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IMPORTANT!

Bulk Trash Collection
WEDNESDAYS
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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



RIVERDALE PARK ARTS FEST 2012 IS HERE!



SUNDAY, MAY 6, AT TOWN CENTER BY THE
MARC TRAIN STATION
11 AM TILL 6 PM WE HAVE A GREAT SHOW
PLANNED FOR YOU

- ARTISTS
- LIVE MUSIC
- POETRY CONTEST
- DOLL CLUB AWARDS
- KIDS TABLES
- LITERARY CORNER
- ELEPHANT ART GALLERY
- ART WORKSHOPS
- PERFORMANCES
- ART & CRAFT VENDORS/DEMONSTRATORS

**FREE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
COME ON OUT & HAVE A FUN DAY, RAIN OR SHINE!**

Council Actions

April 2, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting

By Waverly Pollitt

1. **Approved**-Mayor's Nominations to the Ethics Board Lora Katz and Michael Herman
 2. **Motion** - To substitute Ordinance 2012-OR-02 Amended for 2012-OR-02.
 3. **Adopted** – 2012-OR-02 Amended
 4. **Approved**- motion to substitute 2012-OR-03 Amended for 2012-OR-03
 5. **Approved**- Motion to amend 2012-OR-03 Amended to reduce permit fee from \$100.00 to \$25.00
 6. **Motion**- to postpone until special legislative meeting on April 30, 2012
 7. **Motion**- To substitute the amended Ordinance 2012-OR-04, an ordinance concerning dumpsters and storage receptacles on public property, motion to withdraw the motion to substitute the amended Ordinance 2012-OR-04, motion to postpone until special legislative meeting on April 30, 2012.
 8. **Adopted**- Resolution 2012-R-06 supporting public works mutual aid agreement.
 9. **Approved**- Motion to send a letter to District Council regarding the Cafritz project in substantially similar letter that the town supplied to planning Board dated February 2, 2012.
 10. **Approved**- request to waive bid requirements for architect services for Town Hall Youth and Community Wing project.
 11. **Approved**- Motion to amend FY 12 budget to increase expenditures in Economic Development from **\$50,253.17** to **\$90,000** and to decrease the transfer to Capital Improvement Project in revenues by **\$39,746.83**.
 12. **Approved**- Motion to authorize mayor to draft and sign a letter of intent to the Town of University Park to partner with STEP-UP program.
 13. **Approved**- Minutes from the regular legislative meeting on March 5, 2012.
 14. **Approved**- Minutes from the special legislative meeting on March 26, 2012
- **New Business-**
 1. Establish a "Public Hearing" to create a parking district in Madison Hill; hearing will take place on May 12, 10:30am at Town Hall

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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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**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK
FAIR SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE 2012-OR-05
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS**

This is to give notice that the Riverdale Park Town Council has introduced and intends to take action on Ordinance 2012-OR-05 (the “Ordinance”).

