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**TOWN MEETINGS  
AND SPECIAL DATES**

DEC 3 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

DEC 5 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for  
the November issue, NOON

DEC 17 - COUNCIL MEETING

DEC 24, 25 - Christmas Holiday and  
DEC 31, JAN 1 - New Year's Holiday  
(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services can be provided with a request made ten days in advance. **Agenda for the Council Meetings will be posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall the Friday before each Meeting.**

**FROM THE MAYOR**  
JOHN ROGARD TABORI

**REPLACING WATER LINES:** Last month I mentioned that WSSC had notified us that they intended to replace a significant proportion of our aging water lines. Since then, we have received additional information. At present, WSSC plans to replace the water lines to as many as 50 percent of the homes in University Park. The work is expected to begin in the fall of 2008 and last for up to a

year thereafter. WSSC personnel expect to be able to present their plans at a public meeting no later than March. The project can be expected to delay street repairs in some areas as well as the installation of permanent speed control devices on Tuckerman and Sheridan.

**TRAFFIC CALMING:** As those of you who live on Tuckerman and Sheridan are aware, we have completed the installation of the promised speed humps and cushions. Since some controversy has surrounded the event, it is useful to make a couple of comments. The speed humps and cushions that were installed are moveable and are not intended to be the permanent installations. The permanent speed humps will be put in place after WSSC completes laying new water lines, beginning in the fall of 2008. Before then, we will assess the placement of and the effectiveness of the speed humps as well as the signage. In the long run, the purpose behind the speed humps is to reduce both the volume and speeding of cut through traffic while preserving the aesthetic character of our community. Initially, we believed that we would be able to install permanent speed tables within six to eight months. However, WSSC's intention to dig up Tuckerman and Sheridan probably will delay this process by a minimum of twelve months.

As we approach the holiday season and the end of the year, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the wonderful, hard working staff at Town Hall. Without them, the Town truly would be impoverished in spite of all its worldly riches. Certainly my job

would be impossible without them. I also would like to take my hat off to all those individuals who volunteer for the various organizations in Town that enrich our lives and make University Park such a wonderful place in which to live. We must never forget the many individuals in our neighboring towns who have given us a helping hand and who contribute to the quality of life in our community. Finally, to each and every one of you,

*"May you have a wonderful Holiday Season, and may you all have a fantastic New Year."*



### **FROM THE CHIEF**

MICHAEL WYNNYK

**SAFE SHOPPING TIPS:** As you prepare for the holiday season, please remember to:

- ◆ Shop during the day or park in well-lighted areas.
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings and your wallet when you park, walk, or are in stores.
- ◆ Lock your purchases in your car's trunk or keep them covered behind darkened-glass windows before driving to another store.
- ◆ Remember where you parked. Have your keys ready, and walk directly to your vehicle; request a security escort if you shopped alone.
- ◆ Know which credit cards you have with you when shopping. If possible, take only one; it's easy to keep track of just one card. The new theft trend is to steal one or two credit cards from your stack of cards and return your wallet, hoping you don't miss the cards.
- ◆ Shop with a friend; the more the merrier...and safer.

Stealing GPS units is an increasing trend among thieves. Electronic navigation devices range from \$200-\$800 and can be

stolen in less than 15 seconds from a vehicle. Here are some tips for avoiding your beloved GPS from being snatched:

- ◆ Consider using a friction mount for your GPS instead of the suction-cup windshield mount that come with most GPS devices. Friction mounts rest on the dashboard.
- ◆ If you do use a windshield mount, remove it when parking your car and wipe off the suction cup smudge.
- ◆ Write down the serial number of your GPS and register it with the manufacturer. Then, if it ever is stolen, you can prove the unit was yours. While the company keeps a record, rarely do thieves send their freshly stolen units in for repair.
- ◆ The best thing you can do is to keep all signs that you own a GPS out of sight when parking your car.

**DRINKING AND DRIVING:** December is "National Drunk Driving Awareness Month." **Don't drink and drive!** Be sure your teenagers follow this rule. **NOTE:** Sobriety check-points, extra patrols, and cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions are planned enforcement activities for December. **Don't let anyone drive after drinking; you might save someone's life.**

**THE UPPD E-LIST:** This e-mail service **gives residents crime alerts for incidents soon after they happen.** To be added to the E-List, please provide the UPPD with your name, address, address, and a contact phone number. After doing so (by mail, e-mail, or telephone), you will be added to the UPPD E-List.

**REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS:** There are registered sexual offenders in our zip code. **The State of Maryland has a free sexual offender notification service** for any resident; call **1-866-559-8017** to be put on the call list or go online at the following website: <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/>.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077) P.G. County Dispatch: (301-333-4000) & ask for a UP officer to respond. For Chief Mike Wynyuk, contact [upchief@upmd.org](mailto:upchief@upmd.org) or 301-277-0051. For Emergencies, dial 911.

The following crimes occurred in October:

**CRIME STATISTICS (Oct. 1st to Oct. 31st)**

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
9/30-10/2	Theft 1	6600 Q.C.Road
Oct 5th	B & E 1	6700 Adelphi
Oct 19th	B & E 2	4200 C.H.Drive
Oct30-31	Theft 2	6500 Balt Ave
Oct30-31	Theft 3	6600 Balt Ave
Oct30-31	Theft 4	6700 Balt Ave
Oct30-31	Theft 5	4400 Underwd

**Theft 1** - Between 7 PM on the 30th and 8 AM on the 2nd, suspect/s broke the passenger side rear window of a 2006 Toyota Highlander and stole a "Magellan Roadmate" GPS unit from the vehicle. No other items were taken. No suspect/s were located.

**Breaking & Entering 1** - At 1 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** basement residence and stole \$50. The resident living in the basement advised that he saw suspects exit the basement when he arrived, but he was unable to give any description. The area was canvassed but no suspects were located. Investigation is on-going.

**Breaking & Entering 2** - Between 9:30 AM on the 30th and 4:20 PM on the 31st, suspect/s removed hinges from a locked shed and stole a "Specialized" silver hybrid style bicycle. An abandoned "Rhino" mountain bicycle was recovered in the driveway adjacent to the shed. The area was canvassed but no suspects were located. Investigation is on-going.

**Theft 2** - Between 10:30 PM on the 30th and 6 AM on the 31st, suspect/s broke the driver's side window of a 1996 Honda Accord and stole an after-market radio from the dash of the vehicle. Vehicle owner was unable to advise the brand name. No suspect/s were located.

**Theft 3** - Between 10:30 PM on the 30th and 6 AM on the 31st, suspect/s forced open a locked driver side door of a 1994 Honda Civic and stole an after-market "Sony" radio from the dash of the vehicle. No suspect/s were located.

**Theft 4** - Between 10:30 PM on the 30th and 6 AM on the 31st, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2007 Ford pick-up truck and stole a Dewalt power drill, a "Palm Pilot," and other tools. No suspect/s were located

**Theft 5** - Between 10:30 PM on the 30th and 6 AM on the 31st, suspect/s forced entry into the driver's side door of a 1995 Honda Accord, attempted to steal the vehicle's radio, but only caused damage to it. A duffle bag and a scrap book were stolen. No suspect/s were located

**Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in University Park should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential.** PLEASE: Remember to keep all your serial numbers, and to ID all your valuable property.

*"The University Park Police Department wishes everyone Safe and Happy Holidays!"*



**HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION**

Mondays and Tuesdays, **December 24th and December 25th** (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) and **December 31st and January 1, 2008** (New Year's Eve and New Year's Day) are legal Town holidays; **the Town Office will be closed** and there will be **no bus service**.

The holiday **trash pick-up schedule** is as follows: For both Mondays and Tuesdays, there will be no trash collections on either day. Wednesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's trash collections and recycling are unchanged.

## UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

**REMINDER:** On the upcoming Town holidays, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (**December 24th and 25th**) and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (**December 31st and January 1, 2008**), there will be no UP Metro shuttle or senior bus service.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town may reserve pick-up times on week days between 10 AM and 2 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NEW:** The Town is organizing **weekly shopping excursions to local grocery stores**. To schedule a pick-up time, give a store preference, reserve the bus, or hear more about the grocery shopping trips, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262). **NOTE:** Bus reservations should be made one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within 5 miles of University Park.

A **UP Metro shuttle service** runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are **seven morning runs from 6-9 AM & eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM**. A map with the stops is available at the Town Hall.



## LEAF DISPOSAL - A FINAL REMINDER

"Leaf season" generally lasts through the month of December. The Town greatly appreciates the cooperation and understanding of its residents during this busy time of year. **Please continue to keep the following in mind:**

Please, do **NOT** rake leaves into the STREET OR GUTTERS. Rake leaves only up to curb edge.

**Do not park cars near raked leaf piles.**

Please exercise caution when raking to **avoid contaminating leaf piles** with rocks, metal, brush, or yard waste.

**Please keep children away** from the leaf transfer pad (near the school tennis courts).

**Burning leaves and/or debris** in one's outside fireplace is prohibited.



## ITEMS TO REMEMBER

➤ ❖ **PLEASE REMEMBER:** The Town leaf machines do not work on a schedule. They make systematic runs through Town which may take several days before the cycle is repeated. Requests to stop at specific houses are not an option.

➤ ❖ **NEW SERVICE:** The Town would like to organize **once-a-week shopping trips to local grocery stores** for senior and handicapped UP residents. Call the Town Hall now for more information (301-927-4262).

❖ **NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CHANGE:** ANY TIME an outbuilding, a fence higher than 4 feet, or any structural work (such as an addition or deck) is to be constructed -- even if the work is a replacement -- a Town Building Permit application and the stamped County plans MUST be received at the Town Hall **no later than 10 days before a Council meeting**. There are **NO exceptions!**

❖ **PICK UP YOUR HOLIDAY "FREEBIE":** Blue and white "UP" stickers are available **FREE** at the Town Hall. All Town residents are asked to display a "UP" sticker on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are an important part of our Neighborhood Watch program as **they enable our Town police officers and other residents to be able to recognize a UP vehicle immediately**. Town Hall hours are M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 1st COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); and Chief Wynnyk. (NOTE: CM McPherson was excused at 8 PM.)

Mayor Tabori reported that the **grant** (covering all but about \$3,000 of the cost) for a **new bus was approved**. The new bus should arrive between February and April in 2008. One of the old buses will be surplus and sold. Also, the evening hours for the Metro shuttle will be extended another half hour to 7:35 PM; the extra 5 minutes was needed to better align with Metro schedules. A Town survey indicated 15-20 bus riders were interested in the later service.

Six resumes for the **new Director of Public Works position** were received. The committee to interview and screen the candidates includes Mayor Tabori, Mr. Joe Nagro of College Park, and Mr. Lee Henry of Hyattsville.

CM Mallino asked why UP residents were not receiving consistent information from Verizon about **FiOS TV**. The Mayor will follow up with Verizon re the status of installation.

Re the **flu shots** being offered at RPC on November 1st, CM Mallino recommended the Town mail notices to all residents, if the CERT team concurs; it would provide the CERT team with practice in responding to an event that required managing large groups of people. Qualified medical staff would administer the shots for \$25 or free with a Medicare card.

A motion was approved unanimously to mail postcards to all Town residents announcing the availability of flu shots, and to activate the CERT team to assist.

**Re the Cafritz property**, the Mayor recommended the Council begin to think about their position for the purposes of writing a letter. The possibility was mentioned of re-drawing the boundaries for UPES inward and

❖ **YARD WASTE:** Wednesday is the day designated for all yard waste collection in UP. Since **yard waste is composted** rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. To keep our Town looking beautiful, only put out yard waste on the day before collection.

❖ **BULK TRASH:** Please call the Town Hall to arrange for a pick-up time and day. Please wait to place the items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon (i.e. freezers, air conditioners, refrigerators).

❖ **BLUE BINS** (Thursday or Friday): Blue bins are for newspaper and mixed paper recycling. Put **telephone books, magazines, paper boxes, envelopes, cardboard AND NEWSPAPERS** in this bin and place it at the curb on your Thursday (or Friday) mixed-paper recycling day. **NOTE:** Waxed paper, Styro-foam and any paper food containers contaminated with food particles are not acceptable. Please place the bin at the curb before 7 AM.

❖ **YELLOW BINS** (Thursday): Yellow bins are for all non-paper recyclables. Put **glass, metal & aluminum cans, and plastic containers #1 and #2** in this bin and place it at the curb on the Town-wide Thursday recycling day. Please place bin at the curb before 7 AM.

❖ **TRASH TOTERS & RECYCLING BINS:** Remember not to put out these items **earlier than the day before** your scheduled pick-up time. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to **return these items from the curb on the same day** following your pick-up time. **NOTE:** If stored outside, **toters and bins must be placed out of view from the street** at the side or back of one's home.



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and quickly go. Some stay for a  
while .... leave footprints on our  
hearts & we are never the same."

— Flavia

converting it to a Pre-K through grade 8 elementary school. It also was mentioned that a school forecasting formula should look at births, deaths, drivers' licenses, and new development.

Under **public comment**, a resident read a letter he had prepared to send officials expressing serious concerns about the proposed zoning changes for the Cafritz property. CM Mallino said the Council should be prepared to state what UP would require should the County approve the zoning change-like restricting commercial space, allowing for open space for playing fields, preventing UP from becoming a pass-through, building a garage at the Riverdale Park MARC station, and instituting bus routes. Another resident recommended the Town invest in a cost/benefit analysis of the combined impacts of surrounding development on UP, and she identified a company that would give an informational presentation to the Council. The Mayor responded that he and the Council were interested in any information she had.

Chief Wynnyk reported that a UPPD officer had attended MD State Highway Truck Inspection School.

A Consent Agenda was approved unanimously for a **6-month parking waiver for up to five vehicles** at 6705 40th Avenue.

Four building permits were approved unanimously to: (1) **install a 4-foot conforming chain link fence** at 6600 Wells Parkway (*This fence was damaged when two trees fell on it. There was discussion on replacing it with a 5-foot fence since they had acquired a dog. It was determined a 4-foot fence would be satisfactory in combination with an electronic collar. It was explained that where taller fences had been permitted they were homes on perimeter roads where toddler safety a concern*); (2) **approve the variance of 5.6% net lot coverage** at 4404 Van Buren Street (*with the following conditions: (1) owner responsible not to impact neighbor's property with drainage water and (2) coverage will be*

*more than required limit; proof needed of County approval, with calculations*); (3) **install a 10'x11' dormer with use of a dump trailer (during demo process)** at 6503 41st Avenue (*dumpster will be placed in street as there is no driveway; Chief Wynnyk will check its placement to ensure there is no road obstruction and enough clearance for emergency vehicles*); and (4) **install a drainage line** at 4407 Beechwood Road (*before starting project, owner must (1) clarify with Town Engineer the materials and proper slopes for drainage; and (2) neighbor must write a letter waiving Town's responsibility from any resulting problems*).

Two residents informed the Mayor and Council of plans and discussions held among 20 Town residents over the past eight months about **creating a dog park in Town**. The best site seems to be the open space in the Town Park adjacent to Adelphi Road. The "UP Dog Park Committee" plans to become a non-profit organization and wished to present their site plan and proposal to the Council and public for comment. CMs said (1) because part of that area was public right-of-way, membership could not be restricted to Town residents; (2) if the area was not adequately maintained, the dog excrement would attract rats; (3) from personal observation, it seemed the College Park Dog Park was lightly used; and (4) pros and cons were noted re tying up public space for a restricted fee-based purpose. The Committee members said the association would be responsible for ensuring the Dog Park's cleanliness. The Mayor said the CP Park was well policed in picking up after the dogs.

