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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

- FEB 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline** (Revised)
for the March issue, 12 NOON
- FEB 7 - COUNCIL MEETING** (Mid-year budget
Presentation)
- FEB 16 - UPPD Speed Camera Public Forum**
(7:30 PM at UPES)
- FEB 21 - Presidents' Day**
(Town Hall closed; no bus service)
- FEB 28 - COUNCIL MEETING**
- MAR 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline** for the
April 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 and the bulletin board outside the Town Hall on the Friday before each Meeting.**



FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

It is with considerable regret that I have to announce the **RETIREMENT OF FLO HARRIS** from the position of Editor of the University Park NEWSLETTER. After nearly 30 years of creating and publishing the

NEWSLETTER, Flo has become a community icon. For many of us, she is the only Editor we have known. I bought my home in University Park the year before Flo became Editor. As the Mayor, I have come to rely on her editorial skills and common sense to ensure that I maintain a cool, informational, and balanced view when writing my column, without ever intruding on or attempting to change my beliefs or core message. Her editorial skills and suggestions are some of the best that I have encountered in my life and have enriched my writing and that of numerous others with whom she has dealt. She has made the NEWSLETTER a valuable source of information about our community and the many joyous, celebratory, interesting, and sad happenings which so impact our lives.

Tracking the numerous events that make up our community life is a herculean task. Flo is a master of this task. Many of us keep her calendar on our refrigerator door or transfer interesting items to our electronic calendars. But above all is her extraordinary dedication to the community. We often forget how much we rely on the NEWSLETTER to keep the social fabric of our Town glued together. It allows us to track the workings of the Town Council without having to attend every meeting; it memorializes the comings and goings of our residents, adult and child alike; and it provides a record of public decisions and announcements. Keeping the NEWSLETTER informative and on schedule is a formidable task. Flo has never wavered in her dedication to ensuring the highest

quality. In so doing, she has served the community not just well, but brilliantly. From the bottom of my heart, **THANK YOU!** I always will remember your kindness toward me throughout my years as a Councilman and Mayor.

On a less sad note, please give a **TIP OF THE HAT** to **Suellen Ferguson** who recently passed her 25th anniversary as the Town Attorney. A longtime resident of the Town, she initially was drawn to public service when she served on the Town Council as the Ward 7 representative. In my tenure as Mayor, I have come to rely on her judgment, which I have found to be acute and wise. She has brought continuity and stability to the governance process here in University Park that always has helped ensure that the best interests of the Town are considered before personal ambition and whim. Let us hope that we have the opportunity to celebrate many more anniversaries with her in her role as Town Attorney.

On January 29th, we will celebrate the awarding of the rank of Eagle Scout to five young men in Boy Scout Troop 214 (based in the Riverdale Presbyterian Church). The achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout is quite remarkable and shows a dedication and level of leadership that is rare, even among Scouts. The Boy Scouts so honored include UP residents **Nathan Dickerson** of Tuckerman Street, **Kenneth Lan** of Van Buren Street, and **Bryan Parker** of College Heights Drive, Kenneth Plotts of College Park, and Cotter Rosenberg of New Carrollton. WOW! Five on one night! On January 24th, the Town Council voted to honor these super Scouts and they will be presented with a certificate of achievement from the Town at their Court of Honor. **CONGRATULATIONS** to each Eagle Scout and to the dedicated adult leaders who created such a strong environment in which to thrive.

Many of you may be aware that this month is when the Town begins preparing the **BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**. This year's schedule for preparing and presenting the budget will be as follows: **A mid-year**

presentation on the current budget (including expenditure projections through June 30th) **will take place at the February 7th Council Meeting**. The Mayor's budget will be prepared and presented to Council prior to March 31st. The Mayor's budget will be posted to the Town website no later than April 1st. The budget will be introduced formally and a preliminary discussion will be held by the Mayor and Council on April 4th (to clarify items in the proposed budget). The Council will discuss the budget on April 18th. A Public Hearing on the budget will be held on May 2nd (to allow final public comment on the budget). The Council will hold a Rate Hearing, if necessary, and adopt the final budget on May 16th. If delays in this schedule are necessary, the Mayor and Council may call special Council sessions on May 23rd and May 30th. **Residents who wish to propose budget items or actions for inclusion in the Mayor's budget are requested kindly to submit them to the Town Hall by March 1st.**

As you may be aware, a preliminary **STREET REPAIR PLAN** was presented to the Council on January 6th. The Plan has been posted to the Town website. At this stage, it represents the most complete (and most expensive) option. Comments on the Plan should be directed to me and/or your Council Member.

A GENTLE REMINDER to everyone: Please remove snow from your sidewalks as quickly as possible, but no later than 72 hours after the end of a particular snowfall. It is particularly important to make sure that sidewalks are free of ice. Your neighbors and service personnel will thank you! If you want to lay down a melting agent, please be kind to plant life and your four-footed friends and neighbors by using a non-toxic chemical.

Over the last couple of years, the Town tree canopy has taken quite a beating. Significant numbers of older trees have been lost to storms, insects, drought, and disease. If you are thinking about **REPLACING A SHADE TREE**, please give

consideration to planning early so you may apply to our fund for tree replacements. We provide up to a \$300 subsidy for shade tree plantings. Not only are shade trees a beautiful addition to anyone's property, but they also increase personal comfort by helping keep our homes cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter and by reducing our energy consumption and expenses.

University Park's **75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE** continues to look for vintage materials and photos for the Historical Exhibit that is planned for this fall. Also, the Committee is looking for more volunteers to make each event "happen." If you have not signed up yet and/or been contacted about working on the 75th Anniversary celebration, please contact the Town Hall or one of the two Committee Chairs, **Sarah Moseley** and **Bridget Warren**. They are in the process of organizing a meeting of the Committee in February to go over the schedule and the work that needs to be done; so please, don't tarry.

"As always, keep safe, drive carefully, and I hope to see you around Town!"



FROM THE EDITOR

FLORENCE DIETRICH HARRIS

To all UP residents and NEWSLETTER readers: After a thoroughly-loved "tour of duty" (just three months shy) of 30 years, I am acquiescing to a steadily growing need to reclaim more personal time for enjoying my kids and grands and, hopefully, some leisure activities, as well as for finally beginning to acknowledge and attack the creeping clusters of clutter that have been growing quietly around the house -- trying to morph into furniture, I fear.

Unfortunately, during the last too-many years, I have been left with progressively less personal time each month as it has become necessary to relegate two weeks and more of my professional time to the

necessary litany of production tasks. From answering phone calls and e-mails, gathering info, and writing articles, to the fun creative tasks of adding artwork and fashioning monthly notices and calendars -- plus proofing, proofing, proofing; the job just has outgrown me!

For the record, I thought I'd comment on the very antiquated way I first produced the NEWSLETTER during my early years as Town Editor. When I began the job in 1982, I wrote each issue in pen on a yellow pad so when I typed it on my manual typewriter, I would have a better chance of producing an error-less copy -- making corrections was NOT easy. After a year or so with the manual typewriter, Mayor Freeman gave me the use of an "electric typewriter" that had become available when the Town Hall typewriters were upgraded to newer models -- no more pounding the keys to get 3 readable copies.

I remember those early typewriter days as the "days of the blue stencil original plus 2-3 carbon copies." (Though an error was easily corrected on the stencil by painting on a dab of blue fluid, errors on carbon copies had to be erased manually one copy at a time (with that hard pink pencil eraser that had a brush at the opposite end). Mistakes at the top of a page were awful; the top of each copy paper had to be torn apart from its carbon with no rips, while the whole 4-page package stayed in the typewriter). Suffice it to say that things improved greatly when the Town switched from stencils to a camera-ready original and just 1-2 copies (which only had to be available, not perfect). And then...in the mid 80s, my mother suggested that I "borrow from my inheritance" -- and I was able to purchase my first computer. After getting some basic "how to" word processing instruction from family members, I've pretty much taught myself what I needed to know to create the only UP NEWSLETTER that most residents and readers today have known.

Still, some of you may remember that very first informal one-page two-sided

"University Park News" in 1974. It announced the election of **Ruth Lutwack**, formerly of East-West Highway, now of Towson, as the new Mayor, in a 3-way race that "saw one of the largest turnouts in recent years." (The results were: Ruth Lutwack - 273; **Isabel Dockeray** - 233; and **James Keefer, Sr.** - 133.) Ruth wanted to start sending residents a monthly notice that would summarize Council actions, announce Town happenings, and remind folks of timely rules and regulations...and so our Town newsletter began.

