

# The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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## **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) 952-7630

### 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

**Riverdale Park Day**  
**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**  
**12:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**NEW LOCATION: Riverside Neighborhood Park,  
5801 Riverside Drive**

Join your neighbors in the celebration of Riverdale Park Day! The event includes live music featuring town musicians, food vendors, games, contests, moon bounce, pony rides, and prizes for all ages. Bring a blanket and spend the day at Riverside Neighborhood Park, located at 5801 Riverside Drive. If any vendors would like to sign up for a booth, please contact Ms. Brown at 240-606-7230 for more information.

## **WSSC: The Next Phase of Sewer Study Will Include Smoke Testing**

WSSC is conducting a comprehensive sanitary sewer evaluation study that will include smoke testing which began on July 15 in certain sections of Riverdale. This pro-active study intends to highlight potential sewer problems to avoid costly major sewer repairs and support efforts to protect the environment and public health.

During the months of July, August, and September, 2010, WSSC will begin a process called Smoke Testing in the Northeast Branch Sewer Basin. This procedure will locate defects such as sewer line cracks and storm sewer cross connections. WSSC will notify residents and businesses when field crews will be in their community within 24 to 48 hours, with a door hanger notice that will provide specific information and contact telephone numbers.

# Council Actions

July 6, 2010  
Regular Legislative Meeting

By Waverly Politt

1. **Approved** - Minutes for June 7, 2010 regular legislative meeting.
2. **Approved**- Letter to be sent to the Board of Appeals for a variance request at 4713 Ravenswood Road.
3. **Approved**- Street closure for Sheridan Street 45<sup>th</sup> Place to 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue to hold a Block Party on September 18, 2010, 12-6pm.
4. **Approved** - Authorization for Town Administrator to sign a contract with Omni Excavators, Inc. for Maryland Avenue Stormwater project.
5. **Approved** - Authorization for Town Administrator to sign a contract with VMP Construction, Inc. for Maryland Avenue Road Improvements project.
6. **Approved** - Letter to Planning Board for special exception for Tires R Us, 6328 Kenilworth Avenue.
7. **Approved**- Mayor Nominated Councilmember David Lingua (Ward 3) for Town Council representative to the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization (CKAR) Board of Directors.
8. **Approved**- A request for a handicap sign to be placed at 6110 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## Code Corner

By Colleen Ferguson

### Residential Property and Mosquito Control

Reduce mosquito annoyance in your backyard by eliminating sites around the outside of your house that serve as habitat for mosquito larvae. All mosquito larvae need standing water to develop. Mosquitoes can breed in any water-holding container including bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters, corrugated down spout drain pipes, and flower pots. It is every resident's responsibility to make sure their property is free of water-holding containers.

To request a back yard inspection or to report any standing, stagnant water, please contact the Riverdale Park Code Enforcement Office at 240-898-2500 or [code@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:code@riverdaleparkmd.gov)

## Town of Riverdale Park

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

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

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# Riversdale Events

## Belgian Brews & Beverages

As part of Riversdale House Museum's Flanders in the Fall celebration, Mike Roy, brew master at Franklin's Restaurant and Brewery, will talk about his craft. On Friday, September 10, 2010 at 6 pm, learn about the history of Belgium's brewing, its beers styles, and an American approach to the genre. Join Mike for a question-and-answer session and samplings of his and other brews, including the limited edition release of *Rosalie*. Inspired by Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, this is a mysterious beer brewed with fruits and botanicals harvested from Riversdale's own interpretive gardens. For ages 21 and up. The cost is \$20 for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$24 for non-residents. Advance payment is required by September 3.

