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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JAN 1 - Friday, New Year's Day, 2010
(Town Hall closed; no Bus service)

JAN 2 - (Sat.) NEWSLETTER Deadline
for the February issue, 12 NOON

JAN 4 - COUNCIL MEETING

JAN 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(Town Hall closed; no Bus service)

JAN 25 - COUNCIL MEETING

JAN 29 - (Fri.) NEWSLETTER Deadline
for the March issue, 12 NOON

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services can be provided with a request made ten days in advance. Agenda for Council Meetings 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

What a wonderful Holiday Party and Tree Lighting was held on December 5th. A **BIG**, nay, **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to

Maxie Phillips, Bob Streitmatter, and Michael Cochran for organizing the Holiday Party and to Dave Brosch and Sarah Moseley for organizing the Green Tree Lighting Ceremony. As always, Michael Cotter's Blue Sky Puppet Theatre group was delightful. The Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department did a wonderful job bringing Santa to Town and Santa had a great time mingling with the crowd and talking to some of our younger residents. Thank you to the Solar Co-op Carolers who entertained us with "great gusto and beautiful voice" before the Tree was lit. Our tree was the prettiest I've ever seen it and 9-year-old Susanna Kisker did a fantastic job throwing the switch to light the tree. One of the largest crowds ever, amassed to be a part of our historic "green" tree lighting, and to top it off...it was SNOWING! It truly was a Magical Evening!

It was with sadness mixed with appreciation that I received the announcement of Lt. Bacon's **UPCOMING RETIREMENT** after 29 years of service with our Town's police force. Since joining the Department, Lt. Bacon has been a steady constant, stepping in as interim Chief on several occasions, and always serving with distinction, sometimes under very difficult circumstances. (Read Chief Wynnyk's tribute to Lt. Bacon on the next page.) Prior to and before the beginning of the **January 25th** Council Meeting, the Mayor and Council will hold a ceremony to honor Lt. Bacon for his years of service to University Park.

For those of you who may be interested, our Town Treasurer, **Dan Baden**,

and I will present a **MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORT** and provide an overview on how to read and interpret our Town budget. The overview will be a technical discussion and is not designed to preempt the formal presentation of the budget at the end of March.

The Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) **PLANNING BOARD** held a "**FIRST HEARING**" on the Belcrest Plaza Project (BPP) on December 10th. Both **Suellen Ferguson** and I testified on behalf of the Town. We presented the letter, written on behalf of the Town and authorized by a 6-0 vote of Council, that **requested the Board to deny approval** for both the Rezone and the Detailed Site Plan submitted by the applicant. The letter supported the MNCPPC staff report that also recommended disapproval of the proposed development. While the Board continued the hearing to January 14th, it appeared to be inclined to override both its own staff's and University Park's concerns! **Particularly troubling is the likelihood that the Board may support the construction of the 31-story building**. This represents a fairly significant deviation from the maximum height of 16 stories that was established by the TDOZ, agreed upon in 1991, and amended in 1998 after considerable public input and multiple hearings before the Planning Board and the County Council. **On the positive side**, it appears that the developer has publicly agreed that they will follow the storm water management guidelines that will come into effect in May of 2010. These are much stricter than the current requirements and should help to reduce damage to our Stream. It is unclear at this time how the outstanding traffic issues will be addressed. **The Council and I will continue to monitor the passage of the proposal through the approval process and rigorously pursue conditions to ensure that the project does not negatively impact University Park.**

If residents wish to participate in the hearings by testifying before the Board or supporting the actions of the Mayor and Council in this matter, please contact your Ward representative or me. As new infor-

mation becomes available, it will be posted on the Town website.

"I close with my Best Wishes for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year for all."



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The men and women of the **University Park Police Department** and I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As the New Year of 2010 begins a new decade, the UPPD wants to encourage each of you to stay safe in your daily routines by using good common sense to provide a secure environment for yourself, your family, and our community.

A LIFE COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

On January 29, 2010, Lt. Bacon will become the first person officially to retire from the **Town of University Park!** University Park bids an appreciative fond farewell to **Lieutenant Stephen S. Bacon, UPPD.** Lt. Bacon was born and raised in North Middletown, Kentucky, the elder son of Stephen Sargent Bacon and Leona Bacon. He has lived in Maryland for over 50 years, moving here from Kentucky when he was 21 years old and had been serving in the U.S. Army Reserves since his high school days. He began his career with the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. (MPDC) in 1961, when Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States.

When John F. Kennedy was elected President, Officer Bacon was assigned to work during Kennedy's inauguration. Many of you may remember that on the evening before that inaugural celebration, the Washington area experienced one of its worst blizzards and the following day was recorded as one of the coldest inaugurations on record. As he stood post for the event, Steve recalled, "I can't

remember ever being that cold in my entire life!" Officer Bacon also stood post at the U.S. Capitol for thirty-six hours straight to guard President Kennedy's casket after the assassination.

During the civil rights demonstrations, when Officer Bacon was serving as a front line Officer, he actually heard in person the now-famous speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King. The young Officer Bacon wore riot gear during the Vietnam War demonstrations and numerous other civil disturbance events that became common in Washington, D.C.; he worked in some of the most dangerous areas of the District; and he continued to serve with MPDC through three more presidential inaugurations. During Lyndon Johnson's administration, and prior to the existence of the Uniformed Secret Service Officers, he also served a six-year term of duty at the White House. During Officer Bacon's twenty years of service with MPDC, he was promoted to Sergeant and "semi-retired" as a Shift Sergeant in the 7th District.

But being married with four children necessitated that his retirement from MPDC be a temporary one, and he immediately began working as an Officer of the University Park Police Department on November 20, 1980. Coming from one of the largest police departments in the Country to UPPD was quite a change for Lt. Bacon, but a boon for UP as he brought a vast amount of experience, knowledge, and professionalism that would benefit UPPD from that day forward. Since joining the UPPD, Lt. Bacon has been promoted from an entry-level Officer up through the ranks to Lieutenant. He has served with seven UP Mayors and six UPPD Chiefs, with numerous Council Members, and with over 75 other UPPD Police Officers. Lt. Bacon has worked as a Patrol Officer, a supervisor and, throughout his career, has served many times as a capable Interim Chief when needed.

Lt. Bacon's experience in policing is extensive and his personal knowledge of the

Town he was sworn to protect has been invaluable. He has met most University Park residents and in some instances, knows three generations of UP families. He has written many tickets, made numerous arrests, and has received countless letters of appreciation. He has spent thousands of hours patrolling University Park streets during the day, through the night, on weekends and holidays (including many Thanksgivings, Christmases, New Year's, and Fourth of Julys), and through all sorts of conditions (snow blizzards, heat waves, floods, and tornado-like disasters). During his tenure, Lt. Bacon has witnessed twenty-four new houses built in UP, the closing of Queens Chapel Road as a throughway, removal of a major traffic light at the Queens Chapel Road/Underwood Street intersection, and the closure of 44th Avenue at Wells Parkway. When Lt. Bacon came on duty, the Town Hall and the UPPD were located in two very small rooms in the Executive Office Building at 7100 Baltimore Avenue. The current Town Hall building was a community eyesore, a multi-family rental home called "the lamb lady's house" by area children (who didn't understand their parents' references to the landlady)...and the moniker soon stuck with adults as well.

Not only has Steve Bacon been able to aid and assist University Park families, but he raised a great family of his own, and his pride extends from his three daughters and son to his ten young grandchildren. Lt. Bacon's contribution to society as a police officer has been one of dignity, respect, and honor for forty-nine (49) years.