A motion was passed (with Winton opposed) to grant a permit for the Prince George's County Lacrosse clinic's **use of the Town Field on Sundays**, October 21st from 5-6 PM and February 24, 2008 from 2-3:30 PM. (*Because there is legislation "that no organized activities would take place on the Town Field on Sundays," to allow a day of free access to the Field for Town residents, CM Winton was concerned that allowing one group to obtain a permit for Sunday use would*

*set a precedent for other groups to obtain a Sunday permit. She questioned what the basis would be for another group's request to be granted or denied, and how the Council would address the situation should the calendar become booked every Sunday.)* The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 15th COUNCIL MEETING**

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; Treasurer Baden, Attorney Ferguson, and Lt. Bacon.

Mayor Tabori related a conversation he had in early October with the State Highway Administration (SHA) about **the status of improvements for Route 1 and for the E-W Highway/Adelphi Road intersection**. SHA crews have been drilling sounding holes to check for utility lines at that intersection. As no money had been set aside by the State for work on the intersection, there is time for UP to be involved in the process. In reference to the letter UP sent to SHA, the Mayor reiterated the comments that Town Engineer Sidhu and CM Mallino had made about the impact on pedestrian safety and **on the Queens Chapel Road cul-de-sac. Engineer Sidhu is rechecking property lines to determine what is State property, Town property, and private property** at the cul-de-sac. The Mayor said some private property probably will be affected by the proposed changes. Mayor Tabori's conversation with the SHA rep formally identified UP's issues and concerns.

Most of the Mayor's conversation concerned Route 1. The Mayor and Engineer Sidhu have identified **28 locations along Route 1 requiring repair or improvement** (e.g. places where the road pavement has risen to the level of the sidewalk, damaged/eroded pavement, sidewalk obstructions that prevent safe passage (especially for those in wheelchairs).

His conversation with SHA focused on what would and/or could be done in the way of meaningful improvements to the Route 1 corridor, and he said he would prepare a letter to SHA enumerating UP's concerns. Mayor Tabori was surprised to learn that SHA takes the position that Route 1 sidewalk maintenance is UP's responsibility. Mayor Tabori noted that the sidewalks are in the SHA right-of-way. CM Mallino said UP's boundaries end at the lot lines, not the sidewalks.

The Mayor said that the WMATA bus stop near the church on Tuckerman Street is inaccessible from one direction, and accessible only with difficulty from the other.

**WSSC has notified the Town that major water and sewer replacement activities have been planned for UP.** Mayor Tabori is waiting to receive more detailed information on the locations and time lines for the work. The effect on Town streets will be quite profound and UP will put its planned street repairs on hold until WSSC's work is completed. The Mayor said he understood that UP has one of the oldest water/sewer systems in situ in the area, and general discussion ensued about the number and location of water main breaks over the years which caused significant damage to homes.

The Mayor said that WSSC would need to appear before the Council to apply for a permit to do the work. The Town could then take steps to assure that WSSC repaired Town roads appropriately when their work was finished. He also said the Town may have to reinstate temporary road restrictions to ensure that WSSC and SHA work on the E-W Highway/Adelphi Road intersection didn't drive traffic into Town.

Mayor Tabori reported that **bridge repairs will be necessary at 44th Avenue and at Queens Chapel Road**. In combination with the impact of WSSC's plans, the Mayor may need to ask the Council either to add money to the Town Engineer's contract or add an engineering consultant who has specific expertise in bridges.

Under public comment, there was **discussion about Verizon FiOS relocating the service panels higher on the utility poles** and out of the way of pedestrians. There had been no resolution on this yet and the panels clearly had not been relocated, despite the Mayor's request. In his last discussion with Verizon, they had promised action by August. The Mayor said he would make another call to the representative.

Mayor Tabori said by early November he will be re-advertising for the position of **Town Arborist**, probably to the Arborist's Association.

It was mentioned that Pepco has devised a 5-year plan to **remove mercury vapor lights** at Pepco's and the rate payer's expense, without expense to the Town.

A **Clagett Road** resident asked how much longer the **porta-potty** would be located in the public right-of-way between the street and the sidewalk at a house currently undergoing renovation on Clagett. The Mayor said the Town will contact the homeowners and request that the porta-potty be relocated to their property.

Lt. Bacon presented the UPPD report, as Chief Wynnyk's father-in-law had just passed away and he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Consent Agendum was approved unanimously to: (1) **replace a deck** at 7002 40th Avenue and (2) **replace a patio** at 4219 Van Buren Street.

A motion was passed unanimously to waive normal bidding requirements and **approve the purchase** for \$14,500 of a used reconditioned 2000 Isuzu truck cab and chassis from American Truck Equipment Co.

**Re the Dog Park discussion:** Mayor Tabori responded to a resident inquiring about the status of land use and right-of-way issues, that the Council would receive that informa-

tion later in Executive Session, and he would contact the resident and share what he is able to, without violating Council/Attorney privilege. When asked why the Council needed a private Executive Session to answer a question from a Town resident, Attorney Ferguson responded that she represented the Town, not the individual residents, and the Town had the right to hear the Attorney's advice in private. Once the Mayor and Council have heard the Attorney's advice, they may choose to publicize the information as they wish.

Mayor Tabori explained that he placed the discussion in Executive Session in deference to the Council Member requesting it, CM Winton. The resident was concerned about the land-use/right-of-way information being shared in a timely manner and not put on indefinite postponement. The Mayor asked if the Dog Park discussion should be taken out of Executive Session. Attorney Ferguson said she would be better prepared to advise the Council if she knew more about what questions the Council wanted to ask. The discussion was tabled to the next session when Ms. Winton would be available to participate.

**Re Council's Consideration of Single Stream Recycling:** CM Mallino had researched the benefits and changes involved in changing over to single stream recycling (i.e. collecting mixed paper, glass, plastic, and metal, all in the same container). She said other municipalities already had switched to single stream, and Prince George's County was instituting it County-wide as part of their waste management facility upgrades, and as part of renegotiating their recycling contracts. UP withdrew from the PG recycling program in 1993-1994 due to including mixed paper. CM Mallino responded to a request to clarify the benefits of single stream. Currently, we are duplicating our workload. There is one contract to pick up our yellow bins, while our UPPWD picks up the mixed paper blue bins. Plus, if all recyclables are combined into a toter that can be dumped mechanically into a trash truck, our Public Works staff won't have to bear the bending-and-lifting wear and tear.

Toters cost \$35-\$48 per household, and we have about 950 households. When asked when our contract with the recycling company expires, Treasurer Baden said it is by month. Mayor Tabori and CM Mallino will talk with the UP Public Works Department, collect more detailed financial information about the costs and benefits, and report back to Council.

A motion was passed unanimously to **approve a \$1000 grant**, appropriated from the Stream Bank Education fund, to subsidize the DeMatha Stream Monitoring Project. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



### **HOLIDAY GIFTS OF APPRECIATION**

Please consider donating to the "Town of University Park Holiday Funds." These funds offer a way for Town residents to express appreciation to our wonderful Public Works Department personnel and UP Police Department for the exemplary work of their dedicated employees throughout the year.

Many of the **UP Public Works Department's members have worked for our Town for more than TEN years, and some for more than THIRTY!** The winter holidays afford a chance for residents to show their appreciation and give some "heartfelt thanks" to these dedicated Town employees for their continued conscientious service to our community. The total fund that is donated is divided equally among all the UPPW personnel as a holiday bonus from Town residents.

Residents also may show their appreciation to our Town Police Department by contributing to the **UPPD Benevolence Fund for Town Officers**. This fund is used for occasions when the Police Department wishes to recognize an officer for a life event such as his/her marriage, or the birth or death of a loved one.

Checks for both funds should be made payable to "Town of University Park," indicate "UPPWD Holiday Gift Fund" and/or "UPPD

Benevolence Fund" on the memo line, and be delivered to the Town Hall **by December 14th**.