The first Editor was **Sage Mumma**, formerly of Underwood Street, who wrote "Volume 1, Issue 1" in June 1974. **Margie Niehaus**, formerly of Clagett Road, became the second Editor in January 1976. There was no Editor for the October and November 1976 issues (which probably were written by Ruth herself and included a plea for a new Editor). But in December 1976, **Angela Ball** of Sheridan Street volunteered to be the third Editor. The 1-page, white, double-sided, legal-sized "University Park News" format continued through Ruth's four terms as Mayor, from 1974 until 1982.

When **Harold Freeman** of Woodberry Street was elected Mayor in 1982, Ms. Ball had resigned. And as I had been co-editing the "Messenger," a monthly news booklet published by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in New Carrollton, Harold encouraged me to take over the Town's newsletter, and then said the magic words, "You can change and create it in any way you wish." That was very tempting, and I caved, and it just... bloomed, doubling in size to two double-sided legal-sized pages in just a few months and slowly continuing to grow and evolve. In 1994, UP Mayor **Robert Werge**, formerly of Underwood Street, suggested printing the NEWSLETTER on ecru paper in the letter-sized, magazine format we use today.

I really have LOVED creating the NEWSLETTER. I will miss all the people in and around Town whom I converse with in order to write my articles; I will miss finding fun fillers to bring an occasional smile while you're

reading, and I will miss the writing; I only will NOT miss the time it takes me to put it all together. However, since becoming Editor, to my credit, I am proud to say that I never have missed writing and publishing one of the last 327 issues, during a life that has not always been a smooth surface for NEWSLETTER writing. I think having to continue meeting NEWSLETTER deadlines was one of the mainstays that helped me to survive through some hard times. But now I'm ready to put the NEWSLETTER into new hands (4 of them, no less!) and watch it jump from its even keel to meet new challenges and hopefully, make some welcome well-deserved improvements.

Before the holidays in December, I had asked the Mayor if he thought Bridget Warren still might be interested in taking on the Town's Editorial position, and voila!, in early January, really good news was confirmed. The University Park "Official Town NEWSLETTER" would be getting two Editors instead of one -- our favorite husband/wife Vertigo Book Store team of **Bridget Warren** and **Todd Stewart!** Having these two wonderfully overly-qualified residents as our new "Co-Editors" is a feather in our cap and a prize for our Town! It's a win-win situation for everyone! Mayor Tabori will be introducing them next month in the March NEWSLETTER.

"Now, I'm hoping to begin meeting face-to-face many of the friends I only have known on paper, online, and in my imagination -- and I can't wait! Flo"



FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING! Very often, roads are crowded or under construction and busy roads make driving times longer, raise frustration levels, and diminish thoughts of courtesy and good driving manners. They also create an environment for conflict. Because road networks are so busy, rain, a

pothole, a fender-bender, or even sun glare can disrupt travel for thousands of drivers.

Aggressive drivers are all around us. They are parents, professionals, teens, and seniors, but mostly, they are people who are late, or angry or in a rush. Aggressive drivers show contempt for traffic, for safety laws, and for other motorists, as well as for using basic common sense when behind the wheel. **But you know it when you see it and you know it when you are doing it.** Aggressive behaviors may include speeding, horn blowing, passing in unsafe areas, tailgating, unsafe lane changes, running red lights and "STOP" signs, and slamming on the brakes.

WHEN YOU ARE CONFRONTED BY AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER, put your pride in the back seat. Do not challenge an aggressive driver by speeding up or attempting to "hold your own" in your travel lane. Wear your seat belt; it will protect you in a crash and it will keep you in your seat behind the wheel. Ignore any gestures and refuse to return them. Instead, report an aggressive driver to the appropriate authorities by providing a vehicle description, license number, location, and (if possible) the direction of travel. Avoid all challenges or confrontations from an aggressive driver and support all law enforcement efforts to rid the streets and highways of this menace.

PUBLIC FORUM NOTICE: A "Speed Camera Enforcement" Public Forum will be held at **7 PM** on Wednesday, **February 16th** in the University Park Elementary School auditorium. Please plan to attend as all input for consideration will be appreciated.

NEW UPPD OFFICERS: The University Park Police Department has hired several new and experienced officers to patrol our Town: Officer Chad Sunday comes from Pennsylvania and was trained by the Laurel Police Department before joining the UPPD. Officer Shameka Graddy joins our ranks as an experienced police officer; she hails from the Edmonston Police Department. Officer Rick Sease brings with him experience from

both the Laurel Police Department and the WSSC Police Department. He has worked in this area for many years and will focus on traffic grants and coordinating traffic enforcement efforts. Officer Steve Stennett is a recent retiree from the Prince George's County Police Department and brings with him bilingual skills as well as experience as a detective. Please welcome all these new officers to our Force. They are a great addition to our community.

NOTE: UPPD has **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. Just contact the UPPD to receive your free club. Also, 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 (Dec 1st to Dec 31st)

DATE	CRIME	UP BLOCK/STREET
Dec 8-21st	Attempt B & E	6500 Adelphi Road
Dec 10th	Theft from Auto	4000 Van Buren Street
Dec 10th	Vndlism to Auto	6700 Wells Parkway
Dec 10th	Vndlism to Auto	6700 41st Avenue
Dec 10th	Theft from Auto	6700 Forest Hill Drive
Dec 10th	Attempt B & E	6600 Wells Parkway
Dec 11th	B & E	6900 40th Avenue
Dec 11th	B & E	6800 Adelphi Road
Dec 12th	Theft from Auto	4300 College Hgts Dr
Dec 13-18	Theft	6500 Queens Chapel
Dec 19-22	Theft from Auto	6500 Adelphi Road
Dec 22nd	Theft from Auto	4200 Woodberry Road
Dec 22nd	Theft from Auto	6900 Forest Hill Drive
Dec 24th	B & E	6500 Baltimore Ave
Dec 30th	Theft from Auto	4100 Tennyson Road
Dec 30th	Strng Arm Rbby	3900 Beechwd Road

Attempt Breaking & Entering (At an undetermined time): The residents advised that when they returned home from vacation, they found a side window partially

open. The UPPD was contacted, responded, and searched the premises. It was determined that no one had entered the residence as it was alarmed, and **no items were stolen**. The scene was processed and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s have been located at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 12-6:30 AM): Suspect/s broke the driver's side front door window of a 2000 Toyota Camry and **stole an iPod**. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Vandalism To Auto (Between 12-7 AM): Suspect/s broke the driver's side front door window of a 2004 Toyota Camry. The glove compartment contents were strewn about the vehicle's floor but **nothing was taken**. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Vandalism To Auto (Between 12-7 AM): Suspect/s broke the driver's side front door window of a 1993 Honda Accord. The glove compartment contents were strewn about the vehicle's floor but **nothing was taken**. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 12-7:30 AM): Suspect/s broke the driver's side front door window of a 1994 Toyota truck and **stole a pair of boots** and some **construction tools**. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Attempt Breaking & Entering (At 8 PM): The residents advised they heard a loud thumping noise coming from the rear of the home and then the side of the home. 9-1-1 was called. The UPPC and PGPD responded, searched the premises, and established a perimeter. It was determined that someone had damaged two window screens but no one had entered the residence. The scene was processed and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s have been located at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 8 AM and 10:15 AM): Residents advised that when they arrived home, they found two men's jackets missing. They contacted the police and the UPPD responded and searched the premises. It was determined that someone had entered the home through an **UNLOCKED KITCHEN WINDOW** and **stolen two jackets**. The scene was processed and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s have been located at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 9:30 AM and 10:15 AM): Residents advised that they left the home to walk their dog. Upon returning, they discovered that a Nook electronic reader was missing. The UPPD were contacted, responded, and searched the premises. It was determined that someone had entered the home through an **UNLOCKED PATIO DOOR** and **stole a Nook Reader** and **some change**. The scene was processed and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s have been located; the investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 4:30 PM and 2 AM): Suspect/s broke the passenger's side front door window of a 1998 Toyota Camry and **stole 2 packages of curtains** from the vehicle's trunk. No suspect/s have been located and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft (At an undetermined time): Suspects **stole 4 copper down spouts** that were attached to the house. No suspect/s were located; the investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 4 PM on December 19th and 12:35 PM on December 22nd): Suspect/s entered an **UNLOCKED** 2006 Honda Accord and **stole a Verizon cell phone**. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 12 AM and 11:30 AM): Suspect/s pried open the passenger's side front door window of a 1993 Honda Accord and **stole a Pioneer car stereo**. The vehicle was processed for finger-