"Please join me and the entire University Park Police Department in wishing Lt. Bacon many more happy years in his retirement!"

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 num-

ber. After doing so (by mail, e-mail, or telephone), you will be added to the UPPD E-List.

REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS:

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

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077; 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 (Oct 31st to Nov 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Oct 31st	Theft	3900 Underwd
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Oct 31st	Theft	6800 WellsPky
Nov11-12	Theft	7000 Adelphi
Nov16th	Assault	6900 Balt Ave
Nov18th	ProtctvOrdViolatn	6700 41st Ave

Theft (Between 10 PM and Midnight):

Suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2003 Toyota SUV and stole a satellite radio holder and adapter wires. No suspects were located.

Theft (Between 10 PM and Midnight):

Suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2005 Honda Civic and stole a Garmin GPS unit and a cell phone adapter. No suspect/s were located.

Theft (Between 10 PM and Midnight):

Suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2001 Ford Taurus and stole a Garmin GPS unit. No suspects were located.

Theft (Between 9:30 PM on Nov. 11th and 2 PM on Nov. 12th): Suspect/s stole a black Cannondale Mountain bicycle from the yard of the residence. No suspects located.

Assault (At 5:30 PM): An individual was attempting to cross Pineway at Baltimore Ave.

when a turning vehicle almost struck him. The subject yelled at the driver and struck the rear quarter panel of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle exited his car and an argument ensued. The driver of the vehicle struck the subject in the face with his fist and got back in his car and left the scene. The suspect was located and the victim was advised of the process for obtaining a warrant. Case Closed.

Protective Order Violation (At 6:30 PM):

A University Park Police officer observed an unattended vehicle in the left-turn lane. A check of the vehicle determined that it had been reported stolen in Montgomery County, earlier that day. No suspects were located. The owner of the vehicle was notified.

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.



HOLIDAY REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Christmas trees and other *natural* holiday wreathing, garlands, and other 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** paper is used to make useful fiberboard items (such as shoe boxes and pizza boxes).

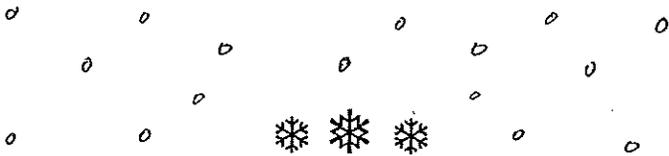
Or...instead of **RECYCLING** them, **REDUCE** the amount of holiday wrappings and boxes you discard by **REUSING** the boxes and the larger pieces of wrapping paper. Craft new decorations and gift tags from the fronts of your holiday cards and save them to use on next year's gifts.



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

January 1st (New Year's Day) and January 18th (Martin Luther King, Jr. 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 make-up trash collection** for the one missed on Friday, January 1st. However, there **WILL BE a make-up yard waste collection** the following week on Wednesday, January 20th.



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 (listed on the "UP Teen Workers List" in the October 2009 NEWS-LETTER) is available for snow removal if you need help: Louise Ahmann (16) 301-864-

3829; Justin McPherson (15) 301-779-5249; Kyle McPherson (17) 301-779-5249; and Nik Ramiriz (14) 301-864-3829.



FROM THE STREAM COMMITTEE

A WELLS RUN REPORT

"Working to monitor, preserve, restore, and maintain the health of Wells Run."

The Stream Committee has identified 23 projects in need of attention. Several of them are major but most need only simple care; a few dedicated volunteers with clippers, shovels, and strong backs could resolve them in short order. As might be expected, trash remains a problem, but is being addressed by the construction of an experimental trash trap that was designed specifically for our Stream. A positive demonstration of this design will be followed by a request for a permit to install a series of the traps along the Stream's length. Other problems include displaced rocks (which could be moved back into place with pure labor) and invasive plants (which could be controlled in part by just a day's worth of "gardener attack").

Large construction-type projects include supporting concrete drains, supporting several roadways, and reducing pooling sites. These more technical projects have been given to UPPWD Director Beall for discussion and budget estimates. In April and May 2010, the Committee will issue an appeal for residents to come to the Stream's rescue, armed with shovels, clippers, and trash bags to help improve the Stream with some personal TLC. **Clearly, UP residents with a will could do wonders to improve the health and beauty of Wells Run.**

The chemical testing that took place during November and December indicated that the Stream's water was healthy and free of pollutants. The toxic report expected in mid November has not been received to date, but the Committee is hoping for a good report.

Finally, in discussions, the Contee group has given the Committee a verbal understanding of the Stream's problems and have stated their commitment to be a partner in the protection of Wells Run. Obviously, the Committee is very excited by the possibilities. If you or your group is interested in sharing some of you time to care for the Town Stream, please contact Tom Stickles (tstickle1@verizon.net or 301-864-0533).



ITEMS TO NOTE

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

❖ **UP LANDLORDS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$250 per year and provide a yearly inspection program for all licensed UP rental property. For questions about the license or law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

❖ **HELP STOP CRIME:** Blue and white "UP" car sticker/s are **FREE** at the Town Hall. Please adhere to the driver's side of either your car's back bumper or low on the back window. The stickers enable **UPPD officers and residents to recognize UP vehicles immediately.** Town Hall hours are 9-5, M-F.

❖ **TOWN HOT-LINES:** For Town Field status updates: 301-927-4262-x-600. For general Town Bus info: 301-927-4262-x-601.

❖ **IT'S THE LAW:** All dogs and cats must be "on a leash" when away from their owner's property. Also, all dog walkers (kids to seniors) are required to bag their pup's droppings. Bags should be disposed of in the pet owners' trash receptacles.

❖ **YARD WASTE** is collected each Monday 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. And NOTE: bamboo and vines (including ivy) are considered trash. Please bag vines and include with your Tuesday/Friday trash collections. To keep our Town looking beautiful, put yard waste out only the evening before collection.

❖ **BATTERY RECYCLING:** The U.S. Department of Transportation established new regulations for the handling, shipping, and transportation of dry cell batteries. So now, ONLY Dry cell batteries weighing less than two (2) pounds may be recycled at the UP Town Hall. Recyclers need to **pad the positive (+) end of each battery with a criss-cross or strip of tape.** Keeping a roll of electrical tape and small scissors near one's collection receptacle will help make the recycling preparation a snap (and ensure the batteries an uneventful journey to the recycling plant without fear of leaking, breaking, or catching on fire)!

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

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

The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream recycling is for collecting: ❖ MIXED PAPER: [Telephone books, Magazines, Boxes, Rinsed aseptic milk/juice cartons, Envelopes, Newspapers, etc.]; ❖ SOME METAL: [Aerosol cans, Aluminum foil, and Food & beverage containers of aluminum-bimetal-ferrous & iron-

steel]; ❖ MANY PLASTICS: [Grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap & stretch film (all collected into one "bag ball"), Plastic glasses, cups, & tableware, Wide-mouth containers & narrow-neck containers #1-7, Flower pots, and Rx containers]; ❖ ALL GLASS [except: mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass, and windowpanes]; and ❖ ALL CLOTHES HANGERS.

Please have your blue tote ready for collection each Thursday at 7 AM in the same manner and place as your green trash tote. **We DO NOT RECYCLE**: The excepted glass listed previously ❖ Any auto parts, motor oil, or antifreeze containers ❖ Hazardous waste products ❖ Medical waste items ❖ Glass, china, or pottery tableware, & never ❖ Any (hard or soft) **STYROFOAM**.

