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RIVERDALE PARK DAY



Where: 5801 Riverside Dr.

When: Oct. 1, 12-5p

What: Music, food, moon bounce, pony rides, Games, clowns, & more!

IMPORTANT!

Bulk Trash Collection WEDNESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Contact Bates Trucking and Trash Collections at (301) 773-2069 before 2pm on Tuesday.

GoatMan Cometh

Something strange is brewing once again in our area! After taking a one year hiatus, the GoatMan and Dr. Fletcher return to terrorize our good people! Whatever you've heard before about this legend only scratches the surface of what is in store for anyone and everyone that goes in search of The GoatMan and Dr. Fletcher. *Will you dare to discover the truth?* What really happened to Dr. Fletcher and his lovely young bride? Live performers and special effects will beg you to give up your foolish quest to discover the truth! For 2011, GoatMan Hollow presents, "Revenant".

GoatMan Hollow is delighted to announce that this year's production will take place in a new location - the former "94th Aero Squadron" restaurant located at 5240 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park Maryland, directly across the street from the Wells Ice Rink/Ellen Linson Pool. As always, the event benefits the Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department and special thanks goes to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) who generously donated the use of the building to the fire department.

The GoatMan Hollow event will kick off with a special Rehearsal Night on Saturday, October 1st at 7 p.m. This event is *free*, and will only be open to residents of Riverdale Park and the employees of M-NCPPC! Proof of residency and/or MNCPPC employee ID will be required.

Event Times: Fridays 8 p.m.–10 p.m.; Saturdays 7 p.m.–11 p.m.; Oct. 30 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. online sales stop at 5pm the day of the show, but paper tickets may be purchased on-site. "Entry times" for online sales cease at 9:00 p.m. to ensure that all advance ticket holders get in. For more details on tickets, times or prices, please visit the website, www.goatmanhollow.com.

There is also entertainment while waiting in line—the big screen shows old spooky cartoons, 50s monster movie trailers, and more! Hot cider, cocoa, coffee, and snacks are available for a fee. For more details check out www.goatmanhollow.com.

Please note: GoatMan Hollow is an intense attraction intended for adults. Children under 9 are strongly discouraged from attending. Children age 13 and under will not be admitted without an adult chaperone (over age 18).

Rather scare than be scared? If you'd like to volunteer, from acting to security, join the spooky fun by calling Bill Livingston at 301-442-4670.



Council Actions

By Waverly Pollitt

Regular Legislative Meeting September 6, 2011

1. **Approved-** Nomination for Police Chief, David Morris
2. **Approved-** Minutes for July 5, 2011, regular legislative meeting.
3. **Approved-** A letter of opposition to Zoning Hearing Examiner regarding Tires R Us, 6323 Kenilworth Avenue.
4. **Approved-** Resolution 2011-R- 20 to establish the Riverdale Park Emergency Response Plan.
5. **Approved-** A letter to Prince George's County Council regarding councilman redistricting.
6. **Approved-** Request for support with conditions for variance request at 4801 Nicholson Street.
7. **Approved-** Request for Building permit (fence)at 5908 Riverside Drive, Riverdale, MD
8. **Approved-** Street Closure on 46th Street between Sheridan and Tuckerman on September 17, 2011, from 12-5pm for a block party.
(Ward 1)
9. **Approved-** Street closure on 43rd Street between MD 410 and Queensbury Road on September 10, 2011, from 11am-6pm for a block party. (Ward1)
10. **Approved** – Resolution 2011- R-23 to correct a recently identified but long standing ambiguity of §622 of the Town Charter.
11. **Approved-** Request for speed humps at 4700 block of Sheridan Street.
(Ward 2)
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(Ward 2)
13. **Approved-** Rumble strips or similar traffic calming devices at the 6400 block of Lafayette Street, between Sheridan Street and Somerset Road.
14. **Motion** – To refer to Economic Development Committee Resolution 2011-R-21 to seek Art and Entertainment District Designation from MSAC.
15. **Introduction** – Resolution 2011-OR-04, an ordinance concerning alarm systems and fees.
16. **Introduction** – Resolution 2011-OR-05, an ordinance concerning a new ethics ordinance.
17. **Approved-** Resolution 2011-R-22 regarding an RFQ for a planning consultant.
18. **Approved-**Resolution 2011-R-24 to engage in negotiations to purchase property known as Jey's Auto.

