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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

FEB 1 - **EARLY NEWSLETTER Deadline**
for March: Sunday at NOON

FEB 2 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

FEB 16 - Presidents' Day
(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

FEB 23 - COUNCIL MEETING

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at 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 Council Meetings is posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall on the Friday before each Meeting.

FROM THE MAYOR JOHN ROGARD TABORI

THE ANNUAL BUDGET: Given the state of the economy and the significant uncertainties that the future may hold, I am focusing entirely on the annual budget in this column. Even in the best of times, budget planning is never an easy task. Unusual events may occur, as they did in July 2006 when a storm caused significant damage to our tree cover,

and in 2007 when we had to conduct an emergency spraying of our trees to control an unexpected gypsy moth infestation. And, there were times when the rapid rise in the value of our homes raised our property taxes far more than expected. But fortunately during the last few years, budget planning has been incremental and the Town has maintained the property tax rate at 0.60. The ups and downs of increased revenues and unexpected costs have worked to balance each other and, as a result, we have been able to maintain our budget in the black. In the past two and a half years, we have been able to build our reserves to about 1.35 million dollars and keep our operating budget at around 2.6 million dollars. As a result of this careful husbanding of resources and general fiscal conservatism, the Town has a AAA bond rating. This success has occurred in spite of inflationary pressures that have driven up costs and, in the face of economic problems, afflicted the nation over the past year.

In light of the recession, a number of citizens have expressed a desire for tax relief. Others would rather be sure that we maintain Town services at their current levels. There also are a number of infrastructure repair and maintenance issues that face the Town. In order to meet these seemingly conflicting objectives, I propose that (1) we hold our operating budget at its current level, or even lower it -- which we may be able to do; (2) we hold off on some fixed-asset purchases; (3) we only purchase necessary fixed assets by

releasing some of our reserves; and (4) for any new initiative to be considered, it must be self-funding and result in long-term savings. (This last requirement is in reference to the proposed adoption of a fixed-benefit pension plan. See the schedule in the following paragraph.) **If we could meet these four goals, we would be able to maintain Town services AND lower the property tax rate!**

Because the development of a budget that attempts to meet these goals will be difficult, it should be developed in full view of the public and should accommodate significant public participation. Therefore, I propose the following budget schedule: **On January 26th**, the Council will meet to hear a presentation of the new proposed pension plan. Also, the Mayor and the Treasurer will present a six-month review of our current budget and the projected expenditures and revenues through June 30th. **On Feb 23rd**, the Town staff and I will give a presentation on the costs and benefits of the proposed pension plan. **On March 4th**, I will make a presentation to the Council in which I will examine the projected revenues for Fiscal Year 2010, based on all the known facts. **On March 16th**, the full budget will be presented to the Council. **On April 20th**, I propose that the Council hold a formal budget hearing and on **May 4th**, a formal rate hearing. Finally, I propose that the FY 2010 Budget be adopted on **May 18th**. Of course, the Council may decide to adopt a different schedule than the one proposed here.

I urge any Town resident who would like to speak on a topic related to the budget or the proposed tax rates to attend one of the proposed meetings or hearings. **Residents who have comments on or suggestions for the budget, may present them at a Council meeting, write me a note, or send me an e-mail.** Whether you are writing or sending, please make it clear that you are addressing the budget. And, when sending your suggestions, comments, or ideas, please be cognizant of the schedule outlined above so that both your Ward Council Member and I have time to digest your thoughts and

implement them. (It is extremely difficult to be responsive at the last minute.) All budget presentations will be posted on line in Power Point and Word as applicable. Any materials that are handed out at the meetings will be made available as hard copies and electronically. If possible, please opt to receive your materials in electronic form via the Internet; you will help us save trees and money.



