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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JAN 1 - Happy New Year 2011!

JAN 3 - COUNCIL MEETING and
Street Proposal Meeting, 7:30 PM

JAN 5 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
February issue, 12 NOON

JAN 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(Town Hall closed; no bus service)

JAN 22 - STEP-UP KICK-OFF Workshop!
UPES, 1-4 PM

JAN 24 - COUNCIL MEETING

JAN 26 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
March issue, 12 NOON

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 will be 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

As usual, the Town Tree lighting welcomed December with a blaze of light and wonderful holiday cheer. Lynn Butler, Michael Cochran, and many dedicated members of the UP Civic Association and UP Historic Preservation Association organized a great pot luck holiday party at Riverdale

Presbyterian Church (some members even remained behind to clean up while the group went to the Town Tree). And, as she does every year, **Maxie Phillips** (aka Mrs. Santa) worked like a crew of six making centerpieces and greenery displays, helping set up, welcoming people, keeping the tables cleared of empty dishes, and cleaning up at the end. There was lots of good home-cooked food and wonderful entertainment for all. This year, Santa Claus visited the Hall, born into Town on his chariot of steel provided by the **Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department**. **Sarah Moseley** provided candles to lead the way from the church to the Tree, and **University Park Community Solar LLC** provided the power to light the Tree. But in the end, it was the mighty hands of **Aubrey and Ian McClaren** who pushed the button that lit the Tree! **A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who made the event -- on a cold dark night -- so full of warmth and joy.

As everyone welcomes in the New Year, please give some thought to our Town's past and the warm character and history of University Park. Beginning this spring, we will be **CELEBRATING OUR TOWN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY** through early fall. If any of you have old pictures of the Town or documents that might be of interest, we would appreciate you sharing a copy. As part of the celebration, the **75th Anniversary Committee** and the **UP Historical Preservation Association** plan to put together a photo exhibit of the Town's history and create a walking tour of historical spots of interest in Town. For anyone who might be willing to

share a story about the Town, we will provide the tape recorder. And, those of you who could volunteer to help with the preparations for one of a number of very interesting anniversary events, please contact **Chris Garcia** (President of the UP Historical Preservation Association) or **Sarah Moseley** or **Bridget Warren** (Co-Chairs of the 75th Anniversary Committee). You will have fun and they all could use your help.

I am very excited to announce that the Town has hired **Suzanne Parmet**, our new **ENERGY COACH**, to help manage the DOE Small Town Energy Program for University Park (affectionately known as STEP-UP). Suzanne officially joined the Town Hall staff on December 7th. If you have any interest in increasing the energy efficiency of your home, improving the comfort of your home in both winter and summer, and possibly saving money on your energy bills (which can be pretty scary), then do not hesitate to call Ms. Parmet and ask her about the program. One way to meet her and to learn more about getting an energy audit (to discover how the energy efficiency of your home can be improved) is to set aside some time on **January 22nd** to attend **our exciting STEP-UP Kick-Off event**. Please refer to the light blue STEP-UP insert in this NEWSLETTER for all the details about the **Kick-Off**.

As some of you may be aware, a major **PROPOSAL TO REPAIR THE TOWN'S STREETS** was presented to the Town Council on November 15th and December 6th. The proposal has the work beginning in 2011 and being completed in 2013. The repairs would involve every street in Town except for one or two minor exceptions where, at present, no work is needed. The proposal and all the pertinent related documents have been posted on the Town's website. Approximately 50 percent of the road work would be done in 2011, another 40 percent in 2012, and the remaining 10 percent in 2013. Unlike the work performed by Washington Gas and WSSC, the proposed road work will take far less time and be less intrusive; and, since the contractors will work directly for the Town,

we will have greater control over the work and any inconvenience that might result. **The Council will be holding a Public Hearing on the Street Repair Proposal on January 3rd, 2011.** If you have an interest in commenting on this issue, please plan to attend this Hearing. As usual, the Hearing will be held at UPES at 7:30 PM and be followed by the Council Meeting.

Recently, the Town Council adopted an important procedural change which is worth noting. **TOWN STAFF REPORTS** will be split between our two monthly Meetings to allow more time for other issues. The Town Clerk, the Director of Public Works, and the STEP-UP Energy Coach will report at the first session of the month; the Town Treasurer, the Police Chief, and the Town Attorney will report at the second session. In her first Council report, **Clerk Headley** outlined her duties and responsibilities and then highlighted the Town Bus service pointing out that during the last 11 months (January through November 2010), nearly 17,000 passengers had been carried by the morning and evening commuter service. This represents nearly a 70 % increase in Bus usage over the past four years. A preliminary analysis suggests that this may reduce the Town's carbon footprint by as much as 18,000 gallons of gasoline during this time period. HATS OFF to Ms. Headley for doing such a nice job of managing the Town Bus service and tracking the data.

"I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and will have a wonderful New Year during 2011! As always, please take care of yourselves and drive carefully. I will see you around Town."



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

Happy New Year! The Men and Women of the **University Park Police Department** hope that everyone had a safe

and joyous holiday season. As we begin a new year, the UPPD encourages each of you to "stay safe" in your daily routine by using good common sense to provide a secure environment for yourself, your family, and our community.



The University Park Police Department recommends: **"8 WAYS TO STAY SAFE"** throughout the New Year:

❖ **Be a vigilant community member!**

Watch out for children, seniors, and those who can't protect themselves. Get to know your neighbors, and call the UPPD when you see a problem.

❖ **Drive safely!** Stop at "STOP" signs, obey the speed limit, wear your seatbelt, and wear your bike helmet. Wear reflective clothing when walking and running. It is the residents who make UP a safe community.

