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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JAN 1 - New Year's Day, 2009

(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

**JAN 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
February 2009, 12 NOON**

JAN 5 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**JAN 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day &
JAN 20 - Inauguration Day**

(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

JAN 26 - COUNCIL MEETING

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

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

CONGRATULATIONS to eight-year-old Charlie Butler of Queens Chapel Road for doing an exceptional job of lighting our Town Holiday Tree on December 6th.

THANKS to the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department for escorting Santa Claus into Town -- to the delight of all the children, young and old, who attended the Tree-lighting ceremony.

A GENEROUS TIP OF THE HAT to Bob Streitmatter of Queens Chapel Road and to Cathy Allen of Tennyson Road, who were inspired to reactivate the tradition of the Town Holiday Covered Dish Supper & Party, and were its chief organizers (Bob was also a promoter of the after-party Clean-Up Crew and Cathy arranged for the puppet show); to Lynne Butler of Queens Chapel Road, one of the Town Party organizers (and young Charlie's mom); to Dana Campbell of 41st Avenue, who arranged for Santa, the Tree-lighting favors, and the services of the HVFD; to Len Carey of Van Buren Street, and Sarah Heitkemper of Woodberry Street, who helped with the Covered Dish Supper; to Moira Clark of Underwood Street, Robin Earnest of Clagett Road, and Jen Mooney of CHE, who helped with crafts and decorations; and to Maxie Phillips of Queens Chapel Road, who singularly helped with the Party, the Supper, and the Clean-Up Crew from 2 PM until 8:30 PM; and, as always, to the many, many unnamed volunteers.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU is due Michael Cotter of Van Buren Street and his Blue Sky Puppet Theater troupe who captivated everyone with Blue Sky's most classic tale of "Rufus, The Red-Nosed Dog."

A GRATEFUL THANK YOU is given to all those members of the **UP** community who showed their generosity by contributing to the Holiday Fund for the Public Works and Police Department employees, and also to all those who decorated their homes and made UP a delightfully warm community celebrating light in the middle of dark winter.

We are proud to announce that the Town has received and put into service our **NEW HANDICAP BUS**. It is a heavier, more stable, efficient bus that should provide a much-improved ride for all who use it.

Please note that **INAUGURATION DAY** will be an official Town holiday. In that there may be as many as 5 million participants to witness this historical event, and given the significant traffic problems that may emerge, we believed it would be better to keep Town personnel out of the traffic. Our Town police coverage, however, will remain on schedule.

A couple of comments are in order as the country continues to cope with difficult **ECONOMIC ISSUES**. While we cannot expect that our tax revenues will increase in the following years -- probably, they will decrease; we should note that UP has significant reserves on hand, approximately \$1.2 million backing up a \$2.2 million operating budget. These reserves should keep us on an even keel for some time to come, although we may have to put off the purchase of new vehicles for the Public Works and Police Departments.

University Park's financial position is exceptionally strong. Over the past two years, we have implemented a number of cost-saving measures, as well as improved our service delivery in many areas. And while we continue to work on improving our service delivery even more, we believe we have put the Town in a position to survive the economic down turn for some time to come without any reduction in Town services. For those of you who would like to better understand our financial health, we have posted our **FY 2008** audit online, as well as our budget preparation schedule. I expect to submit a special budget

and financial status report to the Town Council on January 5th.

The **FY 2009 BUDGET** will be presented to Council on March 16th and will be voted on in its final form on May 18th. If you have questions or suggestions for the Budget, please direct them to your Ward Council Member or to the Mayor.

"My best wishes for a wonderful New Year. Please take care of yourselves as we progress through 2009."



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

"Happy New Year!"

The Men and Women of the **University Park Police Department** hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As the New Year of 2009 begins, 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.

UPPD's Top 10 Recommendations for New Year's Resolutions

10 - Be a vigilant community member. Watch out for children, seniors, and those who can't protect themselves, and call the UPPD if you see a problem.

9 - Drive safely. Stop at "STOP" signs, obey the speed limit, wear your seatbelt, and wear your bike helmet. Help make UP a safe community.

8 - Lock your car and never leave it unattended with the motor running. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle (like an MP3 player, a GPS unit, a laptop, spare keys, or even loose change). Always use a secondary anti-theft device, like a steering wheel club.

7 - Carry your cell phone when walking through Town. It doesn't have to be turned on, but it should be programmed with the Police phone number. **Always call immediately** when something doesn't seem right.

6 - Re-stock your home emergency preparedness kit with: water, non-perishables, First-Aid supplies, etc. **Change batteries** in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights, and radios. Check the emergency kit in your vehicle. **Review your fire emergency plan** with your family.

5 - Keep your new gifts safe by locking: your home doors, shed, garage, bicycle, etc. Use your new camera to **photograph your valuables**. Document and save the serial numbers of your new purchases or etch a serial number on items that don't have one (your driver's license number is recommended, never your Social Security number).

4 - Organize your wallet and purse. Take only the cash and credit card that's needed each time you shop. Often, a single credit card is stolen while the purse and wallet are left behind. **Check your credit card statements** very carefully and be sure the purchases match the bill.

3 - Be careful on the Internet. Internet crime is one of the most prevalent means of fraud and theft. Children and teens are at risk of exploitation; adults face identity theft and fraud. Know where you and/or your children are in cyberspace and with whom you are dealing.

2 - Encourage all children to respect themselves, their bodies, their property, other people, and other's property.

1 - Do all of the above!

NEW OFFICER: The University Park Police Department has welcomed a new officer candidate to University Park, **Officer Adam Swann**. Officer Swann was sworn in as an Officer in August 2008, but due to an injury, his release as a full duty officer was delayed until October. He graduated from the Prince George's County Municipal Academy, lives in Lothian, Maryland, and has a three-year-old son. Adam Swann is certified as a Maryland Law Enforcement officer and joins our agency

well prepared and with a desire to provide a professional police service. Please join the UPPD in welcoming Officer Swann to our University Park community.