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

BREAKING & ENTERING is a violation of your private space and personal property. "Crime prevention" is the initiation of an action to remove or reduce the potential for crime. **There are three basic concepts that merit consideration:**

1 - When a home's appearance looks like a resident is present and attentive to the condition of the property, that in itself is a potent deterrent to would-be criminals. Make time to fix any broken windows or split doors.

2 - Physical security equipment is absolutely worthless unless it is used regularly. So, always lock your doors, use your dead bolts, and turn on your alarms.

3 - The component in any security system most likely to fail is the human one.

Try to keep your residence neat, clean, and in good repair...and give it the appearance that someone is at home. You can do this by being active when you're inside, or by being seen both inside and outside your home. Making your home look lived in and cared for is an easy but fundamental step toward preventing crime from happening there. Another step toward preventing home crimes is being a good neighbor. Get to know your neighbors and their habits to the extent that you can recognize deviations from normal behavior (and enable them to do the same for you).

Please call the police whenever you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner (loitering or observing, approaching multiple residences without any apparent business, or removing property from a neighbor's residence). **A cooperative neighborhood can increase everyone's collective home security with very little individual effort or time.** If you see a vehicle you don't recognize driving around your neighborhood, jot down the tag number; it might end up being the link to closing a case. The Town of University Park is such a great place because everyone is engaged in community activities. Make policing your community a regular activity and a habit.

University Park Police officers actively patrol the streets of our Town to maintain a safe environment. Their activities include, but are not limited to, traffic enforcement, school security, court appearances, public assistance, handling vehicular accidents and parking problems, training, making house checks, responding to calls, writing reports, making Town Park checks, directing traffic...and the list continues. Usually, the mere physical presence of a police officer is a crime deterrent and, most of the time, criminals will go to great efforts to avoid committing their crimes when an officer is within sight. But sometimes, no matter how well you secure your home, vehicle, or property, the "bad guys" are determined enough to carry out their crime. The best we can do then is to **work together to make our Town safe by locking your doors, using alarms** and other secondary devices, and, most importantly, always being vigilant by simply keeping an eye out for each other.

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.

CLUBS: A limited number of steering wheel clubs have become available for **FREE** from the Auto Theft Prevention Council. Help

deter your vehicle's theft by contacting the UPPD to get one, while they last.

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 or call the P.G. County Dispatch: 301-333-4000 and ask for a UP officer to respond). For Chief Mike Wynnyk, contact upchief@upmd.org or 301-277-0051. **ALL EMERGENCIES: dial 911.**

CRIME STATISTICS (Dec 1st to Dec 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Dec 5th	Theft from Auto	4200 Sheridan
Dec 5-7	Theft from Auto	4300 Clagett
Dec 7th	Stolen Auto	4300 Clagett
Dec13-14	Theft from Auto	6600 44th Ave
Dec23-28	Stolen Auto	6900 40th Ave
Dec25-30	Theft	6900 Oakridge
Dec28-31	B & E	4000 Beechwd
Dec 31st	Assault	7000 Adelphi

Theft From Auto - Between Midnight and 8 AM, suspect/s entered a 2000 Mazda and stole a book, "War and Peace," containing a CD. There was **no sign of forced entry.** No suspects were located. An investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto - Between 4 PM and 9:30 AM, suspect/s entered a 2003 Toyota Sienna van and stole a Garmin GPS unit and a cell phone charger. There was **no sign of forced entry.** No suspects were located. An investigation is ongoing.

Stolen Auto - Between 2 AM and 11 AM, suspect/s stole a 1999 Lexus SUV from in front of the residence. The vehicle was recovered on December 31, '08 in NE Washington, DC. Much of the personal property inside the vehicle was taken. The owner may have left a spare key in the console area of

have left a spare key in the console area of the vehicle; neither the door lock nor ignition were damaged. An investigation is on-going.

Theft From Auto –Between Midnight and 8:30 AM, suspect/s entered an unlocked 2006 Honda Odyssey van and stole a Kenmore sewing machine and a “Leatherman” tool. No suspects were located. An investigation is ongoing.