❖ **Lock your car!** Use a secondary anti-theft device, and never leave it unattended while it's running. Do not leave your new gifts, your iPod, a GPS unit, a laptop, spare keys, or even loose coins in your vehicle. Low-cost computer software that can track a stolen laptop is available; get it.

❖ **Carry your cell phone when you walk through Town!** It doesn't have to be turned on but should have the Police phone number programmed on it. Please call immediately if something doesn't seem right.

❖ **Re-stock your home emergency preparedness kit!** Add water, first-aid items, non-perishables, etc. Change the batteries in your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors and emergency flashlights & radios. Check the emergency kit in your vehicle. Review your fire emergency plan with your family.

❖ **Keep your possessions (and new gifts) safe!** Use that new camera to photograph your valuables. Document and save the serial numbers of your new purchases and etch a serial number on the item if it doesn't have one (your driver license number is recommended, NOT your Social Security Number). Always securely lock your home, garage, shed, bicycle, tools, etc.

❖ **Organize your wallet and purse!**

Thieves often steal a single credit card and leave the purse and wallet behind. Take only the cash and one credit card that you'll need when you go out. Check your credit card statements very carefully and be sure your purchases match your bills.

❖ **Be careful when using the Internet!**

Internet crime is one of the most prevalent means of fraud and theft. Children & teens are at risk of exploitation while adults face identity theft and fraud. Be sure you know where you and your children are in cyberspace and with whom you are dealing.

NOTE: UPPD has more **FREE SECURITY CLUBS**. A limited number of steering wheel clubs have become available from the Auto Theft Prevention Council. Get one NOW and help deter theft from and of your vehicle. Contact the UPPD to receive your free club,

Important info is on your neon yellow **ANNUAL INFORMATION SHEET**. You can check for details on joining the Chief's E-List and/or joining the Sexual Offender Alert Line.

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: CALL 9-1-1**



CRIME STATISTICS (Nov 1st to Nov 30th)

DATE	CRIME	UP BLOCK/STREET
Nov 3-4th	Stolen Auto	4000 Tennyson Road
Nov 8th	Theft	6800 Baltimore Ave
Nov 10th	Theft from Auto	4200 Van Buren Street
Nov 19th	Robbery	Beechwd & 40th Ave
Nov 19-20	Theft	6800 Baltimore Ave
Nov 23-24	Theft from Auto	4100 Beechwd Road
Nov 29th	B & E	4100 Wdberry Street
Nov 29-30	Theft	6700 40th Avenue

Stolen Auto (Between 11:30 PM and 10 AM): Suspect/s **stole a 1997 Honda Civic** that was parked on the road. No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft (Between 3:30 PM and Midnight):

One of the tenants had **an Apple laptop computer stolen FROM THE COMMON LIVING AREA** of the residence. No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 2:30-8:30

AM): Suspect/s broke the right front door window of a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu and **stole an iPod music player and a pair of sunglasses.** No suspect/s have been located and the investigation is ongoing.

Robbery (At 9:30 PM):

As the victim was walking home from the Belcrest Road bus stop, he observed a small dark colored SUV swerve and stop abruptly next to him. **The suspect pointed a silver knife at the victim and demanded his wallet. The victim complied.** The suspect then fled back into the SUV which fled toward Adelphi Road. The victim was not injured in the incident and he ran home and called the police. An area canvass was conducted by members of the PG County Police, District 1 Robbery Suppression Team. It was negative for witnesses or evidence. Area checks for the suspect vehicle also were negative. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft (Between 5 PM on November

19th and 7 PM on November 20th): One of the tenants had **cash stolen FROM A BOX ON A BOOKSHELF.** The tenant advised that whenever the landlord had workers in the residence, things were stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 8 PM and 7

AM): Suspect/s broke the driver's side window of a 2011 BMW and **stole a Garmin GPS unit.** No suspect/s have been located. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 7 AM

and 9:50 PM): Residents advised that they were upstairs in the home throughout the evening and came downstairs at approximately 9:50 PM. They found **a purse and keys missing from near the front door area and a laptop computer missing from the den.** They

contacted the police and UPPD responded and searched the premises. It was determined that the suspect/s entered the home through an **UNLOCKED REAR DOOR** to steal the items. The scene was checked for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s were located at the time. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft (Between 4 PM on November 29th and 5 PM on November 10th): Suspect/s **stole two delivered packages FROM THE FRONT PORCH** of the residence. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in Town should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential.



[Ed. NOTE: "Highlights" of the minutes from monthly UP Council Meetings are incomplete unofficial records with a 2-month lag time. Residents who cannot attend Council Meetings should review the minutes available on line or at the Town Hall. Please call 301-927-4262 for more information.]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 1st COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Bradley Chacón, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, Toscano, and O'Connor; Town employees Chief Wynnyk and Clerk Headley.

During **Public Comment re sewage pipe replacement**, CM Lucas (who attended the recent MD Municipal League (MML) meeting with Mayor Tabori) said another attendee had informed them that when his community relined their sewer pipes, the quantity of water and sewage traveling to the treatment plant increased by three to five times more than before the upgrade, which caused a significant increase in his town's water and sewer bills since his town owned their treatment plant.

CM Lucas noted that the additional development planned for the UP area would cause University Park's existing (terra cotta) sewer pipes to be replaced. He said **the (natural) leaching from terra cotta pipes also reduced the amount of water and sewage that reached the treatment plant**, but once the terra cotta was replaced with plastic or steel, ALL the liquid that entered the pipes would flow to the treatment plant. He added that WSSC's capacity calculations for its treatment plant at Blue Plains (in southeast DC) did not yet include the increased effluent volume that would begin to reach it in the near future.

