

The Riverdale Park *Town Crier*

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**Former Mayor
Earl J. Schmitt Passes
April 17, 2007**

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**Town-Wide
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Tuesday, May 29, 2007
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**Town of Riverdale Park
Election Notice
La Ciudad de Riverdale Park
Aviso Electoral**

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

Monday, May 7, 2007

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.

Conforme al mandato de las reglas de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park, Maryland la elección se sostendrá

El día lunes 7 de mayo de 2007

Para elegir a funcionarios de la ciudad para Alcalde y Concilio

Las urnas abrirán de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en la

Municipalidad de Riverdale Park, 5008 Queensbury RD

CANDIDATES

Mayor

Vernon S. Archer
Unopposed

Council, Ward 1

Robert Oppenheim
Alice Walker

Council, Ward 2

Katherine Sharpe
Unopposed

Council, Ward 3

David Lingua
Guy Tiberio

Council, Ward 4

Christopher Henry
Unopposed

Council, Ward 5

(No one running)

Council, Ward 6

Keelah Allen-Smith
J. Alberto Morales

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

NOTE: (for contact information log on to: <http://www.ci.riverdale-park.md.us/>)

Council Actions

April 2, 2007

By Waverly Pollitt

1. **Approved** - Minutes for December 4, 2007.
2. **Approved** – Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-05 Chapter 67 housing Standards.
3. **Failed** – Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-06 for town crier candidate forum.
4. **Approved** – Permit for Carnival to be held on property known as 5508 Kenilworth Avenue held April 11 – 22.
5. **Approved** - 6ft. wood fence on side and rear of property for Mr. & Mrs. Allen at 4605 Oliver Street.

Code Corner

By Colleen Ferguson

Even though the weather is not cooperating- SPRING is really here --- How can I tell-----Grass is growing over 10 inches, birds are picking through the trash that's being placed out not in a trash container, and the winter breeze took our trash container lids. We are cleaning our houses placing indoor furniture, hazardous materials, and trash on our front porches. We have begun working on vehicles doing major repairs in our residentially zoned neighborhood and pet owners are happily walking their pets not picking-up droppings left behind--these are all Code Violations that residents need to be aware of and address in effort to keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful (violations not addressed carry fines, court dates, and abatement fees).

Did you receive a copy of your Code Handbook? If not, call 301-209-1505 and one will be delivered to your residence. The Town of Riverdale Park Code Enforcement Department phone numbers are always listed in the Town Crier and on the bulletin board outside of Town Hall. If you have a comment, concern, complaint, or feel that I can be of assistance to a situation please call - I have always, and will continue to, encourage all residents to call me. If I can't help your particular situation, I will try to direct you to the department that can. My phone numbers are:

Direct Line: 301-209-1505
Town Office: 301-927-6381
Cell Phone: 240-508-8460 (24/ 7) Colleen

Working together to ensure a SAFE, CLEAN, AND BEAUTIFUL
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Rincón de Código

Translated by Claudia Umana

A pesar de que el clima no esta colaborando la primavera esta aquí. Como me he dado cuenta? El césped esta creciendo mas de 10 pulgadas, los pájaros están escabando entre la basura que se esta poniendo afuera sin los depósitos de basura y el viento del invierno se llevo todas la tapaderas de los depósitos de basura, estamos limpiando nuestras casas poniendo muebles, materiales peligrosos y basura enfrente de nuestros jardines, hemos empezado a trabajar en hacer grandes reparaciones de carros en nuestra zona residencial, vecinos y dueños de mascotas están felizmente saliendo a caminar sus mascotas y no están recogiendo la defecación de sus animales.... Todas estas son viola-

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Ward 5 Gerard Kiernan 301-277-4554
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Ward 6 Alberto Morales 301-779-5934

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L. Ron Goff, Public Works Director

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Colleen M. Ferguson

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E. Thomas Parker, Chief

Fire Department Emergency 911
Information 301-927-0356
info@riverdalevfd.com,
www.riverdalevfd.com
Vincent Harrison, Chief

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

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

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Submission deadline: 15th of each month.

ciones del Código y los residentes necesitan estar concientes de esto y con esfuerzo para mantener nuestra ciudad limpia y bonita. (Violaciones que no han sido tratadas, serán multas, tendrán fechas de corte, disminución de cuotas)

Todos tenemos el mismo objetivo—Un seguro, Limpio y bonito Riverdale Park!!!!