Stolen Auto - Sometime between the 23rd and 8 AM on the 28th, suspect/s stole a 2003 Pontiac Grand Am from in front of the residence. The owner discovered his vehicle missing when he returned home on December 30th from vacation, but the vehicle had been recovered on the 28th on Bel Pre Road in Silver Spring **with the keys in it.** The owner may have dropped his car keys near the vehicle when he was leaving for his vacation. An investigation is on-going.

Theft – Between Midnight on the 25th and 4:30 PM on the 30th, suspect/s stole a small concrete statue of a cherub (light green in color) from the yard of the residence. No suspect/s were located. An investigation in on-going.

Breaking and Entering - Between 1:20 PM on the 28th and 7:50 PM on the 31st, suspect/s forced open the front door of the residence and stole property. The tenant came home and noticed the door frame had been damaged. University Park Police responded and checked and secured the residence. Items stolen included two digital cameras and a small jewelry box containing a glass pendant. The crime scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood canvassed for fingerprints. No suspect/s were located. An investigation is on-going.

Assault – At 11 PM, a University Park police officer responded to a call for domestic assault. Upon arrival, the officer observed a scratch on the face of the victim. An adult male identified as the friend of the victim was placed under arrest and transported to Prince George’s Co. Detention Center. **Case Closed.**

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.



**FROM THE WARD 6
COUNCIL MEMBER
MARGARET W. WINTON**

I’M LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN OR WOMEN! Because of term limits, I will be stepping down after the Town Election on May 5, 2009. My six years of service have been incredibly rewarding. The experience has allowed me to meet many great Townsfolk, work with our Police Force and Public Works team, and keep abreast of all the development surrounding our neighborhood. **If you live in Ward 6** (the homes between Adelphi Road and Wells Parkway from Beechwood Road to Underwood Street) and might be interested in really contributing to the quality of life we enjoy in University Park, I encourage you to consider running for the Town Council.

The role requires NO prior political or civic experience, just a good ear, a little patience, and a sense of humor! I have an incredibly busy and demanding professional life and, yet, I still was able to devote the necessary time to do Council work. Council meetings traditionally take place on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. I urge all adults who reside in Ward 6 to consider representing the interests of their own families, their Ward, and our precious community by running for the position of Council Member. If you want to effect change, this is a fun and effective way to do so. Please contact me, Peggy Winton (ward6@upmd.org or 301-699-1610), and let me give you the straight scoop on how it all works. I also would be delighted to mentor you through the first few months of your beginning term.

HAVE A "BALL" RECYCLING!

If you have not begun to use those colorful reusable handled bags (available at Moms, Giant, & Safeway for 99¢, and SFW for 89¢), you need to recycle a LOT of plastic bags.

Collect ALL types and sizes of PLASTIC BAGS, plus bubble/shrink wrap, stretch film, etc. in one plastic bag until it becomes VERY full but the handles still can be knotted together to form a big plastic ball. Single-stream ONLY accepts plastic bags etc. recycled collectively in bag balls.



ITEMS TO NOTE

➔ ♥ **REMEMBER!** Leashes..&..Bags: The Town would like to remind residents that, under Prince George's County law, **dogs and cats must be "on leash"** when away from their owner's property. Also, the Town would like to congratulate all our conscientious dog walkers who faithfully and lawfully bag their pup's droppings. However, dog walkers of all ages (kids to seniors) are asked to deposit the bags only in their own trash receptacles after they have returned home.

♥ **PERMIT PROCEDURE REMINDER:** It is standard operating procedure for all UP residents planning to initiate ANY construction projects on their property to check first with the Town Hall to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. And remember; without exception, Town building permit applications and stamped County plans MUST be received in the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting. This allows time for your Ward CM to inspect the project.