Clerk Headley, a resident of Greenbelt, mentioned that, recently, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. had used video cameras to inspect their existing clogged in-ground terra cotta pipes. After determining that refurbishing them in place was too expensive, they attempted to flush them. She noted that five large trees on her property had been removed as part of Greenbelt's sewer line replacement, though she had campaigned for directional boring (having contractors dig through or under tree roots). Unfortunately, boring (at \$10,000 per tree) had been prohibitively expensive when compared to removal.

Mayor Tabori announced that the Landy property development currently was limited to having 789 residences to avoid exceeding the capacity of the sewer system. He added that the transition from terra cotta or brick "pervious pipe" to an "impervious plastic piping or liners" significantly amplified the volume of water that would reach the DC Blue Plains sewage treatment facility.

Mayor Tabori reported that the Zoning Board voted 3-0 to DENY the Variance for a parking pad in front of the home **at 6903 Adelphi Road.** He said that once the written removal order was received by Town Hall, the removal date would be negotiated with the owner. A likely time frame for the parking pad's removal would be in March to avoid a muddy raw dirt area being there all winter.

[Ed.NOTE: Since the Meeting, the owner has removed the pad.]

Chief Wynnyk reported that he had participated in the Public Safety Committee meeting held prior to this Council Meeting.

Update on the Belcrest Plaza/Landy Project: Mayor Tabori reviewed the October 26, 2010 letter submitted to Chairman Thomas E. Dernoga of the Prince George's County Council that was in regard to Detailed Site Plan (DSP) 99048. After conversations with Ms. Susan Lareuse of the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Mr. Chip Reid, the Landy property Attorney of Record, the Mayor said he learned that **the Landy property owners were exploring the creation of an Ownership Council in partnership with adjacent communities**. A meeting was set for November 8th to discuss the Nine-Pond Riverine Park proposals with Ms. Kate Fritz of the M-NCPPC.

Mayor Tabori reviewed the storm water management implications of development in the surrounding area. He said there were many areas for discussion but the developers were pressed for time and needed to move forward. He said the assistance and engagement of the Council was needed to support and respond to all the development initiatives that would affect UP and he recapped the recent engagement of local & federal officials as well as the US Army Corps of Engineers to support the development of the Nine-Pond Riverine Park.

Mayor Tabori said all the conditions listed in the October 26th letter had been accepted and in some cases strengthened. The next step for the developer would be to request a construction permit. In advance of that action, the Mayor said he would call a Council Meeting with the Town Attorney in attendance. He said the significant challenge to University Park is that the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation had pre-approved the "conceptual storm water management

plan" without any options for community engagement and comment.

Mayor Tabori announced that he had taken on the role of Co-Chair for the Envision Prince George's group (with his role focusing on economics) and said he had offered to create an economic model for the County. One of his preliminary findings was that Prince George's County had the second lowest per capital income in the state of Maryland, higher only than Baltimore City. He said this fact had serious implications for how developers approached County projects and how much money might be invested in infrastructure -- like improved sewer systems!

Re the Town's Street Repair and Maintenance Plan: Mayor Tabori introduced and discussed the three year street maintenance plan with the Council and said that on December 5th, he would submit to the Council a final prioritization for the order of street repairs. Then, he said he would prepare various funding scenarios under the five year budget plan that had been developed previously. The funding alternatives included a State construction bond, a combination of budget and bonds, and funding the project from a budget only. Based on extensive discussions with the Town Engineer, he estimated that prices were accurate to within ten percent.

Criteria for the street repair prioritization were based on the serviceability of the roads. If simple patching could maintain the integrity of the road surface, those roads would be assigned a lower priority. If the road surface was degraded to the point where potholes and surface lifting had developed, immediate repairs would be required. The concrete gutters and sidewalks would be a priority wherever water was penetrating and undercutting the structures.

Council Members inquired about the current and future plans of the utility providers since there would be no reason to proceed with road repair if, shortly thereafter, WSSC or WGL had to dig into the road

for utility work. Mayor Tabori explained that the Envista system (supported by WSSC, WGL, and Pepco) would allow the Town to know where projected future work might occur.

Mayor Tabori described his proposed calendar for reviewing and approving the street repair plan. He said he would present the plan's various financing options to the Council at the November 15th Council Meeting. Because the Town Engineer would be attending that meeting, the Mayor asked that, by November 11th, Council provide them with a list of questions so he and the Town Engineer could prepare adequate answers. Mayor Tabori proposed that the pricing be established at the December 5th meeting with a 90-95% confidence level. Then, he would present two draft motions, one for contracting the plan and the other for financing it. He also asked that a Public Forum be held sometime between December 5th and the January Council Meetings. Mayor Tabori noted that the best time to submit requests for proposals from the paving contractors would be in January. However, the streets currently being worked on by WSSC must be allowed to settle for one year before any resurfacing work could be conducted. *[Ed.NOTE: The Public Hearing has been set for January 3, 2011.]*

Re Resolution 10-R-09 (State Highway User Fund and Police Aid): CM Mallino adamantly opposed broadening municipal government taxing authority. CM Bradley Chacón said that a participant at the Maryland Municipal League meeting had raised the concern that granting municipalities the right to raise taxes might enable the State to decline financial assistance to the municipalities. CM Mallino clarified the Resolution by explaining that the federal government had given money to the states for road maintenance. Maryland held these monies and applied them to the Maryland State General Fund, so the municipalities still were required to carry out and pay for road maintenance. She said some western Maryland counties had a revenue loss of 30% or more of their total municipal budget.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the adoption of Resolution 10-R-09 (State Highway User Fund and Police Aid), as edited to remove "... and to provide more diverse revenue raising authority to municipalities" from paragraph 1, "... and to create alternative municipal funding mechanisms" from paragraph 7, and to remove the text in the final paragraph after the phrase "... state aid for police protection." The Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 15th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, Mallino, and Toscano; and Town employees Chief Wynnyk, PWD Director Beall, Attorney Ferguson, and Treasurer Baden.