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

CLUBS: A limited number of steering wheel clubs have become available for **FREE** from the Auto Theft Prevention Council. Help deter your vehicle's theft by contacting the UPPD while they last.

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

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077 or call the P.G. County Dispatch: 301-333-4000 and ask for a UP officer to respond). For Chief Mike Wynnyk, contact upchief@upmd.org or 301-277-0051. ALL EMERGENCIES: dial 911.

CRIME STATISTICS (Nov 1st to Nov 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Oct 16-17	Theft from Auto	4100 Woodbry
Nov 5th	B & E	6300 Q.C.Road
Nov 6th	B & E	4100 Tennysn
Nov 6th	Theft from Auto	4400 Tuckrmn
Nov 6-7	Theft from Auto	4100 Woodbry
Nov 6-7	Theft from Auto	4100 Woodbry
Nov 7th	Dstructn of Prprty	4100 E-W Hwy
Nov 9th	Theft from Auto	4300 VanBuren
Nov 9th	AttmpThft fmAuto	7000 ForestHil
Nov 17-18	Theft from Auto	4300 Underwd
Nov 17-18	Theft from Auto	4100 Tennysn
Nov 20	Theft	6900 ForestHil

Theft From Auto – Between 10 PM and 8 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2003 Buick LaSabre and stole an LG cell phone and a Digital “Q” from the vehicle. Photos of unknown subjects had been taken with the “Q” and copies had been sent electronically to the owner’s e-mail. The subjects are being sought for questioning. No suspects have been located. Investigation is ongoing. *(This incident was not listed in the October Crime Report.)*

Breaking and Entering - Between 9 AM and 4:30 PM, residents arrived home from work to find their front door open. The UPPD responded and checked the home. Suspect/s had entered the residence by breaking a rear window. The suspect/s stole a video camera and approximately \$50.00 in coins. The crime scene was processed for fingerprints. The home and immediate area was searched extensively. Later, a suspect was identified and charged. **Case Closed.**

Breaking and Entering - Between 9:30 AM and 3 PM, residents arrived home from work to find their rear kitchen door window was broken. The UPPD responded and checked the home. Suspect/s had entered the residence by breaking the rear kitchen door window. The suspect/s stole a pair of hoop earrings. The crime scene was processed for fingerprints. The home and immediate area was searched extensively. Later, a suspect was identified and charged. **Case Closed.**

Theft From Auto – Between 4:30 and 6:30 PM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2006 Ford Van and stole a cellular phone. No suspect/s located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto – Between 8:30 PM and 7 AM, suspect/s entered a 2008 Ford Expedition and stole a GPS unit from the console. There was **no sign of forced entry**. No suspect/s located. Investigation is ongoing.

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Destruction of Property - At 9:41 AM, Lt. Bacon responded to a vehicular accident. Upon arrival, witnesses advised that the driver of a Ford Mustang involved in the accident

had exited his vehicle and had begun to strike the hood of the other vehicle involved with his fist. Several dents could be seen in the hood of that vehicle. The suspect, an adult male with a Hyattsville address, was placed under arrest and charged. **Case Closed.**

Theft From Auto – At 7:15 PM, a suspect entered an **unlocked** 2007 Toyota Prius and stole assorted currency and coins. The resident confronted a 5’9” male (medium complexion, wearing a brown leather bomber jacket) inside the homeowner’s vehicle. The suspect exited the vehicle, ran west on Beechwood Road to Underwood Street, then ran south toward the elementary school. The victim chased, but was unable to catch, the suspect. UPPD responded to the scene, but the suspect was not located. Investigation is ongoing.

Attempt Theft From Auto – At 6:40 PM, a suspect entered an **unlocked** 2007 Volkswagen Passat. The resident confronted a 5’9” male (medium complexion, wearing a brown leather bomber jacket) next to the homeowners’ vehicle. The suspect ran down Chansory Lane and then south on Wells Parkway. The victim chased the suspect but was unable to catch him. Nothing was stolen from the vehicle. UPPD responded to scene. Suspect not located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 11:50 PM and 7 AM, suspect/s broke the passenger side front window of a 2007 Chevy Suburban and stole an i-Pod from the console. Fingerprints were found and submitted for analysis. No suspect/s located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 5 PM and 11:30 AM, suspect/s entered an **unlocked** 2002 Acura MDX and stole an Audiovox/DVD player. No suspect/s were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft – Between 3-3:15 PM, suspect/s stole an “Echo” weed eater and an “Echo” leaf blower. A lawn service was working at the location and had left the equipment near the curb to do some work at the rear of the property. Upon return, they noticed the equipment was missing. The incident was reported the following day. No suspect/s were located.

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

❖ **PLEASE:** Remember to keep all your serial numbers and to ID all your valuable property.



**FROM THE UPPWD DIRECTOR
MICHAEL BEALL**

Curbside leaf collection will be extended through January 8th. Public Works crews have strived to complete the current cycle through Town as was scheduled on the online Town Calendar. The UPPWD goal was to complete leaf collections in all Wards before Christmas. Beginning December 29th and continuing through January 8th, Public Works crews will collect leaves throughout Town on an "as needed" basis. During that time period, residents are encouraged to rake all their remaining leaves up to the curb. **Residents also may call or e-mail the Town Hall to request collection of a late heavy leaf fall.**

Because the College Park compost facility closes on **January 9th**, any leaves not collected prior to that date must be bagged for collection on any Monday, UP's weekly yard waste collection day. **Residents are encouraged to rake their leaves as early as possible.** The Public Works Department cannot guarantee ANY curbside collection of leaves raked to the curb after January 4th.