Ha recibido usted una copia de nuestro Libro de Código (Code Handbook)? Si no lo ha recibido llámenos al 301-209-1505 y le enviaremos uno a su residencia.

Los números del Departamento de Código de la Ciudad de Riverdale Park siempre están listados en el Town Crier y el boletín que esta afuera de la Municipalidad. Si tiene comentarios, preguntas, inquietudes o quejas, o si usted necesita asistencia siempre les aconsejo a que me llamen. Si no le puedo ayudar en su situación, los dirigiré al departamento que los pueda ayudar. Mi números telefónicos son:

Línea directa: 301-209-1505

Municipalidad: 301-927-6381

Teléfono celular: 240-508-8460 (24 horas/7 días a la semana)

Trabajando juntos para asegurar un SANO, LIMPIO Y BELLO RIVERDALE PARK

Former Mayor Schmitt Passes

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Earl J. Schmitt on April 17, 2007. Mr. Schmitt served as a councilmember for Ward 5 in 1967 and was appointed to Mayor on July 15, 1967 on the passing of Samuel N. Bell. He was elected Mayor from 1969-1973. Commander Schmitt USN retired will be buried at the Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 with complete honors. He was also one of the original founders and long-time member of the Riverdale Lions Club. The family asks that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Riverdale Lions Club, 5512 Taylor Road, Riverdale, MD 20737 in Mr. Schmitt's memory.



Riverdale Park Police Department

March 2007

Crime Report

Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Stolen Vehicle
Ward 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ward 2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ward 3	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ward 4	0	0	2	5	1	3
Ward 5	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ward 6	0	0	1	3	1	2
Total	0	0	4**	8	2*	11

** 3 citizen, 1 commercial, *2 residential,

Officer Activity

Activity	Total
Calls For Service	981
Routine Patrols	264
Traffic Stops	422*
Reported Traffic Accidents	59**
Parking Citations	123
Subjects Arrested	28

* 415 Traffic Citations, ** 24 Written Accidents

Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer



Streets and Sidewalks

The bids have been opened, the award has been made, and at long last Riverdale Park has started the last stage of getting all of the Town's streets and sidewalks up to high standards. As one of the twin pillars of my administration, I am particularly gratified to see this project get started at virtually the earliest date it realistically could.

The project will first concentrate on the streets that are in the worst condition, and then move to the streets that are not in such poor condition. The other major fact in deciding the order in which streets get done is the possibility of utility work being done. We certainly do not want to repave a street only to have WSSC or Washington Gas come back next summer and tear up a nice new street.

As we move forward with the projects, the Town will remain open to suggestions from residents on how we might make improvements in the existing infrastructure, but it is important for you to note that this needs to happen prior to work beginning on a street. If, for example, you think that there should be changes made in your sidewalk to accommodate trees, or think a rumble strip should be put in to slow traffic, we need to know this before the construction crew shows up and starts working.

It seems almost unavoidable that there will be some inconvenience while work is going on, so please be patient as the construction progresses. One of the reasons we went with the lowest bid, was that the construction company VMP also has established a good track record of working with our Town and its residents. Clearly, if you see something that strikes you as dangerous or damaging let the company or the Town know—immediately.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly or our Public Works Director Ron Goff.