Motions were passed unanimously to: (1) **install a 25'x3' paved concrete walkway at 4206 Sheridan Street**; (2) **enlarge an existing 14"x30" basement window and install a new window to meet the 32"x40" egress code at 4206 Sheridan Street (with the Town having the right of inspection upon completion of the work)**; and (3) **replace and enlarge an existing concrete driveway by 10'x32', replace an existing concrete walkway and add a new 2'.5"x34' concrete walkway, and replace an existing 7'x4' landing in front of the deck at 6521 Adelphi Road.**

A motion was passed unanimously to approve a six-month renewal parking waiver for up to two vehicles for the rental property at 6713 Queens Chapel Road.

Mayor Tabori reported on two items. (1) **Re monthly Council reports:** He proposed having the Town Clerk report about information being handled at the Town Hall and suggested moving the PWD Director's report to the first Council Meeting each month. CM Carey recommended having the STEP-UP

Energy Coach also give a regular monthly Council report.

(2) Mayor Tabori said the **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)** had ordered its contractors to do no construction work during Thanksgiving week. One contractor approached Town Hall and asked for permission to work on Monday and Tuesday. CM Mallino asked if WSSC would be informed and if they would have inspectors available to respond to any Town concerns or problems. If so, then she would agree to the proposal. CM Carey said residents on Van Buren Street had been asked to allow the heavy equipment to stay on the street overnight so the work could be finished faster, and the Van Buren Street residents had agreed. Expediting the work so the heavy equipment could be removed from Town more quickly would be in everyone's interest. **Mayor Tabori said he intended to allow all three WSSC contractors to work on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.**

During Chief Wynnyk's report, CM Carey mentioned that at the District 1 police meeting in College Park, there was mention of a significant increase in scrap metal thefts as well as an increased problem with prostitution along the Route 1 corridor.

Director Beall reported that the Town's leaf collection season was in full swing. He said the **leaf pick-up schedule** was posted on the Town web site (www.upmd.org).

Director Beall said there were three companies carrying out construction work in University Park. Street and sidewalk repair work was progressing on Adelphi Road and the **County would be replacing all the median trees** as well as nine trees in the curb boxes on UP's side of Adelphi Road. He added that the choice of replacement trees was constrained by the high exposure to road salt that the trees would receive and said the consensus for the best choice was **pink single-trunk crape myrtles**. As for spring street tree planting locations in Town, Mr.

Beall said locations had been identified in general terms but not for specific addresses.

In a discussion on area storm water management, CM Lucas said the Blue Plains Treatment Plant did not have the capacity to handle the planned sewage increases.

Attorney Ferguson reported that the State is requiring local governments to amend their local ethics codes. She is awaiting a template of the amendment and will review it once she receives it. (On a personal note, Attorney Ferguson is celebrating her 25th year as the Town Attorney.)

CM Lucas raised questions about the clear-cutting of the woods behind St. Mark's Church as part of the development there. He said the clear-cutting appeared to be in violation of the development's permits.

Re the Belcrest Plaza/Landy Project: Mayor Tabori said no new permits would be issued until the District Council addressed the storm water management legislation. Mr. Chip Reed, the Landy attorney, was interested in meeting with UP to discuss traffic management issues at the Cafritz property. Mayor Tabori said he wanted to ensure that any traffic discussions covered the entire local area, including Prince George's Plaza.

Re UP's Street Repair & Maintenance Plans: Mayor Tabori distributed three alternative plans and said he favored the plan proposed by the Town Engineer. CM Mallino asked about synchronizing the street repairs with the WSSC reimbursement rate. The Mayor said there was approximately \$755,000 available for Phase I of the Street Repair program. The first week in February would be the critical time to release the Request for Quote (RFQ) to paving contractors. CM Mallino asked that Tuckerman and Sheridan Streets be looked at to ensure they were properly represented in the repair plans.

Re the Town's 2010 Audit: Mr. Frank DeFroda and Mr. Mike Mood of Barbacane, Thorton, and Company LLP presented the

Town's audit report and said that **University Park had received a clean financial opinion.**

Re "Write-off of Accounts Payable": Treasurer Baden explained the background of the proposal. These were expenses that the Town did not expect to pay out ever and, accordingly, wanted to treat as a reduction in expenses for the current period. The offset would be applied either to the "Street Repairs" or "Tree/Park Maintenance" Line Items in the budget.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve writing off the following "accounts payable" and reducing a Public Works Line Item for the total amount of \$6,724.62:

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. – For Traffic Calming on Route 1: \$638.54

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. – For Stream Bank Construction: \$3,837.68

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. – For the Town Soccer Field: \$304.15

Natco – For Office Furniture: \$463.20

NE Electric – For Clock: \$1,481.05

A **motion** was approved unanimously to restore the amount of \$6,724.62 to the actual expenditure column of Building Maintenance Line Item 6015-01.

Re the Revised Wells Run MOU Agreement: Riverdale Park will revisit the MOU agreement during their November 29th council meeting. CM Lucas expressed concerns about Hyattsville's commitment and engagement in the process and advocated moving forward with legal filings under the federal Clean Water Act, if necessary. Mayor Tabori noted the importance of strengthening the positive relationship with Riverdale Park.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve the revised version of the Wells Run MOU that was approved by the Hyattsville City Council and signed by their Mayor. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 17th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) is a legal Town holiday. **The Town Office will be closed** and there will be **NO bus service**. There also will be **NO UPPWD Monday yard waste collection**. Instead, **yard waste will be collected on Wednesday, January 19th**.



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 2010 NEWSLETTER) is available for snow removal if you need help: **Jack McKeown** (12½, Ward 3) 301-277-1528; **Justin McPherson** (17, Ward 3) 301-779-5249; and **Kyle McPherson** (19, Ward 3) 301-779-5249.