NOTE: All food & beverage containers and other recyclables must be rinsed clean of food and grease...or not recycled.

❖ **TRASH AND RECYCLING TOTES**: Remember not to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/ Friday and Thursday pick-up days. Likewise, it is each resident's responsibility to return them from the curb the same day after pick-up. Totes stored outside must be out of view from the street, at the side or back of one's home. If the most convenient place to locate your totes is a visible one, consider installing attractive wooden surrounds, barrier walls, or lattice and plants to block their view.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

➤ **REMINDER**: There will be no UP Bus service on **New Year's Day 2010, January 1st** and **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18th**.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, Library or Community

Center visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days before 1 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 Town.

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 and eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM. Get a map (showing the stops) at the Town Hall or at www.upmd.org under "Other Documents."



[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 2nd COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carey, DeSaussure (who resigned his position on the Council during Public Comment), Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Toscano; and Chief Wynnyk.

During **Public Comment**, CM DeSaussure announced his resignation from the Council, effective immediately. He read a

statement outlining his reasons for resigning. (His letter of resignation may be read online in the November 2nd minutes. His resignation was accepted by Mayor Tabori.

Mr. Lucas noted that UP was the only municipality whose budget was in the black at the most recent MML meeting. Mayor Tabori added that UP had been able to reduce its budget in recent years, in part, by cutting two staff members from the PWD. The use of machinery was able to offset the reduction in staff. Also stated was the fact that UP was the only Town not raising taxes this past year. The Mayor had objections to some of the wording used by Mr. DeSaussure in his resignation letter.

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) The **UP Solar Co-op (UPSC)** offered to sponsor the Town Tree Lighting ceremony after the UHPA/UPCA's Holiday Pot Luck Supper Party. UPSC is hoping to light the Town Tree with a solar panel. Mr. Tom Eichbaum from UPSC explained that the combination of solar power and LED lighting should reduce power consumption by 80-90% of last year's power usage. He also said that UPSC had a non-binding letter of intent to install solar panels on the roofs of UPES and UPCB. He said snow on the panels should not affect their efficiency; it was a manageable problem.

(2) At a pre-construction meeting with **WSSC**, it was announced that the contractor for phase one of WSSC's water pipe replacement was Schumer Construction. The meeting was positive and optimistic and the contractor will coordinate the work to minimize its impact on Town residents. The Town is in the process of negotiating the sequence of work activities. Clagett Road will be worked on first and can be done during the winter months since the water line is being relocated.

Work was planned to begin on December 2nd. Although the work should be completed in 305 days as contracted, the Mayor felt it would take a full year. (This is important for budget-planning reasons as that

would mean the work will be finished in FY 2012.) WSSC advised that six months should elapse after the water main repairs before any permanent road repairs are performed (to allow for soil settlement). Mayor Tabori said the phase two contract was awarded to Metra. An appointment will be made to meet with this contractor also.

Information about contracted work will be communicated to residents via Town NEWSLETTER information, posts to the Town web site, letters from WSSC to work-zone residents, and WSSC street signage. It was noted that the contractor had recognized that Underwood Street work would need to be conducted when school was not in session. UP will need to provide in-Town storage for the contractor's equipment, most likely back-hoes, and small earthmovers like Bobcats. Milling machines also would be used but not stored in Town.

(3) Mayor Tabori distributed copies of the letter sent to the Historic Preservation Commission stating UP's position on the proposed CHE Historic District. The Mayor had located the 1936 special session of the MD State legislature that formed the Town of UP.

(4) The Mayor announced that UP would host the Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting on November 19th in the UPES multi-purpose room. The UTC Three Brothers restaurant was contracted to cater the meal for a cost of less than \$500.

CM Carey announced that the U.S. Department of Energy was offering **block grants for energy efficiency and conservation**. He said a small group of UP residents was exploring the grant's feasibility for UP. There is a November 19th deadline for letters of intent from interested parties and a December 14th deadline for receiving the grant proposals. Grants are for 1-5 million dollars.

Chief Wynnyk reported that the total estimated cost of the lawnmower and trailer that were stolen from the UPPWD was \$10,000. He said there were great numbers

of people in Town on Halloween but that, aside from a couple of cars that unfortunately were vandalized, the evening proved to be uneventful otherwise. The Chief will look into getting more details on three area crimes: a rape that occurred in College Park, a deceased female victim found in the Toledo Terrace area, and a one-day lock-down that occurred at Northwestern High School.

Re the Belcrest Plaza Project (BPP): Mayor Tabori said that County planning staff were issuing a number of referral memos centering on concerns about the BPP proposal. One significant County concern is that BPP wants to activate Toledo Road (currently a private road owned by PG Plaza) into a public road! Such an activation would require a 70-foot right-of-way. No public statement in support of this plan has been made by the PGP owner, nor has the owner mentioned granting any public rights to the private road.

At a recent meeting, during a discussion of roads, a HY representative expressed concerns and objections on behalf of HY's mayor because BPP had not considered parking or pedestrian crossings. Mayor Tabori said there was discussion in HY about annexing the BPP. This is a concern to UP because HY never ramped up police and fire protection services for the University Town Center (UTC) project.

More concerns and frustrations with the BPP team were expressed. Mayor Tabori noted that the site was changed from 70% to 100% impervious surface coverage (with 10% of the area replanted with potted trees). However, potted trees are only half as effective as naturally-planted trees in undisturbed soils -- so, effectively, the pervious coverage would be only 5%. And...questions still remain about drainage and runoff since Wells Run now is at or beyond capacity during major storms!

The BPP's final plan was due to the planning board on November 4th, with final comments and referrals due November 17th.

The staff report was to be out on November 24th and the planning board meeting and testimony were to have taken place on December 10th. Mayor Tabori said UP had received a direct referral to comment on the transportation plan (some 400 pages long). He also mentioned the weak PGC Department of Public Works & Transportation storm water management legislation. Testimony was to occur on November 3rd. He added that the law does not include water standards.

One **Consent Agenda** item was approved unanimously to **replace an existing shed at 6607 Wells Parkway**.

Two motions were passed unanimously to: (1) install a drainage system at 6525 40th Avenue. Permit will be issued when the applicants meet with the Town Engineer and, if necessary, come into compliance with his recommendations, (*This motion was on the regular agenda because a "Stop Work" order had been issued and because water would drain onto Town property.*) and (2) repair the outer brick veneer of an existing 4-foot brick retaining wall at 6907 40th Avenue and waive the \$100 fee for the "Stop Work" order. (*This motion also was on the regular agenda because a "Stop Work" order had been issued. The project was started without having received a work permit.*)

Motions were passed unanimously for two rental properties' on-street, 6-month parking waivers for up to five vehicles at: (1) 6705 40th Avenue and (2) 6701 Forest Hill Drive. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 16th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); Treasurer Baden, UPPD Chief Wynnyk, UPPWD Director Beall, and Attorney Ferguson; Mr. Bob Diss, representing Lindsey & Associates (a certified public accounting

and consulting firm) and Mr. Chuck Wilson, a Town resident who works for Alliance to Save Energy (a non-profit organization in D.C. that is focused on energy-efficiency).

Re the Town audit for FY 2009: Mr. Diss said the audit had been performed according to Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP) and that the Town received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest possible rating. Internal financial controls were reviewed and no material weaknesses were noted. He added that he had received the full cooperation of Town employees while conducting the audit.