Wachovia Bank Project

The Wachovia Bank project planned for the intersection of East-West Highway and Route One came before the County Planning Board on April 12 in what is the final stage of the approval process. I went on behalf of the Town to encourage the Board to ok the project, subject to some improvements in the landscaping. This was the position that Council had laid out in votes taken in December and March.

The Board however, had concerns that it asked Potomac Development to reconsider prior to taking a vote. Primarily, members wanted the building to be more oriented toward the street and less toward the parking area, have fewer drive through lanes, and improve its appearance along East-West Highway. The developer should have no trouble with the appearance issues, but it remains to be seen if Wachovia will go for fewer drive through lanes.

The Town's position in favor of approving the project will be again forcefully stated with the Planning Board when it reconsiders a modified proposal in May or June. I will keep you informed as this project progresses, and I know we are all keeping our fingers crossed to get our empty corner lot filled with a quality project as soon as possible.

Drainage and Flood Control

As we all know, most of Riverdale Park is on the flood plane of the Northeast Branch. Almost every year we have one or more rains that flood basements, yards, and sometimes more. No place is that more true than along the southern part of Taylor Road and its adjacent streets.

Flood control and simple storm water management is a complex issue that requires numerous organizations to work together. County Public Works is tasked with managing and maintaining the storm sewer system, and the Army Corps of Engineers oversees the system of levees along the river that is designed to prevent the really large floods. Park and Planning oversees the maintenance of the grounds on much of the area immediately outside the levees as well as the land contained within the levee. Of course the Town has a responsibility to make sure that surface drainage along streets and to the storm sewers remains unobstructed.

As the point of first response for almost any flooding event, the Town is working hard in several areas to reduce the risk of flooding and protect residents from water damage. In the short term, Public Works inspects periodically to make certain that the drainage in Town is kept free and clear of debris. We also want to encourage you to report to us any problems you may notice.

Ward 5 Representation

I regret to inform the residents of Ward 5 that no one came forward to run for that seat in our upcoming elections. Therefore, I will have to nominate a suitable candidate to represent that Ward. If any resident of Ward 5 would like to fill the seat, please send me a letter on intent and resume. If no one comes forward from within Ward 5, it will be necessary to select a representative from outside of the Ward.

Public Works Report

By Debbie Murphy

Spring Clean-Up Day and Holiday Pick Up

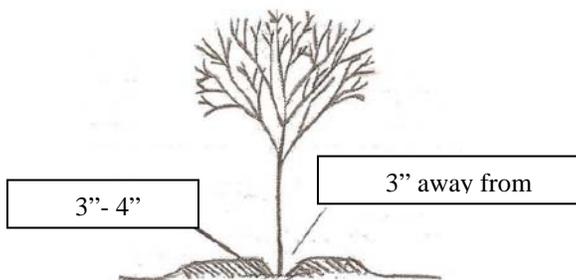
Due to the holiday on Monday, May 28, 2007, Public Works will be closed. Riverdale Park's Spring Clean-up day will be **Tuesday, May 29, 2007** for the whole town. Regular and bulk trash will be picked up on this day for the whole town. **Do not put out paints, metals, tires, or items with Freon that day.** Yard waste collection will be suspended for the A and B sides until Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

Arbor Day Celebration

Arbor Day was celebrated by the Town at Riverdale Elementary School on April 27th. Students from the school participated in the program. Riverdale Park was awarded the Tree City USA award for 2006 and the Plant Award, Green Level for 2006.

Town Street Trees

Trees that grow between the street and sidewalk are street trees which belong to the State of Maryland. It is the town's responsibility to maintain these trees. **It is against the law for residents to cut, prune, or remove these trees.** If a tree needs pruning or mulching please call Public Works to let us know (301-864-1803). If there are branches rubbing against or pushing on electric lines, please call Pepco to have those branches pruned (202-833-7500). A resident may put mulch around a Town tree but it must be applied properly. Mulch must not be put in contact with the bark of the tree. The mulch can rot the trunk of the tree. Put the mulch in a ring around the tree trunk and not more than 3-4 inches high. Do not mound the mulch like a volcano. This also allows water to reach the base of the tree rather than running off.