The Ordinance is for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Town of Riverdale Park (the “Town”) to issue and sell from time to time, upon its full faith and credit, general obligation bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$3,175,000.00) (the “Original Refunding Bonds”) pursuant to the authority of Sections 31 to 37, inclusive, of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 24 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Sections 618 through 620 of the Charter of the Town of Riverdale Park, and any other applicable law, the proceeds of the sale thereof to be used and applied for the public purpose of (i) refunding or advance refunding in whole the Town’s outstanding Town of Riverdale Park General Obligation Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2006, including paying any prepayment premium and/or accrued and unpaid interest thereon, (ii) paying or reimbursing costs of issuance of the Original Refunding Bonds, and/or (iii) to the extent determined by the Council, paying interest on the Original Refunding Bonds; authorizing the Town to issue and sell from time to time, upon its full faith and credit, general obligation bonds in one or more series (the “Subsequent Refunding Bonds”) in order to refund or advance refund in whole or in part any of the Original Refunding Bonds issued pursuant to the authority of this Ordinance, including paying redemption or prepayment premiums and/or accrued and unpaid interest on such refunded Original Refunding Bonds, costs of issuance of such Subsequent Refunding Bonds and/or interest on such Subsequent Refunding Bonds, provided that, the aggregate principal amount of any such issue of Subsequent Refunding Bonds shall not exceed one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Original Refunding Bonds refunded therefrom; providing that each series of the Original Refunding Bonds and the Subsequent Refunding Bonds will be sold on a negotiated basis without solicitation of bids unless the Council determines otherwise by resolution; providing for the adoption of a resolution or resolutions of the Council to determine, approve or provide for various matters relating to the authorization, sale, security, issuance, delivery, payment, redemption or prepayment of and for each series of the Original Refunding Bonds and the Subsequent Refunding Bonds (the “Obligations”); providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes sufficient for, and pledging the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the Town to, the prompt payment of principal and interest on each series of the Obligations; providing that the principal of and interest on each series of the Obligations also may be paid from any other sources of revenue lawfully available to the Town for such purpose; providing that any of the Obligations authorized hereby may be consolidated with any bonds and/or refunding bonds authorized by the Council and issued as a single series of bonds and/or refunding bonds; authorizing certain officials to take certain actions with respect to the Obligations authorized hereby; providing that this title shall be deemed a fair summary of this Ordinance for all purposes; and otherwise generally relating to the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of the Obligations authorized hereby.

The Ordinance 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. Following passage the Ordinance is subject to petition to referendum in accordance with Section 211 of the Charter.

Mayor's Report

By Mayor Vernon Archer

Youth and Community Wing Addition to Town Hall

I am excited to rollout the schedule that will be followed as the town begins developing the design for the Youth and Community Addition to Town Hall. Over the last several years we have investigated the general needs and alternative sites for expanding indoor-community space and decided that concentrating our resources at Town Hall made the most sense. We have lined up a significant part of the financing of the project, which includes substantial aid from the state. We also contracted with respected architect and planner Paul Mortensen to guide us through the process of creating the new wing.

In order to finish assessing our needs and desires, Mortensen will have several public events to gather input. On the afternoon of May 24th a table will be set up and staffed at the Farmer's Market where you will be able to talk with him and fill out a questionnaire about what you believe are our community's needs. Also, prior to the town work session on May 29th at 7 PM, Mortensen will be available as will questionnaires at Town Hall. We will also set up a space on our town website www.riverdaleparkmd.gov where you can access the questionnaire and give thoughts and input if you cannot make either of these public events.

At the June work session (likely to be rescheduled to Monday June 18th because of the annual Maryland Municipal League meeting that will take place during the last Monday of the month, Mortensen will present to the Council and community a "preferred program" for approval. This will then be used as the basis to create an actual design for the new wing. This document will include the uses that the new space will accommodate and the square footage of the addition.

Over the course of the summer Mortensen will then develop two preliminary design alternatives for the renovation/addition. These alternatives will be reviewed by the Council and public during late August and September. There will be at least one public workshop and, of course, a presentation to the Council at a regularly scheduled work or legislative session. Based on the will of the Council, a preferred alternative will be identified and design drawings will be created.

The next step will be to take a Detailed Site Plan to the county planning board for approval. While it is hard to accurately predict how long it will take to move to that stage, my hope is that we will get to Planning Board prior to the end of this calendar year. This is ambitious but clearly possible.

I ask all residents to please engage with the Council and myself to help us produce a new amenity for all of us to use, and for the next generations too. Our goal is to make sure that our community has the space and resources it needs to prosper and grow.

Riverdale Park Police Department

By Chief David Morris & Captain Patrick Timmons

On April 2, 2012, during the April Legislative Meeting, three of our officers were commended for their actions during the past year.

Sgt. Brian Slattery and Cpl. Larry Hayes received letters of commendation for their actions in August of 2011, surrounding a vehicle that drove into the house on East West Highway and the subsequent prosecution of the case. The incident involved a drunk driver and was further complicated by administrative issues with the court system. Only the thorough investigation by these officers brought this case to a successful conclusion.