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)

UP IS NOT ZONED FOR HOME BUSINESSES

NOTE to In-Town Construction Companies: There are a number of Town residents who are employed by or who own companies in the construction and/or home-repair business. However, because University Park is an R-55 zone, most commercial and business activities are restricted and/or banned. **Residents may not park or store any commercial equipment, vehicles, or supplies in the open on one's property or on Town streets.** Both the Town and the County may issue municipal infraction or zoning violation tickets that can amount to \$200 per day or more. Please use common sense and avoid these violations which also could result in safety hazards and poor relations with one's neighbors.



ITEMS TO NOTE

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

❖ **NOTICE TO UP RENTERS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease any residence in University

Park. Owners who reside in their house and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from this requirement. The rental license cost is \$250.00 per year. Rental license fees are used to pay for an annual inspection program for every licensed rental property in the Town. If you have questions about this law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

❖ **HELP STOP CRIME:** Get your blue & white "UP" Car Sticker/s **FREE** at the Town Hall (M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM). All Town residents are asked to display a "UP" sticker on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are important to our Neighborhood Watch program. They enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.

❖ **YARD WASTE:** As of September 8, 2008, Monday is the day designated for all yard waste collection in UP. Since yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. **NOTE:** Bamboo, vines, and ivy are considered trash and should be put out with your Tuesday/Friday trash collection. To keep our Town looking beautiful, put yard waste out only the evening before collection.

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

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

❖ **BULK TRASH:** Visit www.upmd.org and click on "Town Info" and "Contact Us" to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday pick-up. Please wait to put items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon, i.e. refrigerators, air con-ditioners, freezers...

❖ **BLUE RECYCLING TOTE (Thursdays):** The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream

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

WE CAN NOT RECYCLE: Any broken glass, light bulbs, windowpanes or mirrors, any Styrofoam, motor oil or antifreeze containers, auto parts, hazardous waste products, and medical waste items.

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



HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Christmas trees and other *natural* holiday wreathing, garlands, and decorations (as well as leaves, brush, and grass clippings) can be **RECYCLED**. Simply place these items **by the curb** on Yard Waste Recycling Day (any Monday). Please remember that trees and wreaths must be free of tinsel and other decorations. The greenery is shredded into mulch (instead of being land filled) thereby creating a **REUSABLE BY-PRODUCT** as well as saving tipping fees and landfill space.

Holiday wrapping paper, gift boxes, greeting cards, and envelopes also may be **RECYCLED** by placing them in your blue single-stream recycling cart. Recycled papers are used to make fiberboard items (such as shoe boxes and pizza boxes).

Or, instead of recycling them, **REDUCE** the amount of holiday wrappings and boxes you discard by **REUSING** the boxes and the larger pieces of wrapping paper. Craft new decorations and gift tags from the fronts of your holiday cards and save them to use on next year's gifts.



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 19th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and Tuesday, January 20th (Inauguration Day) are legal Town holidays. The Town Office will be closed and there will be **NO bus service** or Public Works collections.

There will be no change to the collection schedule for Thursday or Friday. The Tuesday trash collection will be made on Wednesday, January 21st. There will be **NO yard waste collection** this week.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

REMINDER: On the upcoming Town holidays, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 19th) and Inauguration Day (January 20th), there will be no UP shuttle or bus service.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on

week days between 10 AM and 1:30 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of University Park.

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

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



REMEMBER TOWN SNOW POLICY

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

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

Single-Stream Recycling: **NO STYROFOAM**



NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF TWO TOWN RESOLUTIONS

On December 15, 2008, **Legislative Resolution LR 08-05** was introduced. This Ordinance would amend various provisions in Chapter 9, Section 9-104 of the Town Code to extend the permit parking system to additional areas on Pineway and Clagett-Pineway, and Oakridge, Beechwood, Holly Hill and Clagett Roads in the Town. The meeting set for **January 26, 2009** is the first meeting at which the Ordinance could be adopted.

On December 15, 2008, **Charter Resolution CR 08-06** was introduced. This Charter Amendment would amend various provisions of the Town's charter to separate the offices of Clerk and Treasurer, which now are combined, and to set out the respective duties of each. The meeting set for **January 26, 2009** is the first meeting at which the Charter Amendment could be adopted.



EXPLANATIONS OF THE PRECEDING RESOLUTIONS

Legislative Resolution LR 08-05 - To extend the permit parking system: The Council has introduced a permit parking regime (for most of Ward 5) to control parking problems that have emerged in a number of areas within the Ward and to prevent the problem from shifting to other areas -- a distinct possibility if a piecemeal approach were to be adopted.

A discussion of this issue will be posted on the Mayor's blog at www.upmd.org. Please visit the site and join the discussion, beginning in January.

Charter Resolution CR 08-06 - To separate the offices of Clerk and Treasurer: The Council wishes to separate the original "Clerk-Treasurer" position into two positions, "Clerk" and "Treasurer" through a Charter modification. The purpose behind this change is to bring the Charter into conformity with the way business is done today at the Town Hall.

For all practical purposes, the Town Administrative Assistant (the position held by Amy Headley) has been serving as the Town Clerk, and the Town's actual Clerk-Treasurer (Dan Baden) has been serving only in the capacity of a Treasurer. So, both for legal and administrative purposes, the Town Charter needs to be revised and updated formally to indicate the current actual division of labor.

UPPWD NOTICE

If you would like an extra bin to use with your new BLUE recycling cart, or need a replacement for a broken trash or recycling cart, please contact the PWD Director at 301-927-4262x200 or mbeall@upmd.org. To dispose of unwanted blue or yellow bins, please mark them with a large black "X" and set them out "empty" beside your recycling tote on any Thursday Recycling Day.



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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3rd COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; and Chief Wynnyk.

A Motion was approved unanimously to disapprove a non-conforming extension of a 9'x45' driveway at 6716 Baltimore Avenue.