Keep our Town Beautiful

Please sweep and remove grass clippings and weeds from the sidewalk and curb/gutter when mowing lawns or trimming weeds near the sidewalk or streets. It is against the Town Code to cause **any material** of any kind to be scattered, dropped, etc. upon any **street, alley, sidewalk, gutter,** roadway or public place within the town. Clean gutters allows the easy flow of water and keeps our town beautiful.

Residents Help Wanted

If a resident finds a problem in town such as a pot hole or town owned street light out, please call Public Works at 301-864-1803 to see if we are aware of the problem.

Free Mulch

There is free untreated mulch available to residents of Riverdale Park. The mulch pile is located at the end of Queensbury Rd next to Public Works. Help yourself to as much as you can use.

Ward One Report

By Rob Oppenheim

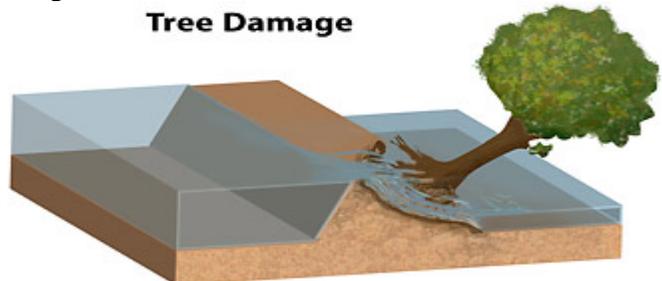
Army Corps Rates Levees Unsatisfactory



Each year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers inspects the levees that protect our town from flooding when the Anacostia River overflows its banks.

Taking lessons learned from Katrina, the Corps added new criteria to their inspections, which resulted in our levees receiving their first ever unsatisfactory rating! The county held a Flood Control Forum on April 5, 2007, to report on the results, and explain what actions they were taking to correct the problems and to assure us that the levees are currently in good shape and pose no imminent danger.

Tree Damage



The biggest threats to our levees are trees growing on or near the levees. If these trees are blown over their up-ended root ball can tear a hole in the levee. As a result, the county is cutting down trees whose drip line is within 15 feet of a levee (either side). They will later remove the stumps and roots of these trees and backfill the holes with clay and topsoil.

County Council members requested a report from the county public works on how to replace the lost trees in nearby areas that will pose no risk to the levee.

Other areas of concern for our levees include footpaths and erosion, rutting at the top of the levee, and sediment raising the river floor.

There was a good bit of discussion about sediment build up and about storm water management. These are complex issues not easily explained here. The county is improved the dredging and it is considering new rules governing water runoff and construction, especially with

“in-fill” construction that currently gets grandfathered in as not requiring modern runoff management.

There was an excellent presentation by Robert Boone of the Anacostia Watershed society showing how water runoff from some properties has cut huge gullies (really huge—10 feet deep by 15 feet wide), and showing the best practices for addressing these problems. The county council members were clearly concerned and will be looking at ways to improve water runoff rules.

I discussed the footpath that is eroding the side of the levee at Oglethorpe and Riverside drive with both the county and the Army Corps. I will follow up with them and ask that it be repaired. A paved ramp would allow access without damaging the levee.

You can read more about the threat of floods in our town and see a FEMA map of our flood areas and read about the importance of flood insurance in an article I wrote for the October 2005 Town Crier (page 5). Copies are available at Town Hall, or you can read it online: go to www.rptc.us then click on “2005 Town Crier Archives” then click on C3408-Oct05-FloodMap.pdf. Also read the short follow up article in the November 2005 Crier (also on page 5), which is in the archives as C3409-Nov05-Resignations.pdf.

The Prince George’s County flood map shows far more extensive potential flood areas than does the older FEMA map. The county flood map is on display in the Town Hall conference room. You can see it during regular business hours or during a council meeting.