Sergeant Jeremy Emerick received a letter of commendation for his actions in July of 2011, involving his investigation and successful prosecution of a police impersonator he encountered while on routine patrol. Unfortunately, police impersonators are a problem that law enforcement must deal with on a routine basis. Only the persistent investigation of these cases will help to prevent their re-occurrence.



The professionalism and dedication to duty exhibited by these officers exemplifies the highest standards to which every member of the Riverdale Park Police Department is held.

On April 12, 2012, the Prince George's Chief's Association held its annual awards banquet in Glenarden, Maryland. Office Manager Anna Wendland and Police Officer First Class Germaine Green were honored as our civilian and sworn employees of the year respectively. Ms. Wendland has served with the Riverdale Park Police Department for 10 ½ years. Recently promoted POFC Green has served the Riverdale Park Police Department for two years. Both employees were honored for their outstanding performance and their commitment of excellent service to the Riverdale Park Police Department and our community. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Wendland and POFC Green upon their receipt of these

prestigious awards.

Just a reminder to all residents that May is Click it or Ticket month. The Riverdale Park Police Department will be taking part in seat belt enforcement campaigns during the month, so please buckle up. **“Remember, it’s our law and we care.”**

{Pictured above (left to right): Lt. Robert Turner, Ms. Anna Wendland, POFC Germaine Green, Chief David Morris}

Riversdale House Museum Events

MOTHER'S DAY TOURS

Rosalie Stier Calvert bore nine children during her life here at Riversdale. Five of these children lived to adulthood, including Charles Benedict Calvert, founder of the University of Maryland. Celebrate the special mothers, mothers-in-law, grandmothers, and other ladies in your life with a free guided tour of the historic house on Mother's Day, May 13th.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy a Seasonal Selections cooking demonstration in the dependency kitchen. Members of the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will be preparing various Mother's Day Delights from noon-3:30pm.

This offer is limited to one free tour per paid admission. Admission is \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/ \$1 students/ FREE children 4 & under.

HANDS-ON HISTORY: STAR-SPANGLED SUMMER DAYS

"O say can you see!" all the fun you'll have? Step back in time and experience the War of 1812 at Riversdale House Museum! Children, ages 5-8, are invited to kick-off the War of 1812 Bicentennial with Star-Spangled Summer Days. Experience the lives of soldiers and sailors, the Calvert family, and First Lady Dolley Madison through activities, crafts, and games highlighting the War of 1812.

Star-Spangled Summer Days will be held Monday, June 25 - Friday, June 29 from 10am-noon. The fee is \$15/day or \$65/all 5 days for residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and \$18/day or \$78/all 5 days for non-residents. Capacity is limited. Advanced registration and payment are required by June 6. 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

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward Two Report

By Council Member Alan Thompson
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Finance Committee Report

Many things will be happening in May in both Ward 2 and in the activities of the Finance Committee.

The design for the dog park (near 51st Avenue in Ward 2) that has been under discussion for a long time is moving forward and a meeting will happen mid-May to discuss current designs and ideas. The exact location and time for the meeting have not been set, so please contact me (or keep an eye on the Town's web site) if you want to know the final schedule for the meeting.

The Town budget will be introduced at the May 7th Legislative session and discussed at length at Finance Committee meetings on May 15, 17, 22, and 23 (all of these meetings will be held at Town Hall, starting at 7:30 pm). We always welcome citizen input, so please attend. These meetings are where both the tax rate and spending plan are finalized.

Just as many people have refinanced their mortgages when interest rates are low, the Town is working to refinance our debt at this time. The Town Council started the process last spring, and, assuming market conditions are favorable, will complete the refinancing by the end of May. There will be a lot of legislative activity during May to make this happen.