A Motion was approved unanimously to construct a 2-4'x36' concrete retaining wall at 3900 Van Buren Street. *(A Stop-Work Order was issued on October 28, 2009 after it was noticed that the wall was being constructed and no permit had been obtained. The owner stopped work that day, got the County permit, and brought all necessary papers and fees to the Town Hall on October 29th.)*

Under **Public Comment**, a Beechwood Road resident requested the Town extend the yellow line on the curbing across from his driveway to enable him to enter and exit safely. It was suggested that the existing curb be repainted with "No Parking" lettering added.

Mayor Tabori reported that the Cafritz owners were preparing a new public presentation on their property development plans (on Route 1 across from Van Buren Street). He added that the proposed number of residential units had been reduced from 2,000 to below 1,000.

During Chief Wynnyk's report, CM McPherson raised the concern that her son had a negative experience with a UP officer on Halloween evening. The officer ordered her son and his two friends, all of whom are Town residents, to cease gathering on the street corner and to disperse. CM McPherson and the Chief discussed their perspectives on freedom of assembly and why the officer singled out her children. She was concerned that this experience sent a negative message to her son about his rights as a citizen and resident of UP. Chief Wynnyk offered to meet with CM

McPherson and her son to better understand her son's view of what had taken place. Mayor Tabori addressed the need for officers to be sensitive to the rights of citizens to assemble peaceably.

Chief Wynnyk also reported on the toilet papering and vandalism that took place in Wards 4, 5, 6, and 7 on October 30th. The group of perpetrators mostly were 9th and 10th graders who mostly were UP residents. Chief Wynnyk will meet with their parents.

Two on-street 6-month parking waivers for a rental property were approved unanimously for up to 3 vehicles at (1) 6912 Baltimore Avenue and at (2) 3900 Underwood Street.

A motion to approve/disapprove the application for an on-street 6-month parking waiver for a rental property for up to two vehicles at 6511 40th Avenue was tabled until the Council meeting on November 17, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 17th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; Attorney Ferguson, Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, and Director Beall.

Two motions for permit applications were approved unanimously for (1) installation of a 6'x8' wooden frame shed at 6516 41st Avenue *(The construction material for the shed exterior would be hardiboard, the same material as is on their residence.);* and for (2) replacement of an existing 9'x35' concrete driveway *(cars only may be parked up to the front house line)*, replacement of driveway runners with a 43'x3' walkway, and addition of 14'x14' and 7'x16' flagstone patios, and a maximum height 2' stone wall at 6808 Pine-

way. (The owner did not meet the deadline to give plans to the Town Hall so the Town Engineer must inspect the driveway before the concrete may be poured.)

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) He was concerned that the **Cafritz traffic study** was based on industry standards and didn't factor in information about current Route 1 traffic loads or current traffic through UP. CM's Lucas, McPherson, and Mallino were invited to join the Mayor at a meeting with Cafritz representatives on November 24th. (2) Council agreed that Mayor Tabori pursue arranging a joint meeting of the combined Councils of UP, RP, and CP to discuss the Cafritz development issue. Already, through ongoing dialog, one alternative has surfaced: to create an access road to the Cafritz property through RP's Town Center, which in turn, could increase customers for the Town Center. (3) Attorney Ferguson explained that **municipalities contiguous to the Cafritz development can require usages that the County cannot require through zoning requirements**. The Mayor noted that if Cafritz's major entrance/exit was opposite Van Buren Street, and if Route 1 becomes overloaded and rated as a failed traffic corridor, then UP may not be able to develop an effective strategy to manage the problem. It may be necessary for UP to consider funding its own traffic study.

The Mayor announced that he was negotiating with a private third party to supply funds to complete the installation of a Town Clock. He is pressing the third party for a very clear and definitive schedule of the activities remaining to complete the work.

Director Beall reported that the old blue or yellow recycling bins may be returned by marking them with a large black "X" and placing them at curbside, empty, on any Thursday recycling day OR by dropping them off at the Town Hall.

One Consent Agenda item was approved unanimously to **repair the front steps at 4206 Tuckerman Street.**

A Motion was approved unanimously to table the discussion on authorizing the Mayor and Treasurer to move \$800,000 of reserve funds currently invested in the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) and reinvest them in three, six, and twelve month CDS at four or more FDIC-insured banks. The amount invested in each bank shall not exceed \$200,000.

A Motion was passed unanimously to approve the transfer of \$1,600 from Cable Capital Equipment Reserved-Designated Funds to A/C 6305-03 Computer to purchase a new computer linked to the Internet for the UPPD.

Three applications for on-street 6-month parking waivers for a rental property were approved unanimously for: (1) up to 2 vehicles at 6511 40th Avenue; (2) up to 3 vehicles at 6703 41st Avenue; and (3) up to 5 vehicles at 6705 40th Avenue.

A Motion was passed unanimously to approve a special holiday compensation for 2008 in the amount of \$300.00 net of deductions for each current, active employee as of December 1st of that year.

A Motion was passed unanimously to approve declaring the 1998 Chevy senior van as surplus and sell it for the best possible price, with the value deducted from capital assets once it is sold. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 1st COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; and Chief Wynnyk.

Mayor Tabori reported on the meeting at Town Hall on November 24th with representatives of the Cafritz developers: Architect

Bennet, Attorney LaRoca, and Traffic Engineer Guckert. Joining the Mayor were CMs Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson.

The Cafritz representatives began the meeting with unsolicited advice and guidance on how UP should redesign its streets to manage the traffic flow through Town from the Cafritz property. Mayor Tabori disabused the notion that the meeting's topic was how UP could accommodate the Cafritz development, and explained, instead, that the focus was how Cafritz and UP could work together to address the failings of Route 1's traffic capacity. (The Cafritz development will add 24,000 additional car trips to Route 1 daily!)

Cafritz plans to have four traffic entry/exit points from their development: At a traffic light opposite Van Buren Street; and at three entrance/exits: at the property's northern end and southern end on Route 1; and, from the back of the property, onto Maryland Avenue toward RP's Town Center.