### **OBITUARY**

**JAMES MARSHALL BUCK, LT. COL. (Retired)**, 84, of Beechwood Road, died on October 17, 2007 of metastatic pancreatic cancer at Community Hospice of Washington. Col. Buck was born in Roseland, Virginia at his maternal grandparents' home; he grew up in Washington, D.C.

In 1939, two years before graduating from McKinley Technical High School, he joined the 260th Coast Artillery of the D.C. National Guard. He then attended the University of Maryland in 1941 until being called to active duty after Pearl Harbor was attacked. After receiving his pilot's wings in December 1942 he instructed pilot trainees in the Army Air Corps. In 1944-1945, he flew B-24Js on bombing missions out of Manduria, Italy.

It was 1957 when he moved to University Park. After retiring from the Air Force in 1963, Col. Buck worked as a real estate agent. Later, he became Assistant Dean of Housing at the University of Maryland, and Dean of Housing and Dean of Men at Georgetown University. He worked as a salesman for Sears, Roebuck and Company selling riding mowers and fences before retiring a second time in the early 1990s.

Col. Buck was a member of the Military Order of the World Wars, the association of the 450th Bomb Group (the Cottontails), the McKinley Tech Alumni Association, and the Sons of the American Revolution. In the late 60s-early 70s, Col. Buck served as Council Member for Ward 6.

He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Lorene Ward Buck, who died in 2005, and his younger brother William Lewis Buck. Survivors include his children, James Marshall Buck II (and Mary Margaret) of Memphis, TN and ToddBrookes Buck Kincaid

(and Dennis) of College Park, MD; his brother Thomas Randolph Buck (and Yvonne) of Tallahassee, FL; grandchildren Margaret Patricia Larsen (and Karl) of Monument, CO; Jessica Underwood (and Jeremy) of Memphis, TN; Laura Sharpe (and Cory) of Charlotte, NC; and Charles L. Kincaid of College Park, MD; four great-grandchildren; and his Godgranddaughter Andrea Dawson, of Richmond, VA.

On Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 9:00 AM, a funeral service and interment with Full Military Honors, will be held at Fort Myer Chapel in Arlington National Cemetery; please assemble at the chapel by 8:30 AM. Donations may be made "in memory of Lt.Col. James Marshall Buck" to: The Walter Reed Society, Inc. (Wheelchair Fund), ATTN: Col. Fred Brand, P.O. Box 59611, Walter Reed Station, Washington, D.C. 20012-9611.



## CONGRATULATIONS

❖ To the Cron family of Underwood Street. The parents, **Michael and Carol Cron**, report that they now are officially "empty nesters!" Their elder son **Jon** is in basic training for the U.S. Army at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After his graduation in mid-January, Jon plans to continue at Ft. Benning and receive his Advanced Individual Training. The Cron's younger son **David** has moved into his new condo, just steps from where he'll work at the University Town Center -- hence the empty nest on Underwood!

❖ To **Michael and Carol Cron** of Underwood, who, after finally becoming "empty nesters" (see article above), have just given birth to a "new baby" to raise! They are the owners of the Three Brothers Italian Restaurant's sixteenth store, located in the University Town Center (UTC), within walking distance of many University Park residents -- how neat is that!

For Michael Cron, it's the dream come true that he's been planning and working toward for 15 years, while serving as Director

of Operations for Three Brothers' corporate entity. He also managed daily operations, solved any problems encountered, and supervised the construction and openings of several area Three Brothers, both corporate-owned and franchises.

Michael's wife and sole partner in the restaurant is Carol Cron, who will manage business development and marketing. Already on the job, Carol arranged catering for the UPCA's 4th of July picnic lunch, has been contacted about catering UPES teacher-appreciation events, and is assisting several area groups with fund-raising ideas.

The third member of the UTC Three Brothers is the Cron's younger son, David, who will be the restaurant's General Manager. David is a 2006 graduate of the University of Maryland and has worked at the Greenbelt Three Brothers for eight years. He started as a pizza runner when he was 15 and worked his way up to senior chef, specializing in saute and hot entrees.

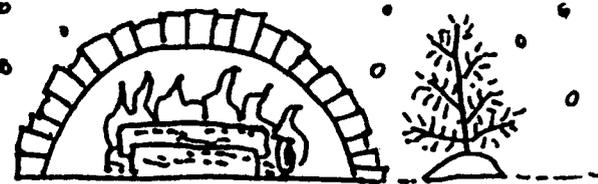
All three Crons are thrilled with their restaurant's UTC location and its convenience to the new 14-screen movie theatre. With UTC's planned weekend activities and mid-week concerts in the courtyard, it will offer a new source of close-to-home, safe, and fun activities for children, teens, and adults. [Ed.NOTE: Besides Three Brothers ([www.threebrotherspizza.com](http://www.threebrotherspizza.com)), slated to open the first week of December) and Qdoba Mexican Grill (already open), other restaurants at UTC will include Five Guys, Wild Onion, The Soup Man, Carolina Kitchen, Smoothie King, and Old Dominion Brewery.]

The Crons are very excited to be able to work just a short stroll from where they have lived for 28 years. Carol grew up in UP and attended UPES, HJHS, and NHS (as did sons Jon and David). Both of Carol's parents (now deceased) were educators in Prince George's County and loved living in UP; Martha Parker taught at UPES and Victor Parker was a principal for over 30 years at Hollywood, Hyattsville, and Calverton Elementary Schools.



# December 2007

## University Park Monthly Planner



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>December is</b></p>	<p><b>National</b></p>	<p><b>3-D Month</b> (Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month)</p>	<p><b>and</b></p>	<p><b>Universal Human Rights</b></p>	<p><b>Month</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Greenbelt Craft Show, 10-5 UCC "NATIVITY Story" 6:30p UPCB Sharing Fair 9:30a-3p CPAM Santa Fly-In 12-4pm RHM Visit Sint Niklaas 2:30p HOLLY TROLLEYFEST 5-9 PM (HT) UM "Holiday Concert" 8p (UM-HC)</p>
<p><b>2</b> (TP*FM) Takoma PkMkt 10a-2p (UM-HC, 3p) (HT) Greenbelt Craft Show, 11-4 CPAM "Airport" 2 PM UM "Cheva" Concert 6 PM CPAE Youth Orchestra HMS-7p CPAE Kids' Art Drop-In "Printing"</p>	<p><b>3</b> UPWC 12 Noon RPC Holiday Lucheon Meeting 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION UM Chava Film 1 PM PP 10:15 PM &amp; NOON PENGUIN PUPPET SHOW</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> (through December 11th)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 12:00 NOON NEWSLETTER Deadline for January 2008 YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p><b>6</b> HY-LI Chess 7 PM HY-LI READERS' CIRCLE "Beauty" 7:30 PM <b>St. Nicholas Day</b> YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUEBIN</p>	<p><b>7</b> UM Bands 8 PM UM Chapel 8 PM Lessons &amp; Carols Festival T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>8</b> RP HOLIDAY MARKET, 1-9 P BTC Hannukah Party 7-9p (HT) PP Movie+ 11AM: Gospel Choir &amp; "Unaccompanied Minors" UP HOLIDAY EVENTS: RPC Family Concert 4 PM UPCA Tree Sing-a-long 6 PM UP Town Tree Lighting 6:45 PM</p>
<p><b>9</b> (TP*FM) (HT) BTC Book Group "The Bielski Brothers" RP HOLIDAY MARKET 12-5 PM CPAE 3-5 PM "Celebrate Winter with Light"</p>	<p><b>10</b> PP 11 AM Platinum Film for Seniors "The Queen"</p>	<p><b>11</b> UM 12:30 PM Opera Scenes</p>	<p><b>12</b> Visit the GB Historic Home Museum YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p><b>13</b> PP 10:15 AM &amp; NOON "Twas the Night Before Christmas" YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>14</b> BTC Shabbat dinner: 6:30p &amp; Music program: 8p CPAE Books "Annapurna" 7:30p UPWC Candlelight Tour 5 Homes 7-10 PM Turn in Holiday Donation for our UPPD and UPPWD T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>15</b> (HT) PGP Rec Center: Dickens' Open House, 5-7p Teen Wreath Craft, 7-10p ←(On 14th: Tween Craft, 5-8p CPAM EXHIBIT → thru 22nd "Holiday Trains &amp; Planes"</p>
<p><b>16</b> (TP*FM) (HT)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p><b>18</b> CPAM Seniors Program "With the Grandkids" 2 PM After 8 Book Club "100 Years of Solitude"</p>	<p><b>19</b> YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p><b>20</b> HY-LI Chess 7 PM YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>21</b> PP 10:15 AM &amp; NOON "A Christmas Carol" T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>22</b> (HT) <b>First Day of Winter</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> (TP*FM) (HT) UCC Play "Bethlehem is..." 10a</p>	<p><b>24 Christmas Eve</b> Town Office close/No bus both days</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> (Town Office closed/No bus)</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Kwanzaa</b> (through January 1, 2002) YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>27</b> RHM 7 PM "The Calverts By Candlelight" YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>28</b> RHM 7 PM "The Calverts By Candlelight" T-F BLUE BIN</p>	<p><b>29</b> (HT)</p>
<p><b>30</b> (TP*FM) (HT) CPAE Kids' Art Drop-In, 2-4p "Totems &amp; Talismans"</p>	<p><b>31 New Year's Eve</b> Greenbelt Family Fun: 7 - 12 AM New Year's Eve Carnival in Venice</p>					

# REFLECTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

2007

2008



NOTHING USELESS IS, OR LOW:  
EACH THING IN ITS PLACE IS BEST;  
AND WHAT SEEMS BUT IDLE SHOW  
STRENGTHENS AND SUPPORTS THE REST.

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

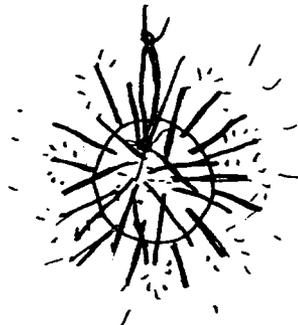
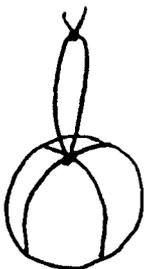
## HOLIDAY FUN

JUST FOR KIDS



### MAKE A SPARKLY ORNAMENT

1. Tie thin cord or yarn around a small (1½") styrofoam ball as if you were wrapping a package. Knot it securely and tie a hanging loop on top.
2. Dip round toothpicks in white glue and stick them all over the ball.
3. Put in as many toothpicks as you think looks good.
4. Hold the ornament in a box and spray it with white, gold, silver, etc. quick-drying paint.
5. Immediately sprinkle on the same color glitter and hang to dry. It will be gorgeous.



### PLAY THE DREIDEL GAME

1. Purchase an inexpensive dreidel. It will be marked:  
NUN ( ך ) - TAKE NOTHING  
HEH ( ף ) - TAKE HALF  
GIMMEL ( ם ) - TAKE ALL  
SHIN ( ן ) - PUT ONE IN.
2. To start, sit in a circle, each person with an equal pile of pennies or peanuts, etc. All players put one of their pennies in a pot. The youngest player goes first and play continues to the left.
3. First player spins the dreidel and follows the direction for the letter that's facing up. All the other players spin and play (or pay) what their letter calls for.
4. After each round, everyone puts in another penny and play continues. Play as long as you have pennies (or nuts, etc.). You won't have any trouble knowing who the winner is!



# CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Proceeds benefit VPES, Hyattsville Middle School and Northwestern High School



FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 14, 2007

7 TO 10 PM



## CANDLELIGHT TOUR

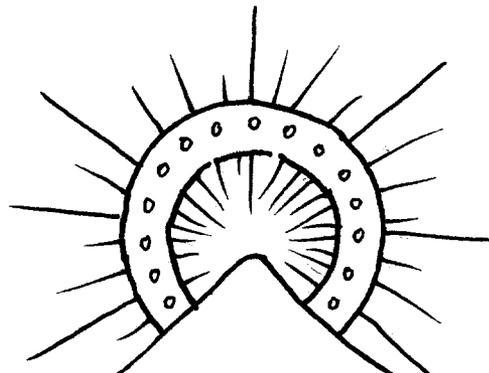
We present our uniquely decorated  
five tour homes:

Fraistat-Wessling: 4202 Woodberry Street  
Virginia Myers: 6808 40th Avenue  
Schultz-Nichols: 7002 College Heights Drive  
Schwartz-Bernard: 4402 Beechwood Road  
The Wilkinson's: 4310 Clagett Road

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL

Jean Bourne-Pirovic (301-520-8420)

*"Thanks to the generous folks who are opening their homes, and to all residents who are supporting this educational fund raiser sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club."*



**4 PM  
Dec. 8 th  
RPC HOLIDAY  
CHORAL CONCERT  
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**

**6 PM  
U.P.C.A.  
SING-A-LONG  
AROUND THE TREE  
COOKIES - COCOA - CIDER**

**6:45 PM  
60th ANNUAL  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
TREE - LIGHTING CEREMONY  
WITH A VISIT FROM YOU-KNOW-WHO!**



## COMMUNITY FLU SHOT CLINIC

How do you give flu shots to 82 people? Volunteers get organized! **CM Margaret Mallino** of Tuckerman Street and **David Palmer** of Clagett Road did a Town mailing. UP Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members **Tom Stuckles** of Clagett Road, **CM Mickey Lucas** of Tennyson Road, and **Art Garroway** of Clagett Road organized the intake desk. The payment table was handled by community members **Bruce Beveridge** and **Nicole Lucier** of 40th Avenue, and **Riverdale Presbyterian Church** deacons **Nancy Cammack**, **Carla Steele**, **Christine Satterfield**, and **Margaret Lepore**. Supporting the Washington Adventist Hospital's Health Ministry staff to administer the shots were **Kate Beveridge** of 40th Avenue and **Barbara Glover** of Forest Hill Drive. Our thanks to **Washington Adventist Hospital** for their community outreach effort, and to all our volunteers for their good help. It worked so well, we plan to do it again next year!



## COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ **Carmel Brown**, a new resident on Pineway since May 2007, **would like to join or start a weekly toddler play group** that meets in the morning or early afternoon. Carmel and her husband **Matthew** have a 12-month-old daughter, **Samantha**. Interested parents may e-mail Carmel: [Carmelmarybrown@yahoo.com](mailto:Carmelmarybrown@yahoo.com).

❖ **A Change: Miguel Jarquin-Moreland**, formerly of 41st Avenue, will be an understudy for five different roles in *Rent*, Gordon, Paul, Steve, and Mr. Jefferson, and the (major) role of Angel. To date, Miguel has performed the roles of Paul and Gordon. Hopefully he will appear on stage when the show performs in two new venues close to home. In 2008, *Rent* ([www.siteforrent.com](http://www.siteforrent.com)) will play in Baltimore, MD on March 7th-9th and in Vienna, VA on June 27th-29th. Mom **Janet Moreland** of 41st Avenue got to see Miguel in *Rent* for the first time in Raleigh, NC, where he performed the role of Gordon.

❖ **Chris Christopherson** ([www.GChris.com](http://www.GChris.com)) of Clagett Road would like to let friends and neighbors know that he has not had enough traffic to justify keeping his Georgetown gallery open. He expresses deep appreciation to his greater Washington supporters whose patronage truly made the past year a worthwhile experience. In the future, his University Park Studio will continue as his sole studio and by-appointment gallery.

❖ "One Global Family under God" will be the topic of an interfaith meeting for peace to be held at the home of **Antonio and Kyoko Betancourt** (6305 Queens Chapel Road). Please come and **learn what people of different religions, races, and nationalities are doing to create a culture of peace**. We want to break the barriers that divide, and create a road map for reconciliation and peace, especially during this holiday season. The meeting is for all faiths and will take place at 7:30 PM on Thursday, **December 13th**. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact 301-779-4959 or [betancourt877@yahoo.com](mailto:betancourt877@yahoo.com).