♥ **NOTICE TO UP LANDLORDS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease any residence in University Park. Owners who reside in their house and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from this requirement. The rental license cost is \$250.00 per year. Rental license fees are used to pay for an annual inspection program for every licensed rental property in the Town. If you have questions about this law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

♥ **HAVE A "♥" -- HELP STOP CRIME:** Get your blue and white "UP" car sticker/s FREE at the Town Hall. All Town residents are asked to display one of these "UP" stickers on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are important to our Neighborhood Watch program. **They enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Town Hall hours are from 9 AM until 5 PM, Monday-Friday.

♥ **YARD WASTE:** As of September 8, 2008, Monday 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. **NOTE: Bamboo, vines, and ivy are considered trash** and should be put out with your Tuesday/Friday trash collection. To keep our Town looking beautiful, put yard waste out only the evening before collection.

♥ The **TOWN FIELD HOT LINE** is in service. Interested individuals may call 301-927-4262x600 to hear Field status updates.

♥ A **TOWN BUS HOT LINE** is now available. Interested individuals may call 301-927-4262x601 for general Town Bus info.

♥ **BULK TRASH:** Visit www.upmd.org and click on "Town Info" and "Contact Us" to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday pick-up. Please wait to put items at the curb until your

designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon, i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers...

♥ **BLUE RECYCLING TOTE (Thursdays):**

The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream recycling is used to collect all types of mixed paper (telephone books, magazines, boxes, envelopes, aseptic milk/juice cartons, newspapers, etc.), some metal (aerosol cans, aluminum foil, and food/beverage containers of aluminum-bimetal-ferrous/iron-steel), most plastics (grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap & stretch film (collected in one bag), drinking glasses/cups & dinnerware, narrow-neck containers #1-7, all wide-mouth containers, flower pots, and Rx containers), all glass, and all hangers. Recycling should be ready for **COLLECTION EACH THURSDAY** at 7 AM in the same manner and place as your trash cart. **NOTE:** Rinse all food & beverage containers.

WE CAN NOT RECYCLE: Light bulbs, broken glass, windowpanes or mirrors, any auto parts, motor oil or antifreeze containers, hazardous waste products or medical waste items, or any (hard or soft) **STYROFOAM**.

♥ **TRASH AND RECYCLING TOTERS:**

Remember not to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/Friday and Thursday pick-up days. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to return these items from the curb on the same day following the pick-up time.

To dispose of your old blue or yellow bins, please mark them with a large black "X" and set them out "empty" beside your recycling tote on any Thursday Recycling Day.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

REMINDER: On the upcoming Town holiday, Presidents' Day (February 16th), there will be no UP shuttle or 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 or Community Center visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM and 1:30 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of University Park.

Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway across from the Plaza. Senior or handicapped residents interested in this **FREE door-to-door service** simply need to notify the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

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.



NOTE: If stored outside, toters must be placed out of view from the street at the side or back of one's home.

If the most convenient place to locate your toters is a visible one, consider installing an attractive wooden surround, barrier wall, or lattice with plants or vines to block its view.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election

for the

Town of University Park

For the Office of

Council Member

for

Wards Two, Four, Five, and Six

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at
Riverdale Presbyterian Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road

DEADLINE

TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE

or

TO REGISTER AS A NEW VOTER

is

Monday, April 6, 2009

NOTE: Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:
(1) a citizen of the United States,
(2) eighteen years of age or older on the date of the election, and
(3) a resident of University Park.

TO REGISTER: Contact the P.G. County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or TDD 301-627-3352

CANDIDATES: Contact the Town Hall for candidate packet



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday, February 16th (Presidents' Day) is a legal Town holiday. The Town Office will be closed and there will be **NO bus service** or **Public Works collections**.

There will be no change to the regular collection schedule for Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday; and Monday's yard waste collection will be made on Wednesday, February 18th.