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

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Submission deadline: 15th of each month.

Submit all copies to

towncrier@riverdaleparkmd.gov

Riversdale House Museum Events

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 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 *From Field to Forest* on Sunday, October 2, 2011 and *Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater* on Sunday, October 30, 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.

GOTHICK EVENING: HISTORIC WHODUNIT

In 1805, Mrs. Calvert wrote to her sister about a Frenchman who visited Riversdale during a dinner party and insulted everyone. What if he were found dead? Meet the victim and Mrs. Calvert's honored guests during dessert, then, working in teams, collect the clues to solve the mystery! Was it the British army officer? Mrs. Calvert? Or someone else?

The Historic Whodunit takes place on Saturday, October 22 at 6:30 pm. The fee is \$25 for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and \$30 for non-residents. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Capacity is limited. Advanced registration and payment are required by October 7. Please note the program may sell out before this date.

HANDS-ON HISTORY: THE WRITER'S APPRENTICE

Prepare to step back in time! Spend the school holiday, Monday, October 31, 2011 at Riversdale House Museum. The program runs from 10 am – 3 pm and is open to children ages 8 – 12. In the early 19th century, young people learned crafts and trades through apprenticeship. Riversdale continues its series of hands-on apprenticeship programs with the craft of the writer. Participants will make paper and ink 19th-century style, sew a book, and more!

The fee is \$15 for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and \$18 for non-residents. Capacity is limited. Advanced registration and payment are required by February 18. Please note the program may sell out before this date.

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

Call 301-864-0420 or email riversdale@pgparcs.com to make a reservation. Sign up for classes and activities online at www.pgparcs.com, or by touch-tone phone at 301-583-BOOK.

Mayor's Report

By Vernon Archer

As most of you are aware by now there is a major development proposal in the works for our town commonly referred to as the "Cafritz project" and sometimes it emphasizes the anchor store Whole Foods. The property in question is on the east side of Baltimore Avenue just before you cross into College Park heading north. It is my opinion that if done correctly, developing this property can do substantial good for our town and the surrounding areas; however, there are several nearby reminders of how a poorly planned or executed project can bring a region down just as easily.

As the council and I have listened and learned about the project from its proponents, and also from those who are concerned or downright opposed, we have tried to come up with ways to ensure that our town receives only a high quality development that benefits those of us who live here.

Some of the major concerns are: how the property is zoned, or rezoned; how traffic will be managed; how water resources will be managed and protected; how to use renewable and efficient energy planning; and how to ensure that town and regional services can be maintained without increased burden on our residents. I have drafted a proposal to the council to send back to the developer outlining our concerns and desires for the project. This draft proposal is meant as only a first of many statements in an ongoing dialogue with the developer, but I believe it does highlight the major points in the discussion.

Over the next short time the council will need to accept, modify or reject this proposed letter to communicate the council's current ideas to the Cafritz team. Please stay informed about this project and you are encouraged to share your thoughts about it with me and your council. Below is my proposed letter:

The Riverdale Park Town Council is interested in finding common ground with the development team you represent as you seek support for a change in zoning for the Cafritz project, to include a Whole Foods. After speaking with the Council and our residents, it is clear that the following needs must be addressed as we continue discussions of such changes:

- The zone change should ensure that MUTC design standards are met. We strongly prefer that the zone is MUTC.
- Additional vehicular access and associated impacts should be thoroughly studied and planned, including Maryland Avenue, our historic town center, and direct access across the CSX tracks to River Road, possibly through Rivertech Court. Direct access to Tuckerman or Somerset should not be considered.
- A water management scheme should be submitted that includes zero impact on the tributary drainage into the Northeast Branch. Additionally, stormwater management for the entire finished site should be installed at the beginning of the project. Stormwater management should not be installed in phases.
- A maximum amount of residential density should be established. The current proposed number is more than we can support.
- The property owner should be responsible for the completion of the portion of the Rhode Island Avenue hiker/biker trail that is on the property. This construction must commence immediately upon the completion of the portion of the trail directly south of the proposed development.
- The project should aim to offset a minimum of 2,426,970 kWh annually through renewable energy sources which equals the average annual electricity consumption of 190 single-family homes. Acceptable examples of renewable energy resources include solar, geothermal, wind, etc. LEED certification could also be considered part of the offsets.
- The project should include space for the Riverdale Park Farmers Market or any similar community oriented weekly event for a minimum of ten years.
- The project should reimburse the Town for professional services directly related to the project.
- Streets and rights of way should become public after construction is complete.
- Additional green space should be planned for and included in the project.
- Additional space for Town offices, such as a police substation, or space for a public works lot should be considered.
- The project should consider a contribution to the Riverdale Park Volunteer Fire Department to assist in the purchase of an ambulance or like piece of emergency equipment.

We look forward to discussing these concerns with you.

Sincerely,

Vernon Archer
Mayor

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
FAIR SUMMARY OF
RESOLUTION 2011-OR-04
ALARM SYSTEMS AND FEES**

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Resolution 2011-OR-04.

Resolution 2011-OR-04 would alter certain fees for the issuance of certain alarm permits; shorten the duration of certain current and future alarm permits; correct a certain definition; and generally relate to the regulation of alarms in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Resolution 2011-OR-04 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
FAIR SUMMARY OF
RESOLUTION 2011-OR-05
NEW ETHICS ORDINANCE**

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Resolution 2011-OR-05.

Resolution 2011-OR-05 would enact a new ethics ordinance for the Town of Riverdale Park to comply with requirements of Maryland law; provide for the applicability of the provisions of the ordinance; to define certain terms; provide for a Town Ethics Commission and provide that the members of the current Ethics Commission will continue to serve as the new Ethics Commission for a certain duration; provide for the duties, responsibilities and operation of the Commission; provide regulations relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure by Town elected officials, candidates for elective Town office, and certain Town employees, and lobbying disclosure; provide for certain exemptions and modifications to certain provisions of the ordinance; provide for enforcement of the terms of the ordinance and penalties for violations; provide for the effective date of the ordinance; and generally relate to the enactment of new regulations intended to ensure ethical conduct by Town officials and employees and appropriate disclosure by candidates for Town elective office.

Resolution 2011-OR-05 is available for inspection by the public at Town Hall during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Finance Committee Report

As the weather has been cooling down, those of us in town government have been rolling up our sleeves and getting to work on real estate developments, responding to natural disasters, and the routine work of

keeping the town's finances and general government in order.

As was true last month, the situation with the Whole Foods/Cafritz project on Baltimore Avenue (US 1) has been moving quickly and a lot of issues are under active discussion. By the time you read this, there will have been another presentation by the developer (on September 22), which hopefully responds to a list of concerns and issues developed by Mayor Archer in cooperation with the Town Council. One item that I think will concern a lot of Ward 2 residents is the proposal for a bridge across the CSX railroad tracks to connect the Whole Foods (and associated businesses and residences) to River Road. We are asking the Cafritz

team to come up with a few different ways that traffic could get to the development other than the currently planned main entrance on Baltimore Avenue. I am hopeful that whatever solution is found and chosen will also decrease, or at least not increase, cut-through traffic in our Ward. Stay tuned – we are likely to vote on preliminary plans in early November!

The other major real estate development going on in town is in M Square, on the northern edge of Ward 2 (north of River Road). The council was planning to vote to support the project, with conditions, but delayed voting at the request of the developer to allow for more discussion. As with the Cafritz development, I am working to ensure that we have a high-quality development that improves both our ward and the town.

The Finance Committee met on September 13 and discussed several items regarding employee benefits, procurement procedures, the personnel policy, redistricting, and continuing updates to our internal financial tracking system. We discussed some possible changes to the Town Charter to resolve a long-standing ambiguity in the procurement process (we asked for legal advice from the Town Attorney for the next meeting), and reviewed the new financial reports that are provided to the council and interested citizens at each monthly legislative meeting (the new reports contain more information and require less staff time to produce). The finance committee will meet again in October.