The Cafritz project has had one hearing in April before the District Council, and will have at least one more (I'm guessing that these hearing will continue into May). The procedures at these hearings will be different than at previous hearings, in that any "person of record" (becoming a person of record requires a simple registration process) may cross-examine anyone making a public comment. I hope that these procedures will not delay the zoning decision by too much.

In closing this report, I would like to express my appreciation to the general government staff that is central to the efficient operation of the whole town.

Town Administrator Imhulse and her staff have been burning the candle at both ends to prepare for refinancing at the same time as preparing a budget, and managing to stay on top of developments in the Cafritz project at the same time. Their devotion to the Town is commendable, and they all deserve our thanks.

Ward Five Report

By Council Member Raymond Rivas
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Community Affairs Committee Report

Once again the summer breeze came blowing into the town of Riverdale Park as a squatter would to a vacant home and it will be staying for the long haul. This being said, make sure that you stay filled with fluids and keep plenty of water nearby while doing your daily activities. To all older residents: please be careful when venturing out on the hiker/biker trails and have some type of shading device to keep the beaming sun from dehydrating yourselves.

In noticing the unity of the communities, I wanted to thank both the children of Park Tanglewood and the West Side Apts. (Riverdale Village) for getting along so well together. Just a local note the area atmosphere seems to be less tense than last year summer coming in.

We have programs that the University of Maryland is offering to help our youths. It is called the 4H Club. Shante Stokes has been active in Ward 5 on every Tuesday from 5pm to 6:30pm. The program helps with the developing of a child thru intervention with mentors and volunteers in various programs. There are many programs to pick from such as: communication, leadership, robotics, entrepreneurship, work readiness and photography. We are trying to coordinate everything so that the children can sign up for the programs. We want to establish Town Hall as our program site. These are programs that will build characters. Please contact me at 301-625-9435 to get more information and forms for these programs.

The Riverdale Park Boys & Girls Club has some great things happening. The location for registration is

6351 51 St. Avenue, Riverdale MD 20737 and the contact number is 301-277-5437.

Riverdale Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit sports organization operated solely by dedicated volunteers. RBGC provides youth (ages 5-18) in Riverdale the opportunity to participate in structured sports programs such as basketball, spring/fall soccer, baseball, softball (girls), ball, track, flag football, tackle football, cheerleading and dance. Youth will learn basic fundamentals, sportsmanship, teamwork & team spirit. There are minimal fees for each program which covers county, registration & sport fees. We encourage our parents to register early and set up a payment plan. We also offer fundraiser opportunities in an attempt to keep out of pocket fees at a minimum. RBGC is in desperate need of volunteers to coach or fill commissioner vacancies for Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Cheerleading, Track and Football. There are also management positions available for administration, concessions, fundraising, uniforms, equipment, or fields and banquet. If you can commit a few hours per month to volunteer please let us know. Volunteers are required to submit a copy of their driver's license and sign a background check authorization form. Future activities include, but are not limited to, fun exercise programs in the fight to overcome childhood obesity, game nights, ice cream socials and arts & crafts. Suggestions, donations & volunteers are always welcome!!!

Youth Group Talk

The youth group kids are very active in their doll making classes thanks to Emily Fanning. The youth group is trying to keep the kids busy this summer and is welcoming any new ideas that you may have for their activities. If any young teens are interested in participating in the youth group program, please feel free to contact me thru my above e-mail.

Una vez más la brisa de verano llegó a Riverdale Park como cuando un mendigo llega a una casa vacante y se hospedaría por largo plazo. Dicho esto mantente tomando fluidos incluyendo mucha agua y haciendo actividades diarias. A todos los residentes de edad tenga cuidado cuando anden paseando y mantengan algún tipo de dispositivo que les de sombra para evitar que el sol los deshidrate.

El porcentaje de la unidad de las comunidades ha incrementado y quería agradecer a tanto los jóvenes de Park Tanglewood y los de West Side (Riverdale Village) por llevarse tan bien juntos. Sólo una nota más la atmósfera de la zona parece ser menos tensa que el año pasado cuando el verano iba llegando.