## Maman, Papa, et Moi

Throughout September, Riversdale House Museum is hosting Flanders in the Fall, a celebration of the Flemish heritage of Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale. On Friday, September 24, 2010 at 6:30 pm, maman or papa, bring your children in their pajamas for an evening of Flemish fun at the museum. The program includes a traditional Belgian story, related craft, and snack. The cost is \$6 for one child and one adult for residents of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties and \$8 for one child and one adult for non-residents. \$5 each additional child and \$2 each additional adult. Advance payment is required by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts Play the Music of Flanders and France

As part of Riversdale House Museum's Flanders in the Fall celebration, the mansion presents musicians Karen Ashbrook and Flanders native Paul Oorts on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. The program, featuring music of Flanders and France from and about the Napoleonic period. includes music played on dulcimer, wooden flute, accordion and hommel. Belgian-inspired light refreshments will be for sale before the concert. Capacity is limited and advance payment is suggested. Tickets are \$15.

## Seasonal Selections - September 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 19<sup>th</sup> century farm will inspire each month's *Seasonal Selection*. These foodways programs are sponsored in part by Giant Food.

In September, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will host two Seasonal Selections. The first, *One Squash, Two Squash, Three Sqash, Four*, will use recipes for several varieties of squash grown in the Riversdale interpretive gardens and happens on Sunday, September 12. Then, get ready for *Simple Simon and his Pieman* on September 19 when the Guild will demonstrate the art of pie making. Both 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. Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale Park, Maryland. For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; or email at [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com).

# Ward and Committee Report

## Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson  
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### Finance Committee Report

Although the Town Council takes a break in August from its legislative meeting, be assured that the business of the town continues, and we on the council remain busy all summer.

At the end of June, I attended the annual convention of the Maryland Municipal League in Ocean City. This meeting provides opportunities for council members, the mayor, and town staff to learn from experts and our counterparts in other municipalities how to better run the town. Two lessons that I brought home, and will be working on in the months to come, are to improve how we communicate our budget priorities to residents, and to improve the Town's planning for disastrous events (train derailments and tornadoes, for example). I also learned a lot about how to keep the town out of court (or at least win if we end up there).

An unfortunate incident at the Field of Dreams has been keeping me busy as well this summer. The field has been seeing increased use for soccer, and to address safety issues the Town installed nets to keep soccer balls from going into the street or the yard of an adjacent house. The unfortunate incident was that a hawk was caught and killed in the nets. Council members and the Mayor have worked with Town staff to reduce the chances of this happening in the future by requiring field users to raise and lower the nets before and after games, provide a contact phone number in case the nets are found to have been left up, and teaching resident volunteers how to lower the nets. In addition, we are investigating replacing the nets with thicker, more visible nets that the birds would know to avoid. While these measures have not eliminated the hazard to wildlife, it has greatly reduced it. Please contact me if you would like to learn how to operate the nets.

Another activity that's kept me busy this summer is working to improve Wells Run, the channeled stream that runs through Ward 1 and

Ward 2. The channel was created decades ago, and is approaching the end of its life. One of this summer's intense thunderstorms finally cracked the concrete where Wells Run skirts the northern edge of East-West highway (south of the 4700 block of Ravenswood). Two large slabs of concrete have become detached from the edge of the stream bed, and more recent storms are wearing away at the dirt and gravel behind them. I have been working with town staff to make sure the immediate problem is addressed, and with officials from University Park and Hyattsville to come up with a longer-term solution (which will hopefully involve a more natural stream bed and reduced peak flow rates). I will continue to work on this in the coming months, so expect updates as we make progress.

I hope that all of you have had a good summer. I've enjoyed mine, though I am looking forward to the cooler days of fall.

## Ward Three Report

By Council Member David Lingua  
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### Public Safety Committee Report

Remember, school is open. Drive carefully, please. Thank you.

Riverside Neighborhood Park hosted two great events this summer, one being National Night Out and the other a movie night with M-NCPPC. Cpl. Roland Alexander and Councilman Raymond Rivas respectively lead the effort on each event, seeing their efforts rewarded handsomely with great turnouts. Thank you, gentlemen.