Because WMATA owns the physical property, the Cafritz team was finding it challenging to plan for a bridge from their development over the CSX railroad tracks.

And although construction is unlikely to start in the next three years, **Mayor Tabori strongly stressed the critical importance of Town residents and Council Members continuing to stay engaged in the process of meetings, reviews, zoning hearings, and especially, transportation planning.**

On other matters, (1) the Mayor asked that the **Chairs of each Council Committee** notify the Town Hall when Town residents are appointed to serve on their Committee, and (2) re **paying Town employees unplanned overtime**, the Mayor said he and Treasurer Baden had factored an additional amount into the Budget to cover such contingencies.

A Motion was approved unanimously authorizing the Mayor and Treasurer to move

up to \$800,000 of reserve funds currently invested in the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) and reinvest them in three, six, and twelve-month CDS at four or more FDIC insured banks. The amount invested in each bank shall not exceed \$200,000.

There was discussion about possibly increasing Town parking violation fines. Chief Wynnyk provided background information on the fee structure charged by neighboring jurisdictions. CM DeSaussure recommended that the Town adopt the Prince George's County fee schedule. The question was raised as to whether people were driving into Town to park and then riding the Town Bus to the Metro station. Mayor Tabori replied that he personally drives the bus once a month or so and has not observed this happening.

A motion was approved unanimously to direct the Mayor to present an ordinance to raise the parking fees in UP to match the Prince George's County fee schedule.

A motion to approve adding January 20, 2009 as a paid holiday for Town employees was passed by Mayor Tabori's tie-breaking vote. CMs Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson voted yea; CMs DeSaussure, Dudinsky, and Fischer voted nay.

An on-street six-month parking waiver for a rental property was approved, with Dudinsky abstaining, for up to 5 vehicles at 6904 40th Avenue.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the 2009 University Park Council Meeting schedule. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, **APRIL 18th**

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CONGRATULATIONS

❖ **To All Alert UP Residents:** The following was excerpted from correspondence received by Chief Wynnyk from the Prince George's County Police Department's District I Commander, **Major Kevin Davis:** *District I leads the County in overall reduction in violent crime. University Park's crimes account for less than a fraction of one percentage point of all burglaries in District I. Your community remains safe because your community leaders and residents are vigilant when a crime does occur. If there exists a secret to this business of crime fighting, I am convinced that is as close to it as we'll ever get. I share your intolerance for crime. And, for a third consecutive year, we continue to trend downward in both violent and property crimes.*

❖ **To Michelle and Hank Stawinski** of East-West Highway, who recently became the parents of their first child, a daughter. On Thursday, December 4th at 10 AM, **Alexandra Ursula Stawinski** was welcomed two weeks early, weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces and measuring 20 inches in length. Alexandra's two "big brothers," **Max and Jack**, the Shar Pei family members, are excited to have a new baby at home and are looking forward to her getting big enough for them to play with her! Grandma **Peggy Stawinski** luckily lives nearby in Laurel and is looking forward to spending some quality time with her very first grandchild. Godmother **Pat Guerrin** of 40th Avenue is looking forward to taking her Godchild on many strolls around Town and teaching her to read! Little Alexandra herself is looking forward to hostessing next year's Candlelight House Tour! And Mom Michelle, a lawyer in private practice (and the previous University Park Woman's Club President) and Daddy Hank, a Major with the Prince George's County Police Department, are incredibly enchanted with their early holiday surprise, and they are looking forward to their first "family" Christmas at home.

❖ **To Three Special Town Volunteers:** A big hand of appreciation goes to **Dr. Robert Streitmatter (Bob)** of Queens Chapel Road, and to **Dr. Cathy Allen** of Tennyson Road, for breathing new life into the Town's Holiday Potluck Supper and Party. But for their idea to revive and begin organizing these events (back in August 2008), and their planning and energy, it's likely our Town's holiday revels would have been canceled for the second consecutive year. As members of the University Park Historic Preservation Association's Planning Committee, Cathy and Bob felt this tradition of many years should continue to live on in our community. So together, they set the wheels in motion for the resulting successful joint effort with the UP Civic Association. (Sadly, a last minute business assignment called Cathy out of Town and prevented her from enjoying the fruits of her labor.)

And, in addition to managing many of the details and preparations for the Supper and Party, Bob even organized the UHPA Planning Committee members to assist the Riverdale Presbyterian Church custodian, **Mr. Hugh Burton**, with the clean-up afterward on December 6th. Kudos to the entire Committee who worked through the Tree lighting until 8:30 PM helping with the clean-up. Much admiration and appreciation also goes to the "Lady in Red" that evening. **Mrs. Maxie Phillips** of Queens Chapel Road was the quint-essential hostess in her American colonial dress and cap. Virtually singlehandedly, she kept the serving tables looking tidy & appealing throughout the evening. Note to all budding hosts and hostesses: Watch and learn!



JANUARY AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on the quarter hour, Fridays and Sundays from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No

charge to visit Gift Shop during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

❖ The Riversdale annual Regency-style **Twelfth Night Ball** is back by popular demand! (NOTE: Because of a limited space capacity, reservations were requested by January 2nd. Please call now to see if space still is available.) The Ball will be held on Saturday, **January 10th** from 7:30-10 PM. Dress is period costume or black tie. Enjoy dancing to live music of the era in English-country style and, in keeping with Twelfth Night tradition, a king and queen will be chosen to lead the dancing. All dances will be selected from the late-18th/early-19th centuries. From 7:30 to 8 PM, instruction will be offered for those who are unfamiliar with the dances... so no experience is necessary! Traditional light refreshments will be served.



SOARING INTO JANUARY

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a family movie, Bingo, a science show, and a visit to Wilbur's Workshop! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. **NOTE: The Museum will be closed on New Year's Day.** For more information, please contact www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765.

❖ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's famous films series features a Hollywood block-buster, classic, or documentary (with a flight theme) each month. The movies begin at 1 PM and are FREE with your Museum admission... lemonade and popcorn included, of course!