prints. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 8-10 PM): Suspect/s broke the passenger's side rear door window of a 2005 Chevrolet Suburban and **stole a bag of Christmas presents which included two iPods, two Game Boy video players, DVDs, and toys.** The vehicle was processed for fingerprints. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 3-5 PM): Tenants advised that when they arrived home, they found a kitchen door window broken and the kitchen door unlocked. They contacted the police. The UPPD responded and it was determined that no tenant rooms had been entered and **no property had been stolen.** The scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s were located at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (At an undetermined time): Suspect/s entered an **UNLOCKED** 2000 Ford Windstar and **stole a Tom-Tom GPS unit and a roll of quarters.** No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Strong Arm Robbery (At 9:30 PM): The victim was walking home from Prince George's Plaza and noticed two suspects following him down Toledo Road toward Adelphi Road. The suspects caught up to him and **demanding the victim's sneakers.** They went into the victim's pockets and **stole his cell phone.** The suspects fled on foot. UPPD and PGPD units canvassed the area with negative results. The victim was not injured in the incident.

Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in Town should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential. The UPPD is working in conjunction with the Prince George's County Police Department to identify and apprehend suspect/s who were involved in the recent increase in "Thefts From Auto" occurring in and around

our community. The UPPD believes the thefts from autos are being committed by the same suspect/s in each case. Your help in solving these crimes is needed.

Callers wishing to **remain anonymous** may call Crime Solvers (1-866-411-TIPS(8477)) OR text "PGPD plus your tip" on a cell phone to CRIMES (274637) OR submit a tip online to www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police.



[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 DECEMBER 6th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Carey, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, O'Connor, and Toscano; Town employees Chief Wynnyk, PWD Director Beall, and Clerk Headley.

Under **Public Comment**, concerns about repeated traffic accidents on Tennyson Road were brought to Council by two Tennyson Road residents. One resident had suffered eight hit-and-run accidents that had caused damage to her car and said her side-view mirror had been torn from her car repeatedly. The other resident said he also lost a mirror, his back bumper had been struck, and he had concerns for the safety of his young daughter. He said cars and school buses travel along the street in excess of the posted 25-mph speed limit.

CM Lucas (who also lives on Tennyson) said that besides cars and buses, there is a lot of delivery truck traffic. He added that once on Tennyson Road, traffic must turn around or back out of the street because it dead ends at the Park. Chief Wynnyk said

GPS units are routing truck traffic bound for UPES along Tennyson. He has been working to inform the dispatch office and bus drivers of alternate routes; however, the high turnover among school bus drivers is a challenge.

Suggestions were voiced to restrict parking on Tennyson to one side of that Road, to make it one-way toward Adelphi Road, and to install a speed hump. Mayor Tabori felt that restricting parking to one side might result in increased traffic speed. He also had reservations about making it one-way but agreed to commit to adding one speed hump on the road within the following 60 days. Mr. Beall said he already had all the necessary parts and would have the crew install the hump when leaf pick-up season was finished, as there was a deadline for leaf recycling drop-offs at the processing plant.

A **Motion** was passed unanimously to **install a 4-foot black aluminum fence with 2 front gates, 2 side gates, and 1 back gate (all 4-feet high)** at 6908 Wells Parkway. *(As the side gates would allow access onto the adjoining neighbors' properties, Mayor Tabori said the permit would be issued once their written permissions had been received.)*

Two **Motions** were passed unanimously to **approve on-street, six-month renewal parking waivers for up to five vehicles** for the rental properties at: (1) 6704 40th Avenue and (2) 6705 40th Avenue.

Mayor Tabori reported that he had attended the inauguration ceremony for incoming Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker. The Mayor also recalled a personal anniversary connected with this inauguration. It was the 50th anniversary of his first political campaigning activities -- for the presidential election of John F. Kennedy.

UPPWD Director Beall reported that Schummer Construction had completed all their Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) work and the sewer work also was drawing to a close. WSSC contractor Metra was continuing work on Queens

Chapel Road. WSSC said all work would be completed by Christmas. Mayor Tabori added that Town Hall was preparing a final punch list, for WSSC, of fixes for street and curb repairs. Mr. Beall added that the County's tree work along Adelphi Road was pending. He said all the Town's snow equipment had been tuned up and was ready for any snowfall. He responded to CM Mallino's inquiry that the snowplows were not fitted with rubber blades.

Mr. Beall said that he and **Town Engineer Sidhu** had attended a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) meeting. *[Ed.NOTE: A FIRM is an official map of a community that displays the floodplains, special hazard areas, and risk premium zones, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FIRMs also display areas that fall within the 100-year flood boundary.]* Mr. Beall said a new Rate Map would be put in place within the next two years.

Clerk Headley reported on the status of her regular duties and responsibilities. Besides being responsible for the Town Hall's daily operations, she said she supervised the Town's part-time Bus Drivers (Mr. Jules Oxner and Mr. John Smith) and Office Assistant (Ms. Mary Stultz). Besides responding to building permit requests, she prepared the agendas for the Town Council Meetings, arranged the venue for the Meetings, and posted the Minutes and Agendas on the Town website. Ms. Headley also reported on some ridership statistics of the Town Bus and said a weekly highlight was the well-attended regular Tuesday trip to Giant Foods for the Town's senior citizens.

Mayor Tabori introduced **Ms. Suzanne Parmet**, University Park's new **DOE Grant Project Manager** and **Energy Coach**. He said she would have a desk at Town Hall, as well as an e-mail address. The STEP-UP Kick-Off launch event was announced for January 22nd. Ms. Parmet discussed developing a tool kit for residents and creating a template/model for energy efficiency

improvements that could be used by other municipalities. Mayor Tabori spoke about the financial aspects of the program – essentially how it operates as a loan program. He said progress was being made on finding a banking partner for the loans. Mayor Tabori also said that Town Hall is in discussions with Mr. Chuck Wilson about retaining Mr. Wilson as a paid principal investigator for the program.

Re the Town Street Repair And Maintenance Plan: Mayor Tabori and the Town Engineer Sidhu discussed the Street Repair Plan. Mayor Tabori distributed a map of the Town, with the streets color-coded according to the proposed phases of the repair work as well a cost spreadsheet. The spreadsheet was organized in two parts. Items in section A3 included everything marked on the color-coded street map. Items in section B3 included everything except the blue portions of the street map. Mayor Tabori said that currently, 7-year bonds in the amount of \$500 were available at a 2.67% interest rate, while 10-year bonds were available at 3.11% interest. He said the target date for releasing the Request For Proposal (RFP) to paving contractors was early January/late February. CM Mallino asked if the RFP would be for the entire Town. Mr. Sidhu answered that it would be.

A **Motion** was passed unanimously to **authorize the administration to develop a bid proposal to pave +/- ten-miles of roadway** with the attendant concrete work in the Town of University Park.

A **Motion** was passed unanimously to **approve a special 2010 holiday compensation in the amount of \$300** net of deductions for each current, active employee, as of December 1st of that year. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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"I don't sing a song unless I feel it.

The song don't tug at my heart ♥, I pass it on.

I have to believe in what I'm doing."

Ray Charles



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 20th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Pro Tem CM Mallino; Council Members Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, O'Connor, and Toscano; and Town employees Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, and Attorney Ferguson. *(Mayor Tabori was ill and unable to attend the Meeting.)*

Under **Public Comment**, CM Carey shared the STEP-UP Program's Volume 2, Issue #1 Newsletter and its article on the January 22nd STEP-UP Kick-Off Meeting. The Newsletter will be included in the January 2011 issue of the UP Town NEWSLETTER.

Chief Wynnyk reported that one UPPD officer had resigned to take a position with the Riverdale Park Police Department. He said UPPD was in the process of hiring two new officers. He also announced that 35 portable radios and 25 mobile radios had been received from the County. They will be distributed to the **Public Works Department**, the **Police Department**, and the **Town Bus Drivers**.