Beside these events, Riverdale Park and the M-NCPPC Park Police are working together along that portion of the Anacostia Trail in town. With Riverdale Park officers including the trail as part of their bicycle patrol, the department has extended the favor of storing equipment for the Park Police, assisting the objective of establishing a greater presence along the trail. Both departments advise that when using the trail to stay aware of what is going on. Refrain from using ear buds or being distracted. If you cannot enjoy the trail with another, make sure someone knows you are on the trail and carry a cell phone. In addition, the Park Police have a Trail

Watch program with classes starting later this month, meeting once a week and running through October.

Within the town proper, the Prince Georges's DER Community Planning Team is helping with a considerable storm water management issue along Taylor Road. Later this fall construction will begin on a drainage system on a residential property, connecting to the county storm water system. Improved drainage off this property will alleviate water collecting from adjacent properties. Working with Planner Paul DeSousa and his team, Director Leonard Addison and staff have made the required effort in moving this along. Thank you all.

Danner Development has finally presented their first storm water management plan for the former Joseph property on 47<sup>th</sup> Place on which they propose seven new homes. I encourage homeowners adjacent to the property to be involved in this process.

As reported previously, CKAR is moving forward towards establishment of a board and CDC. On September 9, the board will hold an organizational meeting to determine officers. Since its inception in 2008, the steering committee has laid the foundation and done the needed work to realize this objective. It would fill a page to recognize all involved so, with that in mind, on behalf of the Town of Riverdale Park, thank you very much.

Chief Chambers made an offer that could not be refused to attend a one-day seminar and workshop on Community Oriented Policing given by Tony Avendorph in late July. Well worth the acceptance, among the topics covered were Implementation and Planning, Strategy Development, Partnership Formation, and Problem Solving. As one responsible for creating and/or revising policy, the seminar provided a great deal of information and insight. Thank you, Chief.

Before wrapping up, recognition of a recent call for service in Ward 3 by Company 7 is in order. On the morning of August 7 Engine 73 and Ambulance 77 responded to a call on Queensbury to find a neighbor in full cardiac arrest. Applying CPR at once, they attached the defibrillator and were successful in reestablishing an effective rhythm on the first attempt. Quickly loaded onto Ambulance 77, our neighbor was taken to the hospital. To the teams

on Engine 73 and Ambulance 77, excellent work and thank you for your commitment.

Finally, on September 14, primary elections will be held for various state, county and school board offices. Due to the predominance of the Democratic Party in the Old Line State, several races are the de-facto election. It is with the utmost sincerity and encouragement toward those registered and affiliated as such to exercise the privilege/responsibility granted them. It is where Riverdale Park along with Prince George's starts in making a difference.

## **Ward Five Report**

By Council Member Raymond Rivas  
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### **Community Affairs Committee Report**

Is it that time already? It's back to school for all the children of Riverdale Park. This summer has gone by so quickly and not enough time to keep having fun. With all this being said, the arts council committee will be discussing some new and great ideas to implement this fall and next year for the youth group program. For example, some topics include: tapping into the University of Maryland 4H Club student programs, free tutoring and recreational activities, reading programs with audio CD's, cinema theater in Town hall and job counseling to prepare youth for young adulthood. We believe that these are exciting and rigorous programs to pursue and accomplish. This is why we need volunteers and donations to help us with our causes. The children of Riverdale Park need to be more exposed to the ARTS. Being exposed to the arts broadens the mind and enlightens the youth to other cultures. Education is a powerful tool and if they are not getting what they need in school then we must try to help partake in feeding their minds with good and wonderful experiences.

The National Night Out on August 3, 2010 was very successful and fun, to say the least. Thanks to all of the departments who were involved in the planning of the event. Most of all, I wanted to thank Community Officer Roland Alexander for spear heading the event and keeping the children happy. GREAT JOB RIVERDALE PARK TEAM!