• On Sunday, **January 4th** at 1 PM (note time change for 2009), see the exciting

comic book hero brought to life on the big screen in "**Iron Man**," rated PG-13.

• On **February 1st**, the featured film will be "**The Tuskegee Airmen**" (PG-13). It will be repeated on Thursday, **February 5th** at 3 PM as part of CPAM's Black History Month celebration. This HBO Special is the story of the first four African-American pilots to be recruited for the United States Armed Forces. Their success would earn them respect and help the US win a terrible war; their failure could destroy more than their own hopes and dreams.

❖ The CPAM's **Peter Pan Club** (for ages 2 to 5) meets regularly on the second & fourth Thursdays of each month. On **January 8th & 22nd** from 10:30 AM to NOON, this fun learning club for pre-schoolers and their parents offers aviation story-time, crafts, games, and time to explore the Museum and kids' station.

❖ On Tuesday, **January 13th** from 2-4 PM, join the Afternoon Aviators for "**Aviation Bingo!**" This new monthly after-school program (for all ages) invites Museum visitors to play Aviation Bingo for fun and prizes -- and it is included in the regular Museum admission.

❖ On Saturday, **January 24th** at 11 AM & 1 PM, **Mad Science of Washington** will spark the imagination of children in grades 1-6. This exciting interactive program helps instill an understanding of the joys of science. All ages welcome. The \$5 fee includes one's Museum admission.

❖ Museum visitors of all ages can discover the kind of work that went into making early aircraft when they visit "**Wilbur's Workshop**." On Tuesday, **January 27th** at 3 PM, a rib-making demonstration will take place in "**Wilbur's Hangar**."



YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET

You can eat locally year round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market**

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



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"Reading gives us somewhere to go
when we have to stay where we are."*
Mason Cooley

◆ The Hyattsville Branch Library on Adelphi Road (301-985-4690) sponsors bi-monthly chess club meetings and a monthly book discussion group.

• For all ages and levels, the Chess Club meets monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7 PM (January 8th and 22nd) with instructor Ted Fagan.

◆ This year, the Book Discussion Group decided to begin meeting on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, from January to November and NOT to skip the three winter months! So on January 21, 2009, they will discuss Joann Trollop's 17th novel, "Second Honeymoon," a tender funny ode to the empty-nest syndrome. Their selection for February 18th will be "The Age of Innocence" by Edith Wharton.

◆ The After-Eight Book Club, a group open to all University Park adults (men, women & couples) will continue their 2008-09 Club year on January 13th at 8 PM to discuss their travel choice by John Berendt, "City of Falling Angels." Please call Mollie Huitema (301-927-5836) to RSVP. Their fiction selection for February 17th will be "Widow of the South" by Norma Babbington.



◆ The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on the third Friday from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to continue their discus-

sions of non-fiction by women authors. Guests always are welcome! On January 16th, they will discuss "Yellow Woman and a Beauty of the Spirit" by Leslie Marmon Silko. (This collection of essays and short stories from the author's Pueblo Indian perspective present an open, expansive view of her mind and art, her background and destiny.) The Club's selection for February 20th will be "Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China" by Jung Chang.

◆ Vertigo Book Store (301-779-9300 or www.vertigo-books.com), owned by Todd Stewart and Bridget Warren of Van Buren Street, is located in the College Park Shopping Center. Now, just in time for the Inauguration, UP children & adults have the chance to meet Coretta Scott King Award winners, author Nikki Grimes and illustrator Bryan Collier. On Monday, January 19th at 1:30 PM, they will read from and discuss their new children's book "Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope." (Since Barack Obama was young, hope has lived inside him. From the beaches of Hawaii to the streets of Chicago, from the jungles of Indonesia to the plains of Kenya, he has held on to hope.) Come hear about this moving story of an exceptional man.



PG LACROSSE

Registration is beginning for the 2009 season of the Prince George's Lacrosse Club (PGLC). PGLC offers instructional-level play in a competitive league for boys aged 7-14. Coaches will holding **FREE indoor clinics** from 8-9 PM at Lewisdale Elementary School on the following Friday nights during January: January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The Club also will rent the necessary equipment. Registration will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church in University Park on Sunday, January 25th from 4-6 PM. Registration forms, February outdoor clinic dates, and other important information is available at www.pg-lacrosse.com. Don't miss finding out NOW about this exciting and growing sport!



DECEMBER FUN 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 special activities, please contact 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org; you also may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

❖ A **Chinese Music Concert** will be held on Friday, **January 9th** at 7:30 PM. Hear the captivating sounds of Yuli Wang and Elizabeth Barber, accomplished string musicians, along with special guest Shengyong Zhou on the Chinese flute. Pay-as-you-can donations will be accepted for this FREE quality event.

❖ The **College Park Youth Choir** will present its **Winter Community Concert** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4512 College Avenue, CP) on Tuesday, **January 13th** at 7:30 PM. The concert is FREE and open to all; a reception will follow the performance. The Choir also will participate in a **Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** on Saturday, **January 17th** from 2-4 PM at the UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in College Park.

❖ CPAE will host a series of dance classes on four Saturday afternoons: **January 24th & 31st** and **February 14th & 21st** from 3:30-5 PM. Instructors from UM's ballroom dance club, Ballroom At Maryland, will help you **Learn the Basics of Latin Dance!** Although there is no need for prior experience or a partner, bring a friend and you'll have double the fun. This class is ideal for both teens and adults. Advance registration may be secured by sending a \$15 check to CPAE by **January 20th**.

❖ Make your own **stick puppet** at the **January 25th Kids' Arts Drop-In** program from 2-4 PM. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads CPAE's FREE monthly creative arts workshops for ages 3-8 and their parents.