*Oh! the Snow, the beautiful Snow,
Filling the Sky and earth below,
Over the housetops, over the Street,
Over the heads of the people you meet.
Dancing, Flirting, Skimming along,
Beautiful Snow! It can do no wrong.*

J. W. Watson

HOLIDAY REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

Christmas **trees** and other "natural" holiday decorations such as **wreaths** and **garlands** (as well as leaves, brush, and grass clippings) also **may be RECYCLED**. Simply place these items by the curb on any Yard Waste **RECYCLING** Day (usually Monday). Please remember that all trees, wreaths, etc. must be free of tinsel and other adornments. Then, the greenery can be shredded into mulch (instead of becoming landfill) to create a **REUSABLE** by-product -- as well as saving on tipping fees and landfill space.

AND instead of **RECYCLING** them, **REDUCE** the amount of holiday wrappings and boxes you discard by **REUSING** the **boxes** and larger pieces of **wrapping paper**. New decorations and gift tags easily can be fashioned from the fronts of your holiday cards and saved to use on next year's gifts.

Holiday **wrapping paper**, **gift boxes**, **greeting cards**, and **envelopes** also may be **RECYCLED** by placing them in your single-stream **RECYCLING** cart. All **RECYCLED** paper is used to make useful fiberboard items...like cards, napkins, and pizza boxes!



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ **REMINDER:** You can bring the holiday season to a close in high style at the Riversdale House Museum's Regency-style "**Twelfth Night Ball**" on **January 15th**. The National Historic Landmark mansion provides a historic sparkling setting for some friendly dancing to live period music. Dance lessons begin at 7:30 PM so everyone can enjoy the dancing from 8 PM-10 PM. Period inspired refreshments are included. Come dressed in your finest Regency attire or black tie. **NOTE:** Because of space limitations, **reservations are requested by January 7th**. Please contact 301-864-0420 or riversdale@pgparks.com to check if space is available and to make a reservation (\$32 fee).

❖ **CORRECTION:** In the December article about the Town's Holiday Supper Party, the NEWSLETTER mentioned that the **Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD)**, though exceptionally supportive of University Park, was not the Town's official area fire department. This was incorrect and most regrettable. The HVFD provides excellent primary fire and emergency medical services to the City of Hyattsville, to most of University Park, to the Prince George's Plaza area, and to several unincorporated areas, including University Hills.

❖ **CHANGED:** For this month only, the **University Park Woman's Club Meeting** will be held on the second Monday, **January 10th**. The agenda remains the same: 11:30 fellowship, NOON luncheon, 12:30 meeting, and at 1 PM, **a wonderful program on "Art."** Guests & visitors always are welcome; for more info, please call Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414).



! CONGRATULATIONS !

Most of the winners of the **University Park Woman's Club's 2010 Holiday Home Decorating Contest** will display their "colors" through the first week of January or longer. Plan a drive-around-Town now and view all of this year's STUNNING "oohs" and "ahhs":

BEST-DECORATED DOOR

1st: WILLONER (4407 Holly Hill Road);
2nd: YOUNISS (6902 Forest Hill Drive);
3rd: LIPPERT (6907 Forest Hill Drive).

BEST RELIGIOUS DECOR

1st: WOOTTEN (6912 Wells Parkway);
2nd: BEHNEMAN (4201 Tuckerman Street);
3rd: SPEARS (6707 Wells Parkway).

BEST CHILDREN'S DELIGHT

1st: HORAN (6711 Wells Parkway);
2nd: DORN/LESIW (7008 40th Avenue);
3rd: HAYES (4322 Van Buren Street).

BEST WHOLE HOUSE DECOR

1st: STODDARD (6320 Baltimore Avenue);
2nd: TORNATORE/WHITAKER (4315 Clagett Rd);
3rd: PARISH (6902 Wells Parkway).

A **BIG THANKS** to **Will's Decorating Center** in Beltsville for donating a gift card to the first place winners in each category.



STRETCH, SING, & STAMP IN 2011

❖ The University Park Church of the Brethren (corner of Tuckerman Street and Route 1) sponsors a **FREE Saturday morning Tai Chi class**. Janet Thomas teaches the class at 8 AM; usually, class is held indoors, but occasionally it may be outside. All ages and levels are welcome, although the class tends to have an introductory emphasis. The garb is just comfortable non-restrictive clothing. **Two week-day classes (with tuition) also are being offered** for beginners and for those with some experience. Thursday evening classes are held from 6-7 PM and 7:15-8:15 PM. There is a \$20 fee for an hour long drop-in class, but a \$40 discount is available to those signing up for an 8-week session! **Additional discounts are available** for students 55 years and older and for UPCB members. For more information, please contact Janet Thomas at janetthomas1@verizonnet or (301-466-5894).

❖ Also at University Park Church of the Brethren, Robin Richmond, an experienced and registered yoga teacher for 25 years, is teaching a **Yoga class** on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM. For questions, please contact Robin (301-608-0771 or bansuri1957@aol.com).

❖ Enter into the fascinating world of **Printmaking** with Tuckerman Street resident (and Montpelier Resident Artist) **Dave Brosch**. On Tuesdays from 7-10 PM, **January 18th** to March 8th, ages 16 years to seniors can learn five printmaking techniques: monoprint, line etching, aquatint, dry point, and linocut. The class is held at the Montpelier Arts Center (9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel; 301-377-7800/TTY 301-490-2329). To register, please contact the Center. For more information, contact Dave at 301-779-3168 or davidcbrosch@comcast.net.

❖ CPAE is offering three **winter classes**. To register for any of these classes, please e-mail info@cpae.org. The Music and Photography classes will be held at the CP Old Parish House (intersection of Knox & Dartmouth Roads); the Soldering class will be held at the CP Community Center. For more information, call 301-927-3013.