Town Crier Candidate Forum Status

As the *Town Crier* editor in 2005, I produced the first ever Candidate Forum for the *Crier*. It allowed candidates to put forward their views in a limited and fair way.

The forum was widely praised as informative and helpful.

There will be no written Candidate Forum in the *Crier* for this election. As always, let me hear from you. The best way is e-mail: oppenheim@email.com or call 301-779-1745.



Ward Three Report

By David Lingua

An individual decision, less of a privilege and more a responsibility; **VOTE**. And that concludes that subject.

Water, water everywhere; version 2.0...Several weeks ago a number of us from town, both servants and citizens, attended the County Council sponsored meeting on storm water management and the Anacostia Watershed at the Bladensburg Town Hall. The Army Corps of Engineers briefed the attending crowd on their new assessment criteria in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The bar has been raised. As a result some of the trees growing on or

with in fifteen feet of the toe (i.e., base) of the levee will be removed roots and all. This has already begun on the river or “flow” side up by the Calvert Place apartments and farther down by the Decatur Street Bridge in Edmonston. For some of our neighbors there is a question about trees on the outside portion where the fifteen feet comes onto their property. I have asked for a clarification from either the county or the Army Corps on this as some of these are away from the Northeast Branch. A second meeting is being planned and will be held in Riverdale Park; the date is to be determined. Attendance is encouraged, greatly encouraged.

While necessity is the mother of invention and advances in technology allows us more convenient lives, sometimes the two collide. Case in point the combustible engine and the silicon chip. The personal computer and the Internet afford more of us the opportunity to work from home. The gas-powered blower allows quicker dispensation with outdoor work. Until a determination is reached as to the propriety of such grounds equipment, as neighbors we need to take into consideration when we employ it. Likewise, for those of us who eradicated the commute (hats off to you), the trade off is now being able to hear the proverbial tree fall in the forest.

Speaking of trees, a bit of news on the public works side. Our town has purchased and received a “new” (very low mileage and full warranty) bucket truck with a forty-five foot boom capacity. Our Public Works department will now be able to better address, among other things, tree trimming along the public right of ways; a subject brought up on several occasions by our neighbors.

Let’s take a moment to recognize three outgoing council members, Mary Donaldson, Gerard Kiernan, and Lawrence Taylor. From all of us in Ward three, a heartfelt thank-you for your service to the Town.

As I wrote earlier about efforts to manage our water, this last note one could euphemistically ask, “what’s in the water?” The block around Taylor Road and Oglethorpe is becoming the proverbial diaper village (or I guess today we’d call it Huggiesville). Congratulations to Cristita and Jason Willis on the birth of their son and Lori and Brian Durham on the birth of their daughter. And there is more on the way in the neighborhood. Stay tuned.

**Our Hearts And Minds Go Out To
The Students, Faculty, And Families Of
Virginia Tech**

*In Memory of April 16, 2007 and
of All Those We Have Loved and Lost*

GO HOKIES!

Farmer's Market Celebrates its 10th Year

By Jim Coleman

The Riverdale Park Farmers Market is now entering its 10th year in town center. As many of you know, Pat Gladding and Rebecca Feldberg conceived the market as a way to bring local farmers and agriculture to our community. They worked closely with the Maryland Department of Agriculture during the organizational stages which helped greatly in establishing guideline and connections with many entities including the WIC Program. We all owe Pat and Rebecca a great debt of gratitude for their hard work since the beginning. This year will be a very special one because we will not only be having weekly live music, our 10th anniversary celebration, but we will also be welcoming the Riverdale Community Garden, Harvest Moon Organic Farms, and other possible beef and dairy vendors to the festivities. We are working very hard to galvanize the local content of our vendors, so please think of us when you buy fruits, vegetables, crafts, and jewelry. Your dollars kept in our community will have a multiplying positive effect on our town's economy.