In reference to Riverdale Park Day, we have scheduled it for Saturday, October 2, 2010 at Riverside Park located at 5801 Riverside Drive, Riverdale, MD 20737. The event was previously hosted at the Riversdale Historical Museum Mansion but this year's event has a change in venue and for this we will need to host it at the larger space of Riverside Park location. We are now looking for committee members, volunteers, vendors and sponsors. We have a large task at hand in filling up the seats for the Recreational Committee Board. I am asking for at least one person from each of the Wards to sit in as a committee member for the Recreational Board. As of last, year there seemed to be a lot of volunteers, but no actual event planners. This had fallen upon my shoulders last year in which it turned out beautifully. This year, the event should be coordinated by the people of the community. As a community, all wards should be able to communicate and participate in the planning of events that would interest them. With this being the case, I will still be the chairman and keep a guided hand upon the board. Otherwise this is your event and I do not want to take anything away from you as a community. Last year's event was simply fabulous and fun. We are currently looking for food vendors, singers, bands, and event planners. There are individuals that have contacted me to participate in Riverdale Park Day but we are not yet sure what will be allowed in this year's festivities. Please support this event as well as visiting the Museum.

All residents of Ward 5, please be alert of your surroundings. There are shady characters lurking around the neighborhood. There have been some incidents in the past several weeks and we wanted to warn everyone to be more careful and prepared. Unfortunately, we can not stop crime from coming to our community. On the same note, we also have the Riverdale Park Police Department trying their best to be available for all wards at all times. I believe that we should consider forming a neighborhood watch patrol group in Ward 5. Riverdale Park has two Community officers, Roland Alexander and Clay Alford that can help us with coordinating and inform us on how to implement this program in our Ward 5. These officers are there to help you in everyday aspects of your community. Please feel free to call upon them at your local Riverdale Park Police department 301-

927-4343. . The police department is there for your help and if you see anything suspicious; please call 301-927-4343 or 911.

I want to pose a question to all the resident and citizens of the Town of Riverdale Park!

Should the Town of Riverdale Park charter be changed to permit residents of The Town of Riverdale Park who are not United State citizens to vote in Town of Riverdale Park Mayoral and Council elections?

I believe this is my civic duty to the public to come forward openly and ask this question. I am being transparent and have no hidden agenda. After speaking to a dozen or so residents that are non-citizens, they really want their voices to be heard. Also, in addition to paying property, state and motor vehicle taxes, they still believe in the "American Dream" and support our local government. Your response to this question will be greatly appreciated. You can e-mail me at [rri-vas@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:rri-vas@riverdaleparkmd.gov) or call me at 301-625-9435.

## Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

**Holiday Trash Collection** - There will be no regular trash collection on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2010. Regular trash will be collected on Thursday, September 9, 2010.

**Saturday Drop Off of Bulk Trash** - Effective July 1, 2010, the frequency of Saturday drop off of bulk trash at the DPW facility changed from weekly to the third Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM ONLY. The schedule over the next six (6) months is as follows: **September 18**, October 16, November 20, and December 18.

**Tags on Trees** - DPW arranged an inventory of all trees in the Town that resulted in identification tags being placed on the trees. The tags will enable us to maintain our trees, which will include trimming, removing and replacing dead trees that are removed with a comparable species.

**Field of Dreams** - A permit issued by Riverdale Park Town Hall is required to use the field for

groups or organized events. Users of the field are asked to help keep our parks clean by disposing of trash in the receptacles that are provided. Additional trash bags are available at Town Hall, when needed. *Help keep our parks beautiful.*

**Used Oil Drop Off Site** - DPW shut down access to the used oil drop off site due to leakage caused by a crack in the container. The container has been replaced and is available for use.

**Lafayette Street - Traffic Calming** - DPW has completed painting traffic calming lines prior to each stop sign on Lafayette Avenue from Ravenswood to Tuckerman in an effort to slow motorists down and bring attention to the stop signs.