REMEMBER TOWN SNOW POLICY

♥ When there is a chance of snow, please use driveways or garages to park your vehicles. With fewer vehicles parked on Town streets, our Public Works crew is able to clear them of ice and snow more effectively.

♥ Residents are requested to keep their sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice. This thoughtful way to show consideration and possibly prevent injury benefits one's neighbors, mail carriers, public service employees, seniors, and others. Most jurisdictions ask that sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours after a snowfall. Each of the following young residents (who were listed on the "UP Teen Workers List" in the October NEWS-LETTER) is available for snow removal if you need help: Justin McPherson (15, Ward 3) 301-779-5249; Kyle McPherson (17, Ward 3) 301-779-5249; & Trey Whelton (14, Ward 7) 301-779-7943 or cell: 301-448-6757.



[Ed. NOTE: "Highlights" of the minutes from monthly UP Council Meetings and Work Sessions are not complete official records. Residents always are welcome to review the complete Council minutes after they are typed and returned to the Town Hall. Please call 301-927-4262 for more information.]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 15th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs) (CM Fischer left at 9:30 PM);

Attorney Ferguson, Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, and Director Beall.

Under public comment, a Clagett Road resident thought the proposed parking restrictions in Ward 5 were unnecessary for Clagett Road. CM Lucas said he was at a meeting with Senator Pinsky to discuss the underpass on Paint Branch Parkway for the Purple Line and the plans to deepen and widen the road to make that route more feasible.

Two motions for permit applications were approved unanimously for (1) installation of a 4'½"x6'½"x9'½' wooden shingled front entrance portico at 6715 44th Avenue and for (2) construction of a 13'x13' screened-in porch, and a 17'x24' deck at 6516 40th Avenue.

A motion for a permit application was approved (with DeSaussure abstaining) for installation of a 4' pressure-treated wooden fence with a 2x4" black wire fence on it at 7006 Wells Parkway.

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) The Cafritz property owners announced their development plans on December 13th. There will be 225,000 square feet of commercial space, 36,000 square feet of office space, and about 983 rental units covering 70% of the property. This will result in 24,000 additional car trips per day to and from the property. Maryland Avenue will be an entry/egress route. The traffic light entrance will be at Van Buren Street; a southern entrance will be opposite Underwood Street (a possible concern since it's used for school buses). The Cafritz owners plan to submit for zoning in January 2009 and break ground in 2-3 years. (2) At a meeting on December 15th led by MD Senator David Harrington, discussion included what projects would benefit from a possible large, nationwide infrastructure, infusion of funds by the Obama administration. In a meeting with neighboring municipalities, discussion focused on public transit and improving the Route 1 traffic flow, like

possibly creating a rapid transit bus route between IKEA and Mt. Rainier.

CM Fischer reported on (1) complaints from residents about a rental-property party on Clagett-Pineway and (2) confusion with UP street names. Apparently, a Clagett Road resident reported a fire on his property but the fire/rescue squads were routed to Clagett-Pineway (both streets have the same range of house numbers). CM Fischer inquired about renaming the streets or renumbering the houses. As a safety measure, the Mayor said a letter will be sent to residents reminding them to be very explicit when giving their location to 911, and the Town will investigate the issue of duplicate house numbers on those two streets.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he now has full access to the Town web page, and mentioned that *www.crimereports.com* was an alternate source for crime statistics in the greater community. He said all current available intelligence implies that any impact from the inauguration on UP would be minimal.

Director Beall reported that the season's leaf collection was complicated by most trees dropping the majority of their leaves in a very short period of time. Council discussion ensued on how to keep homeowners from piling leaves in the gutters and street right-of-ways. Re the pavement cut/patch on Pineway which is the width of the road, over 6-feet long, and currently an inch or so lower than when the temporary patch was laid: Mr. Beall informed the Council that it was the responsibility of WSSC who made the cut to repair a water line. They assured us they would complete the repair once weather conditions improved.