FCS WINTER OPEN HOUSES

The Friends Community School (FCS), a progressive Quaker school for grades K-8, is hosting two Open Houses, on Friday, **January 9th** and Thursday, **January 22nd** from 9:30 to 11 AM. Features will include a discussion of the curriculum and community; a student-led tour of the classrooms; and the chance to experience FCS' new "green" building adjacent to Greenbelt National Park. There are many University Park students, so carpools are abundant. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Hilary at 301-441-2100.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

❖ The **UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** offers a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the 2008-2009 season, please contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405-2787. Note: The stage is dark during January.

❖ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) offers their regular kids' movie+ and seniors' movie, and an ASL-signed classic play for all ages. (\$5/\$5/\$6)

❖ "**Saturday Morning at the Movies**" (Movie+) for ages 7 to 12, recalls the charm of yesteryear's weekly movie matinee: a half-hour of live entertainment and a feature-length family movie. On **January 10th** at 10 AM, the live pre-show will be **Kangaroo Kids**, a precision jump rope team whose jumping is choreographed to music, and whose every foot jumps in unison and every rope hits the floor simultaneously. The feature film will be "**Arctic Tale**," a National Geographic film narrated by Queen Latifah that follows the lives of polar bears and walrus from birth to

maturity and shows the beauty and difficulties of living at a North Pole that is melting away. The next Movie-F will be on February 14th.

◆ On Monday, January 12th at 11 AM, the **Platinum Seniors' Movie** will be "**August Rush**," (PG) about a child prodigy orphan whose church arranges for him to attend the Julliard School of Music. This leads him to a major performance and a... surprise!

◆ Thursday, January 29th at 10:15 AM & NOON, Cleveland's Sign Stage on Tour will perform the story of "**Dr. Dolittle**" who gives up treating people after his parrot teaches him animal languages. And while he's off curing animals, he finds all kinds of adventures along the way. This magical blend of language, movement, and storytelling is presented in English and American Sign Language.

◆ The Robert E. Parilla (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** continues its Saturday Morning Children's programs with kiddie lit classics. For ticket info, call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

◆ On Saturday, January 10th at 11 AM, ages 7 and older will enjoy the stage adaptation by Jerome Hairston of Walter Dean Myers' book, "**Blues Journey**." Join the Bluesman as he traces the Blues from its early beginnings in southern American fields to its global impact on music today. Some stories are true to life, others are likely tall tales, but every last one is rooted in the music that the Bluesman has been playing his whole life.



UPWC'S CHARITY AUCTION

The **University Park Woman's Club** will meet at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Monday, January 12, 2009. The program will include a "Meet & Greet" at 11:30 AM, lunch at NOON, and a short business meeting at 12:30 PM. But the real fun will start at 1 PM

with the Club's annual **White Elephant Auction fund raiser**. Now is the time to clean out all your closets and gather those unappreciated collectables, your unused kitchenware, any excess craft items or holiday decorations, classic/ unique games, etc. etc. etc. Also remember to bring your wallets and checkbooks so you can outbid your neighbor for some of these one-of-a-kind gems! When one's trash is another's treasure, the result is a monetary bounty to give to local charities. All interested persons are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please call Club President Helen Andreno (301-572-5761) for more information or questions.



PGPCC JANUARY MAKIN'-MERRY FUN

During January, the **Prince George's Plaza Community Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, by the Library, 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445-4512) will host a craft class, a skating trip, and open Center time for home-schoolers and toddlers. (a Center ID Card is free.)

◆ **Snowman Fun** - On Monday, January 12th from 11 AM to NOON, children ages 5-10 are invited to celebrate Old Man Winter by creating a fun snowman craft while enjoying a cup of cocoa. (\$1 Fee)

◆ **An Xtreme Teens Ice Skating Trip** to Wells Rink has been planned for Saturday, January 17th from 7-10 PM. Ages 13-17 are invited to grab a warm coat & gloves and get ready for a fun evening gliding on the ice with friends. **FREE**

◆ **Pee Wee Play Time** is available during the school year each Monday from 10 AM to NOON. Especially for ages 5 and younger, parents/care givers are encouraged to bring their toddlers to the gym to work off some of that extra energy. Adults just need their valid Center ID card to enjoy using the gym and some of its kid-friendly equipment. **FREE**

❖ Also throughout the school year, each Friday from 10 AM to NOON has been reserved for a **Home-School Morning Break**. Bring the kids for a variety of activities, sports, games, and crafts, as well as an easy way to meet new friends. **FREE**



STRETCH & SING IN THE NEW YEAR!

❖ A Monday yoga class for new students will begin on **January 12th** from 6:15 to 7:45 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. **Anna Rain**, a certified **Iyengar yoga** instructor with 9 years teaching experience, guides her students with precision, compassion, and attention to their individual needs. Regular yoga practice can increase flexibility, build strength, reduce stress, clarify the mind, and improve one's health. Continuing classes are offered on Mondays and Thursdays. To register, or for more information, please contact Anna at AnnaRainYoga.com or 240-645-8482.

❖ Join Queens Chapel Road resident **Roberta Kisker** as she leads her 12-week **Kindermusik "Fiddle Dee Dee"** program of fun and musical exploration for ages 18 months to 3 years old. The spring semester runs on Thursdays from February 5th until April 30th. Two class-time options are offered at the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville location (Belcrest and Queens Chapel Roads), either from 9:45 to 10:30 AM or from 5:15 to 6 PM. Kindermusik is a music and movement experience that awakens little ones to rhythm, language, social interaction, stories, physical exploration, and focused listening. For questions, please call Roberta at 301-779-6510.

❖ The College Park Arts Exchange (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) sponsors **Eric Maring's Music Time** program. "**Sing To The Heart**" is for children ages birth to 4 years old. The 8-week winter session runs from February 9th to March 30th. It has two class-time options: either from 4:45 to 5:30 PM or

from 5:45 to 6:30 PM, on Mondays. Parents say young kids have fun singing, moving, and shaking with Mr. "M" while developing their musical awareness and potential. Classes are held at the College Park Old Parish House.



