



University Hills Area Civic Association May 2009

President's Corner

The 2008-09 civic year concludes with our May 23 general association meeting and annual picnic (beginning at 1:00pm) to be held at Hitching Post Hill (3300 block of Rosemary Lane).

We will be offering to all attendees barbecued pork, hamburgers, and hot dogs (thanks to chef Tim Hunt!!) with potato salad and coleslaw as side dishes. For planning purposes, please RSVP any current officer (see list below) with the number of residents from your household that will be attending. Bring your own beverages and portable lawn chairs as all activities will be held outside.

Any contributions offered to help offset the cost of food would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to the UHACA and, along with cash, can be presented at the event.

Our spring meeting is the occasion for Committee reports and election of our new slate of officers for the 2009-10 civic year. Also, we have traditionally collected dues at the annual Meeting, and will be doing so this year. Under the UHACA Constitution, to be able to vote on the officers and other decisions, you must be a member in good standing, which means, having paid current dues.

Speaking of elections, congratulations are in order to Matt McKnight, our new, recently elected Ward 3 councilman. Matt narrowly edged out UH's own Tim Hunt by a mere 33 votes. We look forward to your representation, Matt! And we are very proud of you, Tim! To Matt, Tim, and the other two candidates, Scott Wilson and Ala Youseff: you have all provided a wonderful public service. On behalf of the UHACA, a sincere thank you to each of you.

Recognition and thanks also go out to: (1) Bill Dobson and Harold Delchamp for serving as election judges, (2) Janel Brennan and Susanna Paul for organizing and running the recently held Egg Hunt and Springtime Fun Day, and (3) to all of the volunteers who participated in the cleanup of the University Hills Neighborhood Park on April 18th as part of Hyattsville's Annual Spring Cleanup Day.

Finally, I owe a special thanks to my fellow officers Tim Hunt (Treasurer), Tom Eichman (Secretary), and Susanna Paul (Vice President) for their fine work this past year. They are all very special people, and I have and will continue to have very fond memories of working with them. A sincere thank you to each of you and I know you join me in wishing the best of luck to our soon-to-be-installed slate of officers for the 2009-10 civic year.

I hope you can attend our meeting on the 23rd and please remember to RSVP if you plan to attend..

Sincerely, Tom Slezak

Neighborhood Watch Committee Formed

Neighborhood Watch is hardly a new idea. The concept is based on one of the oldest and simplest concepts known to man, "neighbor helping neighbor." If everyone simply applied this concept, we would have the most effective anti crime effort anywhere.

We are extremely fortunate to announce that Randy Fletcher has agreed to chair our newly formed Neighborhood Watch Committee. Randy will soon interface with block captains as well as representatives from the Hyattsville City Police Department to help properly organize the University Hills Area Neighborhood Watch program.

Hyattsville City Services for Seniors

All senior citizens, please note that you have three distinct city services available to you:

Transportation: Call-A-Bus service is available to seniors and residents with disabilities for transportation to doctor's appointments, shopping, and other necessities within an eight mile radius of the City. The Bus operates Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 8:45am to 1:00pm. The cost is \$2 each way. Reservations are required and must be made no later than 1:00pm on the day prior to the appointment. To make a reservation, call 301-985-5020.

Bingo: Bingo is held every Wednesday in the Recreation Building at Magruder Park, beginning at 10:30am There is a nominal fee. Refreshments are served.

Outings and Events: Various picnics, lunches, and craft workshops are scheduled during the year. Call the Recreation Department at 301-985-5020 to get on a list to receive information.

College Park Aviation Museum Activities Continue

The College Park Aviation Museum(CPAM) continues with its aviation-themed movies of the month program. On Sunday, June 7th, beginning at 1:00pm, the movie *Explorers* will be shown. For more information, call 301-864-8029 or visit the museum's website for a full listing of all youth programs:

www.collegeparkaviationmuseum/events.com

Current UHACA Officers

President Tom Slezak tslezak34@yahoo.com 301-422-8563

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Would you like to purchase locally grown fresh produce?

Two local sources can provide you with a wide variety of assorted vegetables, fruits, baked goods, cheeses, meats, eggs and plants. Here is an opportunity for you to support local farmers directly. You can patronize:

1. Takoma Park Farmers Market (6900 block of Laurel Avenue in Takoma Park). The market offers produce grown by local farmers encompassing a 125 mile radius. The market is open every Sunday from 10:00am to 2 00pm.

Contact info -
takomaparktmarket.com
240-253-4229

and/or

2. Riverdale Park Farmers Market (Riverdale Park Town Center, 6220 Rhode Island in Riverdale Park, at intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and Queensbury Road). The market is a "producer's only" market and is open every Thursday from 3PM to 7PM. Live music is also provided by assorted musicians each week.

Contact info -
Jim Coleman
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Swine Flu Information

The following link to the State of Maryland's Department of Health has the most current and accurate information on the swine flu.

<http://www.dhmh.maryland.gov/swineflu/>
A new Emergency Operations Center was set up May 11. Read about it at <http://www.dhmh.maryland.gov/publ-rel/html/2009/pr050809.htm>

Riversdale House Museum

Guided tours of the lovely, early federal Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, Md) are available on the quarter hours, Fridays and Sundays from 12:15-3:15 p.m. Group tours are available by appointment. Open hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information, please call 301-864-0420. Sign ups for classes and activities are at

www.pgparcs.com & 301-583-2665.

Note from the Editor

With the election of new UHACA officers scheduled for the spring meeting, the association will be entering the third full year of its rebirth. The renewal of Association operations coincided with the annexation of University Hills into Hyattsville. The re-established Association recognized the existence of common interests in the wider Hyattsville community immediately adjacent to University Hills by welcoming Rosemary Terrace residents into the Association.

One of the traditional Civic Association functions has been to represent community interests before governmental bodies. This function has intensified and become much more effective with a local city government very accessible and responsive to community interests. We have had several city officials at UHACA meetings explaining their departments' duties and answering questions and listening to complaints.

Various UHACA officers and members have also actively represented University Hills area interests in public forums. All such efforts should be lauded. One person in particular has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining crucial liaison with city officials. That person is the outgoing President, Tom Slezak. For several years, Tom has put tremendous effort into promoting the best interests of this community.

As UHACA Secretary this past year and Newsletter Editor since UHACA's rebirth, I have worked very closely with Tom. And I can firmly testify to the great expense of time, effort, and thoughtfulness with which Tom Slezak has promoted this area's interests. We are very fortunate to have such a concerned resident in our neighborhood.

Thanks, Tom
— Tom Eichman

UHACA Annual Picnic and Organizational Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 1:00pm

Hitching Post Hill

3300 block, Rosemary Lane

Food provided; bring beverages and chairs; please RSVP a UHACA officer

Meeting features annual election of officers

and

Committee reports