❖ The Brown family of Pineway would like to hear from other Town residents **who would enjoy a "strolling family carol sing"** on an evening in mid-December. Those who might be interested should e-mail Carmel at [Carmelmarybrown@yahoo.com](mailto:Carmelmarybrown@yahoo.com). Plans for when/where/how the caroling should proceed will be decided by those who respond.



## NEW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The Friends Community School, a progressive Quaker School for grades K-8, where students are lifelong learners, courageous risk-takers and joyous peacemakers, invites you to an **Open House** on **November 30th** and January 11th, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Come and tour their exciting new, totally "green" buildings and campus at 5901 Westchester Park Drive in College Park. For more information and/or reservations, please contact Gwen (301-441-2100).

## 2007 HOLIDAY SHARING FAIR

The annual "For All Good Causes Holiday Market and Sharing Fair" will be held at the University Park Church of the Brethren (corner of Route 1 and Tuckerman Street) from 9:30 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, **December 1st**. Your purchases will support worthwhile causes that link all the world's people. Come and see the creative gifts and ideas that are being offered by a variety of nonprofit organizations, all working toward a better world. Stunning crafts, unique gifts, homemade baked goods, a luscious lunch, and activities for the kids, it's all there. For more information, please call 301-864-4328.



## UCC's FREE MOVIE & HOLIDAY PLAY

**University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers FREE family-oriented quality movies each month that are conveniently close to home. Light snacks will be provided at 6:30 PM; the movie begins at 7 PM. Due to the the busy holiday season, only one show was planned for November and December. "**The Nativity Story**" will be shown on **December 1st**. (*This retelling of the nativity story follows Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes of "Whale Rider") and Joseph on their difficult journey to Bethlehem. This visually lush and meticulously-researched adaptation is rated PG for some violent content.*) The movie chosen for January 8th will be *Pursuit of Happyness*.

UCC also invites interested residents to a performance of "**Bethlehem Is Not That Far Away**," a charming play about a fast-paced family that slows down long enough to rediscover the pleasure and peace that often gets lost during the holiday season. It will be performed on Sunday, **December 23rd** at 10 AM. UP residents acting in the play include **Desaree David** of Underwood Street as Mom and **Jim Duff** of Van Buren Street as Dad.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN GREENBELT

❖ On **December 1st** from 10 AM to 5 PM and **December 2nd** from 11 AM to 4 PM, Greenbelt's 36th annual **Festival of Lights Craft Show** will be held in the Community Center (15 Crescent Road). This juried fair includes professional crafters of artistic merit and does not include kit crafts, imports, or commercially-produced items. Free hands-on crafts will be taught at 3 PM each day. The Greenbelt Museum will be selling period-style items from their Gift Shop.

❖ **If you were born between the late 30s and early 50s and you want to show your kids (or grandkids) what life was like when you were a little kid, plan a visit to the Greenbelt Museum's Historic Home, which now is trimmed for the holidays with period decorations from the 30s and 40s.** The Museum and Historic House opened in 1987 (as part of Greenbelt's 50th anniversary celebration) to allow visitors to experience how life was for the first families lucky enough to have been chosen to live in this famous New Deal-planned community.

The Historic House (located across the street from the Community Center at 10-B Crescent Road) is a restored Greenbelt row house purchased by the City to be a museum. It is an original International Style house that has been carefully restored and furnished with objects from the period of 1936-1946. All of the furniture on display was specially designed and built to fit the homes by the New Deal's Special Skills Division. The home is filled with items associated with the everyday life of a middle-class family during these years, such as Fiesta dishware and depression glassware, kitchen utensils and appliances, children's toys and books, and period clothes and linens. Even the walls are hung with original artwork of Greenbelt created by New Deal artists and architects. **Tours of this charming home provide visitors with a view of the home life of ordinary Americans of modest means during the Great Depression and World War II.** The house is open on Sundays from 1-5 PM and

by special request. To arrange a tour or for more information, please call 301-507-6582.

❖ If you're looking for a place where the whole family can ring in the new year together, Greenbelt's annual **New Year's Eve Celebration** will treat you to a "Carnival in Venice" from 7 PM to 12 MIDNIGHT. The fun begins in the Community Center (15 Crescent Road) and includes arts and crafts, a variety of entertainment, and tasty food and drink for all ages. Teen activities will be focused in the Recreation Center with a DJ, pizza, and high adventure games. Additional activities, food, and entertainment also will be waiting in the New Deal Café and at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The cost of a wristband (\$5, or \$7 at door, 5 & U's free) covers all the activities at all the venues. For questions, please contact 301-397-2208 or [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov).



## SOARING INTO DECEMBER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) is offering a movie for adults, a program for seniors, a holiday display -- and SANTA! Museum hours are daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the Museum (301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765 or [www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com](http://www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com)). [NOTE: The Museum will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.]

◆ The **2007 annual Santa Fly-In** will take place on Saturday, **December 1st** from NOON to 4 PM. Come and watch Santa fly into the historic College Park Airport and then have your picture taken with him after he arrives at the Museum. (*His reindeer are staying at the North Pole to be rested for the big night.*) Museum visitors are invited to enjoy a variety of holiday arts and crafts in the gallery while waiting for Santa. Regular admission.

◆ **Hollywood Flyers** - Spend one last Sunday afternoon at the movies! The final blockbuster show on **December 2nd**, will be

**"Airport"** starring Dean Martin and Burt Lancaster. (*This all-star nail-biter based on Arthur Hailey's novel, follows a series of emergencies at a large Midwestern airport on a snowy night.*) The show begins at 2 PM; lemonade, popcorn, and the movie are included with your Museum admission.

◆ **Holiday Planes and Trains - December 15th-22nd** - See the Museum all decked out in Yuletide spirit, complete with an encore exhibit by the National Capital Trackers. Miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots will spark your imagination while bringing history to life. This is a multi-generational holiday tradition not to be missed. Regular museum admission.

◆ **Seniors' Aviation Adventure Day** - The theme for the final monthly program at 2 PM on **December 18th** will be Grandparents' Day. Visit the Museum with your young grandkids and enjoy an afternoon of aviation stories and arts and crafts and a chance to view the "Trains and Planes" exhibit. Advanced registration is required, and each prepaid Museum admission receives a 10%-off coupon for lunch at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant.



## DECEMBER AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on Fridays and Sundays from NOON to 4 PM; group tours are available by appointment. (No charge for ages 4 and under; discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more.) Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

◆ **Sint Niklaas Day: A Winter Afternoon for Children** - On Saturday, **December 1st** from 2:30-4 PM, children ages 3-10 can visit the Belgian forerunner of the modern-day Santa Claus; there is a fee of \$6/child and \$2/adult (children receive a gift bag with the refreshments). Families also might like to visit

the Museum Gift Shop and "Secret Santa" store where children may purchase gifts privately to surprise their family members. All Secret Store items cost \$4 or less.

◆ **The Calverts By Candlelight** - On Thursday and Friday, **December 27th-28th** at 7 PM, you are invited to pay an evening call on the Calverts and enjoy refreshments and children's activities with your tour. Step back through time and see the mansion decorated for the holidays, lit with candles, and peopled with re-enactors from the early 1800s. Fee: \$5; free for children 12 & U.



## ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

◆ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** offers a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the 2007-2008 season, please contact 301-405-2787 or [www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu).

◆ **"The Annual Holiday Concerts"** on **December 1st** at 8 PM and **December 2nd** at 3 PM in the Dekelboum Concert Hall - For their 40th anniversary, the acclaimed 100-voice UM Chorus will offer a holiday tribute to Chorus founder Dr. Paul Traver that features seasonal favorites and celebrated choruses from Handel's oratorios.

◆ **"Chava Alberstein: In Concert"** on Sunday, **December 2nd** at 7:30 PM in Kay Theatre - See Israel's most accomplished singer and cherished folk icon, often cited as single-handedly reviving the Yiddish language and music as part of Israeli cultural legacy.