**Yard Waste** - Yard waste is collected on Wednesdays and should be at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. Yard waste includes branches, shrubs and trees; bundle items and tie with rope or string (do not use wire). Items must be less than 4 feet long, not more than 4 inches in diameter and weigh less than 60 pounds. These items are collected by Bates Trash and Trucking Company

**These materials are NOT ACCEPTED for Collection** - Roof shingles, dirt, rocks, concrete, bricks, tree trunks (over 4" diameter), stumps, pressurized containers, explosives, paint (unless paint is dry in cans), poisons, caustics, any hazardous materials, construction and demolition debris, asbestos, free liquids, sewage, sludge. **Residents must make private arrangements to dispose of these items.**

**Seniors Circle** -Listed below are a few important resources, provided by Prince George's County Department of Family Services Administration on Aging that may be of use to some of you. A different list will be provided monthly. If you are in need of any of these services, or have questions, please contact Prince George's County's Administration on Aging at 301-265-2450.

- **Senior Health Insurance Program** - Provides free health insurance counseling and assistance to persons 55 years and older. Trained volunteer counselors provide information about Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, Long-Term Care Insur-

ance, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), claims, appeals, and about physician or hospital bills. This program is supported by state and federal funds.

- **Public Guardianship Program** - Ensures the provision of optimum care/services for adjudicated wards of the court, through professional case management. As an agent of the Circuit Court, case management decisions are made pertaining to medical care, living arrangement and overall personal welfare issues. This program is supported by state funds.

- **Foster Grandparent Program** - Provides opportunities for older volunteers to work with physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped children in schools and special centers throughout the county. These children would otherwise be without the personal attention necessary for their social adjustment and maturation. This program is supported by county general and grant funds.

- **Elder Abuse Prevention and Treatment Project** - is a program coordinated by the Administration on Aging, in partnership with the Department of Family Services Mental Health Authority Division which offers a range of services to abused or neglected seniors and to those seniors who are at risk of abuse or neglect, as well as educational programs to the community.

## Boy Scouts Troop 252

By Robert Killen

The Boy Scouts of Troop 252 have delayed getting their Health & Safety forms filled out (still), so Scoutmaster Killen drove (with his Tenderfoot Scout grandson, Billy Sellers) without them to the Boy Scout Reservation in Goshen, VA, for the National Capital Area Council Centennial Camporee (for Cub Scouts) 28-30 May, set up our tipi, and taught almost half of the 4,000 Cubs (and their

dads) Indian wrestling, eye-to-hand coordination, and respect for elders.

The weekend of June 4-6, he set up our tipi for some Cubs from Baltimore Area Council at Girl Scout Camp Ilchester near Ellicott City, where he taught Cub Scouts (and their dads) Indian wrestling, eye-to-hand coordination, respect for elders, and splitting logs for firewood. By Sunday afternoon, most of the Cubs could barely lift their arms from splitting, but they didn't complain. We supplied 6 Girl Scout campsites with firewood - split and neatly stacked. The week of 21-25 June, Mrs. Stephanie Delaney and Bob Killen were the Health and Safety team for the Prince George's District Cub Scout Day Camp, keeping Cubs and Scouters healthy and safe. Thursday, 15 July, 2 minutes before his 18th birthday, Joel Sandoval completed all the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, set by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, too close to the deadline for the Scoutmaster, Bob Killen.

Yippee!

You all remember that this is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. MHB and SM Killen participated in the Scouting on The Mall, the longest-running outdoor program on the DC Mall in recent history. Sunday afternoon, 25 July, we evacuated the Mall (1,000+ of us) and sheltered in place at the Smithsonian Institution, safe from the vicious thunderstorm that suddenly attacked the Mall (and DC and Alexandria, VA), damaging equipment (nobody was hurt) which kept us out of business on The Mall for almost a week. The National Jamboree at Ft. AP Hill (for the last time in history) was a great success, with 45,000+ Scouts and Scouters camping in the brutal August Virginia weather. Closer to home, Brandon Campbell, our newest Scout, attended the Riversdale's Battle of Bladensburg Re-enactment on 14 August, and earned his Riversdale patch. He was surprised that all three people he interviewed had immigrant parents. He led the Friday meeting, lashed together a bamboo ladder and climbed it to the roof of the Scout Hut, and he threw a heaving line almost 40 feet. Impressive progress!