Mayor Tabori reported on three items: (1) Before CERT could sponsor a swine flu clinic in Town, Council must give approval. He added that, by law, the clinic must be open to the general public and not restricted to Town residents. No decision had been made yet for the time and location of the clinic. CM McPherson asked if the Town would incur any liability by holding the clinic and Attorney Ferguson said there would be no liability to the Town. A motion was passed unanimously for a swine flu clinic to be held within the Town of University Park and for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) funds to be used to support the clinic.

(2) In response to Mr. Beall's mention that Schumer, Inc. (WSSC's phase one contractor) needed an answer to their request for equipment storage, the Mayor suggested the area at Wells Parkway and Clagett Road. The contractor needs storage for small earth-moving equipment, steel storage containers for pipe connections and fittings, water line pipes, and a port-o-potty. It was requested that a fence enclose the area when in use. There was discussion and concern that the machinery might compact the soil and damage an area adjacent to the Stream. Also, this area was known to have wet saturated soil that might not hold up to the intended use, even when covered with a gravel pad. **Attorney Ferguson said the Town was not required to provide storage space to a contractor.**

(3) The Mayor said the November 19th PGC Municipal Association monthly meeting being hosted by University Park (in the UPES multi-purpose room) would include an executive session at 6 PM, followed by the regular dinner meeting at 7 PM. The event would be catered by Three Brothers, UTC, with a \$400 budget; 25-30 people were expected.

CM Toscano requested that Treasurer Baden provide a monthly budget report to supplement the year-to-date report that already is being provided.

UPPWD Director Beall reported that: (1) The data collection phase of the Town Tree Inventory had been completed; more than 1350 trees were inventoried by 37 UM graduate and undergraduate students. Two local papers and the *Washington Post* ran articles highlighting the project. The Inventory is expected to be a very useful tool for planting, record keeping, and Town tree maintenance. (2) Nearly 60 trees were planted this fall in the Town Park and in the Ward 6 curb boxes. The Park plantings were done in partnership with the **Gorgeous Prince George's Program** and **UP Girl Scout Troop 5857** (led by Ann Rowe, Judith Barnes, and Georgia Deal). The UPPWD was very appreciative of the Scouts for all of their hard work.

(3) WSSC's Phase One water main replacement (in Wards 3, 4, and 5) was set to begin on December 2nd. Clagett Road will be under construction until March. Residents were advised to keep apprised of the contractor's progress and try to avoid the construction area during work hours. The PWD would adjust its route so collections could be made on the involved streets before the day's construction began. Residents on the involved streets must have their carts at the curb before 7 AM to ensure collection. (4) NOTE: An active storm drain had been uncovered for inspection about mid-field on the Stream side of the Town Field. The opening was to remain exposed until a crew returned to flush out the system within a few weeks. Residents had been warned of the hazard.

(5) Leaf collection had been progressing better than last year and the response to posting a tentative 2-week schedule had been very positive. More leaf fall was expected as the trees seemed to be giving up their leaves more slowly, especially the Bradford pear trees in Ward 6. (6) Concern was expressed about trees being planted in the Town Field only 30 feet from either side of the soccer goals. It was feared they would become a safety hazard. Mr. Beall said they both were small trees -- a dogwood and a redbud -- and their locations already had been assessed to ensure they wouldn't be too near the field of play.

Re update on CHE Historic District (CHEHD): Mayor Tabori and Attorney Ferguson would be attending the November 17th hearing with the Historical Preservation Commission (HPC). The Town's letter had not altered the staff's report, which continued to include University Park properties in the CHEHD. If the HPC did not modify the CHEHD and remove the UP properties as the Town requested, UP will need to litigate the matter. Attorney Ferguson and the Council discussed the Town's possible responses, depending on the outcome of the HPC meeting.

Two **Consent Agenda** items were approved unanimously to: (1) **replace the basement steps at 4201 Tuckerman Street** and (2) **replace an existing fence/gate at 4318 Clagett Road**.

A motion was passed unanimously to issue a letter of **NON-SUPPORT** to the County Zoning Board on zoning variance appeal V-79-09 to validate and obtain a permit for an eight-foot high non-conforming arbor gate and to grant a variance of 3-foot side lot line setback on Lot 7, Block 37 at 4004 Underwood Street. *(The reasons for the non-support include the potential encroachment of the fence onto an adjacent property and the fact that the height of the fence required a Town variance, which had not been requested by the homeowner.)* Until all issues are re-solved, Council will not process the matter. (NOTE: Applicant had included plans and a Town permit application but, in this motion, Council

is considering only the variance request to the County. Town Engineer Sidhu had reviewed the application but, without benefit of a certified survey, was unable to determine whether the fence was located on the applicant's property or the neighbor's. And finally, as constructed, the fence was 5-feet in height but never had been granted a Town variance or even a Town permit. And, in addition, the constructed arbor gate was a height of 8-9 feet, which would have required a County variance since that exceeds even the County's 6-foot height restriction.)

A motion for a permit was approved unanimously for replacement of a walkway at 4107 Van Buren Street. *(Normally, this would have been just a Consent Agenda item and would not have had to wait and come before Council. However, construction began without getting a permit, and then the walkway encroached on Town property, so a Stop Work order had to be issued. Now, the applicants have obtained a County permit and met with Engineer Sidhu, who recommended that their application be approved, with no conditions.)*

[Ed.NOTE: A simple call to Town Hall would have eliminated a month's delay and possible fines! Whenever you are planning for some type of construction, replacement, or improvement to your home, especially to the outside, either look over the "Information on Town Permits" Guide that was printed in the December 2009 UP NEWSLETTER or make a quick call to Town Hall, state your project idea, and ask if any permits would be needed. If you don't file your NEWSLETTERS for future reference, you can see them on the Town website (www.upmd.org) under documents.]

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the introduction of **Ordinance 09-O-12** (to allow general obligation financing for funding the past service cost of entering the State Retirement & Pension System of MD).

Attorney Ferguson explained that, because she was not a bond counsel, the Town would be retaining a bond attorney to review the Ordinance. And, SunTrust Bank

would attend a future Council meeting to present their offer to underwrite the bond. The current bond rate will not be held beyond November 23rd, and on November 27th, bidders would provide the new rate effective through 2009.

In accordance with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Town solicited five banks; only two responded -- SunTrust (who offered a 3.78% rate for 10 and 15-year terms) and TDBank (who offered 4.22% for 10 years). Of the other three banks, the Mayor said two would have been interested only if the Town brought all their banking business to them. The third, Bank of America (UP's current bank) declined to bid saying their bond manager was on vacation. The Mayor added that the Town also was negotiating with three bond attorneys; one will be chosen soon to handle the Ordinance review.

Re the letter of intent for an energy grant: A motion was passed by consensus to approve sending a letter of intent to the US Department of Energy (DOE) for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant. (The grant proposal deadline was December 14th.)

Mr. **Chuck Wilson**, who brought the grant to the Council's attention, addressed the Mayor and Council on the details. He felt the Town might be interested in one of the 15-60 \$1-5-million-dollar grants being offered nationwide for residential and commercial efficiency up-grades in small towns. All grant applicants must provide detailed usage plans that include support from other jurisdictions and from local energy offices. However, whereas many other applicants were past their planning stages and were ready to implement their plans whenever funds became available, the small committee of Town residents and CM Carey only had begun to consider applying for the grant in late October.