A Motion was approved unanimously to introduce Legislative Resolution 08-05 (to modify and expand the permit parking system in Ward 5). CM Mallino proposed a friendly amendment that would strike Clagett Road from the permit parking.

A Motion was approved (with CMs De Saussure, Dudinsky, and Winton voting nay; CMs Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson voting yea, and Mayor Tabori the tie breaker) to introduce Legislative Resolution 08-06 (to designate the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer as two separate offices).

A Motion was approved unanimously to amend the FY 2009 Budget to allocate \$69,077 to the prior year's surplus, and allocate the same amount to Unreserved Funds. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



OBITUARY

MARITA CAUFIELD VAN DER HAVE, 60, a resident of Underwood Street since 1981, died of breast cancer at her home on December 12, 2008. Marita Caufield was born in New York City on April 21, 1948, the first of Mary and Joseph Caufield's eight children. She earned her high school diploma from The Marymount School in New York City; graduated from Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York with a B.S. in Psychology; and received an M.S. in Occupational Therapy from Columbia University, New York, NY.

In 1965, Marita met her future husband and life partner, Rink Van der Have, at a Regis High School mixer. And after six years of mutual adoration, they married on May 29, 1971, and moved to Washington, DC a few months later. That fall, Marita began her 37-year career working with handicapped children in the Prince George's County Public Schools -- first, at Hollywood Elementary in College Park and, later, in the orthopedic unit at Catherine T. Reed Elementary in Lanham. Marita always considered herself fortunate that her life's work had combined her academic preparation with her love of children while allowing her to give service to the community. Many friends, colleagues, and

former students will remember her bubbly and vivacious personality, her happiness when students learned to write or to use a spoon, and her joy for all those students' successes.

Throughout her life, Marita was the embodiment of beauty, generosity, energy, and grace. She most enjoyed traveling, spending time with her family, and dancing with her husband, and she was able to pursue these interests during frequent visits "home" to New York for family events and holiday celebrations. She traveled with her husband to Holland, England, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy before parenthood absorbed their attention and opened the door to summer beach vacations at the Jersey Shore, Rehoboth Beach, and Lewes, Delaware. In that environment, she became an avid boogie board enthusiast, a beach walker, and a lover of sand and surf.

For several years, Marita organized the University Park Elementary School May Fair. She also coached LUP soccer and supported many other youth activities. She sang with several local women's choral groups as well as with the Sweet Adelines. And for many years, she supported the joint Christmas-Cookie-Party Open House extravaganza organized by the van der Have and Werge families (Underwood Street neighbors).

Marita developed a passion for soccer unexpectedly. She never considered herself an athlete, yet at age 59 found herself running apace with players half her age. Many years earlier, realizing one could not coach soccer without having some playing experience, Marita had begun playing with the local crowd at the University Park Town Field. But then, she went on to compete in Montgomery County women's leagues, to become a certified referee and, with her husband, to coach traveling teams for older teens in the Suburban Soccer League. And, she got to enjoy memorable trips to Jamaica and Trinidad with her husband's Older Red soccer team.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Rink van der Have; her sons Adrian, of University Park, and Daniel (and Vanessa) of Laurel, Maryland; her sisters Kathryn (and Michael) Broz of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Mary Alice (and Norman) Duchene of Derry, New Hampshire; Barbara Caufield of Glen Cove (Long Island), New York; Carolyn (and Michael) Caufield-Crane of Douglaston, New York; Jeanne Marie Leigey of Southold (Long Island), New York; and Jacqueline Caufield of Port Washington (Long Island), New York; her brother Joseph Caufield of Douglaston, New York; and her grandchildren Chase, Drew, and Claudia van der Have of Laurel, Maryland.