◆ **"Too Early To Be Quiet, Too Late To Sing"** on Monday, **December 3rd** at 1 PM in Hoff Theatre (Stamp Student Union) - Join Chava Alberstein for screening and discussion of her 1995 film, the result of interviews with elderly poets and writers who survived WWII and continued to write in Yiddish; it is interlaced with folk songs. Her work on this film inspired the 1998 film "The Well" for

which she wrote the music for 15 poems by the greatest Yiddish poets of the 20th Century. Questions? Contact 301-314-HOFF or <http://www.union.umd.edu/hoff/>. **FREE**

◆ **"The Annual Kaleidoscope of Bands"** on **December 7th** at 8 PM in the Dekelboum Concert Hall - This annual UM favorite mixes traditional band repertoire with popular music and Broadway hits as performed by the UM Concert Band, the "Mighty Sound of Music" UM Marching Band, and the Community Band.

◆ **"The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"** on **December 7th** at 8 PM in the UMCP Memorial Chapel - This 6th annual Festival will use the original format of the 1918 Kings College Cambridge service. It will feature the UM Men's and Women's Choruses, The Maryland Boy Choir, Organist Paul Hardy, and readers from the University and the surrounding community, with audience participation. (*Tickets by cash or check also may be purchased in the Chapel lobby one hour prior to concert time.*)

◆ **"UM Opera Workshop: a NOON recital of Opera Scenes"** on **December 11th** at 12:30 PM in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Drop by and enjoy this annual undergraduate recital of staged opera scenes with minimal props. **FREE**

◆ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) is offering a kids' movie+, a seniors' movie, and three holiday plays, all \$5.

◆ **"Penguin Playground"** - On Monday, **December 3rd** at 10:15 AM and 12 NOON, Bob Brown Puppets, one of the nation's master puppeteers, will fill the stage with large marionettes performing feats of skill and daring for young audiences.

◆ The **"Saturday Morning at the Movies"** series, created for ages 7 to 12, recalls the charm of yesteryear's weekly movie matinees. The fun includes peer-group comradery during a half-hour of vaudeville-style live entertainment followed by a feature-length family movie. On **December 8th** at 11

AM, the live entertainment will be the wonderful gospel choir, "**Sargent Gospel Airs.**" Then, the feature movie will be "**Unaccompanied Minors.**" a comedy film for the whole family. *(When a huge blizzard shuts down Chicago's O'Hare Airport during the holidays, five children traveling alone get together to outwit and outrun airport officials, turning the airport into their own wild amusement park.)* January 12th is the next Movie+.

On Monday, **December 10th** at 11 AM, the **Platinum Movies for Seniors** will be "**The Queen.**" *(Helen Mirrins' award-winning performance is a stirring portrait of grace under adversity.)*

◆ On Thursday, **December 13th** at 10:15 AM and NOON, Theatre IV will present "**'Twas the Night Before Christmas,**" a hilarious musical version of everyone's favorite Christmas poem. Recommended for Grades K-5.

◆ On Friday, **December 21st** at 10:15 AM and 12 NOON, Grades K-5 can enjoy "**A Christmas Carol,**" Theatre IV's musical version of Charles Dickens' classic story of greedy Mr. Scrooge learning his lesson with the help of singing ghosts from his past and the Cratchit family's Tiny Tim.



## DECEMBER FUN AT CPAE

All College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) events are free and held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue) unless otherwise noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for special activities, please contact 301-927-3013 or [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org); or for even more information, visit [www.cpae.org](http://www.cpae.org).

◆ At the **Kids' Arts Drop-in** on Sunday, **December 2nd** from 2-4 PM, instructor Aaron Springer will help children ages 3 to 8 be able to personalize their holiday gifts by printing

their own holiday papers. (All children must be accompanied by an adult.)

◆ The **College Park Youth Orchestra** invites you to their free winter concert on **December 2nd** at 7 PM. It will be held in the **Hyattsville Middle School Auditorium**. Conductor Ken Whitley will lead the young string players in adaptations from a variety of composers.

◆ CPAE invites children and their parents to experience an ancient European ritual and "**Celebrate the Winter With Light,**" on Sunday, **December 9th**, from 3-5 PM. Joan Almon, a former Waldorf kindergarten teacher and Director of the Alliance for Childhood, will lead the children in walking through a spiral of winter greenery by candlelight and learning about the star in the apple through a puppet show based on the old European folktale. This free event is ideal for ages 3 and older. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for this extremely popular event; contact 301-927-3013 or [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org).

◆ A second **Kids' Arts Drop-in** will be held this month on **December 30th** from 2-4 PM. At "**Totems and Talismans,**" children ages 3-8 will make fun charms for things you'd like to see in the New Year. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



## YEAR-ROUND FARMERS MARKET

The **Takoma Park Farmers Market** is located along the 6900 block of Laurel Avenue. For their 27th year, this **producers-only market** offers **produce grown locally** within a 125-miles radius. It is open every **Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM** year round. **To** see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit [www.takomaparkmarket.org/](http://www.takomaparkmarket.org/).

## HOLLY TROLLEYFEST

This year, why not visit the National Capital Trolley Museum's "Holly Trolleyfest." On five weekends (**December 1-2nd, 8-9th, 15-16th, 22-23rd, and 29-30th**) from 5-9 PM, visitors may ride with Santa and Mrs. Santa aboard a real "street car" or trolley as well as see a large toy train display in operation. (Please note: On the last weekend, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the North Pole and unable to visit.) The Museum is located at 1313 Bonifant Road. Go north on New Hampshire Avenue, pass Randolph Road and make a left onto Bonifant. Continue to the Museum. There is a small fee for the trolley ride. Questions? Call 301-384-6088.



## UPWC HOLIDAY MEETING

The **University Park Woman's Club** will meet in Custis Hall in Riverdale Presbyterian Church at 12 NOON on **December 3rd**. A special luncheon and beautiful holiday program have been planned.

Club members are looking forward to greeting many Town residents and their friends at the Candlelight Tour of Holiday Homes on **December 14th**. The \$12 tickets may be purchased from any Club member or by calling Michelle (240-304-6487) or Jean (301-520-8420). Mark your calendars now for the Club's white elephant auction which will be held at their January 7th meeting. Proceeds from the auction help to support local charities. Save your best unwanted gifts to donate to the WE table.



## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"Reading is to the mind  
what exercise is to the body."*

Sir Richard Steele

❖ This month, the **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) will offer an evening

discussion group with a theme and their bi-monthly chess club.

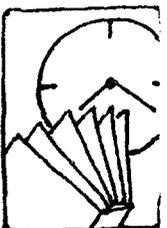
◆ **READERS' CIRCLE**, an evening discussion group, will focus on **BEAUTY** as the theme of their **December 6th** meeting at 7:30 PM. Participants may contribute ideas from their own reading sources (books, articles, or blogs) or from these optional books: "**Ansel Adams: National Park Service Photography**" by Ansel Adams and "**The Architecture of Happiness**" by Alain De Botton. The group will not meet in January or February.

◆ The Morning Book Discussion Group that meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM does not meet in December, January, or February. Their meetings will resume in March 2008.

◆ For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**December 6th & 20th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

❖ "Non-fiction by women authors" is the 07-08 theme of the **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** ([info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013). The Club meets from 7:30 to 9 PM at the Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth). On Friday, **December 14th**, they will discuss "**Annapurna: A Woman's Place**" by Arlene Blum. (*Blum led 13 very different women, aged 19 to 50, to climb Annapurna I in the Himalayas. It was the first American and first women's expedition to make this difficult and dangerous climb up the 10th highest mountain in the world.*) Please contact CPAE for questions or to save your place. For their January 18th meeting, they will discuss *Julie & Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously* by Julie Powell.

❖ The **After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - will continue their 2007-08 Club year on **December 18th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "**100 Years of Solitude**" by G.G. Marquez. Please call Margaret Callaghan (301-864-1031) to



attend. Their January 15th selection will be *Crown of Columbus* by L.Erdich and M. Dorris.