To this end, we are continuing to look for more Maryland based exotic vegetables to our market to serve our patrons better. We also want to have monthly programs at the market to generate even more interest for our town and the market. Some ideas that have been floated currently include a barbecue cook-off, a folk festival, environmental talks, cooking demonstrations, a puppet show, and other activities. We will begin on May 17 and end on November 1, from 3pm to 7pm at Town Center next to the MARC train station. If you have interests in helping to organize these programs or want to help or sponsor an individual program, please contact me at (301) 332-2568.

Our Town

By Marita Novicky

On Monday, May 7, 2007, our Town Offices will be open for voting. It's time to reelect our Mayor; he stands unopposed as do the candidates in Ward's 2 and 4. Wards 1, 3, and 6 have two candidates each. There is no candidate running for the Council seat in Ward 5. It will provide for an interesting election.

As we head toward this election, three long-time council members are retiring—Mary Donaldson, Ward 2, Lawrence Taylor, Ward 4, and Gerry Kiernan, Ward 5. These are true public servants who have served Riverdale Park for many years giving their time and effort to ensure a sta-

ble, working government. We can never compensate them for the thousands of hours they have provided our Town over the years. They have attended countless meetings and weighed in on complicated issues helping to make good decisions that affect all of us.

I was touched by some of their thoughts in conversations I had with them about their impending retirement from Riverdale Park Town Council. Mary Donaldson, a long-time resident of Riverdale Park has served on the Council for 14 years and says, "I enjoyed serving the community and all that I've learned. I enjoyed the support and respect from the residents and I feel it was an honor to serve". Lawrence Taylor says that's "it's been a terrific experience for me personally and I hope the Town has benefited half as much as I have personally. Part of me sees it as a loss but it's also an opening for the Town to develop". Mrs. Donaldson's and Mr. Taylor's calm demeanor and thoughtful responses will be missed.

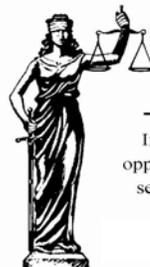
Gerry Kiernan has lived in Riverdale Park for 37 years and served on the Council for 12 years. He is often cited as the as the historian for the Council.

We owe all of them a great debt of gratitude for their tireless service. They will be missed, but we will remember the good service the brought to all of us here in Riverdale Park. Thank you Mary, Lawrence, and Gerry for dozens of years of service to Riverdale Park.

Riverdale Park Historic Home and Garden Tour Planning Meetings: May 12, June 14, and September 13, 2007

Interested in having your house on the tour? Want to help with the event? Have other ideas to promote Riverdale Park's historic attributes?

Please join us the 2nd Thursday of every month at the home of Lori Lynch, 4707 Oliver Street. These are kid-friendly meetings. Questions? **Contact:** Dannielle at dmglaros@gmail.com or, Lori at llynch@arec.umd.edu



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Community Circles

What to Watch For:

Monday, May 7—Election Day, Town Offices, 7:00 am—8:00 pm. Remember to Vote—Your Vote counts!

Monday, May 7—Rec Board, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Monday, May 7—Legislative Meeting, 8:00 p.m. Town Hall.

Fridays and Sundays—Riversdale House Museum—Public Tours and Museum Gift Shop open Friday and Sunday - Noon - 4:00 PM

Monday, May 28—Memorial Day—Town Offices closed.

Tuesday, May 29—Town Wide Clean Up! Here's your chance to get rid of all your extra stuff. Remember, **no paints, metals, tires, or items with freon should be put out that day.**

Community Organizations:

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

Riverdale Park Business Association (RPBA)

Contact Audrey Bragg at 301-277-7393 for date and place of next meeting.

Recreation Board – Volunteers needed. This is a great opportunity to become involved with your children and the community. Contact Anissa Sunday at 301-277-2458 for more information.