Concerns were expressed about the ability to prepare for the grant in less than one month's time. CM Mallino recommended that

the grant committee use the experiences of their work so far as a blueprint to prepare for the next grant opportunity that becomes available. The Mayor said he'd had experience with DOE grants and noted that it was possible to use grant funds to support the administrative costs of making the proposal. **He suggested interested CMs and the committee members continue their work and submit a letter of intent for DOE to the Council.** Mr. Wilson added that the letter would be non-binding on the Town. The Mayor requested that the grant committee provide the Council with an advance copy of their proposal by December 5th (so it could be discussed at the December 7th Council Meeting). **CM Mallino reiterated concerns about what impact the hurried proposal might make on staff hours -- and in turn, the potential financial impact that it could make on the Town.** [Ed.NOTE: On Friday, December 11th, the Council, by a vote of 6-0, decided to submit a proposal and apply for one of the energy grants.]

A motion was passed unanimously to approve **Resolution 09-R-13** to conduct a Special Election in Ward 7. The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ **AZALEA CLASSIC NOTICE:** Local business owners who are considering becoming a race sponsor to take advantage of the unique opportunities available (such as event and mile sponsorships) should make a note to **REMEMBER:** To be listed on all the race materials (including the pre-race promotional items and the much-in-demand race t-shirt), interested business owners must contact Classic organizer Sarah Elder (elder_yde@msn.com) no later than January 15th.

IT'S A FACT! Cats have over 100 vocal sounds while dogs only have about 10.



CONGRATULATIONS

❖ **AND THE WINNERS ARE...** Most of the winners of the University Park Woman's Club's 2009 Holiday Home Decorating Contest will display their "colors" through the first week of January or longer. Why not plan a drive-around-Town now and view this year's STUNNING "oohs" and "ahhs":

BEST-DECORATED DOOR

- 1st: YOUNISS** (6902 Forest Hill Drive);
- 2nd: WILKINSON** (4310 Clagett Road);
- 3rd: CARROLL** (6703 Queens Chapel Road).

BEST RELIGIOUS DECOR

- 1st: GOLDSTEIN** (6900 Wells Parkway);
- 2nd: SPEARS** (6707 Wells Parkway);
- 3rd: BEHNEMAN** (4201 Tuckerman Street).

BEST WHOLE HOUSE DECOR

- 1st: FERGUSON/ULWICK** (7000 Forest Hill);
- 2nd: TORNATORE** (4315 Clagett Road);
- 3rd: PARISH** (6902 Wells Parkway).

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



SOARING INTO JANUARY

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a film, an exhibit, trains & planes, and Santa! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact 301-864-6029/TTY 301-864-4765 or www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

❖ On January 1st and each "First Friday," the Museum is open until 9 PM!

❖ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's film series features Hollywood blockbusters, classics, and documentaries with a flight theme. Movies begin at 2 PM; lemonade, popcorn, and the movie always are FREE with Museum admission (FWMA)! On January 3rd, the featured film will be "Dumbo," the Disney film about a little elephant who can fly.

❖ On Sunday, January 10th from 12 NOON to 4 PM, a **Scout Wings Day** will be held for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels. Come explore the history of aviation and the science of flight through a variety of fun and educational activities. Pre-registration is required: \$4 per participant; please call the Museum for details.

❖ "Speaking of Flight" - On Sunday, January 17th at 2 PM, please join Larry E. Tise as he discusses his new book *Conquering the Sky: The Secret Flights of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk*. The book follows the Wright Brothers from their rise to fame on NC's historic Outer Banks to the quickly expanding role of the world press and their flights' repercussions in war and military technology. FWMA

❖ CPAM will host a **LEGO Aircraft Building Day** on Saturday, January 23rd from 11 AM to 4 PM. Design your own aircraft out of the LEGOS provided and take home a picture of your creation. Top designs will be displayed throughout the museum. FWMA

❖ **Carolyn Russo**, a National Air and Space Museum photographer and Museum Specialist, explores the history of aviation and space flight with her camera. She also has created many innovative book publications such as "Women and Flight," and "Artifacts of Flight," and her current exhibition now showing at CPAM, "In Plane View." On Sunday, January 31st at 2 PM, Ms. Russo will talk about her past, present, and future

projects. She will finish with a sneak peak at her latest project that features the art and history of airport towers. All are invited to attend; FWMA.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

❖ The Publick Playhouse in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road 301-277-1710; TTY: 301-277-0312) had no listings for January.

❖ 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 2009-2010 season, please contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405-2787. Note: The stage is dark during January.

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

♦ **ACTORS' ALERT!** A variety of roles are available for men and women of all ages. All auditions will be held at the GAC. For more details, please check the website.

(1) Playing February 26-28th: *Greenbelt Voices* - A staged collection of stories about Greenbelt; readings held on **January 2nd & 3rd** at 7 PM.

(2) Playing March 19th-April 10th: *Man of La Mancha* - The musical; singing auditions for ages 16-70 for 15 men and 13 women on **January 4-5th**; reading/dancing callbacks on **January 7th &/or 9th.**

(3) Playing May 7th-May 29th: *Moon over Buffalo* - The Ken Ludwig comedy; readings for ages 30-50 for 4 men and ages 20-70 for 4 women (all roles open) on **January 25-26th** at 7:30 PM.

♦ On weekends, from **January 8th-30th**, enjoy "**Les Liaisons Dangereuses**" by Christopher Hampton (who later adapted it for the film *Dangerous Liaisons*, and also wrote the screenplays for *Tales from the Vienna Woods* and *Atonement*). (Pre-French Revolution, two aristocrats play a diabolical game of seduction, betrayal, and revenge with gossip, flirtation, and games masking underlying manipulations.) Both wickedly funny and heart-breaking, this play warns: "revenge is a dish best served cold."

♦ GAC also is seeking **Directors' Proposals** for the 2010-2011 season, which runs from August 2010 through July 2011. Final deadline for submission is **January 9th.**

❖ For the fifth year, the Berwyn Presbyterian Church (6301 Greenbelt Road, 301-474-7573 or berwynconcerts@gmail.com) continues to sponsor their **Berwyn Concert Series** in an effort to bring FREE quality musical performances to the surrounding communities. January's treat will be a Piano-Violin duet to be held at the church on **January 16th** at 2 PM. The pianist is Darya Gabay and the violinist is Natasha Bogachek from the National Symphony Orchestra. This delightful duo is a musical partnership that celebrates the true spirit of collaboration. Formed in 2003, they perform a varied repertoire spanning from the Baroque Era to the Twentieth Century. Their concert appearances in the greater Metropolitan area include venues such as Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage and the An Die Music Concert Series. Their January's concert will be presented in two parts with an intermission. The selections include Tartini's *Sonata in G-minor (Didone abbandonata)*, Prokofiev's *Sonata No. 2 in D-major*, Tchaikovsky's *Meditation Valse-Scherzo*, and five pieces from Gershwin-Heifetz's *Porgy and Bess.*

❖ The Robert E. Parilla (Montgomery College, Rockville Campus) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** continues its Guest Artist, College, and Saturday Morning Children's series with bands from Briton, a signed aerial

play, and a children's musical. Ticket info at www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac or 240-567-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

◆ On January 16th at 8 PM, the Guest Artists Series will present "The Band of the Irish Guards" & "The Royal Regiment of Scotland," a group of 80 musicians (with the former's variety of professional ensembles including a concert band, marching band, salon orchestra, dance band, and fanfare trumpeters, whose main duty is to play for the mounting of the Queen's guard at Buckingham Palace and for state ceremonial occasions and public events) and the latter's regiment of accompanying performers (that include bagpipes, drums, and Highland dancers).