Finally, as I'm sure all of you know, Hurricane Irene went through the region in early September. The town was spared major damage, though I know of a few large trees that fell in Ward 2 (the trees, fortunately, did not severely damage nearby houses). Ward 2 residents Emily and Del Fanning may have averted a lot of flooding by calling me the Thursday evening before the storm to report a tree down in Well's Run, just upstream of Ravenswood Road. They were concerned that the tree might block the passage of water under the bridge and flood nearby houses. I contacted our Public Works department immediately, and they (after consulting with the county) removed the tree the next day, less than 24 hours before rain began to fall. Very often we on the council ask for residents' help in reporting what they see to help combat crime – Emily and Del deserve all of our thanks for reporting what they saw to reduce the hazards of that storm. Thank you!

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. **October 15.** November 19 and December 17. Please mark your calendars.

Halloween – As a reminder to parents who allow their children to participate in trick or treating on Halloween, please remember to provide brightly colored clothing, flashlights and/or reflective outerwear for their safety.

Thank you to our Residents – The Department of Public Works expresses its appreciation to the many residents who have called or sent letters of appreciation for the services rendered in the aftermath of recent storms. Commented one resident, “a tree snapped and blocked the [street], our Public Works team ...cleared the road and made sure the area was safe.” She thanked the department for a “job well done.”

PEPCO has begun Installation of Smart Meters in Maryland

Installations started in June 2011 and will run through December 2012

Many of our residents have taken advantage of this program. Applications are still being accepted.

Since the end of the year is fast approaching, all residents interested in this program should promptly mail in their applications to be considered before the end of the year.

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

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

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

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

to frequently asked questions.

PEPCO & Delmarva Home Energy Savings Program

PEPCO & Delmarva have joined together to sponsor an Income Eligible Energy Efficiency Program (IEEEP) program that would provide qualified residents in the



PEPCO/Delmarva Power service territory in Maryland, with a comprehensive home energy audit to determine the most effective measures to install in their homes to reduce energy costs. After inspecting the property for potential heating, ventilation and air conditioning safety issues, the work would be completed by a Building Performance Institute certified professionals.

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

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

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

BULK TRASH PICKUPS & SPECIAL TRASH PICKUPS

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

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

The following items will not be picked up: building

materials, concrete, bricks, roof shingles, stumps, bamboo, pressurized containers, explosives, paint (unless paint is dry in cans), poisons, caustics, construction and demolition debris, asbestos, toilets, free liquids, sewage, sludge. These items can be taken to **Brandywine Sand & Gravel, 5800 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD. 301-925-8100.**

Administration Report

By Sara Imhulse

Riverdale Park Day!

Join us this Saturday, October 1st from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Riverdale Park Day! The event will be held at Riverside Neighborhood Park, 5801 Riverside Drive, which is the same location as last year. Ample parking is available at Riverdale Elementary School, and limited parking may be available on Taylor Road.

The event includes moon bounce, pony rides, a clown, face painting, a snake and lizard exhibition, video gaming, skate board exhibition, bag pipers, tug-of-war, and a pie-eating contest. The music stage will include Rodeo Motel, Rick Franklin, Andy Poxson, Trio Caliente, and Grupo Faraones Musicalo. The youth stage will include Freecious, Colours, Structures Performing Arts Academy, and the Hyattsville Middle School Choir. We want to thank our partners in this event: M-NCPPC, Councilmember Olson, and Prince George's County.

I want to thank the following volunteers for their dedication and hard work in organizing this exciting event: Nova Johns, Melissa Avery, Don Lynch, Liz Green, Erika Vivar, Jeffrey Yorke, and Councilmember Raymond Rivas. It's going to be a great event, so join us!

Feedback about the Town Crier

How do you feel about the Town Crier? Do you like the look, or do you wish it looked differently?