As soon as the rest of our Scouts present their current (signed) Health & Safety forms, we will resume outdoor activities. Our plans are to - bicycle the C&O Canal Tow Path (184 miles) from Cumberland to DC, bicycle from Annapolis to BWI

Airport and back, practice orienteering at Jug Bay to prepare for the 34th Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day October 30th. We are registered and paid up for that event. We also plan on camping at Watkins Regional Park and bicycle around the trails there. We'll go tubing at Harper's Ferry and Ocean City (or Assateague or Tom's Cove). If we go to Tom's Cove, we'll stop at the NASA Rocket Museum at Wallops Island on the way.

There's no reason why we have all the fun. To get involved, email or call Bob Killen (rfkille@yahoo.com 301-483-8455) or MHB (301-864-0059). We need you, too!

## **Riversdale Park Business Association**

**By Carol Patsel**

The next meeting of the Riversdale Park Business Association will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 5:30 p.m. at the Riversdale Park Town Offices, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riversdale Park, Maryland. This is election year for new officers. We will be putting our finishing touches on nominees for office and submitting our votes. Therefore, we urge that members and prospective members, alike, please make plans to attend this very important meeting. Anyone who may have an interest in becoming more involved with supporting our local businesses and would like the opportunity to make a difference, this is the time to submit your name and desired office for consideration.

You may also know of someone whom you feel is most worthy to be an officer on the board of directors and would like to have their name added to the ballots. We look forward to seeing all of you there! The Riversdale Business Association is a group of business owners and managers who work in the town of Riversdale Park. They are dedicated to building the community where their businesses are located. They are committed to sharing their profits, experience, talents and time with the residents of Riversdale Park. They participate in a number of events, charitable works, and town projects throughout the year. Members of the association consider all town residents as family! A helping hand is always extended.

# Community Circles

## The Nursing Assistant Academy

Interested in a career in nursing? Riverdale Park welcomes its newest addition, The Nursing Assistant Academy.

*“Our Mission is to provide the highest quality training for Nursing Assistants.”*

Earn your CNA in less than 4 weeks!

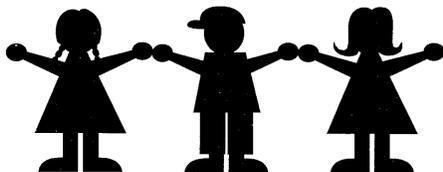
Visit us at 5811 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 101 Riverdale Park, MD 20737 or contact President Herma Marks, MSN, GNM, RN at [hmarks@tnaa.com](mailto:hmarks@tnaa.com)

## College Park Aviation Cadets Seek Members

Interested in aviation?  
Join the Civil Air Patrol Cadet program!!! Youth from 12 to 18 years of age are eligible to join this outstanding aviation based leadership training program.

Through Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Program, young people develop leadership skills, learn about aviation, and participate in search & rescue missions. Activities include flying, camping, first aid training, and an international Aviation Cadet Exchange!

College Park Squadron meets the first four Wednesdays each month from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Hap Arnold Center (1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive) at the historic College Park Airport, College Park, MD. Learn more at [www.MDcap.org](http://www.MDcap.org) or call 1-800-FLY-2338!



## RPAC Need Your Help

The RPAC/Park Tanglewood Youth Group has grown to 20 kids. We could use the following donated in good shape - Computers, printers, monitors etc to teach skills  
- Digital Cameras  
- Volunteers to work with the kids after school & on weekends --- they are truly great kids and fun.

Email Emily at [ourdollmom@aol.com](mailto:ourdollmom@aol.com) or call 301 864 5561.

## 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](mailto:NCSA@juno.com) or (301) 927-0560. PG Soccer [League@juno.com](mailto: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](http://www.madisonhill.org).

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

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

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