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market—Opening Day for the Market's 10th Year—May 17, 2007 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Jim Coleman at 301-209-8529 for more information.

Riverdale Park Tree Committee--call Rebecca Feldberg at (301-864-2779) for more information.

Riverdale Park Girl Scouts

Contact: Charmaine Wilson at 301-449-5690.

Riverdale Park Boys Scouts – Troop 252

Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at 202-282-8302.

Riversdale House Museum--Public Tours and Museum Gift Shop. Open - Friday and Sunday - Noon - 4:00 PM

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

Civic Committees:

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

Madison Hill Homeowners Association

For information, email MadisonHillHOA@aol.com

Traffic Study Committee—Contact Gerry Kiernan (301-277-4554) for more information.

Other Nearby Events

Crescent Cities will host a Flea Market--As part of National Nursing Home Week, Crescent Cities will be having a Flea Market on Friday May 18th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Slimnastics Exercise Class at PGP Community

Center – 4 and 8 week classes. Reduce stress, look and feel better, and have fun doing it on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings! Join the next slimnastics exercise class starting Monday, May 21 for four weeks and/or the eight week class starting Monday, June 18 at the Prince George's Plaza Community Center on Adelphi Road, sponsored by the MNCPPC. The class meets M-W-F from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The four week class is \$17.50 and the eight week class is \$35.00. The class consists of line dancing, resistance and strength training using stretch bands and stretching. For more information call 301-864-1611 or 301-445-4500.

College Park Arts Exchange presents Cantare, May 13, 3:00 pm; City Hall Council Chambers, 4500 Knox Road, College Park. Please make a reservation at info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 as space is limited.

The College Park Youth Choir will present a free Spring Community Concert at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD, on Tuesday, May 29, 8:00 pm.

The College Park Youth Orchestra will give their closing concert of the season at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt, on Sunday, June 3, 7:00 pm. This free concert is open to the public. For more information, see our website at www.cpyo.net.

If you have information to share with the community, please submit it to the Editor, Town Crier, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737 by the 15th of the month, or email: RiverdaleParkMD@comcast.net.



WORRIED ABOUT HOW TO OVERCOME CONFLICTS WITH YOUR PARENTS, YOUR CHILD, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR TEACHERS AND PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY?

YOU AND YOUR CHILD ARE WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIVERDALE COMMUNITY'S

CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTERS

COMMUNITY-BASED SMALL GROUP FORUMS FOR YOUTH & THEIR PARENTS! (NON DENOMINATIONAL)

Conflict Resolution Centers (CRCS) are designed to provide youth (8-18) and their parents with violence prevention and conflict management life skills in safe and caring environments within Prince George's County communities in which they live, attend school or worship. Youth and their parent/guardian will acquire:

- ∴ Practical conflict resolution skills
- ∴ Good communication skills
- ∴ The ability to handle peer pressure, gangs and dangerous situations
- ∴ The ability to recognize triggers to violence: drugs, alcohol and guns
- ∴ Knowledge of the criminal justice system
- ∴ Skills to bridge racial divisions

Beginning Date: April 28, 2007

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m., 2 hours per session for Nine (9) consecutive weeks. **Lo-**

cation: Riverdale Park Town Hall

5008 Queensbury Road

Riverdale Park, MD 20737

(301) 927-6381

The sessions will focus on relevant issues that plague youth and families today, and hinder communities from being safe and healthy places in which to live. CRCs are small groups that are highly interactive and are led and managed at the community level.

Participant Certification: Youth and parents will each receive a *Certificate of Achievement* for the successful completion of a 9-week CRC program. *Youth can only participate in a CRC if a parent or legal guardian attends each session with them.*

Parents to enroll your child and yourself, sign up by calling:

Riverdale Park Town Hall, (301) 927-6381 Pastor - Ben Slye (301) 277-5969

Parkdale High School, (301) 513-5700 Ext. 228 (Ms. Golf)