♦ **Music Time** - Eric Maring will offer his 12-week "Sing to the Heart" winter session for ages birth to 4 years on Mondays, beginning **January 24th**. Class size is limited to ten kids; two sessions are available (4:45-5:30 PM and 5:45-6:30 PM). There is a 10% discount for siblings; register ASAP (\$150)

♦ **Silver Soldering with Lucy Dirksen** - This 8-week class for adults and teens 15 & older will be held on Mondays from 7-9 PM, beginning **February 3rd**. Learn to recycle old silver into beautiful new jewelry you design yourself. Register ASAP (\$85); supplies will be provided for a nominal amount.

♦ **Digital Photography with Aaron Springer** - This 8-week class for adults and teens 15 & older will be held on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 PM, beginning **February 3rd**. Get the most out of your digital camera by learning step-by-step all the secrets that professional photographers use to create stunning photographs. Register ASAP (\$85).

*"Cleaning your house while your kids are still Growing
Is like Shoveling the walk before it Stops Snowing!"*

~ Phillis Diller



JANUARY FUN IN GREENBELT

❖ The next **Artful Afternoon** will be held from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, **January 2nd**. During this time, visitors are welcome to tour the Community Center's nine artists' studios. From 1-3 PM, Artist in Residence Celestine Ranney-Howes will teach how to **make stylish covered button jewelry**. The Greenbelt Historic House Museum at 10-B Crescent Road offers a nostalgic tour (\$3) from 1-5 PM. (For more information, please contact greenbeltmuseum.org or 301-507-6582.)



PGAS/PBC FREE BIRD WALKS

The **Prince George's Audubon Society** and **Patuxent Bird Club** is hosting mid-week Bird Walks every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the newly-dedicated Luther Goldman Birding Trail in Lake Artemesia's Natural Area Park. **Both beginners and experts are welcome and bird checklists are available**. No reservations are needed; just meet at the parking lot located at Berwyn Road and Ballew Avenue in Berwyn Heights at 3 PM. A map and directions can be seen at www.pgaudubon.org. In the spring and summer months (April-August), the walks are at 6 PM. The next three walks will be held at 3 PM on **January 6th, January 20th, and February 3rd**. For more info, call 301-459-3375.



SOARING INTO JANUARY

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a film, science, and Lego fun! Museum hours are daily, from 10 AM to 5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have questions, please contact www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029 or TTY: 301-864-4765.

❖ On Saturday, **January 8th** at 11 AM and 1 PM, CPAM will host "**Mad Science**" of Washington. Before Wilbur and Orville could begin to build an airplane, they had to understand the science that made flying possible... "Mad Science" programs spark the imagination of children everywhere and they are presented with exciting interactive activities that help instill an understanding of science and how it affects the world around us. The CPAM program "**Up, Up, and Away!**" will cover aviation experiments, complete with air pressure, vacuums, tornados, and Mad Science hovercrafts! Tickets are \$5 per person, available the day of the show.

❖ CPAM will host a **LEGO Aircraft Building Day** on Saturday, **January 22nd** from 12-4 PM. Design your own aircraft out of the LEGOS provided and take home a picture of your creation. The top designs will be displayed throughout the Museum. **FWMA**

❖ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for the monthly weekend movie at 1 PM. This series of famous films features Hollywood blockbusters, classics, and documentaries with a flight theme; lemonade & popcorn included. On Sunday, **January 30th**, see "**Iron Man**" (PG-13). *When wealthy industrialist Tony Stark is forced to build an armored suit after a life-threatening incident, he ultimately decides to use its technology to fight evil.* NOTE: The next Hollywood Flyers movie will be "*The Tuskegee Airmen*" on February 20th. **FWMA**



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

❖ The **UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center** (CSPAC) continues its 2010-2011 season. Because of winter break, only one event is highlighted. For reservations or a copy of the new catalog, please contact 301-405-2787/www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

❖ "**Choreographers' Showcase 2011**" on **December 8th** at 7:30 PM in the Dance Theatre - This annual adjudicated showcase

brings together the talents of leading young choreographers from Virginia, Maryland and DC in an intriguing mix of original works. Post-performance Talk Backs are being offered after each performance.

❖ The **Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC)** (123 Centerway, underneath the Co-op Grocery Store; www.greenbeltartscenter.org or 301-441-8770) holds performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM and on Sundays at 2 PM.

❖ On **January 21st to February 12th**, GAC will present "**Doubt: A Parable.**" (*In the fall of 1964, rumors of mysterious circumstances arose regarding the behavior of Parish Priest Father Flynn with one of the male students at St. Nicholas Catholic School. School principal Sister Aloysius, armed with her belief that sexual misconduct occurred, determined to bring the priest to justice.*) Was he really innocent as he claimed, or were her instincts correct? What will you believe...or will you have doubts?



JANUARY ACTIVITIES AT CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE)** events are FREE and are 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 classes or special activities, please contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013; or visit www.cpae.org for more info.

❖ UP's **Blue Sky Puppets**, created by Van Buren Street resident **Michael Cotter**, will present "**Pig Tales**" on Sunday, **January 9th** at 3 PM. (*Three young pigs learn to share in a show filled with audience participation and laughs for all ages.*) Both parents and children will enjoy this FREE afternoon show!

❖ "**African Heritage Dancing and Drumming**" - On Friday, **January 14th** at 7:30 PM, you can stir your blood with the rousing

rhythms of Africa! Plan to celebrate your MLK weekend with this wonderful group that has been a DC treasure for decades! This FREE event for adults and older kids is part of CPAE's Cultural Connections series.