## HOLIDAY CONCERT AT RPC

Music at Riverdale invites UP residents to their annual "Christmas for Kids (of all ages)" concert at 4:00 PM on Saturday, **December 8th** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (301-927-0477). The concert is free but a goodwill offering is taken to provide support for future concerts.

This year's exciting holiday event will showcase the talents of local young musicians in the **College Park Youth Choir** and the **Concordia Middle School Choir**. Audience sing-a-longs of holiday favorites and a Grand Finale are sure to leave you smiling and humming! After the concert, you may meet the performers at an informal reception where crusty bread and a cup of warm soup will be available in addition to cookies and a beverage. Concert-goers then are invited to take a short stroll up Queens Chapel Road to celebrate the UP Town Tree Lighting at 6 PM. Why not plan now to make these two events a traditional "Must Do!" for your family.



## UPCA SING-A-LONG & UP ANNUAL TOWN TREE LIGHTING

On Saturday, **December 8th** at 6 PM, the University Park Civic Association will host a **Holiday Sing-A-Long** around the Town Tree, located at the intersection of Queens Chapel Road and Sheridan Street. Come bundled up to keep warm on the outside; the UPCA will lead some holiday songs for all ages and provide plenty of cookies and hot cocoa and cider to keep you warm on the inside.

The countdown to the **Town's 60th annual Holiday Tree Lighting** will begin at 6:45 PM. Shortly after the grand illumination, there just might be a visit from everyone's favorite

"Mr. C." So be on your best behavior, don your mittens and earmuffs, join your friends and neighbors, and be a part of this special Town tradition that began long ago in 1947.



## RIVERDALE PARK - HOLIDAY MARKET

Riverdale Park's 4th annual **Festival of Lights and Holiday Market** will be held on Saturday, **December 8th** from 1-9 PM and Sunday, **December 9th** from 12-5 PM at the Town Center, 4650 Queensbury Road (where the Farmers' Market was held). Donations of canned food will be gathered both days to give to area families. The Festival of Lights Trolley Ride on Saturday evening is free with donation of another non-perishable food item.

Vendors will be selling unique holiday gifts, and food; hot cocoa and cider will be available, as well as freshly prepared local food by Chef Lou of Greenbelt. There will be continuous live holiday music from your favorite bands and musicians. You can take free pictures with Santa, and purchase holiday trees and wreaths. Trolley rides will tour local Town holiday decorations, including the Riversdale Mansion, with a sing-along led by jolly elves. For more details, contact <http://www.rpholidaymarket.com/index.html> or 301-927-6381.



## DECEMBER AT BETH TORAH

UP residents are invited join the Beth Torah Congregation (6700 Adelphi Road, HY; 301-927-5525 or [bethtorah@starpower.net](mailto:bethtorah@starpower.net)) for some special December activities.

◆ A **Hannukah celebration** will be held on Saturday, **December 8th** from 7-9 PM. Come and enjoy candle lighting, delicious food, games, and a talent show. Please bring a can to donate to the holiday food drive.

◆ All residents are invited to Beth Torah's **Book Club** on Sunday, **December 9th** from 10-11:30 AM to discuss "**The Bielski Brothers**" by Peter Duffy. Feel free to attend even if you have not finished the book.

◆ All residents are invited to attend a Shabbat Dinner (catered by Town and Country Caterers) at 6:30 PM on Friday, **December 14th**. Children (\$9) must be accompanied by an adult (\$18). A special program, "**Jewish Influences on American Popular Song**" presented by Steve Kramer, will begin following services at 8 PM. The presentation is free to attend. Please call to RSVP.



### **PG PLAZA RECREATION CENTER**

During December, the **Prince George's Plaza Recreation Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, by the Library, 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445-4512) will host two seasonal Xtrem Teen events and a holiday play along with their regular classes and activities.

◆ The Center's Xtreme Teens program is especially for tweens (ages 10-12) and teens (ages 13-17) to participate in trips, programs, and special activities. Every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 PM, an assortment of games, movies, and crafts are available, as well as the option to play sports or even learn the latest dance moves. There is a \$15.00 yearly membership fee.

On Friday, **December 14th** from 5-8 PM, ages 10-12 can decorate their lockers and show a little holiday spirit by making a wreath magnet designed with sparkling beads and dazzling balls, and lit with battery-operated lights to shine all season. Please register by December 12th.

On Saturday, **December 15th** from 7-10 PM, ages 13-17 can use their creativity to make a fabulous door wreath, personally handcrafted and decorated with shiny baubles and beads. Please call to reserve your space by December 13th. (\$5 fee)

**Classic Christmas Open House** - On Saturday, **December 15th** from 5-7 PM, UP residents are invited to drop by for the PGP Community Center's period-style classic **Dickens' Christmas "Open House."** This family event will feature traditional carolers dressed in costumes from the 1800's accompanied by harpsichord-style music, and an old-fashioned Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Elf. The Center's decorations and refreshments will favor those of Dickens' time, and an art exhibit also will be on view. If you haven't been to the Center for a while, this would be a special time to make a visit and see its many facilities.



### **UPWC CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR**

On Friday, December 14th, the **University Park Woman's Club's** annual **Holiday Candlelight House Tour** will focus on five uniquely-decorated homes: As always, all the proceeds raised during this festive evening will benefit UP's three deserving local schools: University Park Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School, and Northwestern High School.

**From 7-10 PM** on the 2007 Tour, you will be welcomed into the beautifully-decorated homes of: **Neil Fraistat and Pam Wessling** (4202 Woodberry Street); **Virginia Myers** (6808 40th Avenue); **Joe Schultz and Dawn Nichols** (7002 College Heights Drive); **Joel Schwartz and Susan Bernard** (4402 Beechwood Road); and **Chris and Angela Wilkinson** (4310 Clagett Road).

**Tour tickets** (\$12) and maps are available now from **Jean** (301-520-8420) and **Michelle** (240-304-6487), on December 3rd at the **monthly UPWC meeting**, or from 7:30-9 PM during the Tour **at any of the Tour homes.**



### **UPCA IN DECEMBER**

The **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH** is **Lynn Butler** of Queens Chapel Road. **Lynn**

always is an active volunteer for most of the UPCA events. And on top of that, she also has been the UPCA Treasurer for just over two years. **Lynn** is filled with great ideas and always is willing to lend a hand. Plus, she makes sure we pay our bills!

The University Park Civic Association was formed about 17 years ago to promote our small Town, and organize and sponsor neighbor-friendly activities for children and adults. Over the years, UPCA has organized and paid for Fourth of July picnics, Halloween parties, winter holiday parties, wine and cheese parties, and many more activities, almost exclusively with UPCA funds that come from members' \$35 annual dues and a yearly contribution made by the Town. The activities are always open to all University Park residents and usually there is no fee to attend. Of the 923 homes in University Park, only 90 are paid members of the UPCA. UP has 2,100 residents, but only about 10 people attend the monthly meetings (while hundreds enjoy the parties the UPCA sponsors).

**Consider including the modest \$35 UPCA dues in your family's 2008 budget**, so bigger and better parties can be planned for Town residents next year. You may send your check to the UPCA Treasurer, Lynn Butler (6406 Queens Chapel Road, UP) or save a stamp and bring your \$35 check for 2008 dues to the UPCA Sing-A-Long at the Town Tree on December 8th. UPCA's membership meetings are held at 7 PM on the last Tuesday of each month. All residents are invited to attend and input suggestions for upcoming events or new activities that the group might sponsor. **There will be NO UPCA meeting in December**; the next meeting will be on January 29th in Room Two of Riverdale Presbyterian Church.



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Inquire at the Town Hall:  
6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP  
(301-927-2997/TDD 1-800-735-2258)



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FOR NEW  
UP RESIDENTS**

Contact Jenn Mooney  
jtmoondock@aol.com

**LOST PET DATABASE**

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Barbara Wilson (301-779-4139). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.

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