A memorial service has been planned for Saturday, February 7, 2009. It will be held in Riverdale Presbyterian Church at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS

♥ To the University Park Woman's Club on its 67th birthday -- the Club was formed on February 13, 1941! 9 days earlier, the USO had been created to entertain our American troops. 4 days earlier, speaking on a world-wide broadcast, Winston Churchill pleaded for the US to show Britain support by sending arms, "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job." 2 days earlier, Rommel arrived in Tripoli. You might expect that one of the Club's first projects was helping the WWII war bond effort...which resulted in a bomber being named for the University Park Woman's Club!

♥ To Jack and Julia Tossell who, after more than 30 years on Clagett Road, have downsized to new living arrangements in Rockville, MD. They would like to say good-bye to all their wonderful neighbors and to introduce the new owners of their UP home, Michael Lipitz and Kerry McDowell (see "Congratulations" item below).

At the end of June, Jack will retire from UMCP and become a research professor at George Washington University and a professor emeritus at UMCP -- a pretty busy "retirement"! Julia will continue to work at NIH but is looking forward to gardening at the Rockville Community Garden this summer. Daughter **Beth Tossell** graduated from law school in 2007 and now is working at the Children's Law Center where her clients are children in the DC foster care system. Son **Ken Tossell** is a junior at UMCP majoring in computer science. Even the Tossell cats, **BlackJack** and **Sir Lancelot**, have resettled nicely to an indoor life. Friends may keep in touch with all the Tossells at julia@tossell.net.

♥ To **Kerry McClellan** and **Michael Lipitz**, the new owners of the Clagett Road home where the Tossell family used to live (see above). Although Kerry grew up in Columbia, MD, she has had family connections to University Park for years; two sets of great-grandparents have been UP residents!

Her great-grandparents **Dave** and **Nettie McLeish** (and son **John McLeish**, Kerry's grandfather) built their home at 4314 Clagett Road. Nettie died in 1956 and Dave continued to live there until 1964. Then, Dave married **Marion Scharer** in 1966 and moved to 6709 41st Avenue. Kerry's great-grandparents **Dr. Charles White** and **Helen Rose White** lived at 4405 Beechwood from 1930-1980 and raised their daughters there, **Helen White McLeish** (Kerry's grandmother) and **Frances White Walker** (who taught at Hyattsville Junior High and later at Hyattsville Middle School). Kerry is a UMCP alumna and now is a commercial real estate broker at Transwestern in Bethesda.

Michael grew up in Millville, New Jersey. He graduated *cum laude* from UMCP where he was a four-year varsity starter and two-year co-captain of the men's tennis team. Before returning to work at his alma mater, he received his JD from Villanova University. Currently, Michael is UM's Senior Associate Athletics Director for varsity sports.

Besides planning for their spring wedding, Kerry and Michael enjoy cooking, exploring DC, celebrating Terp victories, and socializing with their friends and family. And when the weather warms up, they are looking forward to some gardening in their new yard. Neighbors are welcome to get in touch with Kerry and Michael at kerry_mcclellan@yahoo.com or michael.lipitz@gmail.com.

[Ed.NOTE: *(Thanks to Kerry's Great Aunt Frances Walker for this information.)* Originally, the Ward 6 UP area of Pineway, Beechwood, Oakridge, and Holly Hill was called "College Heights" and was not a part of UP. But when University Park became incorporated and began holding Town Meetings, it was Dr. Charles White who petitioned his College Heights neighbors and encouraged them to ask to be included in University Park. This was accomplished after each household paid for repair to the road in front of their home, which was felt to be a good venture for all! Also, when D.C. began renaming streets by syllables (close in, one syllable; farther out two, etc.), the old College Heights names changed: Beech Street became Beechwood; Pine Street became Pineway; Oak Road became Oakridge; and Holly Road became Holly Hill!]

Isn't it strange
That princes and kings
And clowns that caper
In sawdust rings,
And common people
Like you and me
Are builders for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make —
Ere life is flown —
A stumbling block
Or a steppingstone.