Is there a specific topic that you would like to see covered? Please send me

your comments on the content or format of the Town Crier. I welcome your feedback. We are also accepting applications for editor of the Town Crier. If you are interested, please send me examples of your work, a letter explaining why you are the best person for the job, and suggestions you may have to improve the publication. Please submit this information to me by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011.



Boy Scout's Troop 252

By Robert Killen



Troop 252 has had a busy last part of the summer - Yorman Amador, our newest Eagle Scout, is now a freshman at Grinnell College in Iowa, studying hard and feasting on corn on the cob and beef steak.

Joel Sandoval, the earlier of our two Eagle Scouts, is working and studying at Prince George's Community College.

Ismael Villalta, our "almost-Eagle," is also working and studying at Prince George's Community College.

All of the younger Boy Scouts are back in school; only the Scouters have current annual Health and Safety forms, so we are waiting for the Scouts to get theirs before we go bicycling, tubing and other High Adventure activities.

As soon as the Scouts get their Health and Safety forms up-to-date and present copies to us, we will romp and stomp!

That's it for now, but next month's Crier article will be filled with results of our camping and bicycling trips we have planned.

Feel free to contact Scoutmaster Bob Killen rfkille@yahoo.com (301) 483-8455 or Committee Chair MHB (301) 864-0059 to join the fun.

Riverdale Park Arts Council

By Emily Fanning

Hellspawn

This Halloween something really scary is coming to Riverdale Park. *Hellspawn* will be presented by Active Cultures Theater Group. Three short plays based on the exorcist – set in and around Cottage City, MD. The plays bring new meaning to the phrase “demonic possession.” The dates and times are as follows: October 13, 14 (14th only, Riverdale Resident Discount Night), 21 at 8:00 p.m., special midnight performance October 22. Tickets are \$15.00. It will be held at Town Center, in the Jemal Bldg where the Farmers Market is held each Thursday. For information, call Mary Resing 301-526-9921 (Riverdale Park Arts Council, Inc. – Emily

Fanning, Jim Coleman).

Reminder

RPAC Doll Club Tea Party is being held Oct. 15 at the Riversdale House Museum. The youth have been working very hard to finish making their Bed Post dolls for this party. Washington Dollology who made a generous donation to the mansion for their nursery will mentor our youth and be our guests.

On display will be some antique dolls of early to mid 1800s. One is an early real Bed Post doll with her wardrobe of clothes. If the youth can part with their dolls for a brief display of them next to the original one—then the parents can come by appointment on October 16 - then the public is invited to see poster framed pictures of the children's precious dolls along with the antique dolls any time thereafter on regular mansion tour times. The display will last about 3 months. So come on out and support our mansion and our youth. See how talented our kids are.

Volunteers needed to help teach classes once a week so we can reach more youth. Volunteers also needed to help teach us to cut out a pattern to make youth Regency dresses. Adults could stitch part of the top of the dress and let the kids stitch the skirt and bottom. We do not want to overburden any volunteer. I do have a small portable machine for the girls and another very good machine for us to work on. For more information, call Emily at (301) 864-5561 or _ourdollmom@aol.com (mailto:ourdollmom@aol.com). Thank you.

Riverdale Park Day

By Jeffery Yorke

Riverdale Park Day is set for Saturday, Oct. 1, Noon to 5 pm. The first weekend in October has been the Town's long-standing traditional day where we celebrate the town's inception and a tribute to those who have made this community a great place to live. This family oriented event, located at the Riverside Neighborhood Park, offers activities and events that provide something for every member of the family, from adults to toddlers, so come out on a Saturday afternoon and find out why.

Pony Rides and Moon Bounce, cotton candy and more... The Music Stage will present in order of appearance: Rodeo



Motel, a Country and Bluegrass music performed by husband and wife team Tom and Caroline Alderson in the tradition that brings to mind legendary Riverdale Park residents Don Reno, Bill Harrell, Buzz Busby and the Virginians. Along with band members Dave Goldman, former Bill Monroe protégée, on fiddle and steel guitar master Lynn Kasdorf. Rodeo Motel brings you the best of tear tugging country classics at their best. Rick Franklin and Friends will be performing Piedmont blues and more. For the past twenty-three years, Rick Franklin has been playing and singing the Blues at local festivals and community events, as well as various clubs and cafes. His musical interests are eclectic, reflecting his considerable travels both domestic and abroad. He is one of the favorite performers at the Riverdale Park Farm Market.