The second phase of distribution will place radios in the hands of the **Citizens' Emergency Response Team (CERT)** and **neighborhood volunteers**. These radios were declared surplus from the County as part of an ongoing program to convert all police communications to a new frequency band.

The Chief also reported that a preliminary speed study had been conducted on Adelphi Road. He said there were many instances of speeds in excess of the speed limit, including some traffic that had moved at 65 and 70 miles per hour.

[Ed.NOTE: Because of the amount of very detailed discussion that centered around Mr. Baden's November Treasurer's reports, readers are advised to go to the source and read Section 7.C. in full online. The reports being discussed are included

with the Minutes as Attachment 7.C. The Minutes are at www.upmd.org (Documents).]

A **motion** was passed unanimously (with 6 YEAs and CM McPherson Absent) to **present the Charter change for referendum at the January 3, 2011 Council Meeting.**

A **motion** was passed unanimously to **approve an on-street six-month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles** for the rental property at 6701 Forest Hill Drive. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday, **February 21st** (Presidents' 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, February 23rd.**



NEW LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

On January 3, 2011, Charter Resolution 11-CR-01 was introduced. This Charter Amendment would **delete the option that allows one-half of the persons who voted in the last general election to petition an ordinance to referendum and retain the option that allows 20% of the qualified voters of the Town to petition an ordinance to referendum.** The meeting set for **February 28, 2011** is the first meeting at which this Charter Resolution could be adopted.

On January 24, 2011, Ordinance 11-O-02 was introduced. This Ordinance would **increase the application fee for a rental property license from the current \$250.00 to \$325.00 for fiscal year 2011 and \$400.00 beginning in fiscal year 2012.** The meeting set for **February 28, 2011** is the first meeting at which this Ordinance could be adopted.

TOWN NOTICE

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 3, 2011

at

**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 4, 2011

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,
(3) a resident of University Park, and
(4) registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the Election.

TO REGISTER: Contact the P.G. County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 (TDD 301-627-3352) or the University Park Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

CANDIDATES: Contact the Town Hall for a candidate packet.
DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: Thursday, April 28, 2011



*When the Best Leader's work is done,
The people say, "We did it Ourselves!"*

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Be **SURE** to use "University Park" on your Maryland income tax forms. Your Town services such as sanitation and police are paid for partly by a share of our State taxes. The State only provides UP with this share, however, if UNIVERSITY PARK (and NOT Hyattsville) is designated as your residence.

NOTE: Always use "University Park" for your address. It is your legal address. The incorporated Town of University Park happens to fall under the Hyattsville Post Office district, but UP residents do not live in Hyattsville. If you are using a Hyattsville address, your mail still will be delivered, but you are denying your UP residency -- and your Town will lose valuable tax dollars!



CONGRATULATIONS

♥ To **Luke and Michelle Wedge** of 40th Avenue who welcomed a new addition to their family on December 30, 2010. Their second child, daughter **Greta Bell Wedge**, was born at the Walter Reed National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Big brother **Simon Wedge**, age 2, shared in Greta's birth and has been showering his little sister with frequent hugs and kisses ever since. The family was able to return home the following day in time to ring in the New Year as a family of four. Luke is a professional violinist with the U.S. Air Force Band as well as a violin teacher. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom and an instructor in The Bradley Method of natural childbirth.

♥ To **University Park!** - **UP Community Solar LLC** reports that University Park now has the greenest municipal Holiday Tree in the Great State of Maryland! In 2009, the Town replaced their old lights with new high efficiency LED tree lights which cut the electricity needed to a fraction. The electricity that lit the Town tree during the 2010 holiday

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. These three young residents (who were listed on the UP Teen Workers List in the October 2010 NEWSLETTER) are available for snow removal:

Jack McKeown (13) 301-277-1528,
Justin McPherson (17) 301-779-5249, and
Kyle McPherson (19) 301-779-5249.



MAYOR'S BUDGET IN A NUTSHELL

Feb 7th - Mid-year report on current budget
Mar 31st - FY 11-12 Budget presented to CMs
Apr 1st - Budget posted to Town website
Apr 4th - Budget Introduction and discussion
Apr 18th - Council discussion of Budget
May 2nd - Public Hearing on Budget
May 16th - Rate Hearing/Adoption of Budget
May 23rd - Special Council Session, if needed
May 30th - Special Council Session, if needed

- ♥ *"To keep your marriage brimming,*
- ♥ *With Love in the Loving Cup,*
- ♥ *Whenever you're wrong, admit it;*
- ♥ *Whenever you're right, shut up."*

Ogden Nash

season was paid for by a contribution to the Town from the members of UP Community Solar LLC. (And that revenue came from the sale of the excess solar electricity that was generated by the photovoltaic panels on the roof of the UP Church of the Brethren!)

♥ To **Len Carey and Janet Berkson** - Most of the UPWC's 2010 Home Decorating Contest winners have removed their decorations by now, which is unfortunate, because the 3rd-place "Whole House" winner missed being updated from the 2009 list! Hopefully, many residents still were able to enjoy Len and Janet's lovely decorations and noticed the UPWC's "Winner!" sign that had been placed in our Ward 4 Council Member Len Carey's yard. The "Whole House" category should have read:

BEST WHOLE HOUSE DECOR

1st: STODDARD (6320 Baltimore Avenue);
2nd: TORNATORE/WHITAKER (4315 Clagett Rd);
3rd: CAREY/BERKSON (4308 Van Buren).



WHY SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS?

A good local school makes its neighborhood attractive, and an attractive neighborhood keeps property values high. Many things help make a good school: a principal with a purpose and a sparkle in her eye, engaging teachers who love their profession, concerned parents who volunteer, and a neighborhood that offers support. **University Park Elementary School** and its very active **UPES PTA** have all that and more. The UPES PTA funds many things for our Elementary School that many other Prince George's County schools do not have, such as authors who come to talk to the students and get them excited to participate in the wonderful "Write-a-Book" project, programs with visiting musicians, puppet shows, and weekly current events magazines for upper grade students, to name a few. The PTA also funds mundane but necessary things, such

as...toner for copy machines! Did you know teachers must keep track of how many copies they make each month -- and often they just can't make copies because the County's funding has been depleted?

In 2009, the PTA paid to redo the drainage for the lower grades' playground. (Rain would keep it from being used for several days because the water wasn't able to drain.) Then, it was discovered that neighborhood cats were using the playground's sand base as a litter box and kids were finding droppings when they dug in the sand. The PTA replaced the sand with wood chips and now the little kid's playground is much more sanitary. UPES and the PTA are most appreciative of our Town's generous donations, which are varied and play a big part in keeping UPES one of the County's top schools. Now, the Town is helping UPES recycle and, not too long ago, UPES students, faculty, and parents were ecstatic to find a row of blue recycling bins in front of the school. Too many schools fail to get this kind of support from their local government; the children at UPES are some of the lucky ones.

One of the reasons cited by people who have chosen to move into University Park is the school's test scores. Having an excellent school helps our Town remain a solid, family-friendly community. The demand for housing within the school's boundaries helps keep property values high, which strengthens the tax revenue. Though the kids are the real winners, everyone benefits when residents support their neighborhood schools. [Ed.NOTE: Thanks to Town resident **Maby Palmasano**, UPES PTA Vice President, for inspiring me to write this article! Also, in this NEWSLETTER, you will read about two ways you can help support UPES: at the upcoming Silent Auction/Wine & Cheese Event on Saturday, **February 26th** and at the 10th Annual Azalea Classic which will be held on **April 9th**. Both of these fund raisers are being sponsored by the UPES PTA.]



ORGANIC FRUITS and VEGETABLES
ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) projects are flourishing wherever people are interested in farm-fresh food. The **University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCB)** (4413 Tuckerman Street at Baltimore Avenue; 301-864-4328 or UPCOB2@verizon.net.) will be a delivery site for an ORGANIC CSA again this year. What is a CSA? It's a vegetable "subscription" program that offers a chance for families, individuals, or neighbors to purchase a share/s of the harvest, pay the farmers in the winter and early spring, and receive farm-fresh produce throughout the growing season ahead.

Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative (LFFC) is a non-profit organic farmer's cooperative of 50 farmers in Lancaster County, PA. They focus on creating healthy, high-quality, high-nutrient foods from highly-maintained and enriched soils on small-scale family farms. LFFC farmers grow certified organic produce. Their 25-week CSA season runs from May to November. Their Vegetable Shares (VS) are available for 7-12 items/week (a full share, \$700) or 4-9 items/week (a half share, \$425). **[NOTE: In March, the cost of shares rises.]**

The amount of produce delivered each week varies with the season, just as produce availability at farmers' markets varies: In May/June, the shares are lighter (lots of greens, mushrooms, radishes, spring onions, etc.); from July to October, the shares are heavy (bursting with cabbages, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, squashes, corn, etc.); and in November, production slows, but cool-weather crops (winter cooking greens, squashes, lettuces, root veggies, and more) will help prepare your pantries for winter.

Deliveries: On a designated day each week, within designated hours, CSA members will pick up their box/es of weekly

produce at the UP Church of the Brethren. Members have the option to add a 20-week Fruit Share (FS) (1-2 varieties/week for \$180). Flower and medicinal herb shares are described on the website. Members also may opt to order organic meats, dairy products, eggs, honey, maple syrup, flour, baby foods, and grocery items online to be picked up with their CSA shares. These special orders are delivered in coolers at the same time as the FSs and/or VSs.

If you are interested in becoming a CSA member at the UPCB delivery site, **please sign up online with LFFC directly** (www.lancasterfarmfresh.com). The church will confirm pickup hours with members. At this time, the most likely schedule for pickup will be on a weekday, with early morning and early evening hours.



SOARING INTO FEBRUARY

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer posters, a film, a talk, "Rosie," and regular repeat events! Museum hours are daily, from 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more info, contact 301-864-6029, TTY: 301-864-4765, or www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

♥ The "**Fly Now!**" Exhibition (borrowed from the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum) comprises beautiful posters that highlight aviation history and the 21st Century. It will be on view through Friday, February 25th. Forty posters (dating from 1860 to 2007) are being showcased that represent five continents and many countries around the world. The history of advertising, technology, business, transportation, tourism, and cultural geography are all part of the exhibition, offering a unique perspective of aviation history. **FWMA**

♥ On Saturday, **February 5th** at 11 AM, Aeronautics curator Dom Pisano (of the

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum) will speak about the work that went into **"Digitizing the Museum's Poster Collection."** Mr. Pisano worked with interns and volunteers to put the collection of 1,300 flight posters on the Museum's website for visitors. He will talk in detail about some of his favorite posters in the collection. **FWMA**

♥ **Hollywood Flyers** - CPAM's famous films series features Hollywood blockbusters, classics, and documentaries that have a flight theme. These once-a-month weekend movies begin at 1 PM and include free lemonade and popcorn! On Sunday, **February 20th**, the film will be **"The Tuskegee Airmen."** (*This HBO special presentation is the inspiring story of the four pilots recruited to be the United States Army Air Force's first African-American pilots.*) **FWMA**

♥ **Save the Date!** On Saturday, March 5th at 2 PM, award-winning actress Mary Ann Jung will present her newest show, "Rosie the Riveter." Learn the fascinating story of Rose Monroe who worked in the largest WWII factory in the world, Willow Run, in Michigan. You'll discover which came first: the Rosie posters, the song, or real women working in factories to help America win the war. Discover who the Real Rosie was; the answer is riveting! [Ed.NOTE: *Some readers may have seen Ms. Jung when she portrayed Rosalie Calvert (Mistress of Riversdale), Julia Child (the French Chef), or Amelia Earhart (pioneer aviatrix) -- other shows she performed that were highlighted in the NEWSLETTER.*] **FWMA**



FEBRUARY 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.

♥ The **College Park Youth Choir and Vocetti** begins its new semester on **February 1st**. Students ages 5-12 work with high-energy director Chris Fominaya to develop strong vocal skills. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays between 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4512 College Avenue). The groups perform several times a year at local venues. (Semester fee: \$85).

♥ On **February 5th, 12th, and 19th** from 11 AM to 12 NOON, a **"Zumba!" Dance Workshop** will be offered. Dancer and choreographer Lee Ann Doncevic from the New Chicago Dance Studio will lead the three sessions of this fun, new, high-energy dance style that hails from South Africa. The fee is \$10 per drop-in or \$20 in advance for all three sessions. Please send your advance registration and contact info to CPAE, PO Box 784, CP, 20741.

♥ CPAE's Cultural Connections series will present **"African American History in Prince George's County"** on Friday, **February 11th** at 7:30 PM. Our County has a wealth of beautifully-restored historical locations. Learn about these local treasures at this slideshow and discussion for adults and older kids.

♥ Find out what bugs do all winter when science writer Amy Hansen presents **"Bugs and Bugsicles"** at 3 PM on Sunday, **February 13th**. Just as she tells in her new book of the same name (iced with Robert Kray's awesome illustrations), if you attend, you'll discover the winter secrets of all your favorite critters. Autographed copies of several of Hansen's books will be available.

♥ Children can **make puppets** and transform paper bags into any character imaginable...from a "Wild Thing" to the "Cat in a Hat" on **February 27th** from 2-4 PM. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads CPAE's **"Kids' Arts Drop-in"** program, a FREE monthly workshop for ages 3-8 and their parents.

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ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

♥ 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 Sundays at 2 PM.

♥ On Wednesday, **February 2nd** at 7:30 PM and Saturday, **February 5th** at 1 PM, **Auditions** (cold readings from the script) will be held for, "The Burial at Thebes," Seamus Heaney's version of Sophocles' "*Antigone*." The play will be performed April 22nd through May 13th. Director Patrick Miller is casting the following: **Male roles** (New King, 40s-60s; Prince, 20s-30s; prophet, 40s-70s; comic/Guard, age open); **Female roles** (Daughter of Oedipus; Her Sister, 20s-30s; Queen, 30s-60s); **A Messenger** (Age & gender open); and **The Chorus** (An integral part of the production; size & make-up will depend on the turnout at auditions; no choral singing, but some stylized choreography). Please contact Director (pat.miller@gmail.com) for questions.

♥ From **February 4th through 12th**, GAC will conclude its presentation of "**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 or were her instincts correct? Will you have the answer or will you be left with doubts? **NOTE:** Following the **February 6th** performance, there will be a 30-minute Question-and-Answer Session.

♥ The **UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** continues its 2010-2011 season. Highlighted are three ticketed performances and seven that are **FREE!** For questions, reservations, or a copy of the new catalog, please contact 301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

♥ Siti Company's "**Radio Macbeth**" on **February 4th and 5th** at 8 PM in Kay Theatre - Actors gather in an abandoned theatre to prepare for a radio broadcast of *Macbeth*. They cling to the sanity of "words" to keep the ghosts of previous productions from consuming them. (**NOTE:** Come at 7 PM for a **FREE pre-performance Discussion** with the Artistic Director in Rm. 2200 Smith Lecture Hall.)

♥ Take Five's "**The Alexandria Klezmer**" on Tuesday, **February 8th** at 5:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - An exciting innovative group that has been combining traditional Eastern European/Jewish music with diverse influences for more than a decade, earning them 15 WAMA awards. "*Take Five Tuesday*" is an interactive, informal series offering the opportunity to explore a range of performing arts. **FREE**

♥ **MD Opera Studio: "Reading Lolita in Tehran"** on Friday, **February 18th** at 8 PM in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Nafisi's best-selling book comes to the stage revealing both the grim realities of revolutionary Iran and the power of literature to provide universal insights into the human condition. **FREE**

♥ "**Gukurahundi**" on **February 24th and 25th** at 8 PM in the Dance Theatre - **Gukurahundi** is a Zimbabwe word chosen by the Mugabe regime to describe a military operation against a civilian population in the 1980s. Choreographer Nora Chipaumire burns boundaries accompanied by Thomas Mapfumo and Blacks Unlimited. (**NOTE:** Come at 7 PM for a **FREE pre-performance Discussion** with Ethnomusicology professor Fernando Rios in Rm. 2200, & stay for a **FREE Talk-Back** with the artists afterwards.) See 3rd option below.