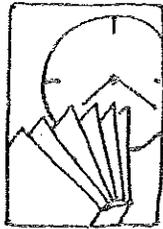
❖ The College Park Youth Choir's Vocetti ensemble will perform at the "20th Annual Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr." being held at the UM's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Saturday, **January 15th** at 2 PM. The Choir and Vocetti's "Family Winter Concert" will be held on Tuesday, **January 18th** at 7:30 PM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in CP. Refreshments will be served at the Family Concert.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"I've never known any trouble
that an hour's reading didn't assuage."*
Charles De Secondat

❖ The **After Eight Book Club** is a group open to all interested men, women, and couples. It continues its 2010-11 Club year on **January 18th** at 8 PM to discuss "**Olive Kitteridge**" by Elizabeth Strout, a change from what they had announced previously. The group welcomes new members. If you have questions or would like directions to attend this month's discussion, please call Kathy Mancusi (301-779-0722).



❖ The **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox & Dartmouth) for lively conversation in a fun, casual setting. Their ongoing theme is mostly literary non-fiction by women. Guests are welcome to drop in on a meeting any time! Their selection for **January 21st** will be "**Dreaming in Hindi**" by Katherine Russell Rich. *(An exploration of how learning a new language can reveal a different culture and a new side of ourselves we never even*

imagined.) On February 18th, the Club will be discussing "*Unpolished Gem: My Mother, My Grandmother, and Me*" by Alice Pung.

❖ The Hyattsville Branch Library (6530 Adelphi Road; 301-985-4690) sponsors their **HY-LI Book Discussion Group** monthly on the third Saturday at 3 PM. On **January 22nd**, they will discuss "**Map of Home**" by Rhonda Jarrar. *(Nidali, the rebellious daughter of a Greek-Egyptian mother and a Palestinian father, narrates her childhood in Kuwait, her teen-age years in Egypt, and her family's last flight to Texas. It's the kind of book Tristram Shandy or Huck Finn would have told had they been an Egyptian-Palestinian female in the 1970s.)* For February 19th, their selection will be "*The Lacuna*" by Barbara Kingsolver.



PICTURE THIS WITH UPHPA

All Town residents are invited to join the **UP Historic Preservation Association** (UPHPA) in welcoming Jason Speck, the Assistant Archivist at the University of Maryland. At the group's meeting on Thursday, **January 20th**, Jason will share his experiences at gathering, selecting, capturing, and captioning many amazing glimpses of campus history. Although you may have seen hundreds of photographs of the University of Maryland, the chances are that you never have explored the UM Library's Photographic Archives. That is where Jason found the treasure trove of seldom seen and mostly unpublished photos that he consolidated into his new photographic volume, "**Campus History Series: University of Maryland.**" The book, which focuses on the UM campus all the way back to its early days, recently was released by Arcadia Publishing.

UPHPA hopes that Town residents with ties to UM will plan to attend, bring a few of their own treasured photographs (and share some background about the UM memories they captured), or just bring their questions about Arcadia's process for composing

pictorial albums. Jason will have copies of his book available for purchase and signing. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM in Custis Hall of Riverdale Presbyterian Church, on Queen's Chapel Road. Please call Chris Garcia (301-699-9124) if you have questions.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The **University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER** loves publishing the milestones of former and current UP families (births, weddings, and obituary notices; graduations and honors; school, sports & community awards, etc.) **plus** club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents. Please send articles to upnews@yahoo.com or to **Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.**

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LOST PET DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill (301-927-6743). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.

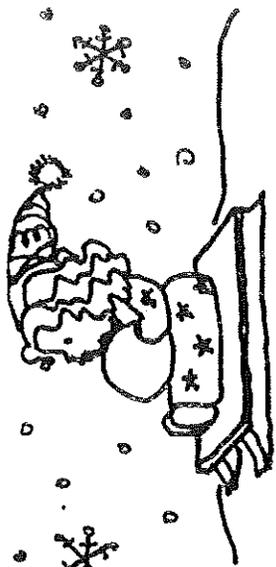


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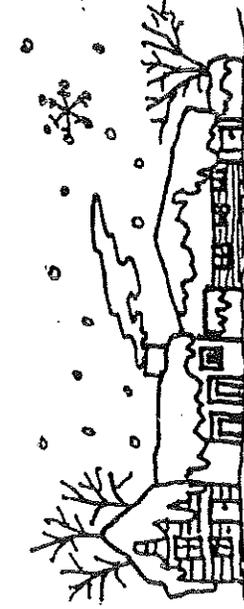


The Town of University Park encourages the involvement and participation of individuals with disabilities in all its programs and services. Please let the Town know how it can best meet your needs: (i.e. sign language interpreters, adaptive equipment or other assistance).

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January 2011 University Park Monthly Planner