◆ On Saturday, January 23rd at 8 PM, the College Series will present Class Acts Arts' production of "The Snow Queen," an In-Flight Theater show with a spectacular 60-minute athletic performance that creates a multi-dimensional experience for all! The cast, both hearing and deaf, retells this famous Hans Christian Andersen tale of love, friendship, and courage with eloquent speech and signing while moving on the ground and in the air. Prepare to see a rich, fantastical fairy tale world of aerial floating sculptures and amazing trapeze acts!

◆ On Saturday, January 30th at 11 AM, the Saturday Morning Children's Series will present Artspower's musical production of "Laura Ingalls Wilder." Especially for ages 7 and older, the play highlights Laura and Pa's spirit and passion for the outdoors. *(After being forced to move again and again, the Wilder family journeys to Minnesota and faces an illness that causes Laura's older sister Mary to lose her sight. Laura becomes Mary's eyes to the world and Mary shows her younger sister how to face life with strength and courage.)*

◆ From January 28th through February 14th, UP's Active Cultures Theatre is presenting "The Constellation" at Joe's Movement Emporium (3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mt. Rainier). Former Underwood Street resi-

dent James Hesla is the producer. This uplifting comedy about love, history, and Baltimore's Inner Harbor may be seen on a variety of days and times: Pay-What-You-Wish Previews are planned for January 28th and 29th at 7:30 PM. Performances begin on January 30th-31st, and February 6th & 13th at 4 PM & 7:30 PM; February 4th-5th and 11th-12th at 7:30 PM; and the performance ends on February 7th and 14th at 4 PM.

(In "The Constellation," a love-struck, ambitious, and just-this-side-of-crazy homeless man sets out to win his beloved's heart... but who is his beloved -- the USS Constellation (a 150-year-old sloop-of-war) or the feisty flesh-and-blood woman who rules his world?) Set in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and full of local flavor, this comedy explores the unpredictable yet magnificent role an urban historical monument can play in our everyday lives. The show is suitable for all ages. Fee, \$20; there is a half-price ticket reduction for seniors and students. For ticket reservations or more information, please contact Underwood Street resident **Mary Resing** (301-526-9921 or artisticdirector@activecultures.org).



STRETCH, SING, & STAMP IN 2010

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

and for UPCB members. For more information, please contact Janet Thomas (301-466-5894 or janetthomas1@verizon.net).

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

❖ A 4-week Monday yoga class for new students will begin on **January 11th** from 6:15 to 7:45 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. **Anna Rain**, a certified **Iyengar yoga** instructor with 10 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. The Iyengar method uses props (blankets, blocks, straps, etc.) which make yoga accessible for any range of flexibility. Continuing classes also are offered on Mondays and Thursdays. To register, or for more information, please contact Anna (240-645-8482 or InnerLightYoga@msn.com).

❖ Enter into the fascinating world of printmaking with UP Town resident (and Montpelier Resident Artist) **Dave Brosch**. On Tuesdays from 7-10 PM, **January 19th** to March 9th, ages 16 years to seniors can learn three Printmaking techniques: line etching, aquatint, and dry point. OR Both beginners and experienced printers can learn and work in a weekly Open Studio format offered for ages 15 to seniors on Mondays from 7-10 PM, **January 25th** to March 15th. Classes are held at the Montpelier Arts Center (9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel; 301-377-7800/TTY 301-490-2329). For information on the class or registering, please contact Dave at 301-779-3168 or davidcbrosch@comcast.net.

❖ You and your toddler are invited to join Queens Chapel Road resident **Roberta Kisker** when she begins her 12-week **Kindermusik** "Milk and Cookies" program -- a whimsical, adventurous, musical romp into the

world of hammering, sawing, dusting, washing, baking, and more for ages 18 months to 3 years old. The winter/spring semester runs on Thursdays from **February 4th** until April 29th. The class will be held at First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville (Belcrest and Queens Chapel Roads) from 9:45 to 10:30 AM. Kindermusik is a music and movement experience that awakens little ones' cognitive and emotional growth through music, stories, instrument exploration, intentional listening, and collaborative and independent movement. For questions, please contact Roberta at 301-779-6510 or robertakisker@yahoo.com.



JANUARY ARTFUL AFTERNOON

On Sunday, **January 3rd** from 1-3 PM, enjoy some **Tournament-of-Roses-themed crafts**. Before there was a Rose Bowl football game, there were oranges and ostrich races! Learn about the historic origins of this American New Year tradition in a craft workshop with Artist-in-Residence Gina Mai Denn who works with pottery in her studio. Check online to see if any groups were scheduled to perform at 3 PM.



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 27th year, this producers-only market is offering 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.com.

PUN LINER: When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination :)



JANUARY FUN WITH 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; or, you may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

❖ On Friday, January 8th at 7:30 PM, come enjoy "Transatlantic Crossing." Greenbelt residents Anne and Jon Gardner play fiddle-and-guitar folk music from both sides of the Atlantic (including English, Scottish, Irish, and American), contra dance music from the US & Canada, and jigs & reels from Ireland, England, and Scotland! Guest Susan Taylor will call figures and lead dancing.

❖ CPAE will host a series of dance classes on four Saturday afternoons: **January 23rd & 30th** and **February 6th & 13th** 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 multiply your fun. This class is ideal for both teens and adults. To register, send a \$15 check to CPAE by **January 20th**.

❖ On **January 31st**, come have fun and craft a **large group dragon** from recycled materials at the **Kids' Arts Drop-In** program from 2-4 PM. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads CPAE's **FREE** monthly creative arts workshop for ages 3-8 and their parents.



PG LACROSSE 2010

Registration is beginning for the 2010 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 be holding **FREE** indoor clinics from 8-9 PM at University Park Elementary School on the following Friday nights during January: **January 8th, 15th, and 29th**. Registration forms, February outdoor clinic dates, and other important information will be available at www.pglacrosse.com. Don't miss finding out NOW about this exciting and growing sport!



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 teen skating, puzzle fun and chess for all ages, and a senior safe driving class. (Center ID Cards are free for kids/srs.)

❖ **An Xtreme Teens Skate Night** has been planned for Friday, **January 8th** from 7-9:30 PM. Ages 13-17 are invited to bring your board or skates or use the ones provided. Skate to music with your friends. **FREE** w/Center ID

❖ **AARP Safe Driving Class** - Cars have changed and so have traffic rules and even driving conditions on roads we travel daily. On Thursday, **January 14th** from 10 AM to 3 PM, ages 60 and over can brush up on their driving safety skills and possibly lower their insurance rates via the certificate presented after course completion. Register early to guarantee a seat! Bring a check payable to AARP to the class (\$14/\$12 for AARP members). For more information, call Tiffany Johnson, Program Specialist, at 301-864-1611.

❖ **Chess 101** - On Tuesday, **January 19th** from 4:30-6 PM, all ages are invited to learn how to play chess or just sharpen your chess skills. Exercise your brain as you learn to play this ancient game. **FREE** w/Center ID.

❖ Friday, **January 29th** is **National Puzzle Day** - From 11 AM to 8 PM, drop by

the Center and join in to complete a jigsaw puzzle, try your hand at a crossword.