Tenemos programas que la Universidad de Maryland está ofreciendo para ayudar a nuestros jóvenes. Se llama el Club H4. Shante Stokes a estado activa en Ward 5 cada martes de 5 pm a 6:30 pm. El programa de ayuda con el desarrollo de un niño a través de la intervención con mentores y voluntarios en varios programas. Hay muchos programas para elegir como: comunicación, liderazgo, robótica, emprendimiento, voluntad de trabajo y fotografía. Estamos tratando de coordinar todo para que los niños puedan inscribirse para los programas. Queremos establecer la Alcaldía Municipal como el sitio de nuestro programa. Estos programas construyen caracteres. Por favor contáctese conmigo al 301-625-9435 obtener más información y formularios para estos programas.

El Club de Riverdale Park de chicos y chicas tienes actividades maravillosas. La ubicación para la inscripción es 6351 51 San Avenue, Riverdale MD 20737 y el teléfono es 301-277-5437. El Club de Riverdale Park de chicos y chicas es una organización sin fines de lucro de deportes operada exclusivamente por voluntarios dedicados. RBGC proporciona a los jóvenes de (edades 5-18) en Riverdale la oportunidad de participar en programas estructurados de deportes como baloncesto, fútbol de primavera y otoño, béisbol, softball (niñas), bola, pista, flag football, y danza. La juventud aprenderá los fundamentos básicos del deporte, trabajo en equipo y espíritu de equipo. Existen tarifas mínimas para cada programa que cubre los honorarios de Condado, inscripción y deporte. Alentamos a nuestros padres para registrar temprano y establecer un plan de pago. También ofrecemos oportunidades de recaudación de fondos en un intento de mantener fuera de su bolsillo las tasas como mínimo. RBGC está en necesidad desesperada de voluntarios y vacantes en Comisaria o entrenador de baloncesto, fútbol, béisbol y softball, Cheerleading, pista y fútbol. También hay puestos disponibles para administración, concesiones, recaudación de fondos, uniformes, equipos, o campos y banquete. Si puede cometer unas horas al mes para ser voluntario por favor háganos saber. Los voluntarios están obligados a presentar una copia de su licencia y firmar un formulario de autorización de verificación de antecedentes. Las actividades futuras incluyen pero no se limita al ejercicio divertido, programas en la lucha para superar la obesidad infantil, noches de juego as helado y artesanía. Sugerencias, donaciones y voluntarios son siempre bienvenidos!

Habla del Grupo Juvenil

Los grupos de jóvenes son muy activos en sus clases de muñecas gracias a Emily Fanning. El grupo

está tratando de mantener a los niños y jóvenes ocupados este verano y cualquier nueva idea es bienvenida. Si los adolescentes jóvenes están interesados en participar en el programa del grupo de jóvenes, no dude en contactarme a través de mi correo electrónico anterior.

Literary Corner, Poetry Slam Added to ArtsFest 2012

By Jeffrey Yorke

Public Works Report

By Leonard Addison

Saturday Drop Off – The next scheduled days for drop off of bulk trash will be on Saturday, May 19th and June 16th.

The dates for the remainder of the year are: July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15.

Holiday Trash Collection – Regular trash will be picked up on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2012.

Spraying for Mosquito – A schedule for mosquito spraying has not been released. Residents needing this service are asked to call Jeannine Dorothy, 301-422-5080, at the Maryland Department of Agriculture with questions or comments.

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.**

A burgeoning literary corner and a very competitive poetry slam have been added to the fifth annual arts and music festival billed as ArtsFest2012, set for May 6 in Town Center.

Festival guests will be able to meet and get signed books from such authors as Joey N. Jones, who's penned "31 Ways to A Better You," and Upper Marlboro's 12-year-old wonder kid Gabrielle Jordan Williams, author of "The Making of A Young Entrepreneur: A Kid's Guide to Developing the Mind-Set For Success" and proprietor of a line of jewelry, "Jewelz of Jordan."

