hats, gloves, Gently used cleaned Coats, Hats, Gloves, Monetary donations for the purchase of Coats, Hats, Gloves



Any/All sizes welcome Any/All style- Men's, Women's and Children's.

Donations will be accepted at Town Hall from **Wednesday, September 14, 2011 until Saturday, November 12, 2011.** Please contact: **Colleen Ferguson-Code Enforcement Community Services Manager 301-209-1513** or Town Hall at 301-927-6381.

In certain circumstances pick-up arrangements can be made. All Coats, Hats, and Gloves collected will be distributed to in-need area persons on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at the Alamo Restaurant. A full dinner will be served, at no charge, to our in-need residents- **Volunteers needed. Please call Colleen 301-209-1513.**

*** If anyone comes across a store having a phenomenal sale or absolute great price on coats--- Please call Colleen and let her know---301-209-1513.

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.

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*