MAKING HISTORY IN JANUARY

Usually, the **University Park Historic Preservation Association** meets on the third Tuesday of the month, October through May. But as Destiny would have it, **January 20, 2009** will see one of the most historic Presidential Inaugurations in decades. So in observance of this event, the UPHPA Planning Committee suggests that Town residents should bear witness to the event with their friends and loved ones. And instead of attending a UPHPA meeting that evening, they consider interviewing family members or friends to capture the feelings and events of the day. (On the StoryCorps website, <http://www.storycorps.net/tools>, many tips and tools are available to help people interview and record it.)

The next UPHPA meeting will be held on February 17th. Noted artist **Shawnee Holmberg** will be there to share her considerable knowledge of and skill with the ancient Japanese art of **Kumihimo**, a method of braiding many silk threads. Originally, the braids were used as ties, cording, belts for clothing, and closures for Samurai armor. More about this unusual program next month.



OLDER TEEN/ADULT MOVIE NIGHT

University Christian Church (6800 Adelphi Road, 301-864-1520) hosts an assortment of **FREE Saturday-night entertainment** each month, alternating between Family Game Night, Family Movie Night (G/PG movies), and Older Teen/Adult Movie Night (more mature-

themed quality movies). An Older Teen/Adult Movie Night will be held on January 24th to view the movie version of Tyler Perry's play, "Why Did I Get Married?". "Four couples, who also are best friends, converge on a house in the mountains for their week-long retreat that has become a ritual-of-sorts to help work out their marital problems and re-ask the question, "Why did I get married?" This year, all four relationships are strained." (Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, sexual references, and language.) Light snacks will be served at 6:30 PM; the movie begins at 7 PM. On February 21st, UCC will host a Family Game Night.



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Most winners of the University Park Woman's Club's 2008 Holiday Home Decorating Contest display their "colors" through the first week of January or longer. Why not plan a drive-around-Town now to view this year's "oohs" and "ahhs":

DOOR: 1st: **ELAM** residence 6912 40th Avenue; 2nd: **CAREY** residence 4308 Van Buren Street; 3rd: **BEANE** residence 4403 Tuckerman Street.

RELIGIOUS: 1st: **FENSTER** residence 6906 Wells Parkway; 2nd: **BEHNEMAN** residence 4201 Tuckerman Street; 3rd: **BROCKMAN** residence 6308 Queens Chapel Road.

WHOLE HOUSE: 1st: **LIPPERT** residence, 6907 Forest Hill Drive; 2nd: **LESTW-DORN** residence, 7008 40th Avenue; 3rd: **TIE: WHELTON** residence, 4115 Woodberry Street & **DUDINSKY/GAST** residence, 4317 Woodberry Street.

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



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January 2009 University Park Monthly Planner



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January is:	National Book Month	National Get Organized Month and	International Creativity Month	1 New Year's Day <small>(Town Office closed, no bus services)</small>	2 12:00 NOON Deadline for February NEWSLETTER TRASH COLLECTION	3 RESOLVE:
4 <small>Takoma Park Farmers Market: 10 AM - 3 PM (TP+FA)</small> CPAM Movie 1 PM "Iron Man"	5 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION YARD WASTE RECYCLING	6 Twelfth Night TRASH COLLECTION	7 EXERCISE	8 HY-LI Chess Club, 7 PM CPAM Peter Pan Club 10:30-NOON End of Town curb-side leaf collection. "Out of the Dust" SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	9 FCS Open House 9:30-11a CPAM 7:30 PM OPH CHINESE MUSIC CONCERT LAX Clinic LES 8-9 PM TRASH COLLECTION	10 PP KIDS' MOVIE: 10a Kangaroo Kids & "Arctic Tale" MCPAC 11 AM "Blues Journey" PBM 7:30-10 PM Twelfth Night Ball
11 <small>(TP+FA)</small> READ	12 PP Se-Love 11a "August Rush" PGPCC "Snowman Fun" 11am UPWC 11:30 RPC White Elephant Auction YARD WASTE RECYCLING	13 CPAM "BINGO" 2-4 PM After-8 Book Club "City of Falling Angels" CPAE Youth Choir SAEC 7:30 PM TRASH COLLECTION	14 SMILE	15 SERVE	16 CPAE Book Club 7:30-9p "Yellow Woman and... Spirit" LAX Clinic LES 8-9 PM TRASH COLLECTION	17 PGPCC 7-10 PM Xtream teens Ice Skating Trip to Wells Rink
18 <small>(TP+FA)</small> LISTEN	19 Vertigo 1:30 PM Children's "Obama" Book Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <small>(Town Office closed, no bus services)</small> YARD WASTE RECYCLING	20 Inauguration Day <small>(Town Office closed, no bus services)</small> INTERVIEW & RECORD HISTORY TODAY	21 HY-LI Book Group "Second Honeymoon" 10:30 AM TRASH COLLECTION	22 FCS Open House 9:30-11a CPAM Peter Pan Club 10:30-NOON HY-LI Chess Club, 7 PM SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	23 LAX Clinic LES 8-9 PM TRASH COLLECTION	24 CPAM 11a & 1p "Mad Science" CPAE 3:30-5p OPH Learn Dance Class UCC Movie 6:30 PM "Why Did I Get Married?"
25 <small>(TP+FA)</small> CPAE Stuck Puppets OPH 3-4 PM LAX Registration RPC 4-6 PM	26 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING	27 CPAM 3 PM "Wilber's Workshop" TRASH COLLECTION	28 SIMPLIFY	29 PP 10:15 AM & NOON "Dr. Dolittle" (ASL-signed performance) SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	30 LAX Clinic LES 8-9 PM TRASH COLLECTION	31 CPAE 3:30-5p OPH Latin Dances Class

LOST PET DATABASE

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



INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS

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