— R. L. Sharpe



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

♥ **Missing Cat FOUND!** Although Callie had been missing since "workmen let the cat out" last July, New Year's Day brought good news for Cathy Allen of Tennyson Road. Back in October 2008, a Town resident responded to Cathy's "lost cat" notice in that month's NEWSLETTER. Cathy says that, "Since then, that person and others have helped me keep track of her whereabouts and a phone call (on New Year's Day) that Callie was in someone's backyard and apparently looking for food led me to set up a Hav-A-Heart trap there. Took me less than 30 minutes to trap her! She is safely back in my home now."

"University Park is definitely a land of warm hearts and kind-hearted people! The story could not have had such a happy ending without the help of numerous UP residents who had no idea who I was, other than someone who needed help! I had put out information on the UP listserv and had sent fliers to many individual homes, but in the end, what did the trick was the good old-fashioned printed word inside a good old-fashioned hard-copy newsletter. Warms the heart of this ole former print journalist!"



SOARING INTO FEBRUARY

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer family movies and special films for Black History Month, plus a home-school day! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. **NOTE: On March 7th, Jay Jay the Jet Plane will arrive!** For more information, please contact www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765.

♥ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's

famous films series features a monthly Hollywood block-buster, classic, or documentary (with a flight theme). For Black History Month, the film will be repeated on the following Thursday. In addition, CPAM has arranged for double showings of two PBS specials on successive weeks. All shows begin at 1 PM on Sundays and 3 PM on Thursdays. As usual, they are FREE with your Museum admission... lemonade and popcorn included!

▼ On Sunday, February 1st, and on Thursday, February 5th, the featured film will be "The Tuskegee Airmen" (PG-13). This HBO Special is the story of the first four African-American pilots recruited for the United States Armed Forces. Their success would earn them respect and help the US win a terrible war; their failure might destroy more than just their own hopes and dreams.

▼ On Sunday, February 8th, and on Thursday, February 12th, the one-hour PBS documentary, "Flyers in Search of a Dream," will be shown. This special film contains rare archival footage, historical photographs, and dramatic vignettes which illuminate the long-neglected stories of early black aviators, including Hubert Julian, William Powell, Jr., Bessie Coleman, and James Herman Banning.

▼ On Sunday, February 15th, and on Thursday, February 19th, the film will be a different "The Tuskegee Airmen." This one-hour PBS documentary tells the true story of how African-American pilots lived through segregation to become fighter pilots in the middle of World War II.

▼ Next month, on Sunday, March 1st at 1 PM, the film will be "The Incredibles." This G-rated computer-animated Disney film follows the lives of a family of superheroes.

♥ **Home-School Day:** On February 9th from 10 AM to 2 PM, home-schooled students ages 7 and older and their parent-educators are invited to the Museum for a day of learning and adventure. Aviation-themed activities

and crafts will address learning in the areas of language, science, math, and art. Fee: \$4 per participant; pre-registration is required.

♥ On Tuesday, February 10th, join the "Afternoon Aviators" to design your own puzzle! From 2-4 PM, this new monthly after-school program invites Museum visitors to enjoy a special aviation-themed activity - all included in the regular Museum admission. The next session will be on March 10th.



YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET

You can eat locally year round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 28th year, this producers-only market offers produce grown locally within a 125-mile radius. It is open every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM. To see what is available at the 23 stalls please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.



UPWC PRESENTS AGING HAPPILY

The University Park Woman's Club will meet on Monday, February 2nd at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. This month's program was arranged by the Club's Public Affairs Chair, **Sallie Holder** of Van Buren Street. The director of the Episcopal Senior Ministries "Cares" program, Mary Ann Buckley, will be speaking on "Aging in Place" and how to find workable solutions that will enable seniors to continue living in their own homes. To this end, ESM Cares provides counsel and professional guidance to older adults and their families through personalized care plans tailored to match individuals' needs with relevant available resources. It's an exciting program for adults of all ages to explore!