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 <i>Tahoma Park Farmers Market</i> 10 AM-2 PM (TP*FM) GBCC Artful Afternoon 1-4p Tour artists' studios & galleries 1-3p Button jewelry 1-5p Historic House Museum. Tour	3 Street Proposal Hearing at the beginning of the 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING	4 <i>January is National Get Organized Month</i> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	5 12:00 NOON Deadline for February 2011 NEWSLETTER	6 Lake Artemesia Free Guided Bird Walk 3 PM SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	7 MEET SOMEONE NEW ! WALK ! AROUND TOWN TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> CPAM 11 AM & 1 PM "MAD SCIENCE" UM 7:30 PM Choreographers' Showcase
9 (TP*FM) CPAE 3 PM Blue Sky Theatre's "Pig Tales"	10 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	11 <i>Pick up a free UP sticker at Town Hall</i> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	12 MAKE AN EMERGENCY ⇨ PLAN ⇨ AND BE PREPARED SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	13 MAKE AN EMERGENCY ⇨ PLAN ⇨ AND BE PREPARED SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	14 CPAE-OPH 7:30 PM African Dancing and Drumming TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	15 UM-CSPAC 2 PM CPYC&V MLK Concert RHM 7:30-10 PM TWELFTH NIGHT BALL
16 (TP*FM)	17 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> (Town Office closed; no Bus service)	18 <i>After-8 Books "Olive Kitteridge"</i> CPYC & Vocetti 7:30p Family Concert SAEC TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	19 EAT ORGANIC TASTE THE DIFFERENCE YARD WASTE RECYCLING	20 Lake Artemesia 3p Free Guided Bird Walk 7:30 PM RPC UPHPA "UM PICTORIAL" SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	21 CPAE Book Club OPH 7:30-9p "Dreaming in Hindi" GAC 8 PM (GAC-DAP) "Doubt: A Parable" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	22 <i>STEP-UP UPES 1-4p KICK-OFF WORKSHOP!</i> CPAM NOON-4 PM "LEGO AIRCRAFT DAY" (GAC-DAP, 8 PM) HI-LI Book Group, 3 PM "Map of Home"
23 (TP*FM) (GAC-DAP, 2 PM)	24 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING	25 ALWAYS ! LOCK ! YOUR CAR AND HOME TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	26 12:00 NOON Deadline for March NEWSLETTER	27 SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	28 (GAC-DAP, 2 PM) TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	29 (GAC-DAP, 2 PM)
30 (TP*FM) CPAM 1 PM "Iron Man" (GAC-DAP, 2 PM)	31 MEET SOMEONE NEW ⇨ READ ⇨ A BIOGRAPHY ! YARD WASTE RECYCLING	February 1 <i>National Freedom Day</i> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 Lake Artemesia Free Guided Bird Walk 3 PM SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	4 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	5 (GAC-DAP, 2 PM)



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PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to submit articles for the **March issue** will be Wednesday, January 26th, also before 12:00 NOON.

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Welcome to 2011, University Park's 75th anniversary year. What better way to continue UP's tradition of leadership and innovation than to participate in STEP-UP, the Small Town Energy Program for University Park. Mark your calendar!

Step out to the STEP-UP Kick-Off

Saturday, January 22, 2011

1-4 PM

UP Elementary School Gym

What is STEP-UP?

The Small Town Energy Program for University Park—STEP-UP—will help UP residents make our houses more energy efficient. The goal is for 30% of UP homes to become more efficient in three years. STEP-UP is made possible by a grant from the US Department of Energy, and participation is voluntary.

Enter the Kick-Off Contest!

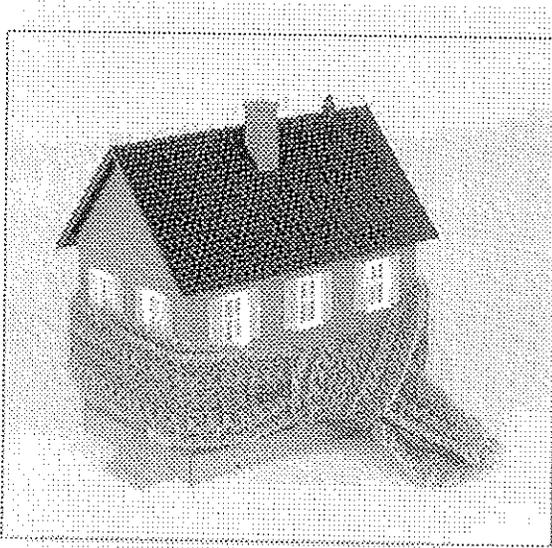
Come January 22 and sign up for an energy review and your chance to win **up to \$2,500** towards energy improvements in your home!

Why STEP-UP?

Improving our homes to use less energy saves us money through lower utility bills. Efficient homes are also healthy, comfortable, and good for the planet. Through STEP-UP, we have access to:

- Suzanne Parmet, the dedicated UP Energy Coach, to work alongside us through every step of the energy-improvement process;
- qualified, pre-screened contractors to make sure each job is done right;
- financial rebates and access to financing to help make home energy improvements more affordable.

Resolve to fix those leaky walls, insulate that attic, upgrade to more efficient heating and cooling, caulk the windows, and more—all with help from STEP-UP.



Why attend the Kick-Off?

The STEP-UP Kick-Off is our opportunity to hear what STEP-UP offers, meet the new UP Energy Coach, talk with participating contractors and other STEP-UP partners, and get started with the program.

The Kick-Off is also where we can hear the experiences of those who took part in the 2010 STEP-UP Pilot and we can share energy-saving ideas and knowledge with UP neighbors who are planning to participate in STEP-UP.

Attend the Kick-Off to:

Learn More About STEP-UP

STEP-UP volunteers will explain more about the program and its benefits to UP residents, with plenty of time for Q&A and discussion.

Enter the STEP-UP Contest

UP residents who sign up at the Kick-Off to participate in STEP-UP will be entered into a Contest for **up to \$2,500** in energy improvements to their home!

Meet the New Energy Coach

The new UP Energy Coach, Suzanne Parmet, will help each STEP-UP participant through the process. Suzanne will provide support on home energy reviews, understanding energy bills and reports, evaluating improvement recommendations, and identifying qualified contractors as well as financial tools and incentives to help with implementation.

Talk with Vendors and Partners

Peruse exhibits and information tables of certified contractors and vendors to explore what options might work for your home. Meet our local business partners and see the services and incentives they offer.

Enjoy Food, Kid Fun + Door Prizes

Light refreshments will be served and all attendees will be entered in a raffle for exciting door prizes, such as free home-energy reviews.

Children of all ages will enjoy fun energy-themed activities in the Multimedia room!

For more information, contact:

Suzanne Parmet, UP Energy Coach
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STEP-UP needs you!

The Kick-Off is your chance to get involved, volunteer your skills, and provide input in shaping the future of this program for our community.