♥ "**Nora**" on Friday, **February 25th** at 7:00 PM in Room 2200, Smith Lecture Hall - Shot in southern Africa, this documentary film screening is based on the childhood memories of Ms. Chipaumire. Thomas Mapfumo composed the original score. **FREE**

♥ "**The Seagull**" on **February 25th, 26th, & March 4th** at 8 PM; **February 27th** at 2 PM;

March 2nd, 3rd at 7:30 PM; and **March 5th** at 2 & 8 PM in Kay Theatre - In Anton Chekhov's play (called a comedy, a satire, and a tragedy with comic elements), character studies reveal much about the main characters as they strive to satisfy desires for love, success, and recognition. (**NOTE:** Stay for a **post-performance Talk-Back** with the artists on **February 27th** and **March 3rd.**)

♥ **The Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road; 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) continues its 2010-11 season with a movie for seniors and two awesome Black History plays for children. NOTE: Senior movies for ages 60 & older are FREE, but advance registration is required.

♥ On Tuesday, **February 8th** at 11 AM, "**Fireproof**" is this month's **Platinum Seniors' Movie** (Rated PG; 122 minutes). (*Lt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: "Never leave your partner behind." At work, it comes to him naturally, but he is having trouble applying the principle to his cooling marriage. In a final effort, he decides to embark on a 40-day experiment called the "Love Dare" that necessitates being kind to his wife in an effort to rediscover what brought them together in the first place.*) The next senior film will be "Old Dogs" on March 8th.

♥ On Friday, **February 11th** at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON, Midweek Matinees will present "**Wings of Courage**," an original musical by Mad River Theater Works, based on the life of Eugene Bullard, the first African-American combat pilot/adventurer. Bullard's unbelievable story is all true. He was a professional boxer, a World War I flying ace, a jazz musician, and a spy. Through storytelling, music, and drama, the play shows how this remarkable African-American's determination and perseverance helped him overcome discrimination throughout his remarkable life. Perfect for 3rd graders and older. (\$6)

♥ On Friday, **February 25th** at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON, Midweek Matinees will present "**Black Journey**," a musical revue with chants, jazz, blues, rock, rap and gospel

spanning 200 years of contributions from African-Americans in every field of endeavor from science and industry to education and literature, and from the performing and visual arts to government and community service, and even more! Perfect for 3rd-8th graders. (\$6)



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 **February 3rd, February 17th, and March 3rd.** For more info, please call 301-459-3375.



FEBRUARY FUN IN GREENBELT

♥ The next **Artful Afternoon** will be held from 1-4 PM on Sunday, **February 6th.** During this time, visitors are welcome to tour the Community Center's nine artists' studios. From 1-3 PM, Artist-in-Residence Sherill Gross will lead a **cut-paper art session** on making paper dolls and chains. At 3 PM, participate with the Children's Theater Association as they present six of "Aesop's Fables," from "**The Boy Who Cried Wolf**" to the less-familiar but hilarious "**Bee Family.**"

♥ On Sundays, beginning **February 6th,** the **Greenbelt Historic House Museum** (GHHM) (10-B Crescent Road) will continue offering their nostalgic tours from 1-5 PM. Visitors can view the home lifestyle of an

ordinary American family of modest means during the Great Depression and World War II. The restored House is completely furnished with objects from 1936-1946: Fiesta ware, Depression Glass dishware, period kitchen utensils and pantry items, children's toys and games, clothes, appliances, bathroom supplies, magazines and books, even linens. The walls are hung with original architectural renderings and artwork of Greenbelt created by New Deal artists and architects. It's an "Oh, Look! Ahh!" tour for all ages. To arrange for a private tour or for more information, please call 301-507-6582. (\$3)



UPWC PROGRAM FEATURES WEGMANS

At the Monday, **February 7th** meeting of the **University Park Woman's Club (UPWC)**, **Sallie Holder**, the Public Issues Chair, will introduce Mr. Gerry Troisi, a representative of the "**New Wegmans Woodmore Store**" in Lanham (near Routes 495 and 202). Mr. Troisi will discuss Wegmans' catering services, their unique product offerings, and their in-store dining facilities.

UPWC meetings are held monthly on the first Monday at Riversdale Presbyterian Church. Members and guests are invited to gather for fellowship at 11:30 AM, a simple lunch is served at NOON, and a lively informative program begins at 12:30 PM. For questions or information about becoming a member, please call Club President Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414).



FEBRUARY AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available Fridays & Sundays on the quarter hour, from 12:15-3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge for Gift Shop visits during tour hours. Free Dependency Kitchen cooking

demonstrations are held on "Seasonal Selections" Sundays. For more information, please call 301-864-0420 or TTY301-699-2544. Sign up for classes and activities at www.pgpcarks.com or 301-583-BOOK. **NOTE:** All fees listed are for Prince George's County residents.

♥ **RHM's Winter Quarterly Lecture** - On Tuesday, **February 8th** at 7:30 PM, the 2011 Winter Lecture will be part of Riversdale's Black History Month programming. Costume Historian Dr. Ann Wass will speak about, "**Had on and Took With Her: African American Dress in the Federal Era.**" Dr. Wass gleaned her information from a variety of written sources such as autobiographies, published travelers' accounts, and newspaper advertisements seeking the return of slaves who had run away to seek freedom. Her lecture is illustrated with period paintings and prints. Minimal fees for the quarterly walk-in lectures are \$5/adults and \$2.50/students (with valid IDs); reservations are not required.

♥ **Seasonal Selections: "The Plummers' Kitchen"** - Join the Riversdale Kitchen Guild (RKG) in the Dependency Kitchen for a special Black History Month program. On Sunday, **February 27th** from 12 to 3:30 PM, watch the RKG recreate a selection of early to mid-19th Century traditional African-American foods. Riversdale, completed in 1807, was the home of Rosalie Stier Calvert and George Calvert (a descendant of the 5th Lord Baltimore). Adam Plummer arrived at Riversdale as a child and was one of several slaves owned by the Calverts. When George's son Charles Benedict Calvert (a MD Congressman and founder of the Maryland Agricultural College) inherited his father's estate and slaves, he allowed Adam Plummer to keep the profits from the produce he grew on a part of the Calvert estate.

Eventually, Plummer married Emily Saunders, an enslaved woman from the Three Sisters Plantation in Lanham. Plummer continued to live and work at Riversdale apart from his wife, but when Maryland abolished slavery, Adam reunited with Emily

and his family and remained at Riversdale as a paid overseer. Seasonal Selections participants will be able to watch dishes being made by costumed interpreters using period cookware on the open hearth. The seasonality of garden produce also will be discussed in reference to Plummer's profit-generating produce sales.



GREAT DECISIONS 2011

All Town residents, friends, and other NEWSLETTER readers are invited to join **Great Decisions 2011**, an 8-part discussion series offered for groups by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The FPA is an independent non-governmental and non-partisan organization that promotes foreign policy education. The group meets bi-monthly on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at University Park Church of the Brethren. This year's dates and timely topics include:

♥ **February 10th - Rebuilding Haiti**: The January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti struck a country already suffering from widespread poverty and underdevelopment. Did this natural disaster inadvertently provide an opportunity for reassessment and planning a new Haiti? Will the results of the 2010 presidential elections provide the leadership needed to restore the country?

♥ **February 24th - U.S. National Security**: U.S. national security priorities were expanded after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to include waging war in Iraq and Afghanistan, tightening border security, pursuing cyber threats, halting nuclear proliferation, and attempting to snuff out homegrown terrorism. How has the U.S. national security agenda evolved since 9/11? In what ways will this agenda shape the American way of life in the future?

March 10th - **Horn of Africa**: Since the early 1990s, the U.S. has monitored the Horn of Africa due to security concerns. Internal

instability, weak governments in some countries, regional rivalries, and a lack of development have resulted in an environment conducive to terrorism. Can the U.S. protect its national interests while mitigating the dangerous conditions in the region?

March 24th - **Responding to the Financial Crisis**: As an immediate response to the financial crisis of 2007-08, governments around the world stepped in to bail out troubled private banks deemed "too big to fail," underscoring the interdependence between private and public finances. With the recent Eurozone crisis, what have we learned so far and is it possible to ensure that future crises will not occur?

April 7th - **Germany Ascendant**: Germany has emerged from both the financial crisis and the Eurozone crisis as the dominant economic and political power in Europe -- in particular, setting the tone for dealings with Russia, Eastern Europe, and Iran. How important is it for U.S. interests to enhance relations with Germany, and how should the U.S. react when German and U.S. interests fail to align?

April 21st - **Sanctions & Nonproliferation**: Sanctions have been created to curb nations in violation of international law, especially agreements concerning nuclear nonproliferation. How successfully have sanctions been applied against past violators? Is there any chance sanctions can curtail North Korea and Iran from continuing to develop nuclear weapons?