JANUARY EVENTS AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the lovely 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 for Gift Shop visits during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544. Sign up for classes and activities at www.pgparcs.com or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). *All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

❖ End your holiday season in style at Riversdale's annual Regency-style **Twelfth Night Ball**, back by popular demand! The Ball will be held on Saturday, **January 9th** 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, help choose a king and queen 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 period-inspired light refreshments will be served. (NOTE: Because of the limited space capacity, **reservations are requested by January 4th.** Please contact 301-864-0420 or riversdale@pgparcs.com to check if space is available and make a reservation. \$25 fee)

❖ **Make a Regency Dress in a Weekend!** Have you ever dreamed of making a Regency-era dress fit for a Jane Austen heroine? Whether you're a living history interpreter or just have a passion for the Regency period, this special sewing weekend is the perfect opportunity to make that dress! RHM's historian, Ann Wass, who has a Ph.D. in costume history, will lead the 3-part workshop

which includes: (1) Pattern preparation on Friday, **January 22nd** (6-8 PM); (2) Machine sewing on Saturday, **January 23rd** (10 AM-3 PM); and (3) Hand finishing on Sunday, **January 24th** (12:30-3:30 PM).

PLEASE NOTE: This program is for **experienced seamstresses.** Participants must be able to operate a sewing machine, know basic hand stitches, and have completed a garment using a commercial pattern. Please contact 301-864-0420 or riversdale@pgparcs.com to register, get the required supplies list, and have fabric choice approved; \$50 fee.



UPWC'S CELEBRATED CHARITY AUCTION

The **University Park Woman's Club** will meet at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Monday, **January 11th.** 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 with renowned guest auctioneer and former 44th Avenue resident **Ginny Rinehart!** Now is the time to clean out all your closets and gather those unappreciated collectables, unused kitchenware, excess craft items or holiday decorations, classic/unique games, etc. etc. etc. Remember to bring your wallets and checkbooks so you can outbid your neighbor for some of those one-of-a-kind, second-time-around gems! When one soul's trash is another one's treasure, the result will be a monetary bounty for local charities. Everyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please call Club President Helen Andreno (301-572-5761) for more information or questions.

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

Christina Rossatti



OUCH! -- (PART TWO :)

As a result of the UP Community Emergency Response Team's (CERT's) efforts to sponsor two successful annual flu clinics, the Prince George's County Health Department has granted permission for University Park to conduct an **H1N1 FLU CLINIC** in Town. It will be the last clinic given for the general public in our area and will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Saturday, **January 23rd** from 10 AM-3 PM. NOTE: This clinic will be OPEN TO ALL comers. Except for 300 doses of the H1N1 vaccine, the organizers still are unsure about which other types of vaccines might be available, i.e. mist, shot, H1N1 only, or H1N1 plus regular flu.

One physician and five nurses already have volunteered their time and are excited to participate. UP resident and CERT member **Kate Beveridge** will be the Nurse-in-Charge. Both Kate and UP resident **Tom Stickle** are UPCERT Medical Reserve Corps members and will continue to organize and oversee the Clinic. Other residents who would be willing to volunteer, or who might be interested in becoming an accredited UPCERT member, should contact Tom (tstickle1@verizon.net or 301-864-0533). For more information about the clinic or last-minute details, please check the Town web site or the UP listserv...or watch for a door-to-door handout in January.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"A good book has no ending."

R. D. Cumming.

❖ The **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) offers a monthly afternoon book discussion group and a bi-monthly chess club.

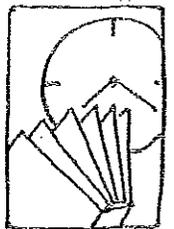
♦ For all ages and levels, the **Chess Club** meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at

7 PM (January 14th and 28th) with instructor Ted Fagan. Why not stop by one evening!

♦ **NEW DAY and NEW TIME!!** The redesigned HY-LI Saturday Book Discussion Group now will meet monthly on the third **Saturday (January 16th)** at 3 PM. Their first selection for the new 2010 decade will be *"My Life in France"* by Julia Child. (*Working with her husband's grandnephew, Alex Prud'homme, Julia recorded her life from 1948-1954 in Paris and Marseille, a time she considered "the best years of her life."*) It's a book you'll want to "savor and devour!" New members always are welcome. For their February 20th meeting, they will discuss *Islam: A Short History* by Karen Armstrong.

❖ The **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM (except in August) at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to discuss their ongoing theme of non-fiction works by women authors. Their selection for **January 15th** is *"Tales of a Female Nomad: Living at Large in the World"* by Rita Golden Gelman. (*This is the fascinating story of a woman who has traveled the world since 1986, with no permanent address and only the possessions she carries with her!*) On February 19th, the Club will discuss *Unspeakable: The Story of Junius Wilson* by Susan Burch.

❖ The **After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, will continue its 2009-2010 Club year on **January 19th** at 8 PM to discuss *"The Geography of Bliss"* by Eric Weiner. If you have questions or would like to join this month's discussion, please call Kathy Mancusi, 301-779-0722. For February 16th, their selection will be *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks.



IT'S A FACT! *The cruiseliner Queen Elizabeth II moves only 6 inches for each gallon of diesel it burns.* ❖ In every episode of *Seinfeld*, there is a Superman somewhere!



SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, APRIL 17th

For the **9th ANNUAL AZALEA CLASSIC**

Registrations are being accepted now at:

www.azaleaclassic.com

NEW! The Azalea Classic website is undergoing an update and now is being administered by Town resident and UPES alumni (2000) **Ryan Rhodes** (set to graduate from the University of Maryland in 2010 with a degree in computer science). In addition to updating the website, Ryan has created a Twitter Account and will activate a Face Book page for the Classic as well. All these new features will be accessible from the race website, www.azaleaclassic.com. **And as an Extra Bonus:** The new and improved website also will include a "runners wall" where Azalea Classic participants can share their running stories and successes. Runners are encouraged to share their funniest and most awesome photos from past Azalea Classics -- who doesn't love winsome shots of Classics' kids and pups! Also, watch for Classics' local business sponsors to be featured on the website with interactive links.

NEW! This year's all-new colorful Azalea Classic t-shirt once again will feature another standout original design by UP resident **Joel Floyd**. His 2010 design says it all: male, female, young, old, even canine runners, plus the beautiful streets of UP lined with azaleas (and even a subtle plug for one of the sponsors)! All Joel's shirts are destined to become collectibles! You can get a sneak peek at the new shirt design on the website; it's another winner!



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER loves publishing the milestones of former and current UP families (births, wed-

dings and obituary notices; graduations and honors; school, sports & community awards, etc.) and 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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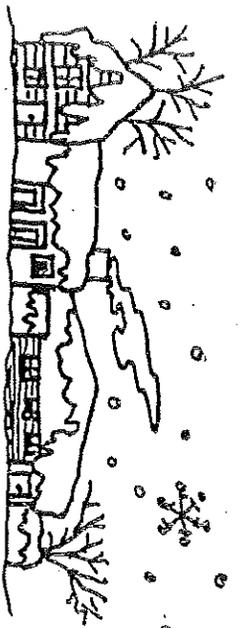
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LOST PET DATABASE

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.