The Andy Poxon Band features 17-year-old Andy Poxon on guitar and vocals, Russ Wasson on bass, and Mike O'Donnell on drums. The band has been together since May 2009, and plays regularly in various live music venues around Maryland/DC/Virginia. The band plays a wide variety of Andy's originals and covers, ranging from traditional blues to rockabilly and country

Trio Caliente's Deborah Benner, Michael Bard and Amilcar Cruz have performed from coast to coast throughout the U.S. and in Spain, South America, Central America and the Middle East. With their inimitable blend of Flamenco, Pop, and Brazilian Jazz sultry, throbbing rhythms.

Riverdale Park's own Grupo Faraones Musicalo is set to perform a wide variety of traditional Mexican and regional cover hits, along with original composition. Led by Heron Diaz, the four-member group features singer-percussionist Eduardo Sanchez and is the latest version of a popular act that performed at the Riverdale Park ArtsFest2011 last May and received a rousing reception from scores of new fans and veteran followers.

The Youth Stage will present the following: Freecious, a four member young girl group striving and determined to make it in the music industry. They've been dancing together since the age of three and have won several National Championships and awards. They



are honor roll students and working hard is a part of their everyday routine. All Freecious songs are original.

Colours, sponsored by, Eric Olsen, County Councilman, Ward Three, will be performing next. Colours is a music and dance group that has inspired young adults and audiences for over twenty years. Structures Performing Arts Academy, a local dance school will perform dance choreographed by Sheri Cole. The closing act for the Youth Stage will be the award winning Hyattsville Middle School Choir. The choir, led by Reuben Burrows, achieves a level of excellence that rivals choirs heard at high school levels and an inspiration to those who wish to join such a group in the coming years.

Prince George's County Bagpipe Band will be parading from three to four o'clock, playing the very moving, traditional early Scottish music, which is representative of the first

European Settlers in our part of Prince George's County. M-NCPPC will be providing a wonderful stage for the Youth



Groups as well as their famed Mobile Skate Truck! For the typical "High Tech" young and old there's the "Gaming Zone", an electronic extravaganza of high tech games. The Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department will give anyone a chance to man the infamous fire hose. Come out and try your hand at it!

For the lover of vintage cars, there will be Riverdale's Vintage Car Show, bringing out local and area beautifully restored and cared for vintage cars and trucks. They will be competing for awards as well "showing off" their "labor of love"!

Everyone loves a clown and Mandy the Clown is our favorite, consummate performer that engages young and old. She'll be there all day, so come out and enjoy her antics and talent. Red's Lizard and Snake Farm will amaze everyone with his strange and wonderful live creatures that anyone can get "close to". Come out and pet your favorite snake or lizard! Many demonstration will be on hand including Riverdale Park's renowned "Dr. Dirt," University of Maryland emeritus professor and soil scientist Del Fanning, PhD, who digs deep to explain what's under your feet. Also on board is rare doll collector/historian Aunt Emily, whose Riverdale Park Arts Council Doll Club members will present an American history of the primitive Bed Post doll. Use of the doll as both a child's toy and a

household tool stretches from the Revolutionary War to just before World War I. These wooden “toys” were also used by mothers/grandmothers to design the family members’ clothes, and were subsequently passed down through generations of families.

Internationally known Riverdale Park realist artist Gerald King will again be on the grounds to talk about art and offer his unique renderings of local landscapes for sale. Kiln-formed glass artist Anita Merina is also expected to be on hand to offer a wide sampling of her pieces for sale. There will be a variety of Arts and Crafts Vendors there to peruse and maybe get that very early Christmas shopping in.

If you’re hungry, there will be food vendors, especially the famous Riverdale Volunteer Fire Department

Barbeque, Julie’s Delicious Punch featuring her homemade punch and funnel cakes and other great delicious choices.