May 12th - **The Caucasus**: All the countries and regions of the Caucasus have strong national identities but they have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors: Russia, Iran, and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus of today? How do the region's energy resources play into its relations with the outside world?

May 26th - **Global Governance**: International cooperation subjects political leaders to an ongoing test: balancing

national needs with a commitment to building a durable international order. How has an increasingly interconnected and shrinking world affected the viability of existing agreements and institutions? What economic, social, political, and security concerns are currently on the agendas of intergovernmental bodies, and what is the future U.S. role?

This series affords a friendly, informal way to learn more about the foreign policy of the United States. **Participants are free just to come and listen as well as to voice their ideas and opinions.** Attendance at all of the sessions is not mandatory. To purchase the very informative 2011 discussion guide, please call Maxie Phillips asap (301-927-0857). For more specific details, visit www.fpa.org.



DOUBLE YUM !!

*Ed.NOTE: These two delicious yearly UP dinners have become a **Town Tradition**, each offering an affordable night-out with your neighborhood friends. So, don't eat at home alone; plan right now to enjoy two hot tasty meals on a couple of frosty February evenings!*

♥ A delicious **Valentine Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Saturday, **February 12th**, from 5-8 PM at University Park Church of the Brethren (4413 Tuckerman Street, corner of Route 1). The menu will feature spaghetti with homemade sauce (vegetarian or meat), tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. As usual, guests will get to enjoy live musical entertainment to complement their dining pleasure! Although admission is FREE, donations will be accepted. If you have questions, please contact 301-864-4328 or UPCOB2@verizon.net.

♥ **Boy Scout Troop 214** will host its annual **Chili Supper** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 5-7 PM on Presidents' Day, Monday, **February 21st**. The \$7 tickets will be available from enthusiastic Scouts in uniform who will canvas the neighborhood on Saturdays, **February 12th and 19th**, and sell tickets after RPC church services on Sunday, **Febru-**

ary 6th. Tickets also may be purchased at the door -- with **FREE** admission for children under 5 and for all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scout leaders who attend in uniform. The menu will include "meaty," "veggie," and "spicy" chili, homemade cornbread and desserts, salad, and beverages. Take-out meals also will be available. All proceeds will help support Troop 214's activities throughout the year. For more information, kindly contact Russ Dickerson (russ@atmos.umd.edu, w/301-405-5364, or h/301-779-8511) or Susan Dorn (susan.dorn@gmail.com or 301-864-8989).



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 **February 15th** at 8 PM to discuss "**Still Alice**" by Lisa Genova, 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 Leila Steiner (301-779-7295). The selection for their March 15th meeting will be "**The Help**" by Kathryn Stockett.



♥ **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 **February 18th** will be "**Unpolished Gem: My Mother, My Grandmother, and Me**" by Alice Pung. (*Pung talks about her family -- three generations of Asian women who moved from China to Cambodia, through Vietnam and Thailand, to Australia -- and the difficulties she faced*

growing up as an emigrant.) On March 18th, the Club will be discussing "Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature" by Linda J. Lear.

♥ 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 **February 19th**, they will discuss "**The Lacuna**" by Barbara Kingsolver. (*This story is about Harrison William Shepherd, a man caught between two worlds -- Mexico and the United States, in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s -- whose search for identity takes readers to the heart of the 20th Century's most tumultuous events.*) On March 19th, the group will discuss "Passage to India" by E.M. Forster. Guests and new members are welcome at all HI-LI meetings.



AREA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

♥ **Saint Matthew's Episcopal Parish Day School** (36th and Nicholson, HY) will be accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 academic year at their **Annual Open House** on Wednesday, **February 16th** during school hours. In operation since 1955, the school offers quality nursery classes for children ages 2-4 (9 AM to NOON, daily) and an exciting accredited kindergarten class for 5-year-olds (9 AM to 2:30 PM, daily). Extended day care is available from 7:30 AM until 6 PM, before and after school hours.

The active curriculum at St. Matthew's is enhanced by field trips, special guest visits, weekly child-oriented worship services in the "big" church, the much-anticipated student-prepared Thanksgiving feast, and special Christmas and Spring programs presented by the students for their families. Tours of the school also are available for drop-in visitors, or may be scheduled in advance. For more information or to request a registration packet, please contact Ms. Twigg (301-935-5026 or pjtwigg@aol.com).

♥ Japanese Proverb: Fall 7 times, stand up 8!

♥ **Concordia Lutheran School** (3799 East-West Highway, HY) will hold an **Open House** on Tuesday, **March 1st** from 9-11:30 AM (and each first Tuesday). Concordia has a pre-school for ages 3-4 as well as an accredited K-8th grade program; a second campus for older students is just 5 minutes away on Longfellow Street. For more details, please contact www.clsmd.org or 301-927-0266. The school will be glad to send you information or answer any questions you may have.

♥ **The College Park Nursery School and Kindergarten** is having an **Open House and Fun Fair** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4512 College Avenue, CP) on Saturday, **March 5th** from 10 AM until 1 PM. Families are invited to visit the classrooms and enjoy some fun and games. Lunch, a bake sale, a raffle, and a silent auction, as well as many activities for the kids will be available. CPNSK is an accredited co-op that offers classes for 2-4 year olds, a non-co-op kindergarten, and after-care until 3 PM. Please contact 301-864-5355 or www.cpnsk.com for questions or more information.



OUR TOWN: VINTAGE TALES & PHOTOS

Please join your friends and neighbors on the evening of Thursday, **February 17th** from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, to enjoy refreshments and "tell all." University Park has the good fortune to be home to many longtime residents. As UP prepares to celebrate its 75th Birthday this year, everyone who has lived some of "**Our Town's History**" could supply valuable information that should not be lost to time. Over the last few months, the **UP Historic Preservation Association** (UPHPA) has hosted authors and historians who have published pictorial works describing the history of Hyattsville and the University of Maryland. Now the Town needs to shed some light on its own past and your help is needed.

UPHPA warmly invites any and all UP history keepers to bring their photos, artifacts,

and stories of our Town's past to the February meeting...or simply attend the meeting and enjoy the chance to look, listen, and maybe help fill in the gaps. UPHPA meets in Custis Hall, located on the ground floor of UP's Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6513 Queens Chapel Road). If you have questions, please call Chris Garcia (301-699-9124).



UPES PTA SILENT AUCTION AND WINE & CHEESE EVENT

Save Saturday, **February 26th** from 4 to 7 PM, for **University Park Elementary School PTA's Silent Auction/Wine & Cheese Event**. This year, the Auction will be held at Wallace Presbyterian Church (3725 Metzert Road, College Park, intersection of University Boulevard). The event was moved indoors so no one had to "worry about Mother Nature."



So, get a babysitter and prepare to outbid your friends & neighbors while you enjoy a fun relaxing evening. Already, the List of Auction Items includes:

gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses, tickets to a Capitals' game and theatrical performances, music lessons, lunch with a UPES teacher, dog sitting, a spring-break beach vacation, a relaxing massage, homemade ethnic dinners, art pieces, ice cream, and a lot more! Proceeds from the event will be used for classroom art and enrichment programs. There still is time to **DONATE** a few unique items (you no longer need) or a useful service (and garner a bit of free advertisement in the giving)! For more information or to donate an item or service, please contact Kris Moss (301-277-1340 or mosskr@verizon.net) or Carrie Murphy (carriedmurphy@mac.com). The Auction is a wonderful way to show your support for your neighborhood school while enjoying some great wines and cheeses.

»» "All endings are also beginnings. We just don't know it at the time." ♥

Mitch Albom



UPWC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

For the 65th year, the **University Park Woman's Club** (UPWC) will be offering scholarships for graduating high school seniors. All eligible students may apply for the Club's two one-year scholarships; each is worth \$1,000. ♥ **The Doris McPhee Memorial Scholarship** ♥ is awarded to a Northwestern High School graduating senior with a minimum 3.0 grade point average; economic need is a consideration for this scholarship. Application parts A, B, and C must be completed along with providing all the information requested on the checklist. ♥ **The University Park Woman's Club Scholarship** ♥ also is awarded to a graduating senior with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 but the applicant must be either a resident of University Park or a non-resident child or grandchild of a UPWC member. Only application parts A and B must be completed along with providing all the information requested on the checklist.