Motivational author Pam Reaves will be signing inspirational "Is It Love or Merely a Sick Attachment?" Former Riverdale Park bookstore owner Audrey Bragg will offer signed copies of former Ann Ferguson's new children's book, "A Fine New Home for Young James Madison." Ferguson is a former mayor of Riverdale Park who reminds readers that Madison, as president, was nearly wounded while attending the Battle of Bladensburg during the War of 1812.

Rockville-based comics author Yi Weng joins the party to sign and discuss his action-packed book and popular Internet comic series.

The new poetry slam features student winners from Parkdale Senior High, William Wirt Middle School, and possibly Riverdale Elementary schools, who have created, recited and competed with original poems focused on the War of 1812. The winners, selected during recent springtime events, will be on stage to recite their works and win cash prizes. This will be an exciting family event where local youngsters show off their brains.

Also added to the ArtsFest's full slate is inspirational singer and national recording artist Temika Moore, who will be performing selections from her "The End of Me" CD, which was released April 24.

The ArtsFest2012 performance stage will also return Riverdale Park's own R&B/Oldies group, Wayne Brown & 2nd Conspiracy, Jazz-Pop favorite Brulee, and Regional Mexican Grupo Impacto de Asas. Blues group the Sheryl Sears Trio will perform a live afternoon set while members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation will be performing from the south stage throughout the day. And, Blues player One String Willie will be performing and offering demonstrations on instrument making all day.

WTOP-FM All News personality David Burd will again emcee the arts festival and elected officials will be on stage to introduce Riverdale Park realism artist Gerald King and to introduce the winner of the inaugural Gerald King Art Training Apprenticeship Study Program, a year-long focused teaching program in American realism painting taught by King in his local studio.

In all, more than three dozen artists, artisans and vendors will take part in this year's festival. Among the presentations, College Park Aviation Museum will be demonstrating how to build airplane wings while renowned Hyattsville auto artist and Hirshhorn Museum curator Clarke Bedford (see www.ClarkBedford.com) will be displaying one or more of his unique vehicles adorned with some of the world's most interesting, and perhaps most outrageous artifacts. Artist Bedford will be available to discuss his work.

Food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available from the new Town Center market, Dumm's Corner Pizza & Subs, S&J Bar and Restaurant, La Sirenita Mexican Restaurant, Elk Run Winery and Mister Magic soft ice cream.

ArtsFest2012 is made possible through the efforts of the all-volunteer Riverdale Park Arts Council, and by generous grants from the Riverdale Lions Club, Douglas Development Corp., the Cafritz Co., Peter Spiropoulos, and the Town of Riverdale Park.

RPAC Doll Club Members to Be Pinned at ArtsFest 2012

By Emily Fanning

A number of Riverdale Park Doll Club members will receive awards on-stage during ArtsFest2012, on Sunday, May 6. The presentation, which begins at 11:30 am in Town Center, will be the Artist Pin, where each student made an 1810 era Bed Post Doll & wood storage box. The second award, -- the Assistant Teachers Pin -- is for students planning the class, writing the rules

for what is expected, learning diplomacy, problem solving & teaching.

The "Volunteering" pin recognizes students who help with other programs in Riverdale Park, including students who volunteer with the Docent program and prepare other youngsters to Meet, Greet and do Public Speaking at Riversdale House Museum. Those students also are recognized for participating in the Doll Tea Party. Students are: Miranda Moss, Emily Herberholz, Lucy Archer, Erika Vivar, Tania Zetino, Licet & Cristian Mendez, Juan Gonzales, and Alexis Gervaclo.

Community Circles

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 Dannielle Glaros at (301) 779-5915.

Riverdale Park Boys Scouts Troop 252— Contact: Scoutmaster Bob Killen at (301) 483-8455.

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 301-586-5973.

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

The Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP)—Website: www.harp1920.com
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