Riverdale Rail Fans will be on hand with their elaborate Model

Railroad display for all to try their hand at running a complex setup without the years of planning and building a wonderful model railroad system without the toil. Riverdale Park’s Chris Benjamin, a model railroad expert, can show how it’s done and give pointers if you want to set out on this enjoyable journey.

There are other events as well including, Tug-of-War challenges, pie eating contests and face painting. Please come and enjoy a hometown celebration that Riverdale Park has always been proud of.

Donations Greatly Needed

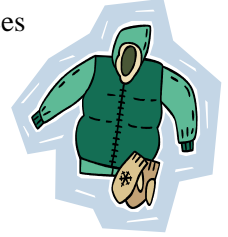


We are in great need of: **New Coats, Hats, gloves, gently used cleaned Coats, Hats, Gloves, and Monetary donations for the purchase of Coats, Hats, and Gloves**

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.

Fun Halloween Ideas

Looking for some great Halloween fun in the Washington, DC Area? Check out these events!

Fright Fest at Six Flags America

October 1-30, 2011. Mitchellville, Maryland. Enjoy the spooky attractions and shows at one of the Washington, DC Area’s largest Halloween celebrations. Enjoy a family friendly event with street entertainment, your favorite rides in the dark and a special trick-or-treat trail just for kids

Halloween Haunt at Kings Dominion

September 30-October 30, 2011. Doswell, Virginia. The amusement park features nine mazes, five scare zones and more monsters and creepers than ever before. While the attractions of Haunt bring out the scares at night, families and children may still enjoy Halloween fun of Howl-O-Fest, the ultimate kids Halloween party. During daylight hours, age-appropriate Halloween Fun awaits little ghouls and goblins in KidZville and Nickelodeon Central.

Boo at the Zoo

October 21-23, 2011, 5:30-8:30 p.m. National Zoo, Washington, DC. Visit bats, spiders, owls, and other animals at the zoo while trick-or-treating. Enjoy animal encounters, keeper talks, festive decorations, and haunted trails at the annual National Zoo’s Halloween celebration. Costumed volunteers will hand out candy at more than 40 treat stations.

Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk and Carving Festival

October 22-23, 2011. Greenbelt, Maryland. Enjoy jack o'lantern carving while listening to live musical entertainment, followed the next evening by a nighttime pumpkin-lit wooded trail walk. The walk is not spooky and is appropriate for children and adults.

Air & Scare at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

October 28, 2011, 2-8 p.m. National Air and Space Museum, Chantilly, Virginia. Join creepy space aliens, mysterious astronauts and ghostly pilots for safe, indoor trick-or-treating. Visitors will enjoy story times, face-painting stations, hands-on activities, free screenings of an episode of "The Jetsons" in the Imax Theater, karaoke, simulation games and robotics demonstrations.

Silver Spring Zombie Walk

October 22, 2011. Pre-walk party at the Quarry House Tavern, 8401 Georgia Ave. begins at 8 p.m., Walk departs at 9:30 p.m. from the corner of Georgia Ave. and Bonifant St. The event concludes at the AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Rd., for a special screening of the 2004 British romantic zombie comedy Shaun of the Dead.

Community Circles

Daisy Troop #2546

Don't forget: Daisy Scouts meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm at Town Hall. Please contact Dannielle Glaros for more information at (301) 779-5915 or dmglaros@gmail.com.

Help Beautify Riverdale Elementary!

This year the PTO Beautification Committee is sponsoring several events to clean up the appearance of our school. Please join us! We need many volunteers for each event.

When: October 22, 2011; 9-11 am

Where: Riverdale Elementary. Meet at the front entrance.

What: Plant new trees, shrubs, and flowers in the front of the school. Weed and edge/cut lawn. Pick up litter. Light refreshments provided! Please email Jennifer Fairfax, naturalgirl@mindspring.com or Dannielle Glaros dmglaros@gmail.com, if you can join us or have questions.

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 Highway. 301-927 7327, www.hyattsvillemennonite.org. Friday, November 4 (4-9 pm); Saturday, November 5 (9-4 pm).

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