January 2010 University Park Monthly Planner



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>January is:</p> <p>3 Takoma Park Farmer's Market 10a-2p (TP*FM) Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon 1-3 PM "Toasts" CPAM Movie 2 PM "Dumbo"</p>	<p>National Book Month</p> <p>4 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>National Get-Organized Month and</p> <p>5 UPCC Yoga Class, Tuesday, 7p TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>International Creativity Month</p> <p>6 SWIM TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>RESOLVE TO...</p> <p>7 LISTEN SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>1 CPAM "Open" til 9p Night" New Year's Day (Town Office closed; no bus service)</p>	<p>2 UPCC 8AM (UPCB-TCC) Ongoing FREE Tai Chi Class 12:00 NOON →Deadline← for February NEWSLETTER</p>
<p>10 (TP*FM) (GAC-LTD, 2p) CPAM 12 to 4 PM "Scout Wings Day"</p>	<p>11 UPWC RPC 11:30a Annual White Elephant Charity Auction RPC Yoga Class, Mondays, 6:15p YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>12 SHARE TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>13 EXERCISE TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>14 HY-LI CHESS - 7 PM PGPCC 10 AM to 3 PM AARP Sr. Safe-Driving Class SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>15 (GAC-LTD, 8p) (UPPS LAX, 8p) CPAE Book Club OPH "Tales of a Female Nomad" 7:30-9 PM TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>16 (UPCB-TCC) (GAC-LTD) BPC, Berwyn Concert 2 PM HY-LI Books 3 PM "My Life in France" MCRAC 8 PM Irish & Scottish Bands+"</p>
<p>17 (TP*FM) (GAC-LTD, 2p) CPAM LECTURE 2 PM "Conquering the Sky: The Secret Flights of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk"</p>	<p>18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Town Office closed; no bus service)</p>	<p>19 PGPC Chess for All, 4:30p MAC 7-10 PM Prinning class begins UP After-8 Book Club "The Geography of Bliss" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>20 READ YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>21 LAUGH SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>22 (GAC-LTD, 8p) Make a Regency Dress in a Weekend! RHM: Patterns, 6-8 PM (RHM-MARD) TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>23 (UPCB-TCC) (GAC-LTD) RHM-MARD, Madness, 10a-3p CPAM LEGO DAY 11a-4p UPCERT FLY CLINIC RPC 10 AM to 3 PM CPAE-OPH 3:30-5 PM Latin Dance Class MCRAC "The Snow Queen" 8p</p>
<p>24 (TP*FM) (GAC-LTD, 2p) RHM-MARD-Hand Work, 3-3:30p 31 (TP*FM) (AC-TC, 4 & 7:30p) CPAM 2 PM Russo's "In Plane View" Lecture CPAE 2-4 PM OPH Kids Art "Dragons"</p>	<p>25 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>26 SERVE TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>27 SIMPLY YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>28 HY-LI CHESS - 7 PM HY-LI CHESS - 7 PM JME, 7:30p (AC-TC) Active Culture's "The Constellation" SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>29 (UPPS LAX, 8p) (AC-TC, 7:30p) PGPCC, 11a-8p, Puzzle Fun (GAC-LTD, 8p) 12:00 NOON →Deadline for ← March NEWSLETTER TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>30 FULL MOON (GAC-LTD) (UPCB-TCC) (AC-TC, 4&7:30p) MCPAC 11 AM "Laura Ingalls Wilder" CPAE-OPH 3:30-5 PM Latin Dance Class</p>

The University Park Historic Preservation Association

will present an
"informative and useful public meeting"

**A TAX ASSESSMENT
PRESENTATION**

will be held on

Tuesday

January 19, 2010

7:30 PM

UPHPA has arranged an informational evening about the imminent new assessments for University Park residences. A representative of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (MDAT) will give a presentation on the assessment process, the criteria used, the appeal procedure, and other issues -- items of great interest to all UP residents.

The meeting will be held at:

Riverdale Presbyterian Church

6513 Queens Chapel Road

A question-and-answer session will follow.

It is hoped that all UP homeowners will

PLAN TO ATTEND

For more information

Please contact Bob Streitmatter

(Astrohecr@earthlink.net or 301-779-6910)



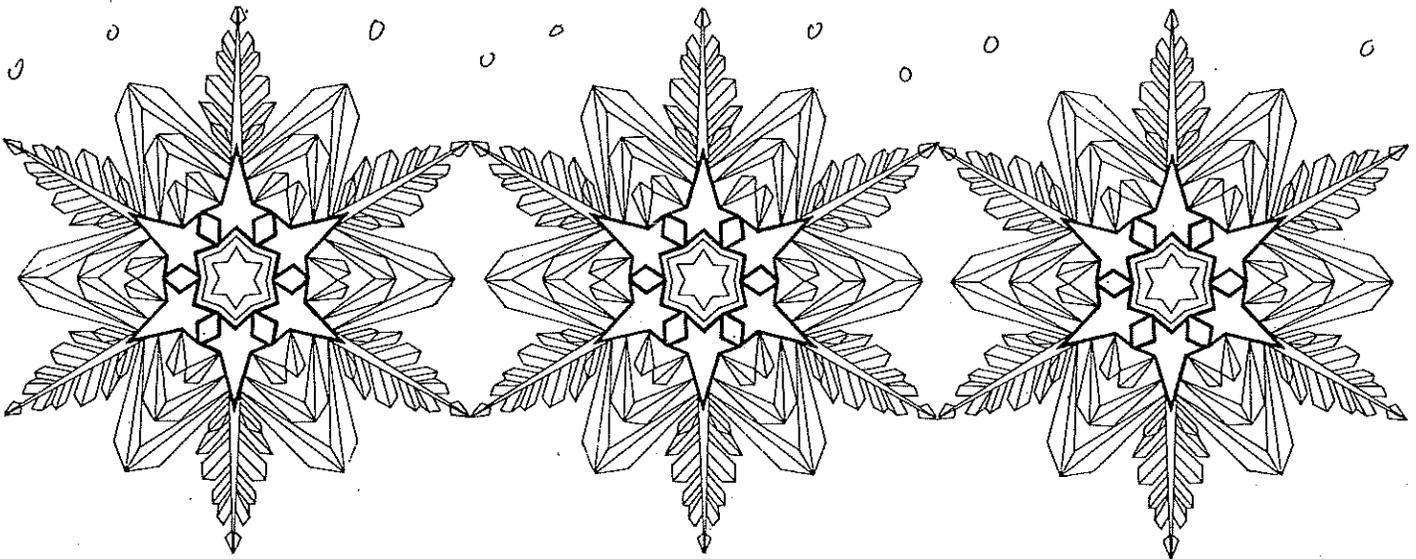
**INFORMATION
FOR NEW
UP RESIDENTS**
Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

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)

JANUARY FUN JUST FOR KIDS

HAVE FUN COLORING SOME SNOWFLAKES (Drawn by Ruth Heller)



HERE'S A REAL SQUARE DEAL!

Look at the words in this completed sample square to the right. Notice that the 1st word across is the same as the first word down; the second word across is the same as the second word down, etc. Can you fill in the other squares to make complete squares like the sample? A square may have more than one correct answer. The squares get progressively harder. We'll print some possible answers in the next NEWSLETTER where space is available. You might like to try making more squares with your own starting words. Can you make a magic square with 5-letter words? **GOOD LUCK !**

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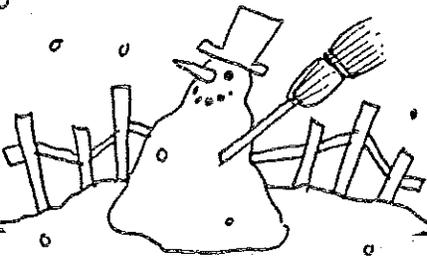
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