The UPWC application form and the checklist may be downloaded from the University Park Town website (www.upmd.org) OR picked up from the Counselor's office at Northwestern, Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Seton, and DeMatha high schools. Completed applications must be delivered no later than **Friday, April 1, 2011**. For more information, please contact 301-379-3864 or mgandml@verizon.net.



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.

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).

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



UPCA
INFORMATION
FOR NEW
UP RESIDENTS

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com



10th Annual University Park Azalea Classic
5K Run & Walk ~ 1 Mile Challenge Run*
& 'Val Creighton Memorial' 1K Family Fun Run
Saturday, April 9, 2011

University Park Elementary School
4315 Underwood St. - University Park, MD
All Proceeds to Benefit the University Park Elementary School PTA!

(*1 Mile Challenge Run is for runners age 8-14 and generously sponsored by Jean Pirovic of Long&Foster Realtors)

Course: Rolling hills along lovely, azalea-lined residential streets closed to traffic.
Friendly volunteers and live music along the course to encourage and entertain you!

Registration: Register online: www.azaleaclassic.com or www.signmeupsports.com
Register by mail: one person per entry form. Please submit family entries together.
REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1, 2011.

Entry Fees: 5K: Early Bird - \$18 thru 4/7 - \$20 on Friday 4/8 - \$22 on Race Day!
Family rate: \$50(4 t-shirts & entries. Please complete 1 entry per person and submit together)
1Mile: \$15 (NO 1 MILE registration on race day!)
1K Fun Run: \$15 (No strollers, please!)

Packet Pickup: Friday, April 8: 4-8 PM @ UPES ~ Saturday, April 9: 7-8:15 AM

Awards: 5K: Top 3 male/female finishers; first 3 in each 10-year age group. Medals for all 1 Mile
and 1K runners. Exciting random prizes, great food, and a beautiful multi-color 100% cotton t-shirt
for every participant and volunteer!

RACE TIMES: 8:30am - 1 Mile; 8:45am - 1k Family Fun Run; 9:05am - 5k Run & Walk!

***** Entry Form **One Per Person*****

Name: [grid of boxes]

Age: [grid] Gender: [grid]

Address: [grid of boxes]

City: [grid] State: [grid]

Zip: [grid] Phone: [grid]

Tee-shirt Size: Adult [M, L, XL]; Child [M, L]

Email: [grid of boxes]

Payment: [\$18,\$20,\$22-5K, \$15 -1 Mile (pre-register by 4/8) \$15 -1K]

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I waive for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, any and all claims and rights for damages against the race sponsors, representatives, successors and assigns on April 9, 2011, at the Azalea Classic including PVAUSAT&F for any and all injuries suffered by me in the said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name and image for any legitimate purpose without expecting model's remuneration.

Date: _____

Signature of Participant (parent of guardian if runner is under 18 years of age)

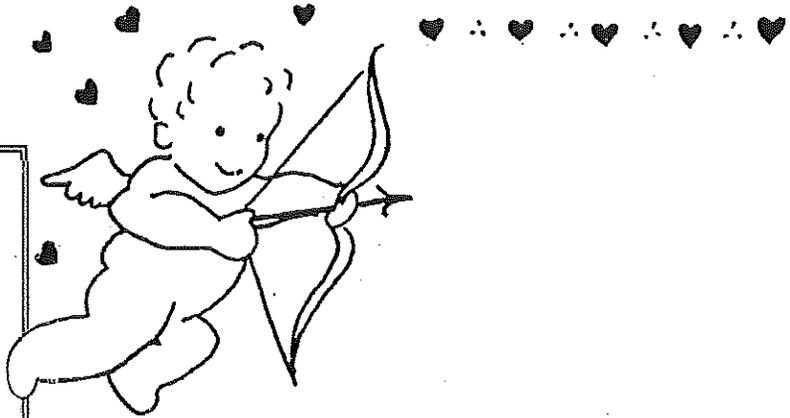
Mail to: University Park 5K/1K, 6724 Baltimore Ave., University Park, MD 20782. Checks should be made payable to: UNIVERSITY PARK PTA



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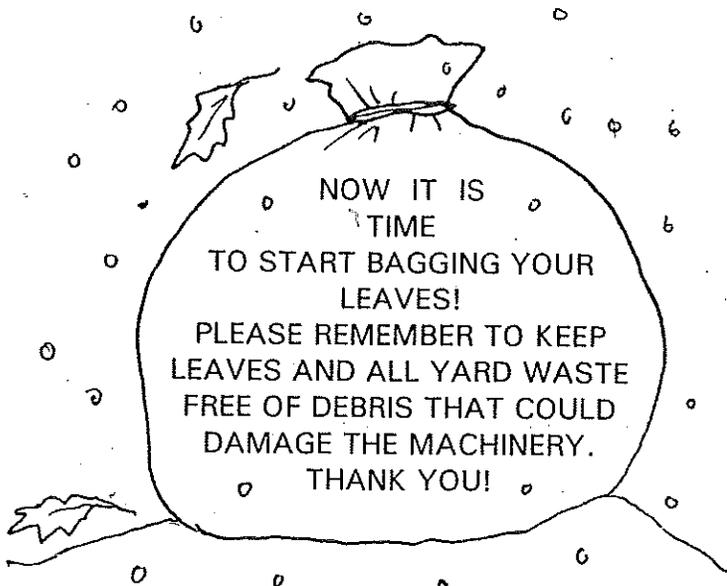
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10th Annual Azalea Classic Saturday, April 9, 2011



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The University Park Town **NEWSLETTER** is published monthly eleven times each year. Wednesday, **February 2nd** is the deadline for the **March 2011 issue**. Please e-mail all articles before 12:00 NOON.

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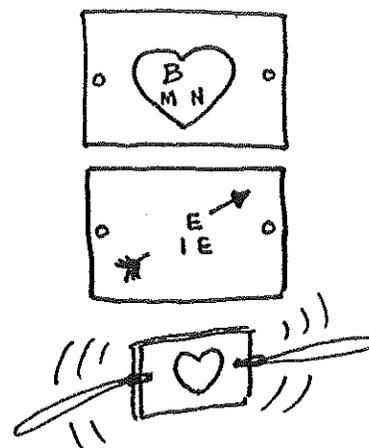
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JUST ♥ FOR ♥ KIDS

MAKE A MAGIC SPINNER VALENTINE

You will need: two 3" X 5" cards, 2 rubber bands, a hole punch, and markers.

- 1 - Hold the 2 cards together and punch a hole through each 3" side.
- 2 - On one card draw a heart outline with the letters B, M, and N in it as shown.
- 3 - Hold the cards together again against a window so you can see through the blank card what you've just drawn on the first card.
- 4 - On the blank card draw an arrow piercing the image of the heart and the letters E, I, and E as shown to make the image letters read "BE MINE."
- 5 - Hold the two cards together with the drawings on the outsides, and with the top of one drawing even with the bottom of the other drawing.
- 6 - Keep the cards together by looping and securing a rubber band through the holes on each side of the cards.
- 7 - Hold the rubber band loops on your middle fingers and twist the cards around and around. Do you see the magic message on your spinner valentine?



If you can't BEAR to be left behind...

PLAN AHEAD FOR FITNESS AND FUN

On Saturday, **April 9th**, the Town of **University Park** & the **University Park Elementary School PTA** will host the **10th Annual Azalea Classic 5K, 1 Mile Run, and 1K Family Fun Run.**

This annual fitness event to benefit the UPES PTA attracts runners from across the region and features a Run for everyone in the family -- from the challenging 5K Run/Walk to the popular 1K Family Fun Run. Race organizers are planning a multi-week '**Couch to Classic**' Training Program for new and returning adult runners who want to prepare for this spring's Azalea Classic. Details about this training program will be available at the event website, www.azaleaclassic.com. Other new features include an opportunity for student runners to solicit sponsors & to participate in a raffle for a **new iPod and gift certificates**. Organizers also are encouraging past participants to share their Azalea Classic experiences with short essays to be posted on the Race website.

Post-Race festivities will include a celebration of the 10th running of the Azalea Classic with cake for everyone -- and will kick off the year-long celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of University Park. Local businesses are invited to become involved as **Race Sponsors** with financial support or in-kind donations. Information about becoming an Azalea Classic sponsor also is available online. Runners and walkers can register TODAY !! for the Azalea Classic at www.azaleaclassic.com